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IN HIS message to Congress the present week President Hoover recommends a sales tax. In the House of Representatives at Washington on March 24 last the proposal for such a tax was decisively defeated, the vote against being 223 and the vote in favor 153. But the sales tax is a very seductive form of tax, and therefore legislative propositions in regard to it should be most carefully examined. The President refers to the matter both in his regular message and in his budget message, though he does not go into any discussion of the subject. He simply lays it down as a simple proposition favored by him and a tax which will be helpful in balancing the budget. It unfortunately happens that despite all the efforts to balance the budget the indications point to a very heavy deficit. That, however, makes it all the more important that we shall not rush into this tax proposition without consideration of it in all its bearings.

In the regular message the President, after saying that further revenue is necessary notwithstanding the amount of reductions in expenditures recommended, and that many of the manufacturers' excise taxes upon selected industries have not only failed to produce satisfactory revenue, but they are in many ways unjust and discriminatory, goes on to say: "The time has come when, if the Government is to have an adequate basis of revenue, to assure a balanced budget, this system of special manufacturers' excise taxes should be extended to cover practically all manufactures at a uniform rate, except necessary food and possibly some grades of clothing." It will be noted that here we have the customary practice, so common in the political world, of making exceptions that appear likely to appeal to large masses of the population, thereby eliminating at the outset opposition or objection from those quarters. It is expressly declared that there is to be an exception. The exception is "necessary food and possibly some grades of clothing." It needs no very active imagination to discern that excepting food and clothing means exceptions that will make a striking appeal to the agricultural and laboring sections of the country. Thus we have at the outset a proposition for distinctive class legislation, of which so much is to be found on the statute books. This is irrespective entirely of the merits of the proposition itself.

In the budget message there is also a mere cursory reference to the proposal, though we are now told what the rate of the tax is to be and what yield is expected from it, besides a repetition of the exceptions that are to be made from the application of the tax, though in this instance food alone is mentioned

as the exception, and the exception is put in an off-hand way in a parenthesis. The President says: "I recommend that the manufacturers' excise taxes now imposed on certain articles be extended and in part replaced by a general uniform tax (excluding food). I have been advised that the annual yield of such a general tax at a 2¼% rate, would be approximately \$355,000,000." Thus after eliminating food from the operation of the tax, and presumably also "clothing," there is to be a yield in the tidy sum of \$355,000,000.

The Secretary of the Treasury in his annual report makes a similar recommendation and probably is the author of the proposal. Much in the same language as the President, Mr. Mills says: "I recommend," and then recommends two things, the first being (as in the President's case) that the gasoline tax now in effect, and which is effective only until June 1933, be continued for another year, providing an additional \$137,000,000 of revenue. To this first recommendation no objection of course can be raised. Then follows recommendation (2), as follows: "That those excise taxes which experience has demonstrated are relatively unproductive and give rise to serious administrative difficulties be repealed, and that there be imposed a general manufacturers' excise tax substantially in the form appearing in the bill originally reported by the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives during the last session of Congress. It is estimated that such a measure with the 2¼% rate will yield about \$355,000,000, assuming a full year of collections, thus making possible the elimination of a number of the unsatisfactory and relatively unproductive new excise taxes." Here we have again the statement that the tax even in its limited form is expected to yield \$355,000,000 a year, and that the rate is to be 2¼%. But obviously a tax of \$355,000,000 a year cannot be regarded as a light burden. On the basis of a population of 120,000,000, this is a per capita tax of \$3, even after eliminating food and clothing from the tax, and it will be a direct tax upon production and upon consumption, and moreover it will be in addition to any sales taxes imposed by the States. This last is a matter of no small importance, since several of the States are already imposing sales taxes. Mississippi, for instance, has what is termed a 2% "retail sales or consumers' tax."

Let the reader not overlook the fact that the 2¼% rate is the rate imposed at the outset. We say at the "outset," for this is an important consideration to be borne in mind. We may be sure that if the tax is to be so productive as is estimated, and is to be so easy to apply, it will not be long before the rate

will be increased, perhaps first to 3%, and then to 5%, and then to 7 or 8%, and possibly to still higher figures. Some Congressman would be sure to rise every now and then and demand a higher rate. And that is no imaginary danger, but a real one. It is such an easy matter, when you have a good revenue producer, to make it still more productive by simply raising the rate. We recall well how President Taft, who was instrumental in having the income tax amendment to the Federal Constitution adopted, indulging in the comment that the rate would never be high and intimating that it was not likely to go much above 1%. This indeed was the rate for the first year of the operation of the law, following the adoption of the amendment, but the rate was raised the very next year, and then came the war, after which the rate mounted with great rapidity.

But it is not necessary to go back as far as that for parallels of that kind. This very thing—that is, the urge to raise the rate—happened in the State of Mississippi this very year. The story was told in an address delivered before the annual convention of the American Bankers' Association at Los Angeles, by M. S. Conner, the Governor of Mississippi. In this address, after mentioning the experience of Mississippi with the sales tax, the Governor of the State went on to relate that the scheme had worked beautifully in that State and had produced such an abundance of revenue that the people of Mississippi were now most enthusiastic advocates of the scheme and were actually urging an increase in the rate.

Governor Conner pointed out that "in order to broaden our tax base and secure some relief for property owners, we have enacted a 2% retail sales or consumers' tax." He then enlarged on some of the advantages inherent in a sales tax. It had to be paid on the spot from day to day, and for that reason could never accumulate and remain a growing burden or an accumulated debt like unpaid taxes on a piece of property. "The distribution of the burden of this tax applies not only to the number paying it, which would include all people, but to the load of the tax upon each individual, since the burden is not allowed to accumulate as is the case with the property taxes, but is paid day by day so that the citizen is never in debt to the Government, his payments being made in such small amounts as never to become burdensome or unbearable." But note what difficulty Mississippi had in overcoming the opposition to the tax. Everybody was against it, and everyone believed it would prove an oppressive burden. But let Governor Conner tell in his own words the story in that respect. Here is what he said:

"Four months were required to pass the sales tax through our Legislature. The opposition, although largely confined to merchants and allied interests, was very aggressive. Mass meetings were held throughout the State, and special trains brought thousands to the Capital to oppose it. A State-wide anti-sales tax organization was formed and well financed, and almost all the newspapers bitterly denounced the measure and attacked those who supported it. It was freely predicted the tax would destroy business, and even that the people would openly revolt against it."

Now observe how completely sentiment has changed. How everybody has become enthusiastic on behalf of the tax and wants to see the rate raised so as to produce additional revenue and then let all the different counties in the State share in the

proceeds. Here again let the Governor of Mississippi speak for himself, as follows:

"To-day, after four months' experience with the tax, practically all opposition to it has vanished. The Anti-Sales Tax League no longer exists. Merchants are co-operating whole-heartedly. Some of the most active opponents of the sales tax are now among the most ardent advocates of it, and it is a rare exception to the general rule when any complaint or protest is heard from the consumer, to whom the tax is passed.

"Just now resolutions are being adopted by public meetings of taxpayers and local officials in every section of the State urging an extraordinary session of the Legislature for the purpose of raising the sales tax rate from 2 to 5%, and the allotment of a portion of the proceeds to the counties for the payment of bonded obligations and the relief of property taxes. The governing boards of more than one-half of our 82 counties have petitioned for this action."

With the States already engaged in applying the tax, imagine the Federal Government resorting to the same practice. Let the reader note well the fact that from 2% it is proposed in Mississippi to raise the rate to 5% by a single move. With a similar 2¼% tax on the Federal statute book, either in the name of a retail sales tax or a manufacturers' license tax, what would be the combined effect of the two? Or go a step further and suppose both to engage in raising the rate. That would not be unlikely to happen if the tax proved a good revenue producer in the nation as in the State.

Perhaps a very small sales tax, uniformly applied, say 1% or 1½%, would not be open to the same grave objection, but if the rate were high, being a tax upon consumption, it could not fail to have a blighting effect upon all trade and in the end prove destructive in its working, checking that growth in trade which is now the imperative requirement of the hour. We agree with President Hoover and Secretary Mills that the budget must be balanced, and very speedily, too, but in our estimation a sales tax which would result in restricting consumption and applied by both the State and the nation, would be a serious mistake and would act to the certain detriment of trade recovery. A tax upon beer, after the manufacture and sale of beer had been legalized, would have a great deal more to recommend it, and it is to be remembered that prohibition is no longer an ethical or a social question, but an economic problem with the revenue that might be derived from the tax upon beer, light wines and beverages in general the underlying consideration.

The revenue from the liquor trade would then go into Government coffers instead of bulging the pockets and swelling the illegitimate gains of the bootleggers. But neither the President, nor Secretary Mills, makes any reference to this possible source of revenue.

BOTH Mr. Hoover and Secretary Mills also lay stress upon the necessity of a reform in the country's banking laws, but they appear to be mainly concerned in getting authority for branch banking and appear to regard that as a sovereign remedy for all the ills that the country has suffered in recent years through banking disasters. Our banking system might well be changed, but not quite in the way indicated. We would restrict its activities, instead of further extending its domain, especially in the case of the Federal Reserve banks. We would not let them continue to emit unlimited supplies of banking

credit and Reserve note issues, the idea being to prevent them from again becoming a means of fostering speculation which ended so disastrously in 1929.

As for branch banking, we do not believe that that would be any benefit if extended beyond the limits now permitted. The crop of bank failures in recent years has certainly been a dismal one, by reason of their magnitude and numerous character, but they cannot be ascribed in any dominant degree to faults in our banking system, except to the extent that the Federal Reserve banks have by their own unwise policy fostered unhealthy speculation. All kinds of banks have gone down, both State banks and National banks, as well as banks with branches and banks without branches, and likewise chain banks and group banks, but the cause is to be looked for in underlying conditions, such as the decline in commodity prices and particularly the prices of products of the farm. Our efforts, accordingly, ought to be directed towards remedying these underlying conditions rather than in attempting to supply new credit or new banking facilities. In no other way can the country hope to get speedily back to a normal basis.

With one recommendation that Secretary Mills makes we find ourselves in full accord, only we would go a step further than that proposed by him. We refer to the privilege contained in a section of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act by which National banks are authorized to issue National bank notes on the basis of Government bonds bearing not over 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ % interest. Secretary Mills well says that this emergency authority was granted for a period of three years, and may have been helpful in some localities, though we doubt it. Up to Oct. 31 1932 about \$125,000,000 of additional National bank notes had been issued, but, as Mr. Mills points out, the total of National bank notes that can be issued under this new privilege is in excess of \$900,000,000. As Mr. Mills aptly says: "Under different business and economic conditions the power of the banks to issue such an amount of additional notes would seriously interfere with the Federal Reserve System's contact with the market and ability to influence credit conditions." He therefore recommends that the authority granted by the Federal Home Loan Bank Act for a period of three years "be not extended beyond that period." Our view is that the whole of the new circulation privilege should be immediately repealed, so that not a dollar more of new bank notes can be put out. These bank note issues constitute an anomaly in the country's banking and credit system, and they are moreover a source of menace. The privilege of putting out any more of the notes should be at once taken away.

THE Secretary of the Treasury has the present week offered his December program of financing, and it has been of the same character as the financing at other recent periods, consisting in the main of Treasury notes running for a short number of years, but in part also of Treasury certificates of indebtedness running for a year, and the operation has been attended with unbounded success the same as heretofore. On Wednesday, Dec. 7, he made an offering of \$350,000,000, "or thereabouts," of 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ % Treasury notes running for four years and bearing date Dec. 15 1932, and falling due Dec. 15 1936, along with \$250,000,000, "or thereabouts," of $\frac{3}{4}$ % Treasury certificates of indebtedness running for a year.

In the present plethoric condition of the money and investment markets, the success of these offerings was a foregone conclusion. Both issues were largely and immediately oversubscribed, and the books for the subscriptions were closed at the close of the same day. It is to be noted that in offering these notes and these certificates the Secretary has with each succeeding quarter been able to lower the rate of interest in the case of both the Treasury notes and the certificates of indebtedness. Thus in September he disposed of \$834,000,000 of five-year notes carrying 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ % interest and \$451,000,000 of one-year certificates carrying 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ % interest; in October he placed \$508,000,000 of 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -year Treasury notes, but with the rate of interest reduced to 3%, while now, as already stated, he is putting out Treasury notes running for four years with the rate of interest down to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ % and putting out a one-year issue of Treasury certificates of indebtedness bearing a rate of only $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1%.

One blemish, however, there is in all these transactions, and which we have frequently pointed out. These notes and certificates of indebtedness are entirely exempt from all income taxes, not alone the normal taxes, but the high surtaxes as well. As these income taxes, both the normal tax and the surtaxes, have been so heavily increased this exemption makes them especially desirable. The Secretary is resorting to the issue of Treasury notes, rather than bonds, since in the case of bonds he could not make the issues exempt from the surtaxes. Congress expressly denied him the necessary authority to grant exemption. With investment funds in such overabundance as is the case at the present time, we can conceive of no sound reason why these Treasury obligations should be made exempt from Government surtaxes as well as the normal taxes. It seems to us a needless sacrifice of revenue. It may be that the Secretary, with full tax exemption, is able to negotiate the new obligations at slightly better terms, but we are certain that what he gains in that way he more than loses by yielding up the surtax revenue.

THE Federal Reserve condition statements the present week show a quite substantial increase in the volume of Federal Reserve notes outstanding, the addition being over \$31,000,000, the total of Reserve notes in circulation having risen from \$2,692,286,000 Nov. 30 to \$2,723,666,000 Dec. 7. This is \$10,000,000 more than the increase reported in money in circulation during the week. The volume of Reserve credit outstanding, however, as measured by the bill and security holdings, has been reduced during the week from \$2,200,030,000 Nov. 30 to \$2,188,349,000 Dec. 7. The decrease has been almost entirely in the discount holdings, which reflect member bank borrowing, these discount holdings having fallen from \$308,973,000 to \$298,618,000. The acceptance holdings are also slightly lower at \$33,717,000 against \$34,880,000. The holdings of Government securities, on the other hand, have changed very slightly, as far as the grand total is concerned, the amount for this week at \$1,850,677,000 comparing with \$1,850,766,000 last week.

The gold holdings this week have been very substantially increased, the amount rising from \$3,049,324,000 Nov. 30 to \$3,078,063,000 Dec. 7. Owing however, to the increase in Federal Reserve notes in circulation, this gain in the gold holdings has not had so much influence on the Reserve ratio as would

otherwise have been the case, the ratio of total reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined having increased only from 62.6% to 62.9%, notwithstanding that the deposit liabilities fell during the week from \$2,484,226,000 to \$2,466,816,000, the shrinkage in these deposit liabilities having come about mainly through the reduction in member bank reserves from \$2,410,594,000 to \$2,395,484,000. The amount of United States Government securities held as part collateral for Federal Reserve issues has decreased during the week from \$414,400,000 to \$408,600,000. Foreign central banks have increased their holdings of acceptances this week from \$32,329,000 to \$36,117,000. But foreign bank deposits with the Reserve institutions have fallen from \$25,947,000 to \$14,010,000.

FOR the third successive month business failures in the United States make a more favorable showing than in any month for practically a year. The records of R. G. Dun & Co. disclose 2,073 mercantile defaults for November this year against 2,273 for October and 2,195 similar defaults in November of last year. Likewise, as to the indebtedness involved, the total for the month just closed was \$53,621,127 against \$52,869,974 in October, but comparing with \$60,659,612 for November a year ago. For the eight months prior to September of this year the number of insolvencies for each month was higher than that given for the three months since, September to November inclusive, and in nearly every instance there was a considerable increase. Furthermore, the liabilities reported were greatly swollen. Even with the improvement of the past three months, insolvencies for the 11 months of 1932 have been very high, the number being 29,353 against 25,527 for the same period of 1931, an increase this year of 15.0%. Liabilities, too, were very much heavier this year, the total for the 11 months being \$864,123,874, compared with \$615,840,402 for the same time a year ago, being larger this year by 40.3%. The reduction in November in the number of failures from a year ago was 5.6%, and in the indebtedness 11.6%.

All three classes into which the record for the past month is separated show an improvement. There were 480 failures in manufacturing lines in November, involving \$23,918,463 of indebtedness; 1,461 of trading failures for \$23,094,842, and 132 in the third division, embracing agents and brokers, with \$6,607,822 of liabilities. In November of the preceding year the number of manufacturing defaults was 519, involving a total of \$26,112,447 of indebtedness; 1,545 failures in trading lines owing \$27,229,022, and 131 of agents and brokers for \$7,318,143. In the manufacturing division the reduction was especially marked in the clothing section. Fewer failures, also, occurred in iron and steel; machinery and tools, in lumber and building lines, and bakers. On the other hand, there was an increase for hats, gloves and furs; chemicals, printing and engraving; the leather division, and earthenware and glass. For the trading class there was a reduction for general stores; clothing; dry goods; shoes and leather goods; hardware and tools; jewelry, and hotels and restaurants. The large grocery division shows an increase in insolvencies; also, furniture lines; dealers in drugs, and in books and papers. The larger failures, that is, those where the liabilities in each instance amounted to \$100,000 or more, continued quite numerous in November, not so much so, however, as

in most of the previous months this year. The number last month was 99 against 98 a year ago, and the liabilities \$26,640,681 compared with \$31,866,405 in the same month of 1931.

A COTTON crop this year of 12,727,000 bales is now indicated by the Department of Agriculture, in its December report, issued at Washington on Thursday of this week. This is the fourth increase shown in the monthly estimates made by the Department, since the first report on production in August. The increase in each instance has been substantially larger than the one preceding it. The December estimate, which is the last one, until the final figures are given in March, based on ginnings, was 780,000 bales above that for November, the latter exceeding the October report by 500,000 bales. The increase shown for December was brought about through a number of influences. Early reports of acreage planted to cotton were unduly low, necessitating increases in area for nearly every State. Then, again, acreage abandoned this year proved less than previously indicated; that is now placed by the Department at 1.7% of the area planted. The latter has been raised to 38,227,000 acres against 37,290,000 acres estimated in July. With the reduction above indicated for abandonment, the area remaining for picking has been increased to 37,589,000 acres against 36,611,000 acres as indicated earlier. Furthermore, early forecasts of prospective production have been exceeded, better yields per acre in all of the larger States being realized, and the average weight of running bales will be heavier than usual. The average yield per acre is now placed at 162.1 pounds, whereas in the November report it was indicated at 156.2 pounds.

About everything that could be found to justify the increase in yield has been taken into consideration. Production this year is still very much lower than the crop for 1931, when the crop reached 17,096,000 bales, with an average yield per acre of 201.2 pounds. In the preceding eight years 1924-31 inclusive, production was larger than is now shown for the crop year of 1932. Each of the leading cotton states adds to the estimate of yield for December over November. This year Texas heads the list with a gain of 220,000 bales. Oklahoma and Arkansas contribute larger totals, the former by 80,000 bales and the latter by 100,000 bales. For Mississippi the increase is 50,000 bales and Louisiana 30,000 bales; Alabama 70,000; Georgia 38,000; North Carolina 65,000 bales and South Carolina 45,000. For Arizona and New Mexico there are reductions in the estimate of yield for December as compared with November. Ginnings to Dec. 1 this year were 11,631,000 bales. Last year to the same date they were 15,018,000 bales on account of the larger crop.

THE New York stock market this week has shown an improving tone, and the tendency of prices has been upward. The market was adversely influenced on Monday by news from Washington saying that the attempt of Speaker Garner to have the House pass a resolution on the very first day of the session for repeal of the Prohibition Amendment to the Federal Constitution had failed inasmuch as the resolution had fallen six votes short of the required two-thirds, having received 272 in favor and 144 against. However, the effect on the stock market was only temporary, and on succeeding days the

course of prices was slowly upward, though with occasional recessions from the best figures of the day. There were some favorable developments. For one thing the sterling rate of exchange moved somewhat higher. On Monday cable transfers on London took a downward dip and touched \$3.17½, but on Wednesday there was a recovery to \$3.25 1/16, with the range yesterday (Friday) \$3.22¾@ \$3.23 13/16. Some large amounts of gold have been arriving here from Great Britain, the New York Federal Reserve Bank reporting arrivals from the United Kingdom for the week ending Wednesday night of \$13,216,000. Then the grain and the cotton markets have been acting better, the December option for wheat in Chicago having sold up to 45¾c. a bushel yesterday, with the close at 44⅞c. against 43⅝c. on Friday of last week. At the same time the price of cotton has shown a firm undertone, notwithstanding some news that might have been expected to have a depressing effect. The Government crop report issued on Thursday again gave the trade a complete surprise in showing an increase in the estimate of the size of the crop, this time of no less than 780,000 bales as compared with the month preceding, the size of the crop now being put at 12,727,000 bales, though this compares with the huge harvest of 17,096,000 bales in the previous year. Since Aug. 1 the Agricultural Department has increased its estimate no less than 1,421,000 bales. The effect on the cotton market, however, was comparatively slight, and yesterday prices actually advanced. The spot price yesterday on the New York Cotton Exchange was 5.90c. as compared with 5.80c. on Friday of last week. Copper prices, however, were lower, and copper for domestic delivery in Connecticut was down to 5.00c. per pound. The iron and steel trade also lacked indications of improvement, the "Iron Age" reporting the steel mills of the country engaged to only 17% of capacity as against 16% last week.

Some further dividend reductions were also announced, the list including several public utilities. Thus the American Power & Light Co. declared a dividend of only 75c. a share on the \$6 cumul. pref. and a dividend of 62½c. a share on the \$5 cumul. pref. stock; previously the company had made full quarterly distributions of \$1.50 a share and \$1.25 a share, respectively. The American Water Works & Elec. Co. made the quarterly dividend on common only 25c. a share as against 50c. on Nov. 1 and Aug. 1, and 75c. a share paid at previous quarterly dates. Electric Power & Light Corp. reduced the dividend on the \$6 cumul. pref. stock to 50c. a share, and that on the \$7 cumul. pref. stock to 58½c.; previously the company had made the full quarterly distribution of \$1.50 a share and \$1.75 a share on the two classes of stock, respectively. The Jewel Tea Co., Inc., reduced the quarterly dividend on common from \$1 a share to 75c. a share, and, of course, omitted the extra distribution of 50c. a share made at this time in 1931. The Anchor Cap Corp. reduced the quarterly dividend on common from 30c. a share to 15c. a share; up to April 1 1932 it had been making payments of 60c. a share. The Continental Baking Corp. declared a dividend of \$1 a share on the 8% cumul. pref. stock; this compares with quarterly dividends of \$1.50 a share made on July 1 and Oct. 1 last, and with \$2 a share paid previously. Safeway Stores, Inc., on Dec. 9 declared a dividend of 75c. a share on the no-par common stock as compared with \$1.25 a share previously paid. The fluctuations in

stocks during the week have not been wide as a rule, and of the stocks dealt in on the New York Stock Exchange 20 touched new low levels for the year during the week and seven stocks reached new high levels. The call loan rate on the Stock Exchange again remained unaltered at 1%.

Trading continued light. At the half-day session on Saturday last the sales on the New York Stock Exchange were 399,550 shares; on Monday they were 725,219 shares; on Tuesday, 1,108,658 shares; on Wednesday, 1,193,869 shares; on Thursday, 704,921 shares, and on Friday, 1,174,930 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 66,230 shares; on Monday, 134,165 shares; on Tuesday, 170,325 shares; on Wednesday, 173,359 shares; on Thursday, 118,625 shares, and on Friday, 164,750 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, prices are higher nearly all around. General Electric closed yesterday at 15¾ against 14 on Friday of last week; Brooklyn Union Gas at 79 against 74 bid; North American at 29¼ against 26; Standard Gas & Elec. at 13 against 11; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 59½ against 54¼; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 30 against 27¼; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 14¾ against 12; Electric Power & Light at 7 against 6⅞; Public Service of N. J. at 50½ against 45⅞; International Harvester at 23⅞ against 20⅞; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 43¾ against 36⅞; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 21 against 17¼; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 14½ against 12; Woolworth at 36⅞ against 33⅞; Safeway Stores at 40½ against 43¾; Western Union Telegraph at 29¾ against 27⅞; American Tel. & Tel. at 108¼ against 102⅞; International Tel. & Tel. at 8¼ against 8⅞; American Can at 55¼ against 48⅞; United States Industrial Alcohol at 26⅞ against 23¾; Commercial Solvents at 10½ against 9; Shattuck & Co. at 7⅞ against 7¼, and Corn Products at 51½ against 47.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 81⅞ against 70⅞ on Friday of last week; Associated Dry Goods at 4¾ against 5; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 37⅞ against 33⅞; National Cash Register A at 9 against 7¾; International Nickel at 8 against 7½; Timken Roller Bearing at 14¼ against 12⅞; Johns-Manville at 22½ against 19¾; Gillette Safety Razor at 18 against 17; National Dairy Products at 18 against 17⅞; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 23 against 20½; Freeport Texas at 25¼ against 21¼; American & Foreign Power at 8 against 6½; United Gas Improvement at 19½ against 18⅞; National Biscuit at 39⅞ against 36; Coca-Cola at 75¼ against 71; Continental Can at 37⅞ against 34; Eastman Kodak at 54¾ against 49½; Gold Dust Corp. at 16 against 14⅞; Standard Brands at 15¼ against 14½; Paramount Publix Corp. at 2 against 1⅞; Kreuger & Toll at ⅞ against ⅞; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at 28 against 24¼; Drug, Inc., at 33¾ against 32⅞; Columbian Carbon at 28½ against 23⅞; Reynolds Tobacco class B at 29¾ against 28; Liggett & Myers class B at 55¼ against 50¾; Lorillard at 13⅞ against 12¾; American Tobacco at 58½ against 53¾, and Yellow Truck & Coach at 31½ against 3⅞.

The steel shares have moved upward with the general market. United States Steel closed yesterday at 32¾ against 30⅞ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 15¾ against 15, and Vanadium at 12¾ against 11⅞. In the auto group Auburn Auto closed yesterday at 47 against 40 on Friday of last week;

General Motors at $13\frac{5}{8}$ against $12\frac{3}{8}$; Chrysler at 17 against $14\frac{1}{2}$; Nash Motors at $13\frac{3}{4}$ against $12\frac{1}{2}$; Packard Motors at $2\frac{1}{2}$ against $2\frac{1}{2}$, and Hudson Motor Car at $4\frac{3}{4}$ against $4\frac{7}{8}$. In the rubber group Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at $16\frac{1}{8}$ against $13\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at $5\frac{1}{2}$ against 5; United States Rubber at $4\frac{1}{4}$ against $4\frac{1}{8}$, and the preferred at $8\frac{1}{2}$ against $7\frac{5}{8}$.

The railroad shares have also given a good account of themselves. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at $14\frac{1}{4}$ against $12\frac{5}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at $42\frac{3}{8}$ against $36\frac{3}{4}$; Atlantic Coast Line at $20\frac{1}{2}$ against $17\frac{1}{2}$; Chicago Rock Island & Pacific at $4\frac{1}{2}$ against $4\frac{1}{2}$; New York Central at $23\frac{1}{4}$ against $20\frac{3}{4}$; Baltimore & Ohio at $10\frac{1}{8}$ against $8\frac{7}{8}$; New Haven at $14\frac{3}{4}$ against $12\frac{5}{8}$; Union Pacific at $72\frac{7}{8}$ against $63\frac{1}{2}$; Missouri Pacific at $3\frac{1}{2}$ against $3\frac{5}{8}$; Southern Pacific at $18\frac{1}{8}$ against $15\frac{3}{8}$; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at $6\frac{1}{4}$ against $5\frac{1}{2}$; Southern Railway at $6\frac{1}{2}$ against $5\frac{1}{2}$; Chesapeake & Ohio at $25\frac{1}{2}$ against $23\frac{1}{8}$; Northern Pacific at $15\frac{1}{4}$ against $11\frac{7}{8}$, and Great Northern at $9\frac{5}{8}$ against $8\frac{5}{8}$.

The oil shares have changed very little. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at $31\frac{1}{2}$ against $29\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; Standard Oil of Calif. at $25\frac{1}{2}$ against $23\frac{3}{4}$; Atlantic Refining at 17 against $15\frac{5}{8}$, and Texas Corp. at $15\frac{1}{8}$ against 14. The copper group also moved within narrow limits. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 8 against $8\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at $9\frac{3}{8}$ against $9\frac{3}{8}$; American Smelting & Refining at $13\frac{1}{2}$ against 13; Phelps Dodge at $5\frac{1}{8}$ against $5\frac{1}{8}$; Cerro de Pasco Copper at 7 against $6\frac{1}{2}$, and Calumet & Hecla at $2\frac{7}{8}$ bid against 3.

STOCK exchanges in the leading European financial centers were quiet and steady in the past week, with a tendency apparent everywhere to await settlement of outstanding political and economic questions before increasing commitments. The problem of the debt payments due the United States Government dominated the exchanges at London and Paris. Increased confidence was reported in these centers that a readjustment will be effected on future payments, even if the sums due next week are transferred. A better trend in sterling exchange reflected this feeling, and prices of securities also were steady. The debt negotiations aroused relatively little interest in Berlin, where the internal political situation was found far more absorbing. The new Ministry headed by General von Schleicher was considered satisfactory in Boerse circles, and a favorable trend in stocks developed in most sessions of that market. Trade and industrial reports from European countries show little change at the present time. The official British tabulation of unemployed persons showed a disconcerting increase of 52,800 for last month, to a total of 2,799,806. German and French reports reflect a modest improvement in business. The new trade problems occasioned by exchange restrictions are receiving intensive study in the foremost centers. London reports indicate that the Chamber of Commerce there is studying the possibility of introducing an artificial unit of international exchange, based on barter, to overcome current exchange restrictions. An association of French exporters gathered in Paris early this week, with a determination to find means for "cutting the barbed wire entanglements surrounding all nations."

The London Stock Exchange was quiet and slightly

irregular in the initial session of the current week. British funds were depressed at first, but hardened as sterling recovered and small net gains were recorded in the securities. Industrial stocks were neglected, and a definite trend was lacking. International stocks were weak at first, but a better tone toward the close made the net changes inconsequential. In Tuesday's session further small gains were made in British funds, despite an erratic tendency in sterling. Industrial stocks also were cheerful, with business somewhat improved. Anglo-American trading favorites moved forward on good overnight reports from New York. A firm tendency prevailed in almost all sections of the London market Wednesday. British funds were slightly higher, and industrial stocks also continued their improvement. International issues were in modest demand. The trend was reversed Thursday, however, and moderate recessions developed. Changes in British funds were nominal, while industrial stocks also showed only small fractional losses. The international group declined to a greater degree. Small net losses were registered in a dull session yesterday.

The Paris Bourse was firm as trading started, Monday, despite a very small volume of business. Uncertainty over the debt question kept trading at a minimum, but buying outweighed selling and gains were made in most groups. There was a good deal of satisfaction over the Suez Canal interim dividend of 187 francs, which was only 12% lower than last year. The Bourse maintained its firm tendency Tuesday, and almost all stocks showed gains. French and foreign stocks alike were in demand, partly as a result of greater optimism regarding the debt problem. A quiet but steady session followed on Wednesday. Uneasiness regarding the French exchange position caused some selling at the opening, but these offerings were readily absorbed and net changes for the session were unimportant. The tone was firm, Thursday, but trading was on a very limited scale. French stocks showed small gains, but international issues tended to lose a little ground. The tone was dull yesterday, and small declines were recorded.

The Berlin Boerse was depressed as trading began, Monday, owing to uncertainty regarding the political situation within the Reich. The impending first meeting of the Reichstag caused some selling by nervous investors, and prices declined, with the recessions amounting to as much as four points in a few instances. Confidence was restored Tuesday, as the impression gained ground that the new von Schleicher Cabinet would succeed in adjourning the Reichstag over the holiday period without a test vote. Stocks regained most of their losses of the preceding session. Increased activity was reported Wednesday, and the trend was again favorable. Steel stocks and mining shares were in greatest demand, but other issues also advanced. The opening Thursday was confident, notwithstanding the Reichstag clash late the previous day. Most stocks scored fractional gains in the first hour of trading, but a selling movement developed thereafter and the initial advances were wiped out. Small net losses for the session were recorded in most issues. Prices on the Boerse showed slight irregularity yesterday.

DEVELOPMENTS in the war debt situation this week include the following: Andrew W. Mellon, Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, con-

ferred in London late last week with Stanley Baldwin, who is acting Prime Minister during Mr. MacDonald's absence in Geneva; decision by the Grand Council of Fascism, on Monday, to pay the entire \$1,245,437 due from Italy to the United States on Dec. 15; the submission by Czechoslovakia, on Tuesday, of a second note reinforcing its earlier plea for debt revision and postponement; the delivery of President Hoover's annual message on Tuesday, in which the debts came in for a brief mention; the delivery, on Wednesday, to Secretary Stimson of Belgium's note appealing for debt relief, preceding by a few hours the delivery by Secretary Stimson to Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador, of this country's reply to Great Britain's note of Dec. 1 asking for postponement and review; official notice, on Wednesday, that Poland was sending a second note on debts to the United States, and the holding at Paris on the same day of a protracted conference between J. Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister of Great Britain, and his Chancellor of the Exchequer, Neville Chamberlain, and Premier Edouard Herriot and his Finance Minister, Louis Germain-Martin.

With Premier Mussolini presiding, Fascism's Grand Council agreed that the debt payment to the United States this month should be made, thus making Italy the first of the principal debtors to decide upon its course on Dec. 15 and to make public pronouncement of its intention. But while the Council decided to pay it recommended that the Italian Government initiate negotiations with the United States for a new accord before June 15, when the next payment is due. This new accord would be "based on recent declarations of Hoover and Roosevelt, which will take into account Italy's situation, its situation of right and fact, which for universal reasons well known to the Government of the United States, no longer are the same as in the year in which the first accord was concluded, which accord has been until now punctually respected by the Italian Government."

The Czechoslovakian note made the point that the country was paying the highest interest of all the debtor nations. If the request for postponement of the Dec. 15 payment should not be granted, the note said, "the tendency to restrict importation will fatally, spontaneously and immediately be imposed on nations importing from the United States . . . and in this vicious circle the volume of international trade will be again diminished, creating further unemployment." This state of affairs, continued the note, would "create exceptionally serious repercussions in Central Europe." Czechoslovakia is due to make a \$1,500,000 principal payment next week. The Belgian note painted a dark picture of what would happen to Belgium if it should have to pay \$2,125,000 in interest Dec. 15 and the debt agreements should not be revised. Belgium, said the note, "could not resume service on her intergovernmental debts by her own resources and would be obliged to appeal to foreign credit. But that would be merely to substitute one creditor for another; and, moreover, the possibilities for a small country to borrow under present conditions are limited." Unemployment in Belgium "has increased alarmingly, affecting approximately 40% of the registered laboring population," and the budget deficit has increased considerably.

Secretary Stimson's reply to the British note of Dec. 1 was handed to Prime Minister MacDonald

during the latter's conversations in Paris on Thursday with Premier Edouard Herriot. The United States note held out hope to Great Britain that the "entire situation" with respect to the debts would be made the subject of negotiations by this Government, but it was firm in insisting that the Dec. 15 payment be made. The note expressed confidence "that the Congress will be willing to consider any reasonable suggestion made by your Government which will facilitate payment of the sum due on Dec. 15." Mention was made in the note of the fact that Great Britain had not found acceptable the informal suggestions made by this country to minimize the effects of the transfer difficulties incident to the payment.

The United States note, which, observers agreed, smacked more of President Hoover than of Secretary Stimson, whose name was signed to it, restated the usual American theses, namely, that the problem of the debts has a very definite relationship in the American mind with disarmament, that cancellation is out of the question, and that, if the debts are reviewed, consideration will necessarily be given to "other forms of tangible compensation available for the expansion of markets for products of American agriculture and labor." But in this note the United States went further. It took issue with the contentions of the recent British note that the loans made by this Government were entirely for destructive purposes, that the debt payments were largely responsible for the world depression and this country's large gold holdings, that the debt payments were an important factor in clogging exchange transactions, and that the Lausanne settlement was arranged "with the cognizance and approval of the United States Government."

Less than a third of the sums borrowed from the United States by its former allies was used for munitions and remounts, while "very large amounts" were spent for foodstuffs and tobacco and surplus supplies, which were resold by the governments for use of their own civilian population. "In certain cases," states the United States note, "these supplies were actually resold and the funds turned into the treasury of the debtor governments." Some of the loans served to maintain the value of Allied currencies and "were vital to the recovery, and indeed, to the very existence of the borrowing nations." "The note of the British Government," continued Secretary Stimson, "also seems to us to over-emphasize the influence which war debt payments may have had in the past on world economy." He said that it was this Government's view that "the causes of this depression lie in much more potent forces than these debt transactions," and charged the British Government, in dealing with the transfer difficulties, of leaving out of account the service items, including American tourist expenditures and immigrant remittances. He said, moreover, that the debt agreements between the United States and its debtors, on the one hand, and Great Britain and its debtors, on the other, as well as the receipts to date under these agreements, were not strictly comparable. As for the British contention that the debt payments drained the gold reserves of other countries, Secretary Stimson stated that when the payments upon these debts began the gold holdings of the United States were about \$4,028,000,000, while now they stood at about \$4,338,000,000. "It is true," he said, "that our gold supply has at times exceeded this

sum, but this extra gold was demonstrably temporary deposits by other nations not related to debt payments." The main fault, he added, lay with the distribution of gold in Europe, as from Jan. 1 1924 to date European gold holdings had increased from \$3,018,000,000 to \$6,963,000,000.

After the Franco-British conference at Paris on Thursday the following communique was issued: "The two governments have explained to one another the state of public feeling in Great Britain and in France. In a very exhaustive exchange of views they have considered their position in regard to the Lausanne agreements and they have examined the difficulties arising out of the payments due Dec. 15. While reaffirming their independence of action in dealing with this matter they have affirmed their common determination to continue to act in order to obtain by international co-operation the measures calculated to promote the economic restoration of the world." After the conference Paris advices stated unofficially that Prime Minister MacDonald had informed Premier Herriot that Great Britain would make the payment on the date due. Neville Chamberlain, however, was quoted on his return to London, Thursday night, as saying: "I don't know what foundation there is for it. You can take it that no decision has been reached." The reply of the United States to France's note, made public on Dec. 2, was handed to Ambassador Paul Claudel Thursday night. It was published Friday night. Notes rather similar in context to that sent to Great Britain will be forwarded to Poland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and other debtors, Washington advices stated yesterday. Premier Herriot was prepared to face the Chamber of Deputies on Monday to put his debt policy to a test. The amount of the scheduled French payment next week is \$19,261,432, all interest, while that of Great Britain is \$95,550,000, of which \$30,000,000 is principal.

Secretary Stimson's note to France was made public yesterday. In the note the Secretary took the position that he trusted the French Government would "appreciate the importance of making the Dec. 15 payment, in accordance with its terms, and thereby, in my judgment, bringing about a more favorable situation for any subsequent examination of the problem between our two governments." President Hoover, Secretary Stimson assured France, was "prepared, through whatever agency may seem appropriate, to co-operate with the French Government in surveying the entire situation and in considering what means may be taken to bring about the restoration of stable currencies and exchange, the revival of trade, and the recovery of prices." As in the case of the note to Great Britain, Secretary Stimson pointed out that in the event of an examination of the debt question there would necessarily be considered "other forms of tangible compensation available for the expansion of markets for products of American agriculture and labor." While granting that France had serious budgetary difficulties, Secretary Stimson declared that the sum involved in the French payment due next week "would hardly seem to be of disturbing weight or difficulty in respect to world economy or the re-establishment of prosperity." Paris advices stated yesterday that sentiment in Parliament seemed to be swinging reluctantly toward the Government's decision that it would be better to pay.

STATESMEN of the leading world Powers resumed their efforts at Geneva, this week, to find some basis for a modest agreement on disarmament. Although the General Disarmament Conference has now been in progress more than 10 months, no notable achievements have so far been recorded. The plans put forward successively by the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and some of the smaller Powers have proved mutually contradictory to a very large degree, and the resulting confusion has taxed the diplomatic resources of all the delegations. After Germany withdrew from the conference in August, the outlook for the gathering became dark indeed. In this situation a meeting of the leading Powers was deemed highly desirable, in order to close the "first stage" of this interminable conference with at least a semblance of agreement. Norman H. Davis of the United States proceeded to Geneva late last week, after holding a series of private conferences with Government heads in London, Paris and Rome. He was joined in the League city last Saturday by Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald and Foreign Secretary Sir John Simon of Great Britain, Premier Edouard Herriot and War Minister Joseph Paul-Boncour of France, and Augusto Rosso of Italy. Baron Konstantin von Neurath, Foreign Minister of Germany, arrived in Geneva Monday for this special conference of the "Big Five" on disarmament.

The officials conferred with each other over the last week-end, and when the German Minister arrived early this week an immediate "Five-Power" conversation took place. The meeting Monday represented the first occasion since the conference started early last February on which all the prominent delegates of the five leading world Powers gathered at the same table. A memorandum prepared by Mr. Davis was the basis of this talk, dispatches said, and there appeared to be some likelihood that a broad agreement would be reached. The indicated aim was to reach an agreement for a preliminary convention or protocol, reorganizing the General Disarmament Conference and making it a permanent body which would continue under the name of the Permanent Disarmament Commission. The preliminary convention would embody certain results and stabilize armaments until 1936, when the London naval treaty also expires. Such difficult problems as the German demand for equality of armaments status and the French security requirement would be left to the permanent commission, in the hope that some solution could be reached in time for the general reconsideration of the armaments question in 1936. Of especial importance for the realization of this plan is the return of Germany to the disarmament conference. Baron von Neurath applied to Berlin for instructions, and he requested information Thursday on several abstruse points. The Five-Power meeting was adjourned temporarily late that day for further consideration of the problem, and in order to make possible the attendance of the leading statesmen at the League Assembly meeting, called to consider the Lytton report on Manchuria.

GENERAL KURT VON SCHLEICHER, as the new Chancellor of the German Reich, completed a Cabinet last Sunday which differs in no essential respect from that headed by his predecessor, Colonel Franz von Papen. This second "Pre-

sidual Cabinet," formed under the express authority of President Paul von Hindenburg and without reference to party support, contained only a few new members, most of the Ministers serving under Colonel von Papen having been retained. The most prominent change was the appointment of Franz Bracht as Minister of the Interior to replace Baron Wilhelm von Gayl. Friedrich Syrup was appointed Minister of Labor to succeed Hugo Schaeffer. The new Chancellor continued his attempts to cultivate the National-Socialist or Fascist following of Adolph Hitler, notwithstanding a statement by the latter that he would not consent to tolerate a Cabinet headed by General von Schleicher. The "Nazis" control the largest bloc of Deputies in the newly-elected Reichstag, despite their waning popularity, which was again attested last Sunday by communal and district elections in Thuringia, where a 20% decrease in the Hitlerite strength was indicated. Chancellor von Schleicher conferred, Sunday, with Captain Hermann Goering, one of the chief lieutenants of Herr Hitler, presumably in an endeavor to secure Nazi aid for postponing Parliamentary debate on his program. No announcement was made regarding the conference, but it was widely assumed that the Nazi leader maintained his position, making a sustaining vote for the new Cabinet extremely improbable.

The new Reichstag assembled in Berlin, Tuesday, and promptly began the task of organizing its activities. The session was opened by the 82-year-old Nazi, General Karl Litzmann, who presided by virtue of his seniority. Following the precedent established in the previous Reichstag by Frau Clara Zetkin, Communist, General Litzmann made a political speech in which he denounced President von Hindenburg for not appointing Adolph Hitler as Chancellor. He was interrupted frequently by Communist Deputies, but there was no disorder. Captain Goering was again elected President of the Reichstag, while Thomas Esser, Catholic Centrist, and Hans Rausch, of the Bavarian People's party, were elected Vice-Presidents. When the Reichstag reassembled, Wednesday, a debate began on the question of the right of succession to the Presidency of the Reich, in the event of a vacancy. A National-Socialist bill we introduced naming the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court as the successor in the event of death or resignation of the incumbent. Communist Deputies registered intense opposition to this measure, and an exchange of invectives between the Nazis and the Communists was quickly succeeded by a barrage of books, telephone sets, chairs and other missiles, which hurtled through the air for some time before order could be restored. A Nazi member was hit on the head by a telephone receiver and severely injured, while a number of other Deputies sustained minor injuries. The proposed Nazi measure covering the succession to the Presidency received its first and second readings, despite its obvious political purpose of removing one of the known objections to naming Adolph Hitler as Chancellor, entertained by President von Hindenburg. As the law stands, the Chancellor steps into the Presidency in the event of a vacancy. Only the Communists and Nationalists opposed the bill, and its passage on the third reading is considered assured. The Reichstag adjourned yesterday, subject to the call of its President, Captain Goering. Contrary to the usual custom, there was no declaration of policy by the new Government.

NEW evidence intended to fix responsibility upon Germany for destruction caused at the Black Tom Terminal and Kingsland, N. J., during the World War, was held insufficient for reopening of these cases, in a decision handed down last Saturday by Associate Justice Owen J. Roberts of the United States Supreme Court, acting in his capacity as umpire of the German-American Mixed Claims Commission. Claims against Germany amounting to more than \$40,000,000 are finally disposed of by the decision, which effectually relieves the Reich of responsibility for the explosion and fire which destroyed the Lehigh Valley Terminal in New York Harbor July 30 1916, and the fire which destroyed the Kingsland, N. J., munitions plant of the Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Jan. 11 1917. The Mixed Claims Commission decided the cases unanimously in favor of Germany Oct. 16 1930, but a rehearing was sought thereafter by the United States. Justice Roberts examined the evidence presented and ruled last Saturday that it did not warrant reversal of the previous opinion of the Mixed Claims Commission. The decision will release substantial sums now held in the United States Treasury for further payments to the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd Steamship Lines on awards to them by the war claims arbiter for ships seized in the war. The German lines already have received 50% of the \$76,000,000 awarded them. In a Washington dispatch of last Saturday to the New York "Times," it is indicated that funds amounting to between \$26,000,000 and \$27,000,000 are now available, while remaining claims against Germany amount only to about \$1,000,000.

DIPLOMATIC representations by the United States Government were successful, early this week, in preventing a move in the Spanish Cortes for confiscation of property of the Compania Telefonica Nacional, Spanish subsidiary of the International Telephone & Telegraph Co. A group of Deputies in the new Republican Cortes sought to introduce legislation annulling the contract for telephone service in Spain made in 1924, during the dictatorship of General Primo de Rivera. The bill also condemned the Spanish telephone system and declared it a national public utility. In a Washington report of Dec. 5 to the New York "Times," it was remarked that the Republican Government had declared its intention to support the measure. On instructions of the State Department, Ambassador Irwin B. Laughlin protested the threatened move. He charged, it was said, that the Government promise of support was contrary to earlier assurances that the new Government would respect contracts entered into during royalist days.

The question at issue was considered of great importance in Washington, according to the report, not only because of the principle involved, but also owing to the size of the case. The majority interest of the American concern in its Spanish subsidiary was said to amount to \$65,000,000. Neither the State Department nor the telephone company objected to negotiations for modification of the contract by mutual consent, it was explained, but there was the most emphatic objection to unilateral action looking to confiscation. The Spanish Government responded to Ambassador Laughlin's protest at first with the contention that the issue was a domestic one, it was said. This the United States refused to admit,

and the intention to protect the legitimate interest of the American concern was reaffirmed. The situation was described as "acute" in the dispatch, and it was asserted that the American protest might even be carried to the point of withdrawing the American diplomatic representative in Madrid.

The Cabinet of Premier Manuel Azana worked at great speed, last Monday, to prevent discussion of the telephone bill by the Cortes, an Associated Press dispatch from Madrid stated. Authority was sought by the Premier for direct negotiations regarding the telephone contract with the *Compania Telefonica Nacional*. The matter was made a question of confidence in the Cortes session of Tuesday, and the Government was sustained by a majority of 181 to 11. A group of 15 Deputies had demanded discussion of the bill, and under the Parliamentary rules debate is mandatory on a demand by 15 members. Premier Manuel Azana thereupon arose, a dispatch to the *New York "Times"* said, and declared that the Government takes full responsibility for the negotiations for a new contract. He gave no reason for his stand, and merely requested that the Deputies refrain from discussing the legislation. A few of the Deputies assailed the Premier's request, but the great majority sustained him. "It is now understood," the dispatch to the *New York "Times"* said, "that a commission consisting of four Government and four company representatives will negotiate a new contract containing mutually satisfactory provisions."

A GRAVE dispute between the British and Persian governments has developed as a result of precipitate Persian annulment of a concession granted many years ago to the Anglo-Persian Oil Co., which is owned chiefly by the British Government. Captain Anthony Eden, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the National Cabinet, announced in the House of Commons, last Monday, that the company's concession had been canceled by the Persian Government, Nov. 27. The London Government, he added, was "fully aware of all the circumstances, including the fact that the concession was definitely granted for a period of 60 years from 1901, and contains no provision for its cancellation." Under instructions from London, the British Minister at Teheran made strong representations on Dec. 2, "emphasizing the very serious view held by his Majesty's Government and adding that, although it was still hoped the matter might be amicably settled, the British Government would not hesitate in case of necessity to take all legitimate measures to protect its just and indisputable interests." The Persian Government at the same time was informed, Captain Eden added, "that the British Government won't tolerate any damage to the company's interests or any interference with its premises or business activity in Persia."

A reply to these representations was received by the British Government Tuesday, and it was described in a London dispatch to the *New York "Times"* as "so offensive" to officials in the British capital that it will not be published. The Persian Government was said to have warned Great Britain that if a single soldier or marine is sent to guard the Anglo-Persian Oil Co.'s fields, it will be regarded as a direct provocation. The British Government was reminded, in effect, that it needs only a couple of Persian shells or a single well-aimed bomb dropped into the vast refinery at Abadanto to send millions of barrels of British oil up in smoke. "The cancel-

lations of the concession is 'final,' the Persian Government declares, and it is up to the company to request a new concession based on terms fairer to the Persian people," the report states. With bitterness blazing on both sides, the future of the company's properties is hanging by a thread, and the slightest impulsive act on either side might have serious consequences, it was pointed out. Great Britain considers the action a repudiation of a solemn contract, the dispatch adds. Persia, on the other hand, claims complete authority to annul any concession in its territory, but expresses willingness to lay the whole case before the World Court or any other international tribunal. The Persians base their case, it is said, not on the present falling off of revenue but on arrears of millions of pounds, going back to 1905, which they claim the Anglo-Persian Oil Co. has wrongly withheld from them.

Announcement was made Thursday in the House of Commons, by Captain Eden, that a British note had been dispatched requesting Persia to withdraw its cancellation of the concession within one week. If this is not done, Great Britain will refer the matter to the World Court at The Hague, the note stated. Reference of the issue to the World Court would be a matter of some urgency, Captain Eden said, and the Court would be requested to indicate the provisional measures which ought to be taken to preserve British rights. He informed the Parliament that the Persian Government refused to hold itself responsible for any damage to the company's property. The Persian note was regarded as "wholly unsatisfactory," he added, and in the subsequent reply the British protest was reiterated. The Persian Government, moreover, was held directly responsible in this communication for any damage to the company's interests or interference with its property. "In the event of any such damage accrues, his Majesty's Government will regard themselves as entitled to take all such measures as the situation may demand for the company's protection," the British note said. George Lansbury, Labor Leader, asked whether the Government proposes to take armed measures against Persia. Captain Eden replied that the Government "can only be guided by circumstances as they arise."

THE Chinese cause fared better at Geneva this week than it did in Northwestern Manchuria, where the Japanese, in one of the swiftest campaigns on record, crushed the rebel forces in Barga, occupied Hailar and Manchouli and drove General Su Ping-wen across the border into Siberia, where he and several thousand of his army threw themselves on the mercy of the Soviet authorities.

Called into special session, the League of Nations Assembly began, Tuesday, consideration of the Manchurian conflict, and directly after the meeting opened the smaller Powers leveled their fire on Japan for its conduct in the undeclared war against China. The smaller members of the League were far more forthright than the large Powers in their denunciation of Japan's resort to arms, invasion of Manchuria and establishment of the independent State of Manchukuo. At the opening session representatives of the Irish Free State, Czechoslovakia, Sweden and Norway gave their views on the conflict, and while all pleaded for reconciliation of Japan and China, they all said that their governments would not recognize Manchukuo. While delegates of the great Pow-

ers, including Norman H. Davis and Minister Hugh Wilson, of the United States, were in attendance, Edouard Benes, of Czechoslovakia, admitted that China was at fault for boycotting and spreading anti-foreign propaganda, but added: "But if the League condemns them, it must with equal firmness proceed with regard to a member of the League which decides to be its own judge and carries out military operations on a great scale, which result in detaching several provinces from another member of the League." The establishment of Manchukuo he called a "flagrant anomaly in relationship to members of the League" and "contrary to Article 10 of the Covenant." Speaking for the Irish Free State, Joseph Connolly said that it was clear actual infringement of the multilateral treaty had taken place. Osten Unden, for Sweden, thought that recognition of Manchukuo would itself constitute a violation of Article 10 of the Covenant, and Christian L. Lange, of Norway, said it was impossible to admit Japan's argument that it engaged in hostilities for self-defense.

At the first session of the special Assembly Dr. W. W. Yen, of China, and Yosuke Matsuoka, of Japan, spoke, and the former asked the Assembly to find that Japan had violated the League Covenant, the Kellogg Pact and the Nine-Power Treaty, to call upon Japan to carry out the 1931 Council resolution by withdrawing its troops and dissolving Manchukuo, to pledge itself not to recognize Manchukuo, and to fix a time limit for making recommendations for a final settlement of the dispute. Mr. Matsuoka, for his part, laid down three principles which, he said, should guide the Assembly in effecting a settlement. He said, first, that the terms should be such as can be made to operate effectively, accomplishing and preserving peace in the Far East; second, that a solution should be found for the disordered condition of China, and, third, that the League must take upon itself the responsibility for executing any plan for settlement it may find.

The array of speakers before the Assembly on Wednesday included representatives of France, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Holland, Spain, Switzerland, Greece, Denmark, Uruguay and Guatemala. Sir John Simon, British Foreign Secretary, adopted the most conciliatory attitude toward Japan of any of the representatives of the great Powers. Sir John, in stressing the need for League organs to assist in the work of conciliation, recommended that the problem be turned over to the Committee of Nineteen and the representatives of the United States and Russia be invited to participate in the Committee's deliberations. He praised the Lytton report, but, states the correspondent of the New York "Times," "invariably confined himself to passages unfavorable to China or those stressing the difficulties or need of being 'practical.'" The correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune" quotes Mr. Matsuoka as saying: "Sir John's speech was magnificent. He expressed in his perfect English what I have been trying to say in my halting way from the beginning."

Joseph Paul-Boncour, for France, was credited with taking the strongest stand of any of the spokesmen for the great Powers. He gave the Assembly to understand that France was ready, if necessary, to carry out the compulsory parts of the Covenant. He said that, if the Lytton report's conclusions did not provide a basis for solution, the League was forced

"to proceed to make recommendations under Article 15, Paragraph 4, and assume the responsibility connected with this." Baron Konstantin von Neurath, German Foreign Minister, urged that the United States and Russia be asked to join in the conciliation efforts. "The importance of this conflict," he said, "is decisive. It affects the very future of the League itself, its prestige and possibilities for action and the League now finds itself in an acute phase of its evolution." None of the representatives of the great Powers, including Baron Pompeo Aloisi, Italian Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, mentioned treaty violations or took a stand on recognition of Manchukuo.

But while the great Powers were treading carefully for fear of offending Japan or China too violently, the smaller nations enlivened the proceedings on Wednesday night by introducing a strongly worded resolution. Submitted by the Irish Free State, Spain, Czechoslovakia and Sweden, it declared that Japanese operations in Manchuria could not be regarded as measures of legitimate self-defense, that an important part of what was indisputably Chinese territory had been seized by force and occupied by Japanese troops, that the regime set up in Manchuria "was only able to be carried into effect thanks to the presence of Japanese troops," and that recognition of the present regime in Manchuria was not compatible with existing international obligations. The resolution sought to authorize the Committee of Nineteen to co-operate with the United States and Russia "with a view to insuring a settlement of the dispute on the basis of the above-mentioned findings."

This resolution stirred Mr. Matsuoka into saying to the Assembly on Thursday that "if it is adopted it will have consequences unforeseen by the authors." Mr. Matsuoka did not specify what those "unforeseen consequences" were, but it was assumed in Geneva that he intimated Japan might withdraw from the League. "The whole nation," he said, "is solidly behind the military leaders, who have acted as they should. There are 65 million of them. Do you think all of them have gone mad?" "If the resolution had general or even wide support," he declared in a statement later, "we would be obliged to doubt the sincerity of the speakers." Hushun Bey, of Turkey; Alberto J. Pani, of Mexico, and C. H. Cahan, of Canada, also spoke at the Thursday session.

Japan completed on Tuesday the subjugation of the Barga region in Northwest Manchuria, having crushed, in a week's time, the rebellion led by General Su Ping-wen. The Japanese troops entered Hailar unopposed Monday afternoon, and on Tuesday achieved their final objective by occupying Manchouli with surprising ease. The Chinese forces fled before them and were finally crowded into Siberia, where, according to reports, they were disarmed. General Su was arrested as he entered Soviet territory, it was stated. He made a plea to the Nanking Government that he be supplied with transport to Shanghai. "Japanese concern over Barga," states the New York "Times," "is two-fold: The most apparent reason for it is that it is one of the three areas in Manchuria where volunteers are operating most effectively and in the largest numbers against the Manchukuo regime. But the less obvious cause is no less cogent, namely, that Japanese economic missions have reported that the Khingan Mountains contain some of the finest forests and most extensive

mineral deposits to be found in all Manchuria. The alluvial gold in the range alone has been estimated at \$2,500,000,000 in value." Associated Press dispatches from Mukden, Manchuria, on Thursday, stated that Japanese troops were preparing to march on the Jehol province to join it to Manchukuo.

THE National Bank of Greece on Saturday, Dec. 3, reduced its discount rate from 10% to 9%. The 10% rate had been in force since Aug. 8 of this year. Present rates at the leading centres are shown in the following table:

DISCOUNT RATES OF FOREIGN CENTRAL BANKS.

Country.	Rate in Effect Dec. 2	Date Established.	Pre-vious Rate.	Country.	Rate in Effect Dec. 2	Date Established.	Pre-vious Rate.
Austria	6	Aug. 23 1932	7	Holland	2½	Apr. 18 1932	3
Belgium	3½	Jan. 13 1932	2½	Hungary	4½	Oct. 17 1932	5
Bulgaria	8½	May 17 1932	9½	India	4	July 7 1932	5
Chile	4½	Aug. 23 1932	5½	Ireland	3	June 30 1932	3½
Colombia	5	Sept. 19 1932	6	Italy	5	May 2 1932	6
Czechoslovakia	4½	Sept. 24 1932	5	Japan	4.38	Aug. 18 1932	5.11
Danzig	4	July 12 1932	5	Lithuania	7	May 5 1932	7½
Denmark	3½	Oct. 12 1932	4	Norway	4	Sept. 1 1932	4½
England	2	June 30 1932	2½	Poland	6	Oct. 20 1932	7½
Estonia	5½	Jan. 29 1932	6½	Portugal	6½	Apr. 4 1932	7
Finland	6½	Apr. 19 1932	7	Rumania	7	Mar. 3 1932	8
France	2½	Oct. 9 1931	2	Spain	6	Oct. 22 1932	6½
Germany	4	Sept. 21 1932	5	Sweden	3½	Sept. 1 1932	4
Greece	9	Dec. 3 1932	10	Switzerland	2	Jan. 22 1931	2½

In the London open market discounts for short bills on Friday were ¾@13-16, as against ⅞@15-16% on Friday of last week, and 13-16@⅞% for three months' bills, as against 15-16@1% on Friday of last week. Money on call in London on Friday was ⅜%. At Paris the open market rate continues at 1⅞%, and in Switzerland at 1½%.

THE Bank of England statement for the week ended Dec. 7 shows a loss of £29,099 in gold holdings, bringing the total held down to £140,389,087 in comparison with £121,517,240 a year ago. Circulation expanded £6,819,000 and this, together with the gold loss, caused reserves to shrink £6,848,000. Public deposits decreased £1,625,000 while other deposits rose as much as £11,109,655. The latter consists of bankers' accounts which increased £13,719,949, and other accounts which fell off £2,610,294. The reserve ratio is off more than 7% from 41.07%, a week ago, to 33.77% now. Last year the ratio was 30.28%. Loans on Government securities rose £16,972,000 while those on other securities decreased £608,972. Of the latter amount, £59,799 was from discounts and advances and £549,173 from securities. The rate of discount remains at 2%. Below we furnish a comparison of the different items for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1932. Dec. 7.	1931. Dec. 9.	1930. Dec. 10.	1929. Dec. 11.	1928. Dec. 12.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation	365,662,000	358,850,201	364,473,686	365,158,000	374,821,061
Public deposits	8,522,000	10,673,881	5,891,396	8,860,000	7,628,750
Other deposits	138,705,230	113,683,074	105,595,839	94,471,617	104,146,132
Bankers' accounts	104,251,534	75,139,775	72,112,383	58,072,562	-----
Other accounts	34,453,696	38,543,299	33,483,456	36,399,055	-----
Government secur.	85,843,740	60,615,906	54,291,247	60,663,855	59,106,855
Other securities	29,532,337	43,951,487	27,102,711	28,297,956	28,195,160
Disct. & advances	11,807,235	12,550,675	4,911,422	8,827,605	-----
Securities	17,725,102	31,400,812	22,191,289	19,470,351	-----
Reserve notes & coin	49,727,000	37,667,039	47,975,090	32,274,000	42,369,995
Coin and bullion	140,389,087	121,517,240	152,448,776	137,434,418	157,191,056
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	33.77%	30.28%	43.03%	31.23%	37%
Bank rate	2%	6%	3%	5%	4½%

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

THE Bank of France statement for the week ended Dec. 2, records an increase in gold holdings of 17,503,386 francs. The Bank's gold now amounts to 83,359,065,633 francs, the highest figure ever recorded in the history of the bank. The proportion

of gold on hand to sight liabilities at 77.95% is also at a new high. Gold holdings a year ago stood at 67,953,568,393 francs and two years ago at 52,351,980,490 francs. Credit balances abroad gained 159,000,000 francs while bills bought abroad fell off 222,000,000 francs. A large increase appears in note circulation, namely 1,664,000,000 francs. The total of circulation is now 83,200,937,435 francs, in comparison with 83,021,961,975 francs last year and 75,838,195,445 francs the previous year. French commercial bills discounted and creditor current accounts show decreases of 664,000,000 francs and 2,159,000,000 francs while advances against securities increased 95,000,000 francs. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for three years:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Changes for Week.	Status as of			
	Dec. 2 1932.	Dec. 4 1931.	Dec. 5 1930.	
Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	
Gold holdings...Inc.	17,503,386	83,359,065,633	67,953,568,393	52,351,980,490
Credit bals. abr'd...Inc.	159,000,000	3,127,146,195	16,159,338,983	6,912,167,374
French commercial bills discounted	Dec. 664,000,000	2,600,950,296	6,291,760,102	7,106,556,190
Bills bought abr'd	Dec. 222,000,000	1,662,659,204	8,286,522,267	19,141,701,645
Adv. agst. secur.	Inc. 95,000,000	2,595,094,368	2,844,086,812	3,000,147,422
Note circulation...Inc.	1,664,000,000	83,200,937,435	83,021,961,975	75,838,195,445
Cred. curr. accts...Dec.	2,159,000,000	23,740,814,272	29,737,717,410	22,421,267,039
Proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities...Inc.	0.38%	77.95%	60.26%	53.28%

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

THE Reichsbank's statement for the first quarter of December reveals a decrease in gold and bullion of 23,160,000 marks. Owing to this loss, bullion now stands at 804,069,000 marks, in comparison with 1,005,116,000 marks last year and 2,190,277,000 marks the previous year. An increase is shown in reserve in foreign currency of 4,188,000 marks, in silver and other coin of 10,586,000 marks, in notes on other German banks of 4,542,000 marks and in investments of 1,277,000 marks. Notes in circulation declined 92,195,000 marks, reducing the total of the item to 3,438,962,000 marks. Circulation a year ago aggregated 4,591,576,000 marks and two years ago 4,439,589,000 marks. Bills of exchange and checks, advances, other assets, other daily maturing obligations and other liabilities record decreases of 48,595,000 marks, 105,840,000 marks, 9,282,000 marks, 65,417,000 marks and 8,672,000 marks respectively. The proportion of gold and foreign currency to note circulation stands now at 26.7%, as compared with 25.6% last year. A comparison of the various items for three years is furnished below:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Changes for Week.	Dec. 7 1932.			Dec. 7 1931.		Dec. 6 1930.	
	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Assets—							
Gold and bullion	Dec. 23,160,000	804,069,000	1,005,116,000	2,190,277,000	2,190,277,000	2,190,277,000	2,190,277,000
Of which depos. abr'd.	No change	65,369,000	129,951,000	222,017,000	222,017,000	222,017,000	222,017,000
Res've in for'n curr.	Inc. 4,188,000	113,931,000	170,466,000	536,922,000	536,922,000	536,922,000	536,922,000
Bills of exch. & checks	Dec. 48,595,000	2,717,413,000	3,903,847,000	2,066,522,000	2,066,522,000	2,066,522,000	2,066,522,000
Silver and other coin	Inc. 10,586,000	203,052,000	122,246,000	148,259,000	148,259,000	148,259,000	148,259,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.	Inc. 4,542,000	11,883,000	5,145,000	12,346,000	12,346,000	12,346,000	12,346,000
Advances	Dec. 105,840,000	101,124,000	190,882,000	75,733,000	75,733,000	75,733,000	75,733,000
Investments	Inc. 1,277,000	396,209,000	102,889,000	102,474,000	102,474,000	102,474,000	102,474,000
Other assets	Dec. 9,282,000	753,376,000	853,754,000	405,700,000	405,700,000	405,700,000	405,700,000
Liabilities—							
Notes in circulation	Dec. 92,195,000	3,438,962,000	4,591,576,000	4,439,589,000	4,439,589,000	4,439,589,000	4,439,589,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig.	Dec. 65,417,000	352,708,000	415,950,000	344,410,000	344,410,000	344,410,000	344,410,000
Other liabilities	Dec. 8,672,000	738,340,000	859,488,000	320,307,000	320,307,000	320,307,000	320,307,000
Proportion of gold & for'n curr. to note circul.	Inc. 0.2%	26.7%	25.6%	61.4%	61.4%	61.4%	61.4%

EXTREME ease in the New York money market was reflected this week by a further reduction in open market rates for bankers' acceptances, which were reduced ⅛% all round on Monday, to a level of ½% bid and ⅜% asked for 30 to 90 day maturities, ⅝% bid and ½% asked for four months' bills, and ⅞% bid and ¾% asked for five and six months' bills. These rates naturally constitute new low records in

the history of the American acceptance market. The official buying rates of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York were unchanged at 1% for bills due up to 90 days, 1 1/8% for bills due in 91 to 120 days, and 1 1/2% for bills due from 121 to 180 days.

Equally indicative of the plethora of funds seeking safe investment for short periods was the great success achieved by the United States Treasury in its December quarter-date financing. The Treasury offered \$350,000,000 in 2 3/4% four-year notes, and \$250,000,000 in 3/4% one-year certificates of indebtedness, Wednesday, and closed the books the same day, with over-subscription assured on a vast scale. Treasury notes amounting to \$600,446,200 will mature Dec. 15, and holders of the notes subscribing to the new issues were offered preferred allotment up to 60% of the new issues. This contributed to the success of the financing.

Call loans on the New York Stock Exchange held at 1% for all transactions this week, whether renewals or new loans. Funds were offered in the unofficial street market at 3/4% Monday and Tuesday, as low as 5/8% Wednesday, and down to 1/2% Thursday and yesterday. Time loan rates were unchanged all week. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral increased \$39,000,000 in the week to Wednesday night, according to the tabulation of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Gold movements reported in the same period at New York consisted of imports of \$15,975,000. There were no exports, but a net increase of \$5,574,000 occurred in the stock of gold held earmarked for foreign account.

DEALING in detail with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, 1% was the ruling quotation all through the week both for new loans and renewals. The time money market continues unchanged. While there is nothing definite in the way of trading there has been a rumor of one transaction in 60 day maturity at 1/2 of 1%. Rates are quoted nominally at 1/2% for 30 to 90 days, 3/4% for four months' maturity and 1% for five and six months' maturity. The market for commercial paper is unchanged this week. The demand continues good, but paper is very scarce. Quotations for choice names of four to six months' maturity are 1 1/2@1 3/4%. Names less well known are 2%. On some very high-class paper occasional transactions at 1 1/4% are noted.

THE market for prime bankers' acceptances has been fairly brisk during the fore part of the week, but quieted down on Thursday, due to shortage of offerings. Rates were reduced 1/8 of 1% on all maturities, in both the bid and asked columns on Monday, Dec. 5. The quotations of the American Acceptance Council for bills up to and including three months are 1/2% bid, 3/8% asked; for four months, 5/8% bid and 1/2% asked; for five and six months, 7/8% bid and 3/4% asked. The bill buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank is 1% for 1-90 days; 1 1/8% for 91-120 days, and 1 1/2% for maturities from 121-180 days. The Federal Reserve Banks show a trifling decrease in their holdings of acceptances, the total having fallen from \$34,880,000 last week to \$33,717,000 this week. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents, however, increased during the week from \$32,329,000 to \$36,117,000. Open market rates for acceptances are as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.						
—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—		
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	
Prime eligible bills.....	1/4	3/4	1/4	3/4	1/4	3/4
—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—		
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	
Prime eligible bills.....	1/4	3/4	1/4	3/4	1/4	3/4
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.						
Eligible member banks.....						3/4% bid
Eligible non-member banks.....						3/4% bid

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

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

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on Dec. 9.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	3 1/4	Oct. 17 1931	2 1/4
New York.....	2 1/2	June 24 1932	3
Philadelphia.....	3 1/2	Oct. 22 1931	3
Cleveland.....	3 1/2	Oct. 24 1931	3
Richmond.....	3 1/2	Jan. 25 1932	4
Atlanta.....	3 1/2	Nov. 14 1931	3
Chicago.....	2 1/2	June 25 1932	3 1/2
St. Louis.....	3 1/2	Oct. 22 1931	2 1/2
Minneapolis.....	3 1/2	Sept. 12 1930	4
Kansas City.....	3 1/2	Oct. 23 1931	3
Dallas.....	3 1/2	Jan. 28 1932	4
San Francisco.....	3 1/2	Oct. 21 1931	2 1/2

STERLING exchange seems to be moving toward firmer ground, continuing the recovery which began on Wednesday of last week. The apprehension which forced sterling exchange down to 3.14 1/2 for cable transfers on Tuesday, Nov. 29, seems to have been greatly exaggerated. All the effects of doubt concerning the Dec. 15 war debt payments were fully discounted by the market before Saturday last. Dispatches from Paris on Thursday stated that Premier MacDonald told Premier Herriot that Great Britain would meet the installment now coming due. The range for bankers' sight bills this week has been between 3.17 3/8 and 3.24 7/8, compared with a range of 3.23 7/8 down to 3.14 7-16 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 3.17 1/2 to 3.25 1-16, compared with a range of from 3.24 down to 3.14 1/2 a week ago. The fundamental factors affecting exchange are no different now than they were several weeks ago. The market is still extremely dull and somewhat hesitant and traders are for the most part disinclined to take a technical position until the war debt questions show some degree of clarification. There is also a strong inclination among bankers to await some positive announcement by the British authorities as to how they propose to steady the sterling rate in the future. There is much speculation as to how Great Britain is going to meet the Dec. 15 payment. It has been hinted that credits may be arranged with New York bankers and there have also been rumors of a British issue of bonds in this market to offset the payment. The market hears at one time that Great Britain will send gold to cover any shortage which it may experience, and at another that Great Britain has already accumulated here sufficient dollar credits with which to meet its obligations. But as a matter of fact, all statements made at this juncture are purely speculative as neither the British Treasury nor the Bank of England are disclosing their methods of operation.

It is equally true that no reliance can be placed in any statement relating to the present status of the Exchange Equalization Account. Bear interests claim from time to time that the account has been greatly depleted. In all probability this is not so, for although the Bank of England's gold holdings

have shown slight decreases in the past several weeks, the London market is convinced that a very considerable part of the gold coming to the open market and recorded from week to week as sold to an "unknown" buyer, has been taken by the British Treasury. Under normal conditions these gold purchases would be reflected in increased bullion holdings of the Bank of England. The operations of the British authorities are being conducted with great secrecy and short interests are as cautious now as ever. Of course, seasonal pressure against the exchange will continue for at least a month. Despite the record low touched by sterling on Tuesday of last week, there was no evidence of any flight of funds from London. On the contrary, foreign balances there seem to be in considerable abundance as money rates in the open market have returned to the easy levels which prevailed until the first few days of December, when market rates had firmed up owing to the great turnover in money on Nov. 30, which was estimated at approximately £700,000,000. Call money against bills was in supply during the greater part of this week at from $\frac{1}{2}\%$ down to $\frac{1}{4}\%$. Two-months' bills are now at $\frac{3}{4}\%$, whereas toward the end of November they were at 1%. Three-months' bills are at $\frac{3}{4}\%$ to 13-16%, where last week they had gone as high as 1 1-16%. Four months' bills are $\frac{7}{8}\%$ to 15-16% and six-months' bills are 1 1-16%. It is asserted that the gold which has arrived in New York from England during the past few weeks is not for the account of the Bank of England nor for official purposes, but largely represents private transactions and in some cases transactions of other foreign central banks which are trying to build up balances on this side. These foreign balances were seriously depleted during the "dollar panic" earlier this year. This week the Bank of England shows a decrease in gold holdings of £29,099, the total standing on Dec. 7 at £140,389,087, which compares with £121,517,240 a year ago.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended Dec. 7, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$15,975,000, of which \$13,216,000 came from England, \$995,000 from Canada; \$919,000 from Holland; \$600,000 from India; \$170,000 from Mexico, and \$75,000 chiefly from Latin-American countries. There were no gold exports. The Reserve Bank reported an increase of \$5,574,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In our issue of last week, \$2,363,000 was reported as having been imported from Italy, while this particular shipment of gold came from Netherlands. In tabular form, the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended Dec. 7, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, DEC. 1-DEC. 7, INCL.	
Imports.	Exports.
\$13,216,000 from England	
995,000 from Canada	
919,000 from Holland	
600,000 from India	
170,000 from Mexico	None.
75,000 chiefly from Latin-American countries	
\$15,975,000 total	
Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account. Increase \$5,574,000.	

The above figures are for the week ended Wednesday evening. On Thursday \$1,996,300 was received from Canada. There were no exports of the metal on

that day, but gold held earmarked for foreign account decreased \$2,000,000. On Friday there were no imports or exports of the metal or change in gold held earmarked for foreign account. For the week ended Wednesday evening, approximately \$925,000 of gold was received from China at San Francisco. There were no other reports of gold having been received at other ports on Thursday or Friday.

Canadian exchange continues at a discount. On Saturday last Montreal funds were at a discount of $15\frac{3}{8}\%$; on Monday at 15%; on Tuesday at $14\frac{3}{8}\%$; on Wednesday at $13\frac{7}{8}\%$; on Thursday at $14\frac{3}{4}\%$, and on Friday at $14\frac{1}{2}\%$.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was dull and easy. Bankers' sight was $3.18\frac{3}{8}@3.19$, cable transfers $3.18\frac{1}{2}@3.19\frac{1}{8}$. On Monday the undertone was firmer. The range was $3.17\frac{3}{8}@3.20\frac{3}{8}$ for bankers' sight and $3.17\frac{1}{2}@3.20\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. On Tuesday the pound continued to improve. Bankers' sight was $3.19\frac{1}{4}@3.21$, cable transfers $3.19\frac{3}{8}@3.21$ 3-16. On Wednesday sterling was sharply firmer. The range was $3.22\frac{1}{4}@3.24\frac{7}{8}$ for bankers' sight and $3.22\frac{3}{8}@3.25$ 1-16 for cable transfers. On Thursday sterling was easier. The range was $3.21\frac{3}{4}@3.23\frac{7}{8}$ for bankers' sight and $3.21\frac{7}{8}@3.24$ for cable transfers. On Friday sterling was steady; the range was $3.22\frac{1}{4}@3.23\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight and $3.22\frac{3}{8}@3.23$ 13-16 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 3.23 3-16 for demand and $3.23\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 3.23; 60-day bills at $3.22\frac{3}{8}$; 90-day bills at 3.22; documents for payment (60 days) at 3.22 7-16, and 7-day grain bills at $3.22\frac{7}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 3.23.

EXCHANGE on the Continental countries continues to display great ease with respect to the dollar, as all the units are under seasonal pressure. French francs are exceptionally easy and have during the past week been hovering close to the gold import point from Paris, estimated at around $3.90\frac{3}{8}$. Paris dispatches on Tuesday stated that \$15,000,000 in gold have already been shipped from France to New York. Regardless of the position of exchange the market is convinced that French as well as British and other European interests find themselves obliged to build up their balances here, which were greatly reduced in the summer when the dollar was being widely sold. Aside from the necessity for purchasing dollars to build up these balances, and the seasonal pressure against exchange, a further depressing factor influencing the franc is the fact that the balance of payments is very unfavorable to France. This week, the Bank of France shows an increase in gold holdings of 17,503,386 francs, the total standing on Dec. 2 at the new record high level of 83,359,065,633, francs, which compares with 67,953,568,393 a year ago and with 28,935,000,000 francs in June, 1928, following stabilization of the unit. The Bank's ratio is also at record high level, standing on Dec. 2 at 77.95%, which compares with 60.26% on Dec. 4, 1931, and with legal requirement of 35%.

German marks show no change and are not affected by the major events which now disturb the foreign exchange situation. The mark quotation is, of course, largely nominal and all foreign exchange operations continue to be severely restricted under governmental decrees.

Italian exchange has been exceptionally firm this week, having fully recovered from the effects of the break in the general foreign exchange market last week upon the slump in sterling. The Italian business and financial situation is particularly satisfactory, so that the unit is not likely to be greatly disturbed by the serious developments which have been causing so much anxiety lately. Greek exchange is one of the minor currencies in the New York market, but interest attaches to it at this time because of the fact that the Bank of Greece reduced its rediscount rate on Dec. 3 from 10% to 9%.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 82.85 on Friday of this week, against 82.00 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished on Friday at 3.90 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 3.90 $\frac{3}{8}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 3.90 $\frac{3}{8}$, against 3.90 15-16, and commercial sight bills at 3.90 $\frac{1}{8}$, against 3.90 $\frac{3}{4}$. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.85 for bankers' sight bills and at 13.85 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against 13.84 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 13.85. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.78 for bankers' sight bills and 23.78 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.76 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 23.77. Italian lire closed at 5.11 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.12 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, against 5.06 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 5.06 $\frac{3}{4}$. Austrian schillings closed at 14.10 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 14.10 $\frac{1}{2}$; exchange on Czechoslovakia at 2.96 $\frac{3}{8}$, against 2.96 $\frac{3}{8}$; on Bucharest at 0.60 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 0.60 $\frac{1}{4}$; on Poland at 11.24 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 11.24 $\frac{1}{2}$, and on Finland at 1.41 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 1.44 $\frac{1}{2}$. Greek exchange closed at 0.55 for bankers' sight bills and at 0.55 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against 0.56 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 0.56 $\frac{1}{2}$.

EXCHANGE on the countries neutral during the war presents no new features. Swiss francs and Holland guilders continue to display ease, due partly to seasonal pressure, but chiefly to an outward flow of funds from both countries to other markets, especially to London and to a lesser extent to New York. Both Switzerland and Holland are expected to send considerable gold to this side in the immediate future, as they made very large withdrawals from the New York market during the summer. The Scandinavian currencies fluctuate more or less erratically, reflecting the swings in sterling exchange. Spanish pesetas continue to display the steady tone which developed many months ago as confidence of the business world in the Spanish financial and political outlook now appears to be well established. The affairs of the Bank of Spain, it is evident, are being conducted with great conservatism. The bank manages to increase its gold holdings steadily and at the same time to prevent expansion in circulation.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.16, against 40.18 $\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.16 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.19, and commercial sight bills at 40.12, against 40.14 $\frac{1}{2}$. Swiss francs closed at 19.22 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and at 19.22 $\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers, against 19.22 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 19.23. Copenhagen checks finished at 16.84 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 16.85, against 16.79 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 16.80. Checks on Sweden closed at 17.71 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 17.72, against 17.59 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 17.60; while checks on Norway finished at 16.71 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 16.72, against 16.47 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 16.48. Spanish pesetas closed at 8.15 for bankers' sight bills and at 8.15 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against 8.16 and 8.16 $\frac{1}{2}$.

EXCHANGE on the South American countries continues to be quoted only nominally and all these units are laboring under serious difficulties created by moratoriums and exchange control. Recent dispatches from Buenos Aires state that the provinces of Buenos Aires and Cordoba and one city, Tucuman, are trying to negotiate moratoriums or reduce interest and to effect other arrangements with their foreign bankers. The Finance Minister, Alberto Hueyo, is firmly opposed to moratoriums of any kind. He insists that the Government's policy is one of "no moratorium and no emission." There can be no doubt that as soon as the world depression has abated, there will be a complete revision of the fiscal and currency systems of Argentina.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday nominally at 25 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills, against 25 $\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 25.80, against 25.80. Brazilian milreis are nominally quoted 7.45 for bankers' sight bills and 7.50 for cable transfers, against 7.45 and 7.50. Chilean exchange is nominally quoted 6 $\frac{1}{8}$, against 6 $\frac{1}{8}$. Peru is nominal at 18.00, against 18.00.

EXCHANGE on the Far Eastern countries presents no new features of importance. The Chinese units are ruling low on account of the low quotations for silver. The Indian rupee is of course easy and fluctuates rather widely because of the fluctuations in sterling, to which the rupee is anchored at the rate of 1s. 6d. per rupee. Japanese yen continue to fluctuate rather widely and is ruling around the lowest levels ever quoted for the yen. Leading financial authorities and the Japanese officials have not yet come to any satisfactory agreement with respect to projects for steadying the unit.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 20 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ @21 13-16, against 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ @

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. DEC. 3 1932 TO DEC. 9 1932, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Dec. 3.	Dec. 5.	Dec. 6.	Dec. 7.	Dec. 8.	Dec. 9.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	139437	139437	139437	139437	139437	139437
Belgium, belga	138450	138461	138515	138482	138476	138465
Bulgaria, lev	007200	007200	007200	007200	007200	007200
Czechoslovakia, krone	029619	029619	029622	029616	029621	029620
Denmark, krone	165846	165469	166700	167369	168084	167446
England, pound sterling	3.187250	3.188500	3.199500	3.228333	3.231250	3.234708
Finland, markka	014250	014133	014200	014083	014075	014116
France, franc	039074	039061	039040	039035	039036	039035
Germany, reichsmark	237653	237632	237642	237617	237728	237667
Greece, drachma	005582	005589	005628	005603	005462	005375
Holland, guilder	401778	401728	401750	401626	401550	401617
Hungary, pengo	174250	174250	174250	174250	174250	174250
Italy, lira	050621	050672	050850	051135	051216	051183
Norway, krone	163676	163753	164561	165816	166360	166469
Poland, zloty	111810	111810	111810	111810	111810	111810
Portugal, escudo	030160	030180	030180	030180	030180	030160
Rumania, leu	005970	005975	005958	005975	005979	005975
Spain, peseta	081535	081564	081521	081460	081482	081488
Sweden, krona	175107	174715	175653	176107	176584	176500
Switzerland, franc	192233	192233	192237	192246	192250	192250
Yugoslavia, dinar	013437	013425	013475	013450	013400	013450
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael	286666	288541	290416	291250	294375	291250
Hankow tael	281666	283541	285416	286250	288541	286250
Shanghai tael	275000	277031	279062	280000	281875	280312
Tientsin tael	292083	293541	295833	297083	299375	297916
Hong Kong dollar	211875	212812	214687	215312	215937	214687
Mexican dollar	194687	196562	197500	198437	199687	198750
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	194583	195416	197083	197916	198333	198333
Yuan dollar	194166	195000	196250	197083	197500	197500
India, rupee	241235	240500	242090	243550	244250	244350
Japan, yen	201500	201000	202000	202800	206820	205500
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	369375	368750	371250	373750	375000	373750
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	845208	845885	850729	858333	859166	855625
Cuba, peso	999287	999287	999287	999287	999300	999300
Mexico, peso (silver)	324900	324233	325466	323000	323750	323500
Newfoundland, dollar	842625	843375	848500	855750	856500	853250
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	585835	585835	585835	585835	585835	585835
Brazil, milreis	076300	076300	076300	076300	076300	076300
Chile, peso	060250	060250	060250	060250	060250	060250
Uruguay, peso	473333	473333	473333	473333	473333	473333
Colombia, peso	952400	952400	952400	952400	952400	952400

21 13-16; Shanghai at 28 $\frac{1}{8}$ @28 $\frac{3}{8}$, against 27 $\frac{7}{8}$ @28; Manila at 49 $\frac{5}{8}$, against 49 $\frac{5}{8}$; Singapore at 37 $\frac{5}{8}$, against 37 $\frac{3}{8}$; Bombay at 24 9-16, against 24.45, and Calcutta at 24 9-16, against 24.45.

THE following table indicates the amount of gold bullion in the principal European banks as of Dec. 8 1932, together with comparisons as of the corresponding dates in the four previous years:

Banks of—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
	£	£	£	£	£
England...	140,389,087	121,517,240	152,448,776	137,434,418	157,191,056
France a...	666,872,525	519,628,547	418,815,843	329,051,268	253,110,442
Germany b	36,935,000	46,032,900	102,024,450	104,742,250	128,325,800
Spain.....	90,369,000	89,874,000	98,315,000	102,592,000	102,359,000
Italy.....	62,846,000	60,241,000	57,243,000	56,018,000	54,530,000
Netherlands	86,050,000	75,096,000	35,514,000	37,293,000	36,228,000
Nat. Belg..	74,501,001	73,085,000	37,059,000	30,948,000	23,700,000
Switzerland	89,166,000	59,181,000	25,619,000	22,450,000	18,759,000
Sweden....	11,443,000	11,433,000	13,422,000	13,367,000	13,144,000
Denmark...	7,400,000	9,121,000	9,560,000	9,581,000	9,600,000
Norway....	8,014,000	6,559,000	8,135,000	8,151,000	8,162,000
Total week	1,273,985,612	1,071,768,687	958,156,069	851,627,936	805,109,298
Prev. week	1,275,333,534	1,090,932,552	958,689,312	844,649,940	804,700,096

a These are the gold holdings of the Bank of France as reported in the new form of statement. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany are exclusive of gold held abroad, the amount of which the present year is £3,268,450.

The Plight of Parliamentary Government in Germany.

While Great Britain, France and a number of other European countries have been exerting themselves to avoid payment of their war debts to the United States, Germany has been wrestling with the problem of how best to maintain the form, at least, of parliamentary government. The history of parliamentary institutions affords few instances of so long a delay between a general election and the organization of a new Government as has occurred in Germany, and still fewer instances of a party situation so peculiar as to make it doubtful whether the forms or the essential spirit of parliamentary methods can be employed with success. Parliamentary government rests upon parties, but in the Reich the recent evolution of parties has resulted in a stalemate, and the nation is again confronted with a situation in which the new Ministry, however efficient it may turn out to be, may not in any accustomed sense be regarded as reflecting a majority party opinion.

It will be recalled that the general election of Nov. 6 resulted in the return of a Reichstag in which no party had anywhere near a majority, but with the National Socialists or Hitlerites holding the largest number of seats. No combination of parties that could be counted upon to support the von Papen Government appeared possible, and another dissolution of the Reichstag and another election seemed clearly foreshadowed if Chancellor von Papen followed the usual course of presenting his Cabinet to the Reichstag and asking for a vote of confidence. On Nov. 17, accordingly, after negotiations for party support had signally failed, the Cabinet resigned. The resignation was accepted by President von Hindenburg, Chancellor von Papen being continued in office pending a decision regarding the next step. The next few days were spent in considering the possibilities of a coalition, but it seemed clear that no coalition could be formed that did not include the Nazis or Hitlerites, and Hitler continued to spurn any suggestion of co-operation that did not give him complete control. On Nov. 18 President von Hindenburg, who from the first insisted that the national policies to which he was committed should be maintained, removed one obstacle from the path by issuing an emergency decree which completely subordinated the Government of Prussia to that of the Reich, all administrative authority in Prussia

being turned over to a Reich commissioner. Prussia was still represented in the Reichsrat, where it has the largest number of votes of any State, but its ability to obstruct the measures of the Reich was eliminated by giving the Commissioner virtually complete control of the proceedings of the Prussian Diet.

In spite of his action in overriding Prussia, President von Hindenburg made it clear that he did not intend to substitute presidential for parliamentary government without first testing all reasonable chances of securing a coalition. On Nov. 21, accordingly, he gave Hitler an opportunity to form a Ministry. The terms which he imposed, however, were such as to insure that the new Ministry, if one were formed, would be the reverse of radical. As summarized by the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times," the stipulations were that no change should be made in the control of the Ministry of Defense or in the conduct of the Foreign Office; that the program of economic revival started under the von Papen Government should be continued, thereby insuring the continuance of the economic and social services which the program embodied; that no currency experiments should be made that would endanger the economic situation; that the status of Prussia as fixed by presidential decree should not be interfered with; that any legislation enacted by the Reichstag must be carried through in the usual constitutional way without the necessity of resorting to decrees, and that no restriction should be placed upon the powers of the President, especially his emergency powers under Article 48 of the Weimar Constitution.

Hitler, it was reported, feared a trap, but his position in itself was embarrassing enough. As a leader of the Nazis he had vigorously denounced the party system and parliamentary methods, but his demand for recognition as a national leader rested upon the fact that his party was the largest in the Reichstag, and hence entitled to determine the complexion of the Government. After two days of unsuccessful conferences with his party associates and representatives of other parties, he abandoned the effort to form a parliamentary Cabinet, and on Nov. 23 offered to give the support of his party to a presidential or "presidial" Government on condition that he should be Chancellor. The next day, in a letter written by Dr. Otto Meissner, President von Hindenburg's secretary, the offer was rejected. The President was of the opinion, so the letter ran, "that he could not justify himself before the German people if he gave his presidential authority to the leader of a party that has ever and again emphasized its exclusiveness, and that has generally taken an attitude of opposition to him personally as well as to the political and economic measures deemed needful by him. Under these circumstances the President must apprehend that a presidial Cabinet headed by you would perforce develop into a party dictatorship, with consequent extreme intensification of the divisions within the German nation. The President could not square bringing about such consequences with his oath and conscience."

Following the failure of Hitler and the emphatic rejection of his terms, President von Hindenburg, on Nov. 25, turned to Dr. Ludwig Kaas, leader of the Catholic Center party, and invited him to learn whether it were possible to form a parliamentary Government and, if so, under what conditions. Only

the People's party received Dr. Kaas's overtures with any favor, and the attempt was abandoned. Rumor had it that the President, discouraged by repeated failures, would make no further effort, but would go ahead with his plan of presidial rule, possibly with von Papen as titular Chancellor, but on Nov. 28 General von Schleicher, Reichswehr or Defense Minister and the reputed "strong man" of the von Papen Government, began sounding party leaders and prominent trade unionists regarding their willingness to support a Ministry of "social concentration" under his leadership. The program, it was understood, contemplated an adjournment of the Reichstag until next spring, the Government in the meantime to drop the proposed constitutional and other changes which had caused the von Papen Government to be criticized as reactionary. Hitler, who was invited to confer, failed to appear, but it was thought that, notwithstanding his opposition, General von Schleicher would be able to command the support of the moderate parties, and that the Opposition would be less violent than it had threatened to be if Chancellor von Papen were continued in office.

On Dec. 2 Chancellor von Papen, the prospect of whose continuance in office had provoked a threat of a general strike, freed President von Hindenburg's hands by resigning, and General von Schleicher was at once commissioned to form a Cabinet. The new Cabinet, as presently constituted, was the same as that of von Papen save for two portfolios, but General von Schleicher, in addition to the Chancellorship, retained control of the Defense Ministry and became also the Reich Commissioner for Prussia, the latter office giving him immediate control of about two-thirds of the police force of Germany. His first meeting with the Reichstag, on Tuesday, afforded no clear indication of what the relations between the Ministry and the Reichstag may eventually be. A decree of dissolution was ready for immediate use in case of need, but although General Karl Litzmann, who as the oldest member opened the session, indulged in a speech in which he lauded Hitler and bitterly criticized President von Hindenburg, the Reichstag elected its president and other officers, and rejected a demand of the Socialists and Communists for a statement of the Government program before the adjournment, which it was understood would last until the middle of January, was voted. One important bill, however, was introduced, calling for an amendment of the Constitution which would devolve the presidency of the Reich upon the president of the Supreme Court in case of the temporary disability of the President, instead of upon the Chancellor as at present. The bill, while sponsored by the Nazis, was acceptable to the President, although it was widely believed that one reason for von Hindenburg's rejection of Hitler was the fact that Hitler as Chancellor would be in line for the presidency in case of a temporary vacancy. The proposed change, Hitler was thought to believe, would remove the objection to his designation as Chancellor without weakening his chances of election as President when von Hindenburg retired. An attack on the bill led to a tumultuous demonstration in the Reichstag on Wednesday, but the bill was passed on Friday by more than the two-thirds vote which the Constitution requires.

Students of government have more than once remarked that while the parliamentary system works

best where one party commands a clear majority in the national legislature, a division of the voters into a number of groups, no one of which may represent an actual majority, is perhaps a more natural expression of the various shades of public opinion. The German situation shows the unhappy predicament that may develop when, in addition to a multiplication of parties, the lines that separate the parties are sharply drawn and party feeling is inflamed and embittered. The formation of the von Schleicher Ministry, after a sixteen days' interregnum, still leaves open the question whether the parliamentary system is to continue or a presidial system is to be substituted. There is much reason for thinking that the favor with which presidial rule appears to be regarded—and it cannot be said that the von Schleicher Government rests as yet upon anything except presidential authority—is very largely due to confidence in the ability and integrity of President von Hindenburg, but presidential government is, after all, only another form of personal rule, and as such may mean a step in the direction of restoring the monarchy.

The German situation has had an effect upon the disarmament debate at Geneva. No one of the disarmament proposals that have been brought forward has met with sufficient favor to justify hope of agreement upon any of them, and the German demand for arms equality is still unsatisfied. The end of the attempt to bring about a universal reduction and limitation of armaments seems, accordingly, to be near at hand. It should be clear now, if it was not clear before, that the chances of peace are improved by such non-aggression pacts as those lately entered into between France and Russia and Russia and Poland, more than by more elaborate schemes to which all nations are expected to subscribe. The war debt controversy, also, has been influenced by the political changes in Germany. While it appears to be the case that Great Britain and France still expect to derive some advantage from the Lausanne reparations agreement, even though they perforce make the debt payments to the United States due on Dec. 15, recent developments have made it even less likely than before that the kind of "satisfactory settlement" of the debt question which the Lausanne agreement contemplated will be made. On the other hand, if the Lausanne scheme falls to the ground, now that Germany's creditors have stiffened the opposition of Congress, the attitude of the von Schleicher Government toward any new arrangement may be a determining factor. What with presidial rule in Germany and a united front on the part of Europe's war debtors, Germany may quite possibly escape payment even of the 3,000,000,000 marks which it conditionally agreed to pay at Lausanne.

The Western Railways' Commissioner.

What can be done for themselves by our railroads to preserve their solvency and restore their financial health seems now on the way to a test. This is the significance of the recent announcement by the trans-Mississippi roads that they have appointed a "commissioner," Harry G. Taylor, with the function of mediator. Like the course of the savings bank and insurance companies in creating the National Transportation Committee, headed by Mr. Coolidge, which will doubtless recommend self-help as well as Government relief, the Western commissionership, almost certain of duplication in other regions, may

be taken by investors as a benign harbinger. Indeed, too long has railway management been discussed by many of those with a stake in the outcome as if ability, wisdom and grasp had oozed out of a group of transportation developers and administrators, only a little while ago the pride of America and the envy of Europe. It is probable that when current events have become history one of the most admired phases of our emergence from the post-1929 strain will prove to be the progress toward effective unity and co-operative self-help achieved by these rail systems under the leadership of Richard H. Aishton, Chairman of the Executives, a dollar-a-decade man whose public-spirited service to his country is immeasurably valuable.

The Western experiment does not result from sudden conversion of the railway managers to the necessity for greater solidarity and mutual concession. It is the culmination of long and difficult co-operative effort. We now know that the railway recovery of 1921 to 1929 had within it the microbes of relapse beyond all experience. This is much more obvious to our hind-sight than it was to our diagnosis at the time. The rate of return on property investment had, to be sure, never been enough. Something higher than the actual peak was essential as the annual average. But the trend had been encouraging. Reaching its apex in 1926, at 4.98, it sagged to 4.29 in 1925, but in the familiar way of earlier eras crept up again—4.64 in 1928 and 4.97 in 1929, within a point of the 1926 summit. The first unmistakable warning of what was in prospect came when the managers found themselves caught between capital expenditures exceeded only in 1923 and 1926, undertaken in 1930 at the behest of President Hoover, and a mighty crash in gross earnings, which could be met only in part by reduction in operating and maintenance expense.

In the spring of 1930 a group in the Association of Railway Executives began sounding out the heads of the roads generally with a view to an agreement for the protection of investments through maintenance of remunerative rate levels. Co-operation was not immediate. Regional unity fell short of the indispensable completeness. Inside individual lines, traffic officers did not see their way to advise such steps as had then been formulated. Constructive criticism and suggestion from investment sources, notably F. J. Lisman, helped crystallize the thought and purpose of remedial action in railway management as well as among security holders, fiduciary and individual. That the idea of unity was evolving was clear in a few months, when the country beheld a complete solidity of front in asking the Inter-State Commerce Commission for the rate adjustment under which supplementary freight earnings could be used to tide necessitous systems over funded-debt maturities. Some consider that this demonstration of capacity for leadership and concerted action justifies a prediction of ultimate re-establishment for the rails.

The trail which Mr. Taylor is expected to blaze is strewn with obstacles. Many external observers fail to appreciate these. On the one hand, the managers of each system are primarily responsible to the owners, creditors, employees and to the population depending upon it for service. How much they are warranted in yielding for the common benefit, or even for the common survival, is a matter of judgment, upon which difference of view may be vehe-

ment. On the other hand the very public to which railway service is essential demands the preservation of competitive independence among carriers. For a time following the legislation of 1930, with its plan for rearrangement into a "limited number of systems," shippers seemed to be acquiescent in whatever might be directed toward solving the problem of the strong and weak road. Subsequently organized shippers resumed their insistence upon competition. Individual shippers to a large extent persist in a demand for lower rates on pain of diverting traffic, regardless of the effect on railway income, to say nothing of resistance by some of them to restrictions upon the motor truck, a competitor not only taking rail traffic away but aggravating the difficulty of maintaining compensatory rail tariffs on the tonnage retained. From various directions comes obstruction to the abatement of excessive duplication in service, especially passenger. So the railway managers are torn between the forces that drive them asunder and the stark necessity for teamwork. It is the problem described by Albert Fink, in the '80s, so far as that went, when having strenuously but vainly striven for interline co-operation he urged the erection of an Inter-State Commerce Commission to save the roads from themselves and one another.

Albert Fink, however, standing amid the debris of bankruptcies and listening for more, cherished at least the certainty that after the scale-down transportation would continue to be almost all rail and by citizen-owned corporations. Our generation has seen how easy is Federal seizure, granted urgent occasion. Through the day's work stalks the spectre of a rail breakdown due to starvation but attributed by the public to the failure of the systems to sink their several interests in the general necessity, for which the sole remedy may appear to be unification through Federal seizure. Added to this as a possible accelerator of Federal control is the still newer factor of Federal loans secured by collateral which may in due course make the Government a bondholder, tempted or perhaps obliged to retain a large mileage for which no market materializes, and operating it for the benefit of "good faith" populations whom Congress is unwilling to deprive of rail service. Albert Fink, finally, never thought of a motor truck, a Federal barge, a common carrier pipe line or an airplane.

With its present complications, the problem is thrown into the Western laboratory. During the months following news of the purpose, a search was made for a personality to lead the effort. Those reported to be under consideration included active and retired railway officers, incumbent and former Inter-State Commerce Commissioners, and others of wholly different status from the eventual nominee. Mr. Taylor, it is true, has served in Nebraska as a State legislator, and as a State Railway Commissioner, but the predominant element in the experience which led to his selection is his successful and popular service in the staff of the American Railway Association, where the function of co-ordinating car service nation-wide through 13 regional advisory boards has given him among shippers in every branch of activity an acquaintance probably unequalled. His new duty is well defined in the word "mediation"—mediation among participants each retaining the right of dissent, and concurring, when one concurs, through persuasion; mediation among the railways, among shippers and between shippers and rail-

ways. If this experiment does not succeed it is hard to see what will. Railway security owners and trustees, who properly reserve and have more or less exercised the right to review the policies, programs and performances of their executives, can greet with satisfaction and hope an experiment which evinces perception, capacity for planning readjustments to changing conditions and imagination and vigor in putting new practices into effect.

El Dorado.

El Dorado, a country rich beyond all precedent in gold and jewels. The Spanish sailing westward in the sixteenth century sought it here. "It was somewhere on the Amazon"; more disputed, "it was on the Gulf." "It was on the Rio Grande"; some asserted it was in Florida, and that in the heart of this land of fabulous wealth there was a fountain of perpetual youth. Ponce de Leon, disputing over the wine in Cadiz, was sure that El Dorado and its fountain was in Florida, in New Spain. He never found it. The search continued down through the eighteenth century, through the nineteenth century; perhaps the quest is going on to-day. The word has come to be incorporated in every language as a synonym for a land where material wealth might be easily acquired. We thank the great Spanish race for the word; it is now ours. We must thank Spain again for another good, everyday American word—bonanza, meaning fair weather at sea, prosperity, success, a mine of wealth, a profitable thing, good luck.

In ancient Goteborg, in Sweden, there is, or was, an old inn with many curious inscriptions painted in ornate characters on the walls of its public room. One told the wayfarer: "In Stockholm there is a nice inn on the King's highroad where you will find good beer and bread if you will bring it there."

El Dorado lies at every man's door. Your bonanza lies under your feet. Your luck is ready to hand. All is within; nothing is without, though it often appears that men and peoples by dumb luck or avarice or force or overreaching strike upon bonanzas and sail away in fair weather on the sea of prosperity. Time proves the futility of all false acquisitions. War, famine, depression, and mischance step in to despoil the unable, because unlawful holders. Man individually and collectively is entitled to life in all abundance. It is the most evident fact. Religion and philosophy assert it; history and science prove it. "That ye may have life and have it more abundantly," is the law. What do you seek? Pay the price and take it away. There is no limit to the supply, but the more precious the thing you seek the higher the price. For everything we obtain on a material, mental, or spiritual plane we must pay, and pay on a basis of barter. For everything we obtain we must barter the gold of our own spirits. The books of the Eternal are kept on the double entry system and its currency is on a gold basis. Goods, ideas, prosperity, happiness, all in amplitude in exchange for gold.

Where to find the gold of the All Powerful? One secures the gold of the spirit when he finds himself. When he finds himself, he finds freedom and all riches, achievement, and prosperity. High-sounding talk? No; the most palpable evidence of American history and biography, of all history. The concrete proof is apparent even in current events if we but open our eyes. Nothing substantial, lasting, power-

ful, or moving was every accomplished, nor ever can be, except by men discoverers in themselves of the gold of the spirit, which commands dominion, power, and accomplishment. Men who know themselves know at once that all material things and ideas have a spiritual counterpart or basis. They see it in money, in credit. The law of supply and demand is not to an awakened man merely an economic principle, but the material manifestation of a spiritual law. Such freedom-experiencing men see the same principle operating in gravitation, in chemical affinities, in macrocosm and in microcosm. The work by which such men are publicly known is of relatively small importance. The great thing is what they privately think, experience, and feel.

America has long been the greatest of El Dorados, the stage upon which the most numerous of self-found men worked their bonanzas and their miracles of thought to the enrichment of themselves and mankind at large. There is no exploitation, only a showering of gifts, easily bought by free spirits and generously scattered on all hands according to the expressed law of bargain of the Original, Permanent Owner and First Producer. To the self-found man of action all the money, credit, and capital goods he can use. To the poet a very little of material comfort—all he can reasonably use, but a wealth of expression and a world-freeing volume "Leaves of Grass." To the painter food and shelter enough, but an hourly intoxicating joy in form and color. To the musician simple things needful for him only, but the key to a universal language, the esperanto of the soul.

Mackay, O'Brien, Hearst and Fair, brave young Americans of 1849, found gold in themselves before they struck it rich in California. They had to. "If there is gold there," they told one another, "we'll get our share."

George Peabody of Salem carried a tarpaulin-covered dry goods pack on his back from house to house. Really a dry goods pack, and on his back? No, not really. The pack was loaded with philanthropy, the textiles merely a covering. On his back? In appearance merely. In his head he carried a burden of gold of the spirit which he hastened to distribute but could not deplete his store; nor can be ever, though long since in his grave, so much he bought and paid for in the purest gold.

How great must have been the spiritual wealth of such a free self-found man as James J. Hill, who built the Great Northern RR. from nowhere to nowhere, in a wilderness where no one lived. His madness founded an empire. By spiritual force he turned forests and plains into a thousand El Dorados, and by the same force commanded all the gold and credit needed from the markets of Amsterdam and London and enabled millions of Americans to discover for themselves great bonanzas in the cold Northwest.

Thomas A. Edison said a few years before he died: "Ideas come from space. This may seem astonishing and impossible to believe, but it is true. Ideas come from out of space." Surely Edison should have known, for few men ever received or gave forth more ideas. Propriety forbids pointing to the achievements of living men in this land of El Dorados, but as one writes one sees them—men known to us, marching by in solid array, strong individualists, men who have found themselves, men awake in the spirit, receiving bountifully of power, scattering the

riches of their strength in human service on all sides, giving employment to our hands, or delight to our eyes, or filling our souls with the rapture of music. Let us not seek doles and sops from political powers. So we forge chains and fetters upon ourselves.

Let each man seek the El Dorado within himself. Power is plentiful. The source is inexhaustible. As the Canonical Fathers of the church expressed it, that which is received is according to the measure of the recipient. It is not the power that is lacking, it is the will. When one finds oneself the will becomes automatically set toward El Dorado.

By a full and powerful imagination anything can be brought into concrete form. The great physician, Paracelsus, said: "The human spirit is so great a thing that no man can express it; could we rightly comprehend the mind of man nothing would be impossible to us upon the earth. Through faith the imagination is invigorated and completed, for it really happens that every doubt mars its perfection. Faith must strengthen the imagination, for faith establishes the will." Faith is personal, individual. Salvation, any way you take it, is personal. Faith comes in the finding of one's self. This self-finding establishes a clear realization of one's identity with the Eternal. Strong, self-assertive men built up this El Dorado of America. "Man, know thyself," thine own individual self, is everlastingly the supreme command. Self-knowers dwell always in El Dorado; they drink from the fountain of youth, and are at all times own owners of all they wish to enjoy.

Salter Report Goes in for Some Criticism.

The report dealing with the question of railway and highway transportation in England, which was prepared on Aug. 17 by a group of British experts headed by the celebrated economist, Sir Arthur Salter, has now come in for some criticism by the Federation of British Industries, the Motor Legislation Committee and the Mansion House Association on Transport.

The report was reviewed in the Sept. 3 issue of the "Chronicle," on pages 1544 and 1545, and now, according to the "Railway Gazette," the criticisms expressed by the several organizations vary to some extent, but it is significant that so far as the taxation of road vehicles is concerned, they are unanimous in urging the Minister of Transport to attach more weight to the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Transport than to those of the Salter Conference. Back in 1930 the Royal Commission recommended that in the future one-third of the cost of the highways should fall on the rate-payer and two-thirds should be borne by the motorist. This recommendation was not implemented by legislation, and the Salter Conference expressed the view that the total contributions payable by all classes of mechanically propelled vehicles should be equal to the current expenditure on the roads. At the same time the Federation of British Industries admits that some redistribution of the present burden of taxation is necessary and agrees with the Royal Commission's view that some of the heavier vehicles do not pay by way of direct taxation a fair contribution proportionate to that paid by the lighter vehicles.

The Motor Legislation Committee, while submitting that the basis of taxation propounded by the Conference is unsound, does not offer any alternative basis for the present scale of taxation which makes no differentiation between five-ton vehicles

and those of heavier weights. Since this Committee indicates their preference for the scale proposed by the Royal Commission, it may be inferred that they are agreeable to increased duties on vehicles exceeding five tons in weight, although this is not explicitly stated. It is important to note, therefore, that the Royal Commission recommended that additional steps at each ton over five tons should be provided in the existing scale for the purpose of taxation, with a substantial increase in the duty payable. They did not propose any particular scale, but expressed the opinion that there was no reason why the duty payable in respect of an unloaded motor vehicle weighing between nine and 10 tons should not be as high as £120 per annum. A graduated scale is precisely what the Conference has recommended, although, after going into detailed calculations, they have worked out actual scales upon the basis of which nine to 10-ton motor vehicles, fitted with pneumatic tires would pay £226 per annum, instead of £48 as at present, and £120 recommended by the Royal Commission.

The Mansion House Association, on the other hand, does not dissent from the application of the principle on which the Conference have based their taxation proposals. At the same time they express doubt as to whether the allocation of annual license duties is a correct apportionment according to user, and, after making certain statistical criticisms, suggests that in equity adjustments should be made to recognize to a greater extent the factor of actual road usage in respect of motor trucks. In common with the two organizations previously mentioned, the Association submit that the figure of £60,000,000 per annum, assumed by the Conference as the annual road expenditure for the next five years, requires the most careful investigation, having regard to the large proportion of this sum which represents major improvements and new construction in connection with which there are distinct possibilities of curtailment of expenditure in the future. This is a fair criticism, says the "Gazette," but it is assumed that if the general principle upon which the Conference have based their proposed scales of license duties is accepted, it would be comparatively easy to relate any reduction in the total road expenditure to the quantum of those duties. The Association also urge, reasonably, that whatever basis of taxation is ultimately adopted, it should not be stabilized for a longer period than two or three years, in order that any savings in road expenditure may be reflected in taxation.

The London "Railway Gazette" points out that the insistence of the three bodies on the necessity for acting upon the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Transport rather than those of the Conference is not without humor, in view of the fact that both suggested that motor truck operators should be licensed and that the licensing system should insure (a) the fitness of the vehicle (b) the application of the proper wages and conditions of service to the employes of the truck owners. Only the Mansion House Association, however, express approval of these recommendations. The Royal Commission and the Conference also urged that ancillary users should not be allowed to convey return loads, but all three trading organizations turn down the dual recommendations. Further, both the Commission and the Conference agree that it is not in the national interest to encourage further diversion

of heavy freight traffic from the railways to the highways and ask the Minister of Transport to obtain powers to prohibit certain traffics being transferred to the road in the future, but this point is also ignored by the trading organizations.

The Federation and the Association each regards the recommendation of the Conference for the institution of a record of journeys as impracticable, while the former also ask the Minister to consider the possibility of relieving the railways of as many statutory obligations as possible. The "Gazette" suggests, however, that in the main these are designed to protect the interests of the trading community and indicates that traders would strongly resent any modification in the control of railway rates by the Railway Rates Tribunal. Further, it cannot be doubted that any alteration which might be proposed in the law of undue preference would meet with intense opposition by traders. The reference made by the Federation and Association to the anomaly existing under the Railway Act, 1921, by which two entirely distinct statutory bodies control operating costs and rates and charges respectively is deeply appreciated. Incidentally, the Railway Rates Tribunal, in their 1932 review of the standard and exceptional charges, called the attention of the companies to the widely prevalent view that their policy vis-a-vis their workmen led to a wage operating cost largely out of proportion to what it should be.

Finally the Association remark that they can only view the Conference Report as part of a much wider inquiry which is necessary before any definite legislative action is taken. It is necessary to note, therefore, that the Royal Commission on Transport recommended that a permanent advisory on transport be appointed to advise the Minister of Transport as to the action he might usefully take to promote the co-ordination, improvement and development of transport. On the other hand, the Salter Conference make it quite clear that their recommendations are only a preliminary stage to the fundamental problem of co-ordinating and thereby cheapening transport in the national interest. Such a task involves the problem of determining as scientifically as possible the spheres in which the respective forms of transport can function economically. It must be admitted that certain short-distance traffic formerly conveyed by railway can now be carried more quickly and cheaply by motor truck. Conversely, there is no doubt that a great deal of traffic has been diverted from the railways to trucks through the failure to put the taxation on motor trucks on a proper basis. Once this position has been adopted, and the results closely observed over a period of time, it will be possible to proceed with the study of the much more difficult but essential task of co-ordination to provide the most economical system of transport.

The Course of the Bond Market.

The current week in the bond market was characterized by a firming of prices which at the close of the week, were slightly higher for most groups. President Hoover's message to Congress, and particularly the part recommending the manufacturers' sales tax, apparently made for better sentiment. Moody's price index for 120 domestic bonds on Friday was 79.11 as compared with 78.66 a week ago and 79.34 two weeks ago.

The movement in United States Government obligations was the outstanding feature of the bond market during the

week, these issues having moved into new high ground for the year. On Aug. 11 1932, Moody's price index for eight long term Treasury bonds was 101.80. On Thursday this level was duplicated and the close on Friday was 101.82. Last week the index stood at 101.45 as compared with 101.50 two weeks ago. The probable cause for this rise was the anticipation that Congress would balance the budget at this session. The Dec. 15 Treasury financing might be taken as a forerunner of a balanced budget as the one-year $\frac{3}{4}\%$ certificates and the four-year $2\frac{3}{4}\%$ notes provided only sufficient funds to care for the \$600,000,000 maturities of this date.

Most railroad bonds experienced price recovery last week. The improvement was not confined to high grade bonds; second grade and highly speculative issues also participated in the recovery. In the absence of news favorable to railroads, the advances would seem to be of a technical nature. One of the more spectacular advances was in the Mobile & Ohio gen. mtge. 4s, 1938, which are outstanding in the hands of the public in small amount (most of the bonds are pledged as collateral for the Southern Railway Co.—Mobile & Ohio coll. tr. 4s, 1938). They have been benefited by the announcement that the trustee has funds to retire the bonds under sinking fund provisions. This issue advanced from $40\frac{1}{2}$ to 63 a gain of $22\frac{1}{2}$ points for the week. Other advances were experienced by Baltimore & Ohio conv. $4\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1933, from 61 to $63\frac{1}{2}$, Erie ref. & imp. 5s, 1967, from 24 to $26\frac{1}{4}$, Southern Pacific deb. $4\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1969, from 43 to $45\frac{7}{8}$, and Union Pacific 1st mtge. 4s, 1947, from 94 to 98. Among the declines registered are those of Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific 50-year mtge. 5s, 1975, from $19\frac{3}{8}$ to 19, Colorado & Southern Railway gen. mtge. $4\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1980, from 51 to $49\frac{3}{4}$, and Wisconsin Central Railway 1st mtge. 4s, 1949, from 31 to $15\frac{3}{4}$, the latter a reflection of the previous week's announcement of the appointment of receivers. The 40 railroad bond price index was 70.05 on Friday, 69.86 last Friday and 70.90 two weeks ago.

The current week opened up in desultory fashion with interest lagging in utility bonds, movements in such issues being quite irregular. From Tuesday on, however, prices turned upward and utility bonds were prominent in this movement. All grades took part and volume was on an increased scale. High grade issues were particularly in demand and noticeably high levels were attained by American Telephone & Telegraph $5\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1943, Brooklyn Union Gas 5s, 1945, Consolidated Gas 5s, 1957, New York Gas, Electric Light, Heat & Power 5s, 1948, Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power of Baltimore $5\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1952, and West Penn Power 4s, 1961. Lower grades were more spotty, but there was discernible strength in such issues as Arkansas Power & Light 5s, 1956, Cities Service 5s, 1950, Chicago District Electric Generating $5\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1935, Gattineau Power 6s, 1941, Western Union $6\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1936. The International Telephone & Telegraph bonds were noticeably weak on Tuesday following an unfavorable announcement concerning the Spanish subsidiary, but some recovery took place later on with a modification of Spanish policy. The price index for this group stood at 84.60 on Friday, as compared with 83.60 a week ago and 84.10 two weeks ago.

General rallying tendencies were evident in the industrial bond list for the week. However, except in the highest grade sections, the action of the stock market and trade news naturally dominated, making for irregular and divergent movement by groups and issues. After holding for a considerable period, steel bonds were weaker, Otis 6s, 1941, declining to 22, and Youngstown Sheet & Tube 5s, falling back to 57. A good tone continued in the oils. Only fair retail sales reports for November caused a softening in prices of merchandising issues. Seasonal motor talk and anticipation of new model production brought a better trend to the prices of Dodge Bros. 6s, 1940, and Studebaker 6s, 1942. Clarification of the Louis K. Liggett lease tangle saw United Drug 5s, 1953 recover a few points to 47. A comparative new comer to the list, Owens Illinois Glass 5s, 1939, made a new high at par, while Crown Cork & Seal 6s, 1947 were firm near their high for the year, in anticipation of legal beer. With the proposal to holders of \$8,684,000 Lehigh Valley Coal 4s and 5s of January 1 1933, to accept only 50% in cash at maturity and bonds for the balance, another major corporation reflected the extended poor industrial circumstances. No December 1 interest had been paid on Schulte Real Estate 6s, 1935, up to Friday. Moody's industrial price index was 83.97 on Friday, as compared with 83.85 a week before and 84.22 two weeks ago.

The foreign bond market gave evidence of some strength, particularly noticeable in Argentine and Australian bonds. German Government, corporation and municipal issues as well as the obligations of Colombia Mortgage Bank also moved up somewhat. The bonds of the Kingdom of Norway and Belgium recorded slight gains. Among the issues which showed little change in their respective market valuations were the Italian, Hungarian and Japanese government issues. The various Japanese public utility credits listed in our market evidenced irregular tendencies, some gaining slightly while others declined fractionally. Bulgarian bonds were somewhat lower, the same as Czechs. Sharp drops took place in

the City of Prague 8s and the City of Buenos Aires 6 1/8s. Uruguayans were also weak. Moody's foreign bond yield average on Friday stood at 10.46% as compared with 10.54% a week ago and 10.54% two weeks ago.

The outstanding interest in the municipal market was the narrowly averted default of the City of New York by the margin of only ten minutes. Bankers agreed to provide funds for bond service as a result of promised cuts in the budget. City bonds recovered about 3 points on the news. High and medium grade issues were firm. Strength continued in Miami, Florida, bonds.

Moody's bond prices and bond yield averages follows:

MOODY'S BOND PRICES.* (Based on Average Yields.)										MOODY'S BOND YIELD AVERAGES.† (Based on Individual Closing Prices.)										
1932 Daily Averages.	All 120 Domes- tic.	120 Domestic by Ratings.				120 Domestic by Groups.				1932 Daily Averages.	All 120 Domes- tic.	120 Domestic by Ratings.				120 Domestic by Groups.				40 For- eigns.
		Aaa.	Aa.	A.	Baa.	RR.	P. U.	Indus.	Aaa.			Aa.	A.	Baa.	RR.	P. U.	Indus.			
Dec. 9	79.11	102.30	87.83	75.40	60.38	70.05	84.60	83.97	Dec. 9	6.29	4.61	5.58	6.63	8.34	7.17	5.83	5.88	10.46		
18	78.77	102.30	87.89	75.29	59.80	69.86	84.10	83.85	8	6.32	4.61	5.59	6.64	8.42	7.19	5.87	5.89	10.40		
7	78.66	101.97	87.83	75.29	59.58	69.86	83.85	83.72	7	6.33	4.63	5.58	6.64	8.45	7.19	5.89	5.90	10.44		
6	78.55	101.64	87.69	75.09	59.36	69.49	83.72	83.72	6	6.34	4.65	5.59	6.66	8.48	7.23	5.90	5.90	10.54		
5	78.32	101.81	87.30	75.19	59.15	69.22	83.72	83.60	5	6.36	4.64	5.62	6.65	8.51	7.26	5.90	5.91	10.56		
4	78.44	101.97	87.30	75.09	59.29	69.31	83.72	83.72	3	6.35	4.63	5.62	6.66	8.49	7.25	5.90	5.90	10.52		
3	78.66	101.81	87.43	75.19	59.80	69.86	83.60	83.85	2	6.33	4.64	5.61	6.65	8.42	7.19	5.91	5.89	10.54		
2	78.77	101.64	87.30	75.29	60.01	69.96	83.72	83.85	1	6.32	4.65	5.62	6.64	8.39	7.18	5.90	5.89	10.57		
Weekly										Weekly										
Nov. 25	79.34	102.14	87.96	76.03	60.60	70.90	84.10	84.22	Nov. 25	6.27	4.62	5.57	6.57	8.31	7.08	5.87	5.86	10.54		
18	80.03	102.14	88.23	76.78	61.71	71.96	84.97	84.35	18	6.21	4.62	5.55	6.50	8.16	6.97	5.80	5.85	10.33		
11	79.91	101.97	87.96	76.67	61.71	72.55	84.60	83.48	11	6.22	4.63	5.57	6.51	8.16	6.91	5.83	5.92	10.10		
4	79.11	101.64	87.56	76.03	60.38	71.57	83.85	82.74	4	6.29	4.65	5.60	6.57	8.34	7.01	5.89	5.98	10.30		
Oct. 28	80.49	101.64	88.23	77.11	62.79	73.45	85.23	83.60	Oct. 28	6.17	4.65	5.55	6.47	8.02	6.82	5.78	5.91	10.20		
21	81.18	101.81	88.90	77.55	63.98	74.25	86.12	83.97	21	6.11	4.64	5.50	6.43	7.87	6.74	5.71	5.88	10.09		
14	80.84	101.64	88.63	77.22	63.66	73.95	85.61	83.72	14	6.14	4.65	5.52	6.46	7.91	6.77	5.75	5.90	9.97		
7	81.42	101.81	88.63	77.33	64.96	74.67	86.64	83.72	7	6.09	4.64	5.52	6.45	7.75	6.70	5.67	5.90	9.99		
Sept. 30	82.50	102.30	89.45	78.44	66.30	76.67	87.43	83.85	Sept. 30	6.00	4.61	5.46	6.35	7.59	6.51	5.61	5.89	9.98		
23	82.14	101.47	88.90	77.66	66.81	76.46	86.77	83.72	23	6.03	4.66	5.50	6.42	7.53	6.53	5.66	5.90	10.03		
16	80.84	100.49	87.83	76.78	64.88	74.88	85.61	82.74	16	6.14	4.72	5.58	6.50	7.76	6.68	5.75	5.98	10.48		
9	81.78	100.33	88.10	77.22	67.16	76.25	86.51	83.23	9	6.06	4.73	5.56	6.46	7.49	6.55	5.68	5.94	10.33		
2	81.18	99.68	87.43	76.39	66.47	76.14	85.74	82.14	2	6.11	4.77	5.61	6.49	7.57	6.56	5.74	6.03	10.92		
Aug. 26	80.95	99.36	87.96	76.67	65.79	76.25	85.87	81.18	Aug. 26	6.13	4.79	5.57	6.51	7.65	6.55	5.73	6.11	10.99		
19	80.14	98.73	86.38	75.61	65.54	76.35	84.85	79.45	19	6.20	4.83	5.69	6.61	7.68	6.54	5.81	6.26	11.19		
12	76.67	96.70	83.85	72.26	61.11	71.38	81.66	77.66	12	6.51	4.98	5.89	6.94	8.24	7.03	6.07	6.42	11.30		
5	72.26	95.18	80.72	68.67	54.61	65.45	77.55	74.77	5	6.94	5.06	6.15	7.32	9.20	7.69	6.48	6.69	11.63		
July 29	70.43	94.29	79.45	67.42	51.85	64.15	75.82	72.26	July 29	7.13	5.12	6.26	7.46	9.67	7.85	6.49	6.94	11.73		
22	66.98	93.26	77.88	63.27	47.63	59.87	73.05	69.31	22	7.51	5.19	6.40	7.96	10.48	8.41	6.88	7.25	12.02		
15	64.71	91.81	76.46	60.16	45.50	56.32	72.16	67.25	15	7.78	5.29	6.53	8.37	10.94	8.93	6.95	7.48	12.16		
8	62.87	90.83	74.67	58.73	43.58	54.86	69.40	65.96	8	8.01	5.36	6.70	8.57	11.39	9.16	7.24	7.26	12.13		
1	62.48	90.13	74.77	58.52	43.02	54.73	69.13	65.12	1	8.06	5.41	6.69	8.60	11.53	9.18	7.27	7.73	13.75		
June 24	63.27	90.27	75.82	59.36	43.62	55.61	69.58	66.04	June 24	7.96	5.40	6.59	8.48	11.38	9.04	7.22	7.62	13.92		
17	63.90	90.55	76.78	59.94	44.25	56.32	70.52	66.21	17	7.98	5.38	6.50	8.40	11.23	8.93	7.12	7.60	14.30		
10	63.11	90.13	76.35	59.80	43.02	55.61	69.68	65.62	10	7.88	5.41	6.54	8.42	11.53	9.04	7.21	7.67	14.75		
3	60.97	89.04	73.45	58.04	41.03	52.47	68.58	63.90	3	8.26	5.49	6.82	8.67	12.05	9.56	7.33	7.88	15.29		
May 28	59.01	86.64	73.55	58.12	38.88	49.53	66.73	63.35	May 28	8.53	5.67	6.81	8.96	12.67	10.10	7.54	7.95	15.28		
21	62.02	89.45	77.00	58.52	41.44	52.24	71.09	65.29	21	8.12	5.46	6.48	8.60	11.94	9.60	7.06	7.71	14.82		
14	63.98	92.10	78.88	60.31	42.90	54.55	72.95	66.64	14	7.87	5.27	6.31	8.35	11.56	9.21	6.87	7.55	14.03		
7	65.55	93.26	80.95	63.19	45.46	57.64	74.46	79.40	7	7.56	5.19	6.13	7.97	10.95	8.76	6.72	7.24	14.10		
Apr. 29	68.40	93.85	81.90	65.62	47.44	59.94	75.92	70.90	Apr. 29	7.35	5.15	6.05	7.67	10.52	8.49	6.58	7.08	13.70		
22	69.86	94.58	82.62	67.07	49.22	62.56	76.68	71.48	22	7.19	5.10	5.99	7.50	10.16	8.05	6.50	7.02	13.31		
15	68.49	92.82	80.95	66.64	47.73	60.82	74.98	71.00	15	7.34	5.22	6.13	7.55	10.46	8.28	6.67	7.07	13.23		
8	67.07	92.68	79.68	67.07	45.15	59.29	71.87	71.38	8	7.50	5.23	6.24	7.50	11.02	8.49	6.98	7.03	12.87		
1	71.67	94.58	82.50	71.29	50.80	64.80	77.55	73.65	1	7.00	5.10	6.00	7.04	9.86	7.77	6.43	6.80	12.77		
Mar. 24	74.88	96.70	84.35	73.45	55.42	70.15	80.72	74.57	Mar. 24	6.68	4.96	5.85	6.82	9.07	7.16	6.15	6.71	12.66		
18	75.61	96.70	84.72	73.85	56.58	71.19	81.07	74.98	18	6.61	4.96	5.82	6.78	8.89	7.05	6.12	6.67	12.62		
11	77.55	97.62	85.74	75.29	59.80	73.85	83.35	76.14	11	6.43	4.90	5.74	6.64	8.42	6.78	5.93	6.56	12.31		
4	75.82	95.63	83.48	73.35	58.66	72.95	81.42	73.55	4	6.59	5.03	5.92	6.83	8.58	6.87	6.09	6.81	12.55		
Feb. 26	74.57	94.29	82.02	72.26	57.57	71.67	79.68	72.75	Feb. 26	6.51	5.12	6.04	6.94	8.74	7.00	6.24	6.89	12.82		
19	74.46	93.70	81.54	71.77	58.32	71.77	79.56	72.45	19	6.72	5.16	6.08	6.99	8.63	6.99	6.25	6.92	12.86		
12	72.16	91.67	79.80	69.77	55.55	69.31	77.11	70.62	12	6.95	5.30	6.23	7.20	9.05	7.25	6.47	7.11	13.23		
5	72.65	91.31	80.49	70.62	55.73	70.15	77.44	70.71	5	6.90	5.29	6.17	7.11	9.02	7.16	6.44	7.10	13.00		
Jan. 29	72.95	92.25	81.07	70.52	55.99	70.71	77.66	70.81	Jan. 29	6.87	5.26	6.12	7.12	8.98	7.10	6.42	7.09	13.22		
22	74.36	93.49	82.99	72.06	57.17	72.06	80.14	71.48	22	6.73	5.18	5.96	6.96	8.80	6.96	6.20	7.02	13.12		
15	74.77	93.70	82.87	73.15	57.30	72.16	81.54	71.19	15	6.69	5.16	5.97	6.85	8.75	6.95	6.50	7.05	13.30		
High 1932	82.62	102.30	89.72	78.55	67.86	78.99	87.69	84.60	Low 1932	5.99	4.61	5.44	6.34	7.41	6.30	5.59	5.83	10.88		
Low 1932	57.57	85.61	71.38	54.43	37.94	47.58	65.71	62.00	High 1931	5.75	4.63	5.43	6.33	7.41	6.30	5.59	5.83	10.88		
High 1931	93.55	106																		

No Losses in 100 Years.

"3. The record of experience with regard to losses on State funds resulting from bank failures furnishes what might be considered a conclusive argument to disprove the necessity for covering such deposits with surety bond guaranties. (I am informed that there has been no such loss within the last 100 years, and certainly none since the establishment of the Banking Department and attendant provisions affecting the priority of State funds.)

"4. Finally, the burden of interest rates, plus surety premiums imposed on the depository banks, particularly under present conditions, is not to be overlooked.

"The State of New York now receives a rate of interest which, when considered in conjunction with surety bond premiums, makes these accounts unprofitable. Compared with the usual rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% on private accounts, State deposits require a rate of 1 to 2% or an average of about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. When $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% must be added to this for surety premiums the rate becomes 2%. Then, when taken into consideration that a reserve of 13 to 15% of the deposit must be held in cash, the rate on the remaining 85%—the amount actually employed—amounts to over 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ %.

Mostly Demand Deposits.

"Now, by far the greater part of New York State, county and municipal deposits are 'demand deposits.' The annual report of the Secretary of the United States Treasury for June 1930 shows that the total of such demand deposits in New York State was \$368,825,000 compared with \$56,504,000 in time deposits. Demand deposits restrict the employment of funds to short-term paper and the call loan market, chiefly the latter. A comparison of the call loan rates during the last year with the above cost of carrying

State deposits (at about 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ %) is little short of ridiculous. At the present time the call money rate of 1% allows no margin of profit to the bank.

"It is the average earnings of a banking institution that determine its solvency. Reference to the statistical abstract of the United States (1930) and the Federal Reserve System reveals that these earnings were as follows

1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
\$1.39	\$1.36	\$1.45	\$1.56	\$.87

"For the year 1929 figures are given which show that net profits at \$100 of earning assets for national bank memos were \$1.34, compared with the \$1.90 for 'State banks,' &c. With these low margins of profit, it is apparent that the relatively higher rates on State deposits, plus surety fees, may represent a liability rather than an asset to many banks.

Help to Float Bonds.

"State officials cannot neglect the fact that it is the banks that are the most helpful in the flotation of State bonds. Without their help many difficulties would be encountered.

"It is my firm conviction that the State can best serve its own interests and that of the sound banking institutions within the State, reflecting the financial status of the Commonwealth, by removing all requirements related to surety bond guaranties on State deposits. If there appeared any real necessity for such a provision, my opinion might be radically revised. Under the circumstances, however, it is apparent that this requirement not only affects the earnings and hence the stability of the State banks, but public confidence, which is of equal if not of greater importance."

The New Capital Flotations During the Month of November and for the 11 Months Since the First of January

With the Presidential election under way, new financing during November was at a low ebb and, indeed, the new issues brought out were the smallest of any month since October of last year following the action of Great Britain the month before in suspending gold payments when the whole financial world was completely upset as a consequence. With the new flotations so light, the result is to give further emphasis to what we have said in all recent previous months, namely, that ordinary financing now holds a decidedly subordinate place to the financing done by the U. S. Government. For this reason in any analysis and review of the demands made upon the money and investment markets consideration must first be given to the new issues brought out by the U. S. Government. Then, also, it must be remembered that much of the financing formerly done in the ordinary way through corporate undertakings and by States and municipalities is now being done by the United States through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and other Government agencies. It should not be forgotten, either, that the United States presents its offerings in very tempting form, stripping them of all requirements to pay income taxes, not merely the normal income taxes, but the surtaxes as well, an important consideration now that the income tax rates have been very greatly raised.

As a result of all this, new financing by the United States now represents larger new debt creation than all other sources of new capital issues combined. The shrinking in the volume of new capital issues brought out in the ordinary way is of course easily explained. It is due to the fact that general investment and market conditions have continued highly unfavorable, making it risky business to undertake the floating of new securities, even those of a very choice type. In a measure, also, the Government has really been pre-empting the ground and certainly it has been occupying the investment field to the disadvantage of ordinary financing, a matter of no small consequence, especially in view of the fact that owing to the prevailing loss of confidence in security values generally, the demand on the part of the investing public has been almost entirely for the highest and best type of security investment—and obviously nothing could be higher or better than a United States obligation, though that does not mean that such an obligation may not suffer sharp depreciation on occasions, as the investor has learned from sad experience. In recent months, certainly, U. S. Government financing has been of far larger magnitude than the ordinary financing as represented by the borrowings of corporations, municipalities, farm loan emissions and the like. Therefore, we now pursue the practice of dealing with it before dealing with our compilations relating to ordinary financing.

In any study of new financing the important point is to know how much of the financing represents distinctly new capital, as distinguished from issues made to provide for the taking up and retiring of issues already outstanding, and which are to be replaced by the new issues. And this is particularly true with reference to the placing of U. S. Government securities. Treasury bills are all the time maturing, having a life usually for only 90 to 93 days, and have to be replaced with other issues, while Treasury

certificates of indebtedness are another form of short-term borrowing which has to be periodically renewed without swelling the outstanding aggregate of indebtedness. So long as the Government was showing huge budget surpluses and the Government indebtedness was as a result being steadily and largely reduced, the matter was of little consequence, but now that there is a budget deficit running into billions a year, it is important to know the extent to which the Government itself is obliged to have recourse to the investment and money markets.

During November new obligations brought out by the U. S. Treasury were not of the magnitude of those offered in other months and as a matter of fact they consisted entirely of sales of Treasury bills on a discount basis. There were four of these bill offerings during November and the aggregate of the bills disposed of reached \$310,536,000, the whole amount being for the purpose of taking up maturing issues and involving therefore no new capital and no addition to the public debt. The details of these issues follow immediately below.

New Treasury Offerings During the Month of November.

An issue of \$75,000,000 or thereabouts of 91-day Treasury bills was announced by Secretary of the Treasury Mills on Nov. 1. The bills were dated Nov. 9 1932 and will mature Feb. 8 1933. The total amount applied for was \$229,939,000. The amount accepted was \$75,056,000. The average price was 99.945, the average rate on a bank discount basis being 0.22%. They were all issued to replace maturing bills.

Mr. Mills on Nov. 9 announced a second offering of 91-day Treasury bills in the amount of \$75,000,000 or thereabouts. The bills were dated Nov. 16 1932 and will mature Feb. 15 1933. The total amount applied for was \$311,766,000. The amount of bids accepted was \$75,480,000. The average price was 99.948, the average rate on a bank discount basis being 0.21%, all issued to replace maturing bills.

On Nov. 17 still another offering was announced by Mr. Mills, this time of 92-day Treasury bills in the amount of \$60,000,000 or thereabouts. The bills were dated Nov. 23 1932 and will mature Feb. 23 1933. The amount of tenders received was \$270,688,000. The amount of bids accepted was \$60,000,000. The average price was 99.957, the average rate on a bank discount basis being 0.17%. All issued to replace maturing bills.

A further issue of \$100,000,000 or thereabouts of 91-day Treasury bills was announced by Secretary of the Treasury Mills on Nov. 22. The bills were dated Nov. 30 1932 and will mature March 1 1933. The amount of tenders received was \$302,630,000. The amount of bids accepted was \$100,000,000. The average price of the Treasury bills was 99.966, which made the average rate on a bank discount basis 0.13%, a record low. All were issued to replace maturing bills.

In the following we show all the Treasury financing back to the first of January. The result is found to be that the Government disposed of \$7,498,260,600 during the 11 months to Nov. 30, of which \$4,438,741,500 went to take up existing issues, and \$4,059,519,100 constituted new debt.

UNITED STATES TREASURY FINANCING DURING FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF 1932.

Date Offered.	Dated.	Due.	Amount Applied for.	Amount Accepted.	Price.	Yield.
Jan. 7	Jan. 15	91 days	\$169,337,000	\$50,175,000	Average 99.272	*2.875%
Jan. 17	Jan. 25	93 days	191,581,000	50,937,000	Average 99.358	*2.40%
Jan. 25	Feb. 1	6 months	395,938,500	227,631,000	100	3.125%
Jan. 25	Feb. 1	1 year	250,148,000	144,372,000	100	3.75%
Jan. 31	Feb. 8	93 days	196,873,000	76,399,000	Average 99.314	*2.65%
Feb. 7	Feb. 15	93 days	211,872,000	75,689,000	Average 99.287	*2.76%
Feb. 16	Feb. 24	91 days	196,183,000	62,851,000	Average 99.317	*2.71%
Feb. 24	Mar. 2	91 days	292,984,000	101,412,000	Average 99.369	*2.50%
Mar. 5	Mar. 15	1 year	a28,000,000	a28,000,000	100	2.00%
Mar. 6	Mar. 15	7 months	952,619,500	333,492,500	100	3.125%
Mar. 6	Mar. 30	91 days	2,450,605,000	660,653,500	100	3.75%
Mar. 23	Apr. 1	91 days	360,198,000	102,169,000	Average 99.474	*2.08%
Apr. 7	Apr. 15	91 days	399,374,000	76,200,000	Average 99.735	*1.05%
Apr. 14	Apr. 20	91 days	289,740,000	75,600,000	Average 99.843	*0.62%
Apr. 21	Apr. 27	91 days	241,451,000	51,550,000	Average 99.841	*0.63%
Apr. 25	May 2	1 year	1,699,868,000	239,197,000	100	2.00%
Apr. 25	May 2	2 years	2,496,428,700	244,234,600	100	3.00%
May 4	May 11	91 days	351,661,000	76,744,000	Average 99.829	*0.68%
May 11	May 18	91 days	395,069,000	75,000,000	Average 99.893	*0.43%
May 18	May 25	91 days	334,818,000	60,050,000	Average 99.927	*0.29%
May 24	June 1	91 days	296,503,000	100,200,000	Average 99.919	*0.32%
June 5	June 15	1 year	1,653,814,000	373,856,500	100	1.50%
June 5	June 15	3 years	1,143,563,400	416,602,800	100	3.00%
June 22	June 29	91 days	292,881,000	100,466,000	Average 99.897	*0.41%
July 7	July 13	90 days	273,656,000	75,278,000	Average 99.904	*0.39%
July 14	July 20	91 days	241,256,000	75,923,000	Average 99.899	*0.40%
July 21	July 27	91 days	191,613,000	83,317,000	Average 99.882	*0.47%
July 24	Aug. 1	2 years	1,706,626,800	345,392,600	100	2.125%
July 24	Aug. 1	4 years	3,804,727,700	365,138,000	100	3.25%
Aug. 4	Aug. 10	91 days	333,468,000	75,217,000	Average 99.866	*0.53%
Aug. 11	Aug. 17	91 days	333,747,000	75,016,000	Average 99.878	*0.48%
Aug. 18	Aug. 24	91 days	347,816,000	62,350,000	Average 99.894	*0.42%
Aug. 25	Aug. 31	91 days	463,281,000	100,500,000	Average 99.918	*0.32%
Sept. 6	Sept. 15	5 years	4,351,749,900	834,401,500	100	3.25%
Sept. 6	Sept. 15	1 year	3,069,449,600	451,447,000	100	1.25%
Sept. 26	Sept. 28	91 days	412,500,000	100,665,000	Average 99.941	*0.23%
Oct. 3	Oct. 11	92 days	259,468,000	75,954,000	Average 99.951	*0.19%
Oct. 5	Oct. 15	4 1/2 years	8,368,343,700	508,338,600	100	3.00%
Oct. 12	Oct. 19	91 days	252,465,000	75,110,000	Average 99.965	*0.14%
Oct. 19	Oct. 26	91 days	227,202,000	80,295,000	Average 99.951	*0.20%
Nov. 1	Nov. 9	91 days	229,939,000	75,056,000	Average 99.945	*0.22%
Nov. 9	Nov. 16	91 days	311,766,000	75,480,000	Average 99.948	*0.21%
Nov. 17	Nov. 23	92 days	270,688,000	60,000,000	Average 99.957	*0.17%
Nov. 22	Nov. 30	91 days	302,630,000	100,000,000	Average 99.966	*0.13%

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

USE OF FUNDS.

Date Offered.	Type of Security.	Total Amount Accepted.	Refunding.	New Indebtedness.
Jan. 7	Treasury bills	\$50,175,000	\$50,175,000	-----
Jan. 17	Treasury bills	50,937,000	50,937,000	-----
Jan. 25	3 1/2% Treasury cts.	227,631,000	50,000,000	\$322,003,000
Jan. 25	3 1/4% Treasury cts.	144,372,000	-----	-----
Jan. 31	Treasury bills	76,399,000	76,399,000	-----
Feb. 7	Treasury bills	75,689,000	75,689,000	-----
Feb. 16	Treasury bills	62,851,000	62,851,000	-----
Feb. 24	Treasury bills	101,412,000	101,412,000	-----
Mar. 5	2% Treasury cts.	*28,000,000	-----	*28,000,000
Mar. 6	3 1/2% Treasury cts.	333,492,500	624,000,000	370,146,000
Mar. 6	3 3/4% Treasury cts.	660,653,500	-----	-----
Mar. 23	Treasury bills	102,169,000	102,169,000	-----
Apr. 7	Treasury bills	76,200,000	50,175,000	26,025,000
Apr. 14	Treasury bills	75,600,000	-----	75,600,000
Apr. 21	Treasury bills	51,550,000	51,550,000	-----
Apr. 25	3% Treasury notes	239,197,000	-----	239,197,000
Apr. 25	3% Treasury notes	244,234,600	-----	244,234,600
May 4	Treasury bills	76,744,000	76,744,000	-----
May 11	Treasury bills	75,000,000	75,000,000	-----
May 18	Treasury bills	60,050,000	60,050,000	-----
May 24	Treasury bills	100,200,000	100,200,000	-----
June 5	1 1/2% Treasury cts.	373,856,500	324,578,500	465,880,800
June 5	3% Treasury notes	416,602,800	-----	-----
June 22	Treasury bills	100,466,000	-----	-----
July 7	Treasury bills	75,278,000	75,278,000	-----
July 14	Treasury bills	75,923,000	75,923,000	-----
July 21	Treasury bills	83,317,000	51,550,000	31,767,000
July 24	2 1/4% Treasury notes	345,292,600	227,631,000	482,799,600
July 24	3 3/4% Treasury notes	365,138,000	-----	-----
Aug. 4	Treasury bills	75,217,000	75,217,000	-----
Aug. 11	Treasury bills	75,016,000	75,016,000	-----
Aug. 18	Treasury bills	62,350,000	62,350,000	-----
Aug. 25	Treasury bills	100,500,000	100,500,000	-----
Sept. 6	3 1/4% Treasury notes	834,401,500	712,504,500	573,344,000
Sept. 6	1 1/2% Treasury cts.	451,447,000	-----	-----
Sept. 26	Treasury bills	100,665,000	100,665,000	-----
Oct. 3	Treasury bills	75,954,000	50,278,000	25,676,000
Oct. 5	3% Treasury notes	508,338,600	333,492,500	174,846,100
Oct. 12	Treasury bills	75,110,000	75,110,000	-----
Oct. 19	Treasury bills	80,295,000	80,295,000	-----
Nov. 1	Treasury bills	75,056,000	75,056,000	-----
Nov. 9	Treasury bills	75,480,000	75,480,000	-----
Nov. 17	Treasury bills	60,000,000	60,000,000	-----
Nov. 22	Treasury bills	100,000,000	100,000,000	-----

* Approximate.

Taking up now our tables of ordinary financing for the month of November, we find the amount of the new issues reached the insignificant aggregate of \$75,203,064, and \$31,421,700 of the amount was for the purpose of taking up existing issues of securities, leaving a net addition of only \$43,781,364. The total of \$75,203,064 compares with \$121,470,901 in October; with \$141,395,801 in September; with \$169,842,388 in August; with \$154,120,622 in July, and with \$142,206,468 in June, all very light monthly totals. For the benefit of the reader we will say that our compilations, as in preceding months, include the stock, bond and note issues by corporations, by holding, investment and trading companies, and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also farm loan emissions. How small present totals are appears when comparisons are made with corresponding figures for some previous years. As against the November total of new issues, the present year, of \$75,203,064, the amount back in November 1928 was \$969,543,269. The municipal awards for November, the present year, were only \$28,111,989 (not including any State and municipal financing done by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation), and the corporate offerings \$41,591,075.

Continuing further with our analysis of the amount of new corporate financing during November, we observe that public utility issues at \$37,608,000, as compared with \$60,523,000 reported for October, practically comprised the entire corporate total of new financing. Industrial and miscellaneous flotations during the month amounted to only \$2,183,075, as compared with \$6,966,250 in October. Rail-

road financing for the month was confined to a single offering, namely: \$1,800,000 Reading Co. equipment trust 5s, N, 1935-42.

Of the total corporate offerings of all kinds during November for the amount of \$41,591,075, long-term bonds and notes comprised \$38,928,000; short-term bonds and notes aggregated but \$750,000, while stocks amounted to only \$1,913,075.

The portion of the month's financing raised for refunding purposes was \$30,958,300, or over 74% of the total; in October the refunding portion was \$19,015,000, or 27% of the total; in September the refunding portion was \$4,332,000, or 39% of the total; in August the refunding portion was \$107,114,000, or over 80%; in July, \$49,029,000, or 43%; in June, \$25,230,500, or 80%; in May, \$15,000,000, or 67%; in April, \$33,124,000, or 68%; in March, \$9,097,320, or 15%; in February, \$5,688,000, or 12%, and in January only \$1,500,000, or slightly over 3%. In November 1931 the amount raised for refunding was \$20,079,000, or 28% of the month's total. The \$30,958,300 raised for refunding in November (1932), consisted entirely of new long-term to refund existing long-term. The sale of \$27,500,000 Toledo Edison Co. 1st mtge. 5s, 1962, provided \$26,458,300 toward the refunding total and the remainder consisted of \$4,500,000 Niagara Falls Power Co. 1st & cons. mtge. A 5s, 1959.

There were but two corporate offerings during November worthy of mention, namely: \$27,500,000 Toledo Edison Co. 1st mtge. 5s, 1962, issued at 95 1/2 to yield 5.30%, and \$4,500,000 Niagara Falls Power Co. 1st & cons. mtge. A 5s, 1959, issued at 99 1/2 to yield 5.03%.

No foreign securities of any kind were brought to market in this country during November.

Included in the month's financing was an offering of \$5,000,000 Federal Intermediate Credit banks 2 1/2% collateral trust debentures dated Nov. 15 1932, and maturing in one year, with the price not given.

One new fixed investment trust was offered during November, viz.:

Trusted New York Bank Shares, offered by National Associated Dealers, Inc., at \$1.65 per share.

There were no security offerings during the month carrying convertible features of one kind or another.

The following is a complete summary of the new financing, corporate, State and city, foreign government, as well as farm loans issued during the month of November and the 11 months ending with November:

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

1932.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$
MONTH OF NOVEMBER—			
Corporate—			
Domestic—			
Long-term bonds and notes	7,969,700	30,958,300	38,928,000
Short term	750,000	-----	750,000
Preferred stocks	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks	1,913,075	-----	1,913,075
Canadian—			
Long-term bonds and notes	-----	-----	-----
Short term	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign—			
Long-term bonds and notes	-----	-----	-----
Short term	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks	-----	-----	-----
Total corporate	10,632,775	30,958,300	41,591,075
Canadian Government	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign government	-----	-----	-----
Farm Loan issues	5,000,000	-----	5,000,000
Municipal, States, cities, &c.	*27,648,589	*463,400	*28,111,989
United States Possessions	500,000	-----	500,000
Grand total	43,781,364	31,421,700	75,203,064
11 MONTHS ENDED NOV. 30—			
Corporate—			
Domestic—			
Long-term bonds and notes	265,670,000	132,796,800	398,466,800
Short term	33,366,500	163,894,000	197,260,500
Preferred stocks	8,975,275	-----	8,975,275
Common stocks	6,951,225	3,397,320	10,348,545
Canadian—			
Long-term bonds and notes	-----	-----	-----
Short term	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign—			
Long-term bonds and notes	-----	-----	-----
Short term	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks	-----	-----	-----
Total corporate	314,963,000	300,088,120	615,051,120
Canadian Government	26,015,000	40,000,000	66,015,000
Other foreign government	-----	-----	-----
Farm Loan issues	64,100,000	92,500,000	156,600,000
Municipal, States, cities, &c.	*260,801,950	*62,422,469	*723,224,419
United States Possessions	1,192,000	-----	1,192,000
Grand total	1,067,071,950	495,010,589	1,562,082,539

* Figures do not include \$25,950,135 Reconstruction Finance Corporation advances to municipalities, either actually made or proposed during November.

z Figures do not include a total of \$155,593,151 Reconstruction Finance Corporation advances to municipalities, either actually made or proposed to Nov. 30.

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

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

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER FOR FIVE YEARS.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER.	1932.			1931.			1930.			1929.			1928.		
	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.												
Corporate—															
Domestic—															
Long-term bonds and notes	7,969,700	30,958,300	38,928,000	18,553,000	16,079,000	34,632,000	55,434,000	4,233,000	59,667,000	8,620,000	9,200,000	17,820,000	240,539,000	8,495,000	249,034,000
Short term	750,000	—	750,000	7,715,000	4,000,000	11,715,000	61,750,000	—	61,750,000	31,840,000	1,600,000	33,440,000	20,065,000	1,600,000	21,665,000
Preferred stocks	—	—	—	566,000	—	566,000	2,950,000	—	2,950,000	4,059,400	—	4,059,400	139,368,588	3,529,000	142,897,588
Common stocks	1,913,075	—	1,913,075	23,289,250	—	23,289,250	15,487,500	—	15,487,500	118,135,320	4,538,250	122,673,570	253,559,179	42,686,220	296,245,399
Canadian—															
Long-term bonds and notes	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,000,000	—	2,000,000	—	—	—	5,000,000	—	5,000,000
Short term	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	250,000	—	250,000
Preferred stocks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common stocks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other foreign—															
Long-term bonds and notes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24,138,339	—	24,138,339	35,336,000	2,264,000	37,600,000
Short term	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Preferred stocks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common stocks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total corporate	10,632,775	30,958,300	41,591,075	50,123,250	20,079,000	70,202,250	137,621,500	4,233,000	141,854,500	186,793,059	15,338,250	202,131,309	708,555,267	58,574,220	767,129,487
Canadian Government	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,000,000	4,500,000	9,500,000	8,600,000	600,000	9,200,000	1,332,500	—	1,332,500
Other foreign Governments	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,000,000	—	15,000,000
Farm Loan issues	5,000,000	—	5,000,000	6,000,000	—	6,000,000	26,000,000	—	26,000,000	—	—	—	15,000,000	—	15,000,000
Municipal, States, cities, &c.	*27,648,589	*463,400	*28,111,989	53,872,398	492,309	54,364,707	85,480,366	3,201,944	88,682,310	83,784,886	902,988	84,687,874	170,149,782	1,131,500	171,281,282
United States Possessions	500,000	—	500,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,945,000	—	1,945,000	—	—	—
Grand total	43,781,364	31,421,700	75,203,064	109,995,648	20,571,309	130,566,957	256,601,866	11,934,944	268,536,810	281,122,945	16,841,238	297,964,183	909,837,549	59,705,720	969,543,269

* Figures do not include \$25,950,135 Reconstruction Finance Corporation advances to municipalities, either actually made or proposed during November.

CHARACTER AND GROUPING OF NEW CORPORATE ISSUES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER FOR FIVE YEARS.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER.	1932.			1931.			1930.			1929.			1928.		
	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
Long-Term Bonds and Notes															
Railroads	1,800,000	—	1,800,000	7,950,000	4,050,000	12,000,000	3,600,000	4,000,000	7,600,000	—	8,000,000	8,000,000	57,800,000	—	57,800,000
Public utilities	5,899,700	30,958,300	36,858,000	7,984,000	12,029,000	20,013,000	32,217,000	158,000	32,375,000	500,000	—	500,000	72,124,100	5,750,900	77,875,000
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	125,000	75,000	200,000	—	—	—	12,213,200	1,586,800	13,800,000
Equipment manufacturers	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,177,000	—	5,177,000	—	—	—	1,399,000	—	1,399,000
Motors and accessories	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other industrial and manufacturing	50,000	—	50,000	—	—	—	350,000	—	350,000	24,638,339	—	24,638,339	11,942,700	557,300	12,500,000
Oil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,500,000	—	15,500,000
Land, buildings, &c.	220,000	—	220,000	2,619,000	—	2,619,000	9,965,000	—	9,965,000	6,620,000	1,200,000	7,820,000	60,760,000	600,000	61,360,000
Rubber	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shipping	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Inv. trusts, trading, holding, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,000,000	—	6,000,000	1,000,000	—	1,000,000	49,136,000	2,264,000	51,400,000
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	7,969,700	30,958,300	38,928,000	18,553,000	16,079,000	34,632,000	57,434,000	4,233,000	61,667,000	32,758,339	9,200,000	41,958,339	280,875,000	10,759,000	291,634,000
Short-Term Bonds and Notes															
Railroads	—	—	—	550,000	—	550,000	—	—	—	20,000,000	—	20,000,000	—	—	—
Public utilities	750,000	—	750,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	8,000,000	54,250,000	—	54,250,000	1,050,000	400,000	1,450,000	4,500,000	1,600,000	6,100,000
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	750,000	—	750,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipment manufacturers	—	—	—	—	—	—	750,000	—	750,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motors and accessories	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other industrial and manufacturing	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,000,000	—	1,000,000	3,500,000	—	3,500,000	350,000	—	350,000
Oil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Land, buildings, &c.	—	—	—	3,165,000	—	3,165,000	5,000,000	—	5,000,000	5,790,000	1,200,000	6,990,000	4,325,000	—	4,325,000
Rubber	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shipping	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Inv. trusts, trading, holding, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,000,000	—	6,000,000	1,500,000	—	1,500,000	11,140,000	—	11,140,000
Total	750,000	—	750,000	7,715,000	4,000,000	11,715,000	61,750,000	—	61,750,000	31,840,000	1,600,000	33,440,000	20,315,000	1,600,000	21,915,000
Stocks															
Railroads	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37,783,820	—	37,783,820	20,885,924	—	20,885,924
Public utilities	—	—	—	23,272,150	—	23,272,150	3,112,500	—	3,112,500	24,558,695	—	24,558,695	10,500,000	1,500,000	12,000,000
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipment manufacturers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motors and accessories	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other industrial and manufacturing	713,075	—	713,075	583,100	—	583,100	2,335,000	—	2,335,000	310,000	—	310,000	14,188,734	3,440,700	17,629,434
Oil	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,250,000	—	4,250,000	22,951,205	—	22,951,205	69,893,111	25,820,520	95,713,631
Land, buildings, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	400,000	—	400,000	748,400	4,538,250	5,286,650	80,115,550	4,000,000	84,115,550
Rubber	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,449,200	—	4,449,200	8,060,000	—	8,060,000
Shipping	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Inv. trusts, trading, holding, &c.	1,200,000	—	1,200,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,435,000	—	3,435,000	112,494,188	—	112,494,188
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27,958,400	—	27,958,400	79,152,760	11,604,000	90,756,760
Total	1,913,075	—	1,913,075	23,855,250	—	23,855,250	18,437,500	—	18,437,500	122,194,720	4,538,250	126,732,970	407,365,267	46,215,220	453,580,487
Total corporate securities	10,632,775	30,958,300	41,591,075	50,123,250	20,079,000	70,202,250	137,621,500	4,233,000	141,854,500	186,793,059	15,338,250	202,131,309	708,555,267	58,574,220	767,129,487

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11 MONTHS ENDED NOV. 30.	1932.			1931.			1930.			1929.			1928.		
	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
Corporate—															
Domestic—															
Long-term bonds and notes	\$ 265,670,000	\$ 132,796,800	\$ 398,466,800	\$ 925,950,600	\$ 676,920,200	\$ 1,602,870,800	\$ 2,405,306,355	\$ 348,876,155	\$ 2,754,182,510	\$ 1,788,092,340	\$ 489,409,260	\$ 2,277,501,600	\$ 1,969,729,950	\$ 980,923,900	\$ 2,950,653,850
Short term	33,366,500	163,894,000	197,260,500	285,300,750	92,399,500	377,700,250	481,285,650	7,220,000	576,505,650	185,562,700	45,537,500	231,100,200	184,344,800	49,973,800	234,318,600
Preferred stocks	8,975,275	—	8,975,275	116,165,667	31,850,000	148,015,667	411,188,230	9,350,000	420,538,230	1,498,577,661	177,681,540	1,676,259,201	954,100,034	246,114,300	1,200,214,334
Common stocks	6,951,225	3,397,320	10,348,545	156,247,806	—	156,247,806	1,020,827,318	13,829,722	1,034,657,040	4,297,939,814	578,805,552	4,876,745,366	1,348,991,650	249,533,366	1,598,525,016
Canadian—															
Long-term bonds and notes	—	—	—	140,000,000	—	140,000,000	199,632,500	45,851,000	245,483,500	255,550,000	—	255,550,000	105,380,000	68,792,000	174,172,000
Short term	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,700,000	—	5,700,000	—	—	—	250,000	—	250,000
Preferred stocks	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,000,000	—	13,000,000	10,400,000	—	10,400,000	24,500,000	26,000,000	50,500,000
Common stocks	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,516,340	—	16,516,340	18,163,900	—	18,163,900	8,613,400	—	8,613,400
Other foreign—															
Long-term bonds and notes	—	—	—	72,800,000	—	72,800,000	169,015,000	8,977,000	177,992,000	185,398,339	2,000,000	187,398,339	458,387,500	55,282,500	513,670,000
Short term	—	—	—	—	5,000,000	5,000,000	31,000,000	—	31,000,000	1,617,283	10,432,717	12,050,000	10,000,000	—	10,000,000
Preferred stocks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	103,837,200	—	103,837,200	14,030,000	—	14,030,000
Common stocks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32,408,847	—	32,408,847	60,201,750	—	60,201,750
Total corporate	314,963,000	300,088,120	615,051,120	1,696,464,823	806,169,700	2,502,634,523	4,763,531,393	522,103,877	5,285,635,270	8,377,548,084	1,303,866,569	9,681,414,653	5,138,529,084	1,676,619,865	6,815,148,949
Canadian Government	26,015,000	40,000,000	66,015,000	40,922,000	—	40,922,000	427,086,000	7,158,000	434,244,000	38,212,000	9,600,000	47,812,000	33,052,750	3,000,000	38,052,750
Other foreign Government	—	—	—	—	—	—	127,086,000	—	127,086,000	68,250,000	—	68,250,000	534,581,587	100,538,411	635,120,000
Farm loan issues	64,100,000	92,500,000	156,600,000	62,600,000	51,000,000	113,600,000	417,006,000	64,580,000	481,586,000	—	—	—	55,850,000	—	55,850,000
Municipal, States, cities, &c.	*660,801,950	*62,422,469	*723,224,419	1,190,427,029	20,067,671	1,210,494,700	71,500,000	50,394,132	1,260,894,132	1,128,470,913	11,352,049	1,139,822,962	1,230,814,606	34,541,108	1,265,355,715
United States Possessions	1,192,000	—	1,192,000	795,000	—	795,000	9,675,000	—	9,675,000	4,340,000	—	4,340,000	6,161,500	—	6,161,500
Grand total	1,067,071,950	495,010,589	1,562,082,539	2,991,208,852	877,237,371	3,868,446,223	6,639,244,273	644,236,009	7,283,480,282	9,616,820,997	1,324,818,618	10,941,639,615	7,000,989,527	1,814,699,387	8,815,688,914

* Figures do not include a total of \$155,598,151 Reconstruction Finance Corporation advances to municipalities, either actually made or proposed to Nov. 30.

CHARACTER AND GROUPING OF NEW CORPORATE ISSUES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE 11 MONTHS ENDED NOV. 30 FOR FIVE YEARS.

11 MONTHS ENDED NOV. 30.	1932.			1931.			1930.			1929.			1928.		
	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
Long-Term Bonds and Notes															
Railroads	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 9,327,000	\$ 11,127,000	\$ 310,097,300	\$ 158,332,700	\$ 468,430,000	\$ 705,068,250	\$ 226,662,750	\$ 931,731,000	\$ 355,847,240	\$ 189,413,760	\$ 545,261,000	\$ 219,518,500	\$ 206,691,500	\$ 426,210,000
Public utilities	258,925,000	123,419,800	382,344,800	500,252,500	502,661,000	1,002,913,500	1,302,281,100	133,771,500	1,436,052,600	579,204,500	257,284,000	836,488,500	844,220,100	546,810,700	1,391,040,800
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	—	—	—	102,939,800	6,062,500	109,002,300	23,625,000	4,075,000	27,700,000	123,513,500	3,186,500	126,700,000	104,006,400	70,695,600	174,702,000
Equipment manufacturers	—	—	—	12,934,000	—	12,934,000	14,217,000	—	14,217,000	1,850,000	—	1,850,000	7,215,000	—	7,215,000
Motors and accessories	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,020,000	—	5,020,000
Other industrial and manufacturing	325,000	—	325,000	83,112,000	5,950,000	89,062,000	228,451,910	27,355,000	255,806,910	150,000	—	150,000	262,891,400	111,749,600	374,641,000
Oil	—	—	—	166,050,000	—	166,050,000	173,000,000	6,950,000	179,950,000	280,941,339	2,075,000	283,016,339	43,253,000	31,747,000	75,000,000
Land, buildings, &c.	3,420,000	50,000	3,470,000	110,479,000	1,220,000	111,699,000	141,125,500	70,000	141,195,500	17,084,000	15,416,000	32,499,000	55,442,050	90,270,000	145,712,050
Rubber	—	—	—	30,000,000	—	30,000,000	30,000,000	—	30,000,000	320,645,100	5,129,000	325,774,100	31,747,000	—	31,747,000
Shipping	—	—	—	1,650,000	—	1,650,000	10,000,000	—	10,000,000	1,000,000	—	1,000,000	1,300,000	—	1,300,000
Inv. trusts, trading, holding, &c.	—	—	—	78,750,000	—	78,750,000	78,750,000	—	78,750,000	8,100,000	6,000,000	14,100,000	82,388,000	1,012,000	83,400,000
Miscellaneous	1,200,000	—	1,200,000	74,385,095	4,819,905	79,205,000	74,385,095	4,819,905	79,205,000	116,250,000	12,905,000	129,155,000	408,233,000	45,242,000	453,475,000
Total	265,670,000	132,796,800	398,466,800	1,138,750,600	676,920,200	1,815,670,800	2,773,953,855	403,704,155	3,177,658,010	2,229,040,679	491,409,260	2,720,449,939	2,533,497,450	1,104,998,400	3,638,495,850
Short-Term Bonds and Notes															
Railroads	11,325,000	23,500,000	34,825,000	35,520,000	12,530,000	48,050,000	12,000,000	2,500,000	14,500,000	21,500,000	5,360,000	26,860,000	12,500,000	17,000,000	29,500,000
Public utilities	8,285,000	138,144,000	146,429,000	185,947,500	45,077,500	231,025,000	239,472,000	52,878,000	292,350,000	40,876,283	41,713,717	82,590,000	94,032,000	17,600,000	111,632,000
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	—	100,000	100,000	899,000	3,101,000	4,000,000	43,750,000	5,000,000	48,750,000	720,000	—	720,000	400,000	—	400,000
Equipment manufacturers	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,750,000	—	12,750,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motors and accessories	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,100,000	—	10,100,000	500,000	—	500,000	4,200,000	—	4,200,000
Other industrial and manufacturing	1,700,000	1,700,000	3,400,000	21,535,000	33,500,000	55,035,000	74,300,000	17,350,000	91,705,000	16,750,000	—	16,750,000	5,153,900	2,488,100	7,642,000
Oil	—	—	—	9,649,000	791,000	10,440,000	6,843,000	657,000	7,500,000	2,000,000	—	2,000,000	6,505,800	10,694,200	17,200,000
Land, buildings, &c.	4,101,000	—	4,101,000	11,650,250	1,900,000	13,550,250	56,570,650	835,000	57,405,650	70,130,200	1,200,000	71,330,200	32,838,100	1,441,500	34,279,600
Rubber	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shipping	—	450,000	450,000	—	—	—	3,900,000	15,000,000	18,900,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Inv. trusts, trading, holding, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	7,955,500	—	7,955,500	20,100,000	500,000	20,600,000	41,000,000	1,000,000	42,000,000	1,000,000	—	1,000,000	1,600,000	—	1,600,000
Total	265,670,000	132,796,800	398,466,800	1,138,750,600	676,920,200	1,815,670,800	2,773,953,855	403,704,155	3,177,658,010	2,229,040,679	491,409,260	2,720,449,939	2,533,497,450	1,104,998,400	3,638,495,850
Stocks															
Railroads	—	—	—	285,300,750	97,399,500	382,700,250	517,985,650	95,220,000	613,205,650	187,179,983	55,970,217	243,150,200	193,594,800	49,973,800	243,568,600
Public utilities	6,462,175	1,897,320	8,359,495	220,500,661	31,050,000	251,550,661	66,055,600	111,891,520	177,947,120	111,891,520	—	223,838,640	51,597,650	139,954,700	191,552,350
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c.	—	—	—	3,390,000	—	3,390,000	707,609,942	13,426,222	721,036,164	205,306,590	1,360,911,264	712,529,407	154,978,598	867,508,005	
Equipment manufacturers	—	—	—	—	—	—	133,351,675	—	133,351,675	148,689,880	351,020,200	499,710,080	71,317,995	20,916,900	92,234,895
Motors and accessories	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	568,947	—	568,947	1,920,000	—	1,920,000

DETAILS OF NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS DURING NOVEMBER 1932.

LONG TERM BONDS AND NOTES (ISSUES MATURING LATER THAN FIVE YEARS).

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 1,800,000	Railroads— New equipment	---	4.00-4.60	Reading Company Equip. Trust 5s "N," 1935-42. Offered by Dillon, Read & Co.; Bancamerica-Blair Corp.; Yarnall & Co. and Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., Buffalo.
1,658,000	Public Utilities— Additions, extensions, impts., &c.	94	5.45	Long Island Lighting Co. 1st Ref. M. 5s "B," 1955. Offered by W. C. Langley & Co. and Bonbright & Co., Inc.
3,200,000	Repay advances for construction	95	6.90	Louisiana Steam Generating Corp. 1st M. 6s, 1939. Offered by Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc.; Chase Harris Forbes Corp. and Brown Bros. Harriman & Co.
4,500,000	Refunding	99½	5.03	Niagara Falls Power Co. 1st Cons. M. 5s "A," 1959. Offered by J. P. Morgan & Co.; Bonbright & Co., Inc. and Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc.
27,500,000	Refunding; other corp. purposes	95½	5.30	The Toledo Edison Co. 1st M. 5s, 1962. Offered by Chase Harris Forbes Corp.; Guaranty Company of New York; the N. W. Harris Company, Inc. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
36,858,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Working capital; other corp. purp.	100	6.00	Warren Tool Corp. 1st M. 6s, 1942. Offered to Warren Tool & Forge Co. security holders and creditors.
120,000	Land, Buildings, &c. Real estate mortgage	100	5.50	Holy Rosary Catholic Church (St. Louis) 1st M. 5½s, 1933-42. Offered by Mississippi Valley Co. and Stix & Co., St. Louis.
100,000	Real estate mortgage	100	5.50	St. George's Church (St. Louis) 1st M. 5½s, 1934-42. Offered by Festus J. Wade Jr. & Co., St. L.
220,000				

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

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue and by Whom Offered.
\$ 750,000	Public Utilities— Retire current debt	100-99¼	4.50-4.60	Brockton Gas Light Co. 4½% Notes, Dec. 1 1934-35. Offered by F. S. Moseley & Co.

STOCKS.

Par or No. of Shares.	Purpose of Issue.	(a) Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 500,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Acq. of property, equip., &c.	500,000	1 (par)	---	Mundus Brewing Co. (Mich.) Capital stock. Offered by Fisher & Co., Detroit.
50,000 shs.	Additional capital	75,000	1½	---	Fort Pitt Brewing Co. (Pittsburgh) Common stock. Offered by Kay, Richards & Co., Pittsburgh.
*18,410 shs	Working capital; expansion, &c.	138,075	7½	---	Griesedieck Western Brewing Co. Common stock. Offered by Bach & Golden, St. L.
		713,075			
1,200,000	Investment Trusts— Provide funds for investment purp.	1,200,000	2 (par)	---	Beverages, Inc. (Del.) Capital stock. Offered by Watson & White, N. Y. and F. L. Putnam & Co., Inc., Boston.

FARM LOAN ISSUES.

Amount.	Issue and Purpose.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by.
\$5,000,000	Federal Intermediate Credit Bank 2¼% Coll. Trust Deb. dated Nov. 15 1932 and due in one year (provide funds for loan purposes)	---	%	Price on applc. Charles R. Dunn, Fiscal Agent, New York.

ISSUES NOT REPRESENTING NEW FINANCING.

Par or No. of Shares.	(a) Amount Involved.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
*100,000shs	\$ 2,400,000	Mkt. (24)	%	Cream of Wheat Corp. Common stock. Offered by A. W. Porter & Co., Inc.

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

Conferences on Municipal Finance and Business Recovery Held in Chicago By Investment Bankers Association.

As a part of its work for business recovery by the Investment Bankers Association of America, the Central States Group of the Association began in Chicago this week two series of business conferences, inter-State and local, on current problems of business and government. One of these series of meetings was a two-day sectional forum on municipal finance, Dec. 8 and 9, at which time methods of effecting greater efficiency and economy in municipal finance and in emergency relief efforts in fourteen Middle-West and Western States were analyzed. This forum was arranged by the Municipal Securities Committee of the Group and was attended by 50 municipal bond men from outside Chicago, including representatives from investment banking organizations in New York and most of the larger cities. The second forum began Dec. 9, will continue, with two sessions a week, until January 27, and consists of a practical course in analysis of problems pertinent to business recovery.

"Comprehensive reports on 14 States will be presented at the forum on municipal finance," it was stated on Dec. 6 by D. T. Richardson, of Kelley, Richardson & Co., Chicago, Chairman of the Municipal Securities Committee of the Central States Group. Mr. Richardson added:

Some communities are demonstrating superior methods to others in meeting the problems of this time in a sound and effective way. The forum will examine and compare these different situations and experiences for the purpose of furthering still more effective methods in the management of state and municipal finance, and with the thought that such effort will contribute very materially to business recovery. The New England Group of the Association recently held a similar forum in Boston with very encouraging results. We are particularly interested in the problem of emergency

relief, in examining the experiences of different communities in such efforts and in endeavoring to determine ways and means that have proved most effective in solving this problem. The reports to be presented have been prepared by men of wide experience with conditions in the different states which they will discuss.

The six-weeks series of meetings which began Dec. 9 in Chicago by the Central States Group was described by Paul S. Russell, of Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Group Chairman, as a "shirt-sleeve" forum for executives and sales representatives. He said:

This six-weeks forum will use the present-day facts and problems of investors and investment bankers as a practical laboratory for the solution of those problems. The forum is one of the timely programs or courses that the Association's educational department has customarily presented to meet different situations during the past eight or nine years. These meetings have always been of considerable practical value and I believe that this new forum will likewise have beneficial results for investors as well as for investment bankers. The Association is presenting this forum in the Central States Group because Chicago is the location of the Association's offices. The forum will be presented in other cities after the close of the Chicago meetings January 27. L. A. Morgan, President of Martin, Smith & Morgan, Inc., Detroit, will lead the forum here.

The speakers at the two-day sectional forum on municipal finance, held in the Palmer House, were:

- Royal D. Kercheval, Boatmen's National Co., St. Louis.
- Blair A. Phillips, White-Phillips Co., Inc., Davenport, Ia.
- John W. Denison, Continental Illinois Co., Chicago.
- Howard H. Fitch, Stern Brothers & Co., Kansas City.
- Harry E. Weil, Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati.
- Cushman McGee, Managing Director, Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan.
- E. S. Judd, First Securities Corp. of Minnesota, St. Paul.
- Herbert A. Abernethy, Kalman & Co., St. Paul.
- P. P. Purdham, Burns, Potter & Co., Omaha.
- Rollin G. Andrews, Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis.
- John S. Clark, Mitchell, Herrick & Co., Cleveland.
- W. A. Simonton, BancNorthwest Co., Minneapolis.
- S. E. Johanson, First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee

Annual Message of President Hoover to Congress—Favors Sales Tax to Balance Budget—Reorganization of Country's Banking System Declared Necessary—Changes in Farm Loan and Joint Stock Land Bank Systems Also Proposed—Compares Banking Conditions with Those in Canada and Great Britain—Urges 11% Cut in Government Salaries and Continuance of Furlough System—Proposes \$830,000,000 Cut in Appropriations—Foreign Governments Informed That Suspension of Dec. 15 Debt Payment Is Not Approved—Co-operation with Other Nations Essential to Expand Trade.

Reference to the continuance through the year of the "unparalleled world-wide economic depression" was made by President Hoover in his annual message to Congress on Dec. 6. The President pointed out that "continued constructive policies promoting the economic recovery of the country must be the paramount duty of the government." While stating that "the result of the agencies we have created and the policies we have pursued has been to buttress our whole domestic financial structure and greatly to restore credit facilities," he added, that "progress in recovery requires another element as well—that is, fully restored confidence in the future."

The first of these he cited is "the continuing reduction of all Governmental expenditures whether National, State or local." The second direction for action, declared the President "is the complete reorganization at once of our banking system." He further declared that "the shocks to our economic life have undoubtedly been multiplied by the weakness of this system, and until they are remedied recovery will be greatly hampered."

The third requisite was indicated as follows by the President:

The third direction for immediate action is vigorous and whole-souled co-operation with other governments in the economic field. That our major difficulties find their origins in the economic weakness of foreign nations requires no demonstration.

The first need to-day is strengthening of commodity prices. That cannot be permanently accomplished by artificialities. It must be accomplished by expansion in consumption of goods through the return of stability and confidence in the world at large and that in turn cannot be fully accomplished without co-operation with other nations.

In his further reference in his message to the failure of the banking system "to meet this great emergency" the President said in part:

It can be said without question of doubt that our losses and distress have been greatly augmented by its wholly inadequate organization. Its inability as a system to respond to our needs is to-day a constant drain upon progress toward recovery.

In this statement I am not referring to individual banks or bankers. Thousands of them have shown distinguished courage and ability. On the contrary, I am referring to the system itself, which is so organized, or so lacking in organization, that in an emergency its very mechanism jeopardizes or paralyzes the action of sound banks and its instability is responsible for periodic dangers to our whole economic system.

Bank failures rose in 1931 to 10½% of all the banks as compared to 1½% of the failures of all other types of enterprise. Since Jan. 1 1930, we have had 4,665 banks suspended, with \$3,300,000,000 in deposits. Partly from fears and drains from abroad, partly from these failures themselves (which indeed often caused closing of sound banks), we have witnessed hoarding of currency to an enormous sum, rising during the height of the crisis to over \$1,600,000,000.

That this failure to function is unnecessary and is the fault of our particular system is plainly indicated by the fact that in Great Britain, where the economic mechanism has suffered far greater shocks than our own, there has not been a single bank failure during the depression. Again, in Canada, where the situation has been in large degree identical with our own, there have not been substantial bank failures.

"Inflation of currency or Governmental conduct of banking can have no part in these reforms" said the President. "The government must abide within the field of constructive organization, regulation and the enforcement of safe practices only."

The President likewise stated that "parallel with reform in the banking laws must be changes in the Federal Farm Loan Banking System and in the Joint Stock Land Banks. Some of these changes" he added, "should be directed to permanent improvement and some to emergency aid to our people where they wish to fight to save their farms and homes."

In his annual message the President indicated that he would later present his Budget message to Congress, (this was submitted on Dec. 7 and is given elsewhere in this issue of our paper) showing proposed reductions in appropriations

below those enacted by the last session of Congress by over \$830,000,000. He noted that "many of the economies recommended in the Budget were presented at the last session of the Congress but failed of adoption."

In giving his endorsement to a proposed sales tax the President in his annual message said:

Some of the older revenues and some of the revenues provided under the act passed during the last session of the Congress, particularly those generally referred to as the nuisance taxes, have not been as prolific of income as had been hoped. Further revenue is necessary in addition to the amount of reductions in expenditures recommended.

Many of the manufacturers' excise taxes upon selected industries not only failed to produce satisfactory revenue, but they are in many ways unjust and discriminatory. The time has come when, if the government is to have an adequate basis of revenue to assure a balanced budget, this system of special manufacturers' excise taxes should be extended to cover practically all manufactures at a uniform rate, except necessary food and possibly some grades of clothing.

The President recommends "that the furlough system installed last year he continued not only because of the economy produced but because, being tantamount to the 'five-day week,' it sets an example which should be followed by the country." The President went on to say that "in view of the present economic situation and the decrease in the cost of living by over 20%, that some further sacrifice should be made by salaried officials of the government over and above the 8 1-3% reduction under the furlough system." The President continued:

I will recommend that after exempting the first \$1,000 of salary there should be a temporary reduction for one year of 11% of that part of all Government salaries in the excess of the \$1,000 exemption, the result of which, combined with the furlough system, will average about 14.8% reduction in pay to those earning more than \$1,000.

Reference was made in the President's message to the war debts and the request of foreign Governments "that there should be suspension of payments due the United States on Dec. 15 next, to be accompanied by an exchange of views upon this debt question." "Our Government has informed them", said the President, "that we do not approve of suspension of the Dec. 15 payments. I have stated that I would recommend to the Congress methods to overcome temporary exchange difficulties in connection with this payment from nations where it may be necessary."

A part of the President's message was devoted to the matter of economic co-operation with other nations, as to which he said in part:

If we are to secure rapid and assured recovery and protection for the future we must co-operate with foreign nations in many measures.

We have actively engaged in a world disarmament conference where, with success, we should reduce our own tax burdens and the tax burdens of other major nations. We should increase the political stability of the world. We should lessen the danger of war by increasing defensive powers and decreasing offensive powers of nations. We would thus open new vistas of economic expansion for the world.

We are participating in the formulation of a world economic conference, successful results from which would contribute much to advance in agricultural prices, employment and business. Currency depreciation and correlated forces have contributed greatly to decrease in price levels.

Moreover, from these origins rise most of the destructive trade barriers now stifling the commerce of the world. We could by successful action increase security and expand trade through stability in international exchange and monetary values. By such action world confidence could be restored. It would bring courage and stability, which will reflect into every home in our land.

"The welfare of our people" the President observed "is dependent upon successful issue of the great causes of world peace, world disarmament and organized world recovery. Nor is it too much to say that to-day as never before the welfare of mankind and the preservation of civilization depend upon our solution of these questions." He added:

Such solutions cannot be attained except by honest friendship, by adherence to agreements entered upon until mutually revised and by co-operation amongst nations in a determination to find solutions which will be mutually beneficial.

Alluding to various legislative needs placed before Congress in previous messages, the President stated:

I have urged the need for reform in our transportation and power regulation, in the anti-trust laws as applied to our national resource industries, Western range conservation, extension of Federal aid to child-health services, membership in the World Court, the ratification of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence seaway treaty, revision of the bankruptcy acts, revision of Federal court procedure, and many other pressing problems.

These and other special subjects I shall where necessary deal with by special communications to the Congress.

The President's message was presented on Dec. 6 to the second session of the 72d Congress, following the convening of the session on Dec. 5. The message in full follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In accord with my constitutional duty, I transmit herewith to the Congress information upon the state of the Union together with recommendation of measures for its consideration.

Our country is at peace. Our National defense has been maintained at a high state of effectiveness. All of the Executive departments of the Government have been conducted during the year with a high devotion to public interest. There has been a far larger degree of freedom from industrial conflict than hitherto known. Education and science have made further advances. The public health is to-day at its highest known level. While we have recently engaged in the aggressive contest of a National election, its very tranquillity and the acceptance of its results furnish abundant proof of the strength of our institutions.

In the face of widespread hardship our people have demonstrated daily a magnificent sense of humanity, of individual and community responsibility for the welfare of the less fortunate. They have grown in their conceptions and organization for co-operative action for the common welfare.

In the provision against distress during this winter, the great private agencies of the country have been mobilized again; the generosity of our people has again come into evidence to a degree in which all America may take great pride. Likewise the local authorities and the States are engaged everywhere in supplemental measures of relief. The provisions made for loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to States that have exhausted their own resources guarantee that there should be no hunger or suffering from cold in the country. The large majority of States are showing a sturdy co-operation in the spirit of the Federal aid.

The Surgeon-General, in charge of the Public Health Service, furnishes me with the following information upon the state of public health:

MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 OF POPULATION ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FROM REPRESENTATIVE STATES.

First 9 months of—	General.		Infant.	
	1928	1929	1928	1929
1928	11.9	67.8	11.2	60.0
1929	12.0	65.8	10.6	55.0
1930	11.4	62.0		

The sickness rates from data available show the same trends. These facts indicate the fine endeavor of the agencies which have been mobilized for care of those in distress.

Economic Situation.

The unparalleled world-wide economic depression has continued through the year. Due to the European collapse, the situation developed during last fall and winter into a series of most acute crises. The unprecedented emergency measures enacted and policies adopted undoubtedly saved the country from economic disaster. After serving to defend the National security, these measures began in July to show their weight and influence toward improvement of conditions in many parts of the country. The following tables of current business indicators show the general economic movement during the past 11 months;

MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICES WITH SEASONAL VARIATIONS ELIMINATED. (Monthly Average 1923-1925=100.)

Year and Month.	Industrial Production.	Factory Employment.	Freight Car Loadings.	Department Store Sales, Value.	Exports, Value.	Imports, Value.	Building Contracts, All Types.	Industrial Electric Power Consumption.
1931—								
December	74	69.4	69	81	46	48	38	89.1
1932—								
January	72	68.1	64	78	39	42	31	93.9
February	69	67.8	62	78	45	41	27	98.8
March	67	66.4	61	72	41	37	26	88.0
April	63	64.3	59	80	38	36	27	82.2
May	60	62.1	54	73	37	34	26	82.0
June	59	60.0	52	71	34	36	27	78.1
July	58	58.3	51	67	32	27	27	79.2
August	60	58.8	51	66	31	29	30	73.5
September	66	60.3	54	70	33	32	30	84.0
October	66	61.1	57	70	33	32	29	84.4

The measures and policies which have procured this turn toward recovery should be continued until the depression is passed, and then the emergency agencies should be promptly liquidated. The expansion of credit facilities by the Federal Reserve System and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has been of incalculable value. The loans of the latter for reproductive works, and to railways for the creation of employment; its support of the credit structure through loans to banks, insurance companies, railways, building and loan associations, and to agriculture has protected the savings and insurance policies of millions of our citizens and has relieved millions of borrowers from duress; they have enabled industry and business to function and expand. The assistance given to Farm Loan banks, the establishment of the Home Loan banks and Agricultural Credit associations—all in their various ramifications have placed large sums of money at the disposal of the people in protection

and aid. Beyond this, the extensive organization of the country in voluntary action has produced profound results.

The following table indicates direct expenditures of the Federal Government in aid to unemployment, agricultural, and financial relief over the past four years. The sums applied to financial relief multiply themselves many fold, being in considerable measure the initial capital supplied to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Farm Loan banks, &c., which will be recovered to the Treasury.

Fiscal year ending June 30—	Public Works.*	Agricultural Relief and Financial Loans.
1930	\$410,420,000	\$156,100,000
1931	574,870,000	196,700,000
1932	655,880,000	772,700,000
1933	717,260,000	52,000,000
Total	\$2,358,430,000	\$1,177,500,000

* Public building, highways, rivers and harbors and their maintenance, naval and other vessels construction, hospitals, &c.

Continued constructive policies promoting the economic recovery of the country must be the paramount duty of the Government. The result of the agencies we have created and the policies we have pursued has been to buttress our whole domestic financial structure and greatly to restore credit facilities. But progress in recovery requires another element as well—that is, fully restored confidence in the future. Institutions and men may have resources and credit but unless they have confidence progress is halting and insecure.

There are three definite directions in which action by the Government at once can contribute to strengthen further the forces of recovery by strengthening of confidence. They are the necessary foundations to any other action, and their accomplishment would at once promote employment and increase prices.

The first of these directions of action is the continuing reduction of all Government expenditures, whether National, State or local. The difficulties of the country demand undiminished efforts toward economy in government in every direction. Embraced in this problem is the unquestioned balancing of the Federal Budget. That is the first necessity of National stability and is the foundation of further recovery. It must be balanced in an absolutely safe and sure manner if full confidence is to be inspired.

The second direction for action is the complete reorganization at once of our banking system. The shocks to our economic life have undoubtedly been multiplied by the weakness of this system, and until they are remedied recovery will be greatly hampered.

The third direction for immediate action is vigorous and whole-souled co-operation with other governments in the economic field. That our major difficulties find their origins in the economic weakness of foreign nations requires no demonstration. The first need to-day is strengthening of commodity prices. That can not be permanently accomplished by artificialities. It must be accomplished by expansion in consumption of goods through the return of stability and confidence in the world at large and that in turn can not be fully accomplished without co-operation with other nations.

Balancing the Budget.

I shall in due course present the Executive Budget to the Congress. It will show proposed reductions in appropriations below those enacted by the last session of the Congress by over \$830,000,000. In addition, I shall present the necessary Executive orders under the recent Act authorizing the reorganization of the Federal Government which, if permitted to go into force, will produce still further substantial economies. These sums in reduction of appropriations will, however, be partially offset by an increase of about \$250,000,000 in uncontrollable items such as increased debt services, &c.

In the Budget there is included only the completion of the Federal public works projects already undertaken or under contract. Speeding up of Federal public works during the past four years as an aid to employment has advanced many types of such improvements to the point where further expansion can not be justified in their usefulness to the Government or the people. As an aid to unemployment we should, beyond the normal constructive programs, substitute reproductive or so-called self-liquidating works. Loans for such purposes have been provided for through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. This change in character of projects directly relieves the taxpayer and is capable of expansion into a larger field than the direct Federal works. The reproductive works constitute an addition to National wealth and to future employment, whereas further undue expansion of Federal public works is but a burden upon the future.

The Federal construction program thus limited to commitments and work in progress under the proposed appropriations contemplates expenditures for the next fiscal year, including naval and other vessel construction, as well as other forms of public works and maintenance, of a total of \$442,769,000, as compared with \$717,262,000 for the present year.

The expenditure on such items over the four years ending June 30 next will amount to \$2,350,000, or an amount of construction work eight times as great as the cost of the Panama Canal, and, except for completion of certain long-view projects, places the nation in many directions well ahead of its requirements for some years to come. A normal program of about \$200,000,000 per annum should hereafter provide for the country's necessities and will permit substantial future reduction in Federal expenditures.

I recommend that the furlough system installed last year be continued not only because of the economy produced but because, being tantamount to the "five-day week," it sets an example which should be followed by the country and because it embraces within its workings the "spread work" principle and thus serves to maintain a number of public servants who would otherwise be deprived of all income. I feel, however, in view of the present economic situation and the decrease in the cost of living by over 20%, that some further sacrifice should be made by salaried officials of the Government over and above the 8 1-3% reduction under the furlough system. I will recommend that after exempting the first \$1,000 of salary there should be a temporary reduction for one year of 11% of that part of all Government salaries in excess of the \$1,000 exemption, the result of which, combined with the furlough system, will average about 14.8% reduction in pay to those earning more than \$1,000.

I will recommend measures to eliminate certain payments in the veterans' services. I conceive these outlays were entirely beyond the original intentions of Congress in building up veterans' allowances. Many abuses have grown up from ill-considered legislation. They should be eliminated. The nation should not ask for a reduction in allowances to men and dependents whose disabilities rise out of war service nor to those veterans with substantial service who have become totally disabled from non-war-connected causes and who are at the same time without other support.

These latter veterans are a charge on the community at some point, and I feel that in view of their service to the nation as a whole the responsibility should fall upon the Federal Government.

Many of the economies recommended in the Budget were presented at the last session of the Congress but failed of adoption. If the Economy and Appropriations Committees of the Congress in canvassing these proposed expenditures shall find further reductions which can be made without impairing essential Government services, it will be welcomed both by the country and by myself. But under no circumstances do I feel that the Congress should fail to uphold the total of reductions recommended.

Manufacturers' Tax.

Some of the older revenues and some of the revenues provided under the Act passed during the last session of the Congress, particularly those generally referred to as the nuisance taxes, have not been as prolific of income as had been hoped. Further revenue is necessary in addition to the amount of reductions in expenditures recommended. Many of the manufacturers' excise taxes upon selected industries not only failed to produce satisfactory revenue, but they are in many ways unjust and discriminatory. The time has come when, if the Government is to have an adequate basis of revenue to assure a balanced Budget, this system of special manufacturers' excise taxes should be extended to cover practically all manufacturers at a uniform rate, except necessary food and possibly some grades of clothing.

At the last session the Congress responded to my request for authority to reorganize the Government departments. The Act provides for the grouping and consolidation of Executive and Administrative agencies according to major purpose, and thereby reducing the number and overlap and duplication of effort. Executive orders issued for these purposes are required to be transmitted to the Congress while in session and do not become effective until after the expiration of 60 calendar days after such transmission, unless the Congress shall sooner approve.

I shall issue such Executive orders within a few days grouping or consolidating over 50 Executive and Administrative agencies, including a large number of Commissions and "independent" agencies.

The second step, of course, remains that after these various bureaus and agencies are placed cheek by jowl into such groups, the Administrative officers in charge of the groups shall eliminate their overlap and still further consolidate these activities. Therein lie large economies.

The Congress must be warned that a host of interested persons inside and outside the Government whose vision is concentrated on some particular function will at once protest against these proposals. These same sorts of activities have prevented reorganization of the Government for over a quarter of a century. They must be disregarded if the task is to be accomplished.

Banking.

The basis of every other and every further effort toward recovery is to reorganize at once our banking system. The shocks to our economic system have undoubtedly multiplied by the weakness of our financial system. I first called attention of the Congress in 1929 to this condition, and I have unceasingly recommended remedy since that time. The subject has been exhaustively investigated both by the committees of the Congress and the officers of the Federal Reserve System.

The banking and financial system is presumed to serve in furnishing the essential lubricant to the wheels of industry, agriculture and commerce, that is, credit. Its diversion from proper use, its improper use, or its insufficiency instantly brings hardship and dislocation in economic life. As a system our banking has failed to meet this great emergency. It can be said without question of doubt that our losses and distress have been greatly augmented by its wholly inadequate organization. Its inability as a system to respond to our needs is to-day a constant drain upon progress toward recovery. In this statement I am not referring to individual banks or bankers. Thousands of them have shown distinguished courage and ability. On the contrary, I am referring to the system itself, which is so organized, or so lacking in organization, that in an emergency its very mechanism jeopardizes or paralyzes the action of sound banks and its instability is responsible for periodic dangers to our whole economic system.

Bank failures rose in 1931 to 10½% of all the banks as compared to 1½% of the failures of all other types of enterprise. Since Jan. 1 1930 we have had 4,665 banks suspend, with \$3,300,000,000 in deposits. Partly from fears and drains from abroad, partly from these failures themselves (which indeed often caused closing of sound banks), we have witnessed hoarding of currency to an enormous sum, rising during the height of the crisis to over \$1,600,000,000. The results from inter-reaction of cause and effect have expressed themselves in strangulation of credit which at times has almost stifled the nation's business and agriculture. The losses, suffering, and tragedies of our people are incalculable. Not alone do they lie in the losses of savings to millions of homes, injury by deprivation of working capital to thousands of small businesses, but also, in the frantic pressure to recall loans to meet pressures of hoarding and in liquidation of failed banks, millions of other people have suffered in the loss of their homes and farms, businesses have been ruined, unemployment increased, and farmers' prices diminished.

That this failure to function is unnecessary and is the fault of our particular system is plainly indicated by the fact that in Great Britain, where the economic mechanism has suffered far greater shocks than our own, there has not been a single bank failure during the depression. Again in Canada, where the situation has been in large degree identical with our own, there have not been substantial bank failures.

The creation of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the amendments to the Federal Reserve Act served to defend the Nation in a great crisis. They are not remedies; they are relief. It is inconceivable that the Reconstruction Corporation, which has extended aid to nearly 6,000 institutions and is manifestly but a temporary device, can go on indefinitely.

It is to-day a matter of satisfaction that the rate of bank failures, of hoarding, and the demands upon the Reconstruction Corporation have greatly lessened. The acute phases of the crisis have obviously passed and the time has now come when this National danger and this failure to respond to National necessities must be ended and the measures to end them can be safely undertaken. Methods of reform have been exhaustively examined. There is no reason now why solution should not be found at the present session of the Congress. Inflation of currency or governmental conduct of banking can have no part in these reforms. The Government must abide within the field of constructive organization, regulation, and the enforcement of safe practices only.

Parallel with reform in the banking laws must be changes in the Federal Farm Loan Banking system and in the Joint Stock Land Banks. Some of these changes should be directed to permanent improvement and some to emergency aid to our people where they wish to fight to save their farms and homes.

I wish again to emphasize this view—that these widespread banking reforms are a National necessity and are the first requisites for further

recovery in agriculture and business. They should have immediate consideration as steps greatly needed to further recovery.

Economic Co-operation With Other Nations.

Our major difficulties during the past two years find their origins in the shocks from economic collapse abroad which in turn are the aftermath of the Great War. If we are to secure rapid and assured recovery and protection for the future we must co-operate with foreign nations in many measures.

We have actively engaged in a World Disarmament Conference where, with success, we should reduce our own tax burdens and the tax burdens of other major nations. We should increase political stability of the world. We should lessen the danger of war by increasing defensive powers and decreasing offensive powers of nations. We would thus open new vistas of economic expansion for the world.

We are participating in the formulation of a World Economic Conference, successful results from which would contribute much to advance in agricultural prices, employment, and business. Currency depreciation and correlated forces have contributed greatly to decrease in price levels. Moreover, from these origins rise most of the destructive trade barriers now stifling the commerce of the world. We could by successful action increase security and expand trade through stability in international exchange and monetary values. By such action would confidence could be restored. It would bring courage and stability, which will reflect into every home in our land.

European War Debts.

The European governments, obligated to us in war debts, have requested that there should be suspension of payments due the United States on Dec. 15 next, to be accompanied by exchange of views upon this debt question. Our Government has informed them that we do not approve of suspension of the Dec. 15 payments. I have stated that I would recommend to the Congress methods to overcome temporary exchange difficulties in connection with this payment from nations where it may be necessary.

In the meantime I wish to reiterate that here are three great fields of international action which must be considered not in part but as a whole. They are of most vital interest to our people. Within them there are not only grave dangers if we fail in right action but there also lie immense opportunities for good if we shall succeed. Within success there lie major remedies for our economic distress and major progress in stability and security to every fireside in our country.

The welfare of our people is dependent upon successful issue of the great causes of world peace, world disarmament, and organized world recovery. Nor is it too much to say that to-day as never before the welfare of mankind and the preservation of civilization depend upon our solution of these questions. Such solutions can not be attained except by honest friendship, by adherence to agreements entered upon until mutually revised and by co-operation amongst nations in a determination to find solutions which will be mutually beneficial.

Other Legislation.

I have placed various legislative needs before the Congress in previous messages, and these views require no amplification on this occasion. I have urged the need for reform in our transportation and power regulation, in the anti-trust laws as applied to our National resource industries, western range conservation, extension of Federal aid to child-health services, membership in the World Court, the ratification of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway Treaty, revision of the bankruptcy acts, revision of Federal court procedure, and many other pressing problems.

These and other special subjects I shall where necessary deal with by special communications to the Congress.

The activities of our Government are so great, when combined with the emergency activities which have risen out of the world crisis, that even the briefest review of them would render the annual message unduly long. I shall therefore avail myself of the fact that every detail of the Government is covered in the reports to the Congress by each of the departments and agencies of the Government.

Conclusion.

It seems to me appropriate upon this occasion to make certain general observations upon the principles which must dominate the solution of problems now pressing upon the Nation. Legislation in response to National needs will be effective only if every such act conforms to a complete philosophy of the people's purposes and destiny. Ours is a distinctive government with a unique history and background, consciously dedicated to specific ideals of liberty and to a faith in the inviolable sanctity of the individual human spirit. Furthermore, the continued existence and adequate functioning of our government in preservation of ordered liberty and stimulation of progress depends upon the maintenance of State, local, institutional, and individual sense of responsibility. We have built a system of individualism peculiarly our own which must not be forgotten in any governmental acts, for from it have grown greater accomplishments than those of any other nation.

On the social and economic sides, the background of our American system and the motivation of progress is essentially that we should allow free play of social and economic forces as far as will not limit equality of opportunity and as will at the same time stimulate the initiative and enterprise of our people. In the maintenance of this balance the Federal Government can permit of no privilege to any person or group. It should act as a regulatory agent and not as a participant in economic and social life. The moment the Government participates, it becomes a competitor with the people. As a competitor it becomes at once a tyranny in whatever direction it may touch. We have around us numerous such experiences, no one of which can be found to have justified itself except in cases where the people as a whole have met forces beyond their control, such as those of the Great War and this great depression, where the full powers of the Federal Government must be exerted to protect the people. But even these must be limited to an emergency sense and must be promptly ended when these dangers are overcome.

With the free development of science and the consequent multitude of inventions, some of which are absolutely revolutionary in our National life, the Government must not only stimulate the social and economic responsibility of individuals and private institutions but it must also give leadership to co-operative action amongst the people which will soften the effect of these revolutions and thus secure social transformations in an orderly manner. The highest form of self-government is the voluntary co-operation within our people for such purposes.

But I would emphasize again that social and economic solutions, as such, will not avail to satisfy the aspirations of the people unless they conform with the traditions of our race, deeply grooved in their sentiments through a century and a half of struggle for ideals of life that are rooted in religion and fed from purely spiritual springs.

HERBERT HOOVER

The White House,

Dec. 6 1932.

Budget Message of President Hoover—Continuance of Federal Gasoline Tax for Another Year Proposed—Suggested Sales Tax Fixed at 2¼%—Deficit for 1933 Estimated at \$307,192,187.

Following the presentation to Congress of his annual message on Dec. 6 (which will be found on another page in this issue of our paper), President Hoover on Dec. 7 submitted to Congress his budget message. In his annual message, the President gave his endorsement to a sales tax, imposed with the view to balancing the budget; in his budget message the President recommends:

That the manufacturers' excise taxes now imposed on certain articles be extended and in part replaced by a general uniform tax (excluding food). I have been advised that the annual yield of such a general tax at a 2¼% rate would be approximately \$355,000,000.

He likewise recommends that "the Federal tax on gasoline, which is effective only until June 30 1933, be continued until June 30 1934, producing about \$137,000,000 additional revenue in the fiscal year 1934." Preceding these recommendations the President stated that "in spite of the large reduction in expenditures, the revenues under existing laws are expected to fall short of providing sufficient money to avoid a further increase in the public debt in the fiscal year 1934 by about \$307,000,000."

According to the President, the additional \$492,000,000 of revenue produced through the gasoline and sales tax "will not only make possible the replacements referred to above but will also avoid a further increase in the public debt during the fiscal year 1934."

In presenting his budget message, President Hoover says that the appropriations recommended for the fiscal year

ending June 30 1934, have been reduced by about \$830,000,000 below the appropriations for the current fiscal year, which reduction is offset by about \$250,000,000 of unavoidable increases in items not subject to Administrative control, making a net reduction of about \$580,000,000. The appropriations recommended in the budget (for 1934) total \$4,218,808,344 and are predicated on a reduction of \$55,000,000 in Government salaries (11% cut in amounts over \$1,000), and a saving of \$127,000,000 in Veterans' expenditures. The message recommends "that there be no further grant of legislative authority for appropriation for Federal-aid highways until the financial condition of the Treasury justifies such action." The deficit estimated by the President for the fiscal year ended June 30 1934, is \$307,192,187; for the fiscal year 1933, \$1,146,478,307, and for the fiscal year 1932, \$2,472,732,539. We give the budget message in full herewith:

To the Congress of the United States:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Budget of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30 1934. The appropriations herein recommended for the fiscal year 1934 have been reduced by about \$830,000,000 below the appropriations for the current fiscal year, which reduction is offset by about \$250,000,000 of unavoidable increases in items not subject to administrative control, making a net reduction of about \$580,000,000.

The following tabulation summarizes the estimates of appropriations (a) as contained in the body of the Budget and (b) as modified by the further recommendations contained in this message, compared with the appropriations made by the Congress for the current fiscal year:

Department or Establishment.	Fiscal Year 1934 Estimates—		Fiscal Year 1933 Appropriations.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) of Fiscal Year 1934 Compared with Fiscal Year 1933—	
	As Estimated in the Body of the Budget.	As Modified by Additional Recommendations in the Budget Message.		As Estimated in the Body of the Budget.	As Modified by Additional Recommendations in the Budget Message.
Legislative.....	\$21,088,928	*\$17,558,317	\$18,822,141	+\$2,266,787	-\$1,263,824
Executive Office and Independent Establishments (except Veterans' Administration).....	47,062,220	45,771,848	84,892,891	-37,530,671	-39,121,043
Veterans' Administration.....	1,060,976,834	931,077,773	1,020,464,000	+40,512,834	-89,386,227
Agriculture.....	118,814,909	115,883,297	317,883,236	-199,068,327	-201,999,939
Commerce.....	37,934,323	36,409,372	44,784,408	-6,850,085	-8,375,036
Interior.....	58,190,929	56,594,543	81,325,484	-23,134,555	-24,730,941
Justice.....	45,082,487	43,421,843	45,996,000	-913,513	-2,574,157
Labor.....	13,393,345	12,793,616	12,924,770	+468,575	-131,154
Navy.....	309,647,536	308,695,579	328,906,141	-19,258,605	-20,210,562
Post Office—From postal revenues.....	627,293,161	627,293,161	651,104,675	-23,811,514	-23,811,514
From the Treasury.....	97,000,000	67,215,330	155,000,000	-58,000,000	-87,784,670
State.....	13,008,627	12,505,304	13,694,793	-686,166	-1,189,489
Treasury.....	289,861,557	284,898,147	375,027,597	-85,166,040	-90,129,450
War—Military.....	278,609,741	276,863,201	305,739,924	-27,133,183	-28,876,723
Non-military.....	73,296,440	71,559,462	151,718,158	-78,421,718	-80,158,696
Panama Canal.....	13,106,404	12,553,368	11,146,661	+1,959,743	+1,406,707
District of Columbia.....	39,743,270	38,643,862	44,497,622	-4,754,352	-5,553,760
Public Debt—Reduction in principal.....	534,070,321	534,070,321	496,803,478	+37,266,843	+37,266,843
Interest.....	725,000,000	725,000,000	640,000,000	+85,000,000	+85,000,000
Total.....	\$4,403,178,032	\$4,218,808,344	\$4,800,731,979	-\$397,553,947	-\$581,923,635

* After deducting \$1,968,000, Economy Act savings.

The appropriations which I recommend be made for the fiscal year ending June 30 1934, as shown above, total \$4,218,808,344, and are predicated upon the enactment of legislation, which I hereby recommend, providing (a) for a temporary reduction in the rate of pay of Federal personnel, to be applied to all civil employees prior to the application of the provisions of Title I of Part II of the act making appropriations for the Legislative branch of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30 1933, and for other purposes (the continuation of which for another year is submitted in the body of the Budget), effecting an additional saving of \$55,000,000, and (b) amending certain laws providing for benefits to veterans, producing a further saving of \$127,000,000. I recommend that this legislation be in the language appended to this Message.

Expenditures.

The appropriations made for any fiscal year control the obligations which may be incurred during that year, but do not accurately reflect the expenditures of the year, as many expenditures are made in liquidation of obligations of a prior year and out of the prior year's appropriation, while many obligations incurred during the year are liquidated in a subsequent year.

Expenditures, therefore, while based upon the appropriations available must be separately estimated. The following tabulation summarizes the expenditures contemplated during the fiscal year 1934 under appropriations (a) as recommended in the body of the Budget and (b) as modified by the further recommendations contained in this message, compared with the estimated expenditures for the current fiscal year:

Department or Establishment.	Fiscal Year 1934		Fiscal Year 1933, As Estimated in the Body of the Budget.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) of Fiscal Year 1934 Compared with Fiscal Year 1933—	
	As Estimated in the Body of the Budget.	As Modified by Additional Recommendations in the Budget Message.		As Estimated in the Body of the Budget.	As Modified by Additional Recommendations in the Budget Message.
Legislative.....	\$20,581,300	\$17,050,700	\$24,675,800	-\$4,094,500	-\$7,625,100
Executive Office and Independent Establishments (except Veterans' Administration).....	51,675,800	50,385,500	128,904,800	-77,229,000	-78,519,300
Veterans' Administration.....	1,105,008,000	975,109,000	1,073,351,000	+31,627,000	-98,272,000
Agriculture.....	144,876,400	141,944,800	314,204,500	-169,328,100	-172,259,700
Commerce.....	40,066,000	38,541,100	44,743,400	-4,677,400	-6,202,300
Interior.....	71,010,500	69,414,200	75,605,800	-4,595,300	-6,191,600
Justice.....	44,654,000	42,993,400	46,081,300	-1,427,300	-3,087,900
Labor.....	13,368,500	12,768,800	12,337,400	+1,031,100	+431,400
Navy.....	330,126,000	329,174,100	356,360,500	-26,234,500	-27,186,400
Post Office—From postal revenues.....	625,000,000	625,000,000	600,000,000	+25,000,000	+25,000,000
From the Treasury.....	97,075,000	67,290,400	134,075,000	-37,000,000	-66,784,600
State.....	13,118,800	12,615,500	14,779,000	-1,660,200	-2,163,500
Treasury.....	336,365,700	331,402,300	367,725,800	-31,360,100	-36,323,500
War—Military.....	286,046,400	284,302,900	306,409,200	-20,362,800	-22,105,300
Non-military.....	108,071,000	106,334,100	121,077,700	-13,006,700	-14,743,600
Panama Canal.....	12,933,000	12,380,000	13,421,800	-488,800	-1,041,800
District of Columbia.....	40,747,500	39,648,100	41,952,000	-1,204,500	-2,303,900
Public Debt—Reduction in principal.....	534,070,300	534,070,300	498,153,400	+35,916,900	+35,916,900
Interest.....	725,000,000	725,000,000	695,000,000	+30,000,000	+30,000,000
Total.....	\$4,599,794,200	\$4,415,425,200	\$4,868,888,400	-\$269,094,200	-\$453,463,200
Deduct Postal Service payable from postal revenues.....	625,000,000	625,000,000	600,000,000	+25,000,000	+25,000,000
Total payable from the Treasury.....	\$3,974,794,200	\$3,790,425,200	\$4,268,888,400	-\$294,094,200	-\$478,463,200

The total expenditure in 1934 is increased above the normal carry over of funds from prior appropriations by \$110,000,000 from the 1933 appropriations for construction as contained in the Emergency Relief and Construction Act, in opposition to which appropriations I presented my views to the last Congress. This unusual carry-over accounts for the major difference between reduction of appropriations and reduction of expenditures.

Expenditures and Receipts.

The following tabulation summarizes the estimated expenditures and receipts for the fiscal years 1934 and 1933 compared with the actual expenditures and receipts for 1932. The expenditures for 1934 are predicated upon the appropriations for that year recommended above and the receipts for 1934 upon existing revenue laws:

	1934.	1933.	1932.
Total payable from Treasury— Ded. public-debt retirements—	\$3,790,425,200 534,070,300	\$4,268,888,400 498,153,400	\$5,006,590,305 412,629,750
Total other expenditures—	\$3,256,354,900	\$3,770,735,000	\$4,593,960,555
Receipts—	2,949,162,713	2,624,256,693	2,121,228,006
Excess of expenditures—	\$307,192,187	\$1,146,478,307	\$2,472,732,549

From this tabulation it will be seen that, in spite of the large reduction in expenditures, the revenues under existing laws are expected to fall short of providing sufficient money to avoid a further increase in the public debt in the fiscal year 1934 by about \$307,000,000.

To meet this situation I recommend:

(a) That the Federal tax on gasoline, which is effective only until June 30 1933, be continued until June 30 1934, producing about \$137,000,000 additional revenue in the fiscal year 1934, and

(b) That the manufacturers' excise taxes now imposed on certain articles be extended and in part replaced by a general uniform tax (excluding food). I have been advised that the annual yield of such a general tax, at a 2 1/4 % rate, would be approximately \$355,000,000.

The additional \$492,000,000 of revenue produced in this way will not only make possible the replacements referred to above but will also avoid a further increase in the public debt during the fiscal year 1934. The details of these recommendations will be presented by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Continuance of Certain Economy Provisions.

In arriving at the amounts of the estimates of appropriations contained in this budget for the executive branch of the Government, I have predicated my action on a continuance during the fiscal year 1934 of certain sections or parts of sections of the so-called Economy Act of June 30 1932, which, by the terms of that act, are now limited in their application to the fiscal year 1933. The recommendation for the continuance of these sections of the Economy Act will be found in the general provisions which have been incorporated in the chapter of this Budget pertaining to the Post Office Department. These provisions have been inserted in that chapter for the reason that it has been the general policy of Congress to include in the consolidated act making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office departments general provisions which are to have application to all departments and establishments.

The provisions of section 110 of the Economy Act, which deal with the impounding of funds unexpended by reason of the operation of the provisions of Title I of that act are not, of course, recommended for continuance as the savings which will result from the continuance during 1934 of the provisions of this title have been taken into consideration in framing the estimates of appropriations for 1934, including the permanent appropriation estimates. With regard to the permanent specific appropriations there is included in the recommendations a provision that these appropriations shall be reduced for 1934 in an amount which represents the savings which will be made therefrom by the continuance of the provisions of the Economy Act.

I am recommending the retention of so much of Section 202 as precludes administrative promotions, but do not recommend the continuance of that portion of said section, nor of Section 203, which for the current fiscal year requires the written authorization or approval of the President for the filling of vacant positions. This is a detail of administrative responsibility which should be restored to the heads of the departments and establishments where it has uniformly rested in the past. The estimates of appropriations for 1934 provide only for the personnel needed under the existing organizational set-up. If vacancies occur which are not necessary to be filled, I am confident that we can rely upon the heads of the departments and establishments to see that they are not filled. I feel that we are weakening the responsibility which should devolve upon and be intrusted in the heads of the departments and establishments by requiring the Chief Executive to authorize or approve in writing the filling of any vacancies which may occur in their personnel.

The reductions in the estimates of appropriations contained in this Budget which are due to the recommendation that certain provisions of the Economy Act be continued in force during 1934 amount to \$97,398,000. This is exclusive of the estimates of appropriations for the Legislative branch of the Government which do not, of course, reflect the savings which would result from the continuance in 1934 of these provisions of the Economy Act. The Budget and Accounting Act of 1921 provides that the estimates for the Legislative branch of the Government shall be presented to the Congress without Executive revision. If these provisions of the Economy Act are continued in effect during 1934 they would automatically reflect a reduction in the estimates of appropriations for the Legislative establishment of approximately \$1,968,000.

Motor Vehicles.

The provisions which have appeared annually in the separate appropriation acts relating to the purchase, use and general maintenance of passenger-carrying automobiles have been consolidated and appear as section 3 of the Post Office Department chapter of this Budget, in language which makes the provision applicable to the appropriations for all of the Executive departments and independent establishments for the fiscal year 1934. The adoption of a general provision will assure uniformity and avoid the necessity of carrying individual restrictions of this nature in each of the appropriation acts.

Veterans' Administration.

The appropriations recommended for the Veterans' Administration for 1934 amount to \$931,078,000, after deducting the savings to be accomplished by the legislation recommended above. The appropriations for 1933 total \$1,020,464,000. Without the savings now recommended above the appropriations for 1934 would exceed \$1,060,000,000. About \$21,000,000 of each of these amounts represents the cost of the civil-service retirement and disability fund which is administered by the Veterans' Administration. Deducting this amount gives a cost for care of veterans for 1934 of \$932,956,000 as against \$999,464,000 for 1933. This would indicate a decrease of about \$66,500,000, but the Veterans' Administration

will require an additional amount of about \$16,250,000 for military and naval insurance during the current fiscal year, so that the real decrease in cost for 1934 under 1933 is about \$82,750,000.

The principal items of decrease are the \$127,000,000 to be accomplished by the legislation mentioned above and decreases in construction and in general administration. These decreases are partially offset by increases in military and naval insurance, and in military and naval compensation.

Retirement Funds.

The actuarial revaluation of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund so as to cover the changes made by the Act of May 29 1930 has not been completed. Pending the completion of this revaluation the estimates for the financing of the Government's liability to the fund is presented in the same amount as has been appropriated for each of the last two years, namely, \$20,850,000.

With regard to the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability Fund the actuarial valuation shows that a Federal contribution of \$427,000 will be required for the fiscal year 1934 to maintain the solvency of the fund. The Government's liability to the fund was increased by the Act approved Feb. 23 1931, but there has been no change in the existing statutory authorization that appropriations to meet the Government's liability should at no time exceed the total of the contributions of the Foreign Service officers and accumulated interest thereon. Under existing law there is no authorization for an appropriation for 1934 in excess of \$292,700, so that this Budget contains an estimate in that amount only.

Shipping Board.

No direct appropriation for the Shipping Board shipping fund was made for 1933, the operating costs for that year being met by the authority granted by Congress to utilize balances and reserves on hand. In addition to recommending a continuance of this authority for 1934, the estimate for the shipping fund contained in this Budget provides for a direct appropriation of \$2,875,000. The requirements of the Shipping Board shipping fund to meet its operating costs is dependent upon the lines of vessels which it may operate and each line which is sold operates to reduce the amount needed. Where the sale of lines by the Shipping Board is conditional upon the private operators receiving an ocean mail contract from the Post Office Department the Board should be in a position to transfer to that department the savings which are reflected in the operating costs. For this purpose a provision has been incorporated in the estimates of appropriations for the Shipping Board to permit of the transfer of not exceeding \$4,000,000 to the Post Office Department to be available only for meeting the cost in 1934 of ocean mail contracts entered into by that Department under the provisions of the Merchant Marine Act of 1928 for service upon steamship lines which may be sold by the Shipping Board.

Public Works.

Speaking generally of public works, this program is well in advance of the country's immediate need by virtue of the vast appropriations made for this purpose as a means of increasing employment. The authorization of large programs of self liquidation works to be financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation provides aid to employment upon an even larger scale without burden upon the taxpayers. For this reason the estimates for public works generally for 1934 show a marked reduction below the appropriations for 1933.

Federal-Aid Highway System.

The authorization for appropriations for the Federal-aid highway system expires with the current fiscal year, 1933, and the unappropriated balance of the authorizations amounts to \$51,560,000. This Budget contains an estimate of appropriation of \$40,000,000 of this balance, this being the amount which will be required for expenditure in 1934 in the absence of any further legislative authorization for appropriation. I earnestly recommend to the Congress that there be no further grant of legislative authority for appropriation for Federal aid highways until the financial condition of the Treasury justifies such action. The annual program of Federal aid for the highway system was increased from \$75,000,000 to \$125,000,000 beginning with the fiscal year 1931, and has been materially further advanced within the last two years by the appropriation of \$80,000,000 made in the Emergency Construction Appropriation Act of Dec. 20 1930, and the appropriation of \$120,000,000 contained in the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of July 21 1932. I am not unmindful that these emergency appropriations, amounting to \$200,000,000, represent advances only and that under the provisions of the acts making them the entire amount, less the \$15,000,000, returnable to the United States from the authorization for 1933, is eventually to be reimbursed to the United States by deductions from the appropriations which may be made to the States under any future authorizations that may be granted for carrying out the Federal Highway Act. I do not, however, view this as a commitment which of itself necessitates further authorization for Federal appropriations until such time as the financial condition of the Treasury justifies such action.

Buildings.

The Federal public building program authorized by the act of May 25 1926, is progressing satisfactorily and the activities under it have been of material assistance in the relief of the unemployed. The program involves a total expenditure for all purposes of approximately \$700,000,000, of which \$190,000,000 is for land and buildings in the District of Columbia.

In furtherance of the provisions of the enabling legislation 817 projects have been specifically authorized at limits of cost aggregating \$470,717,000. On Oct. 31, last, 254 of these projects had been completed, 400 projects were under contract either in whole or in part, and 110 projects were being processed toward the contract stage, the drawings therefor having been completed. In accordance with provisions of the Legislative Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1932, original limits of cost were reduced 10% for over 200 projects not under contract on July 1 1932. Further savings have been made as a result of the decline in price of materials, and it is estimated that of the \$470,717,000 specifically authorized for the 817 projects, at least \$40,000,000 will be saved and all of them completed within \$430,000,000.

In carrying on the program, including additional land in the District of Columbia, obligations aggregating \$378,804,417.52, were incurred to Oct. 31, last, and \$261,278,065.75 actually expended.

The funds available for expenditure in the fiscal year 1933 amount to \$134,053,401.19. It is expected that this amount, together with the \$60,000,000 included in the estimates for 1934 now transmitted, will all be spent in the fiscal years 1933 and 1934.

These activities under the building program were increased to a marked degree by the appropriation of \$100,000,000 for public buildings contained in the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932, which was approved

on July 21 1932. This act stipulated that the projects undertaken under the emergency appropriation should be selected from those to which funds authorized under the regular public building program had been allocated. After a comprehensive survey of applicable conditions about 410 projects have been selected and plans have been laid to proceed with the work to the end that practically all of the funds appropriated will be obligated in the fiscal years 1933 and 1934.

No provision is made for additional projects in the Budget now transmitted, other than estimates aggregating \$2,505,000 for miscellaneous projects not coming within the purview of the regular building program, as I do not deem further building at this time in the public interest.

Rivers and Harbors and Flood Control.

The estimate for the annual appropriation for the maintenance and improvement of existing river and harbor works contained in this Budget is \$39,388,129, a reduction from the comparable amount of the regular annual appropriation for 1933 of \$20,161,871. The emergency appropriations made last July for public works, with a view to increasing employment, contained \$30,000,000 for rivers and harbors, which is in addition to the annual appropriation of \$60,000,000 for 1933. Adding the estimate of appropriation for 1934 to the two appropriations for the current fiscal year will provide \$123,388,129 for the two years, or an average of nearly \$65,000,000 per year, and if there be included with these appropriations the amount of cash on hand June 30 1932 the cash availability for river and harbor works during the fiscal years 1933 and 1934 totals approximately \$149,445,000, or an average of \$74,722,000 per year. Because of a reduction in the cost of labor and materials for work of this character the value of the work of river and harbor improvement which can be accomplished during the fiscal years 1933 and 1934 with the funds available would represent an increase of from 15 to 40%, or between \$171,862,000 and \$209,223,000 at 1929 costs.

For flood control the 1934 estimates of annual appropriations provide \$19,653,424 for the Mississippi River and its tributaries and \$768,480 for the Sacramento River, reductions of \$12,066,576 and \$207,520 from comparable amounts provided in the regular annual appropriations for 1933. In addition to the regular annual appropriation of \$32,000,000 for the fiscal year 1933, there was provided \$15,500,000 for flood-control work on the Mississippi River and its tributaries by the Relief Act approved July 21 1932. Adding the estimate of appropriation for 1934 to the two appropriations for the current fiscal year will provide \$67,153,424 for flood control on the Mississippi for the two years, or an average of over \$33,500,000 per year, and if the cash on hand on June 30 1932 be included the cash availability for the two years is approximately \$85,523,000, or an average of \$42,761,000 per year. In value of work these amounts will produce an increase of between 15 and 40% over the work which could have been secured with the same amounts at 1929 costs, due to the reduction which has taken place in the cost of this character of work.

The total of the estimates contained in this Budget for rivers and harbors (including maintenance and operation of Dam No. 2, Muscle Shoals) and flood control is \$71,255,217, of which \$49,935,313 is for rivers and harbors and \$21,319,904 for flood control. The total of \$71,255,217 includes \$10,868,500 to meet requirements under authorizations of law covering permanent specific and indefinite appropriations, advances and contributions for rivers and harbors, and flood-control work.

Panama Canal.

For maintenance and operation of the Panama Canal and the sanitation and civil government of the Canal Zone this Budget provides for a total of \$13,106,404, after deducting \$471,718 to cover reductions based upon a continuation in 1934 of certain provisions of the Economy Act. This gives \$13,578,122 to be used for purposes of comparison with the 1933 appropriation of \$11,146,661, and indicates a net increase in 1934 of \$2,431,461. However, it is to be noted that the Budget estimate for 1933 was reduced by \$3,500,000 and the amount appropriated supplemented to the same extent by a provision in the Act reading "and such sums, aggregating not to exceed \$3,500,000, as may be deposited in the Treasury of the United States as dividends by the Panama RR. Co. in excess of 10% of the capital stock of such company." While this resulted in a facial reduction in the estimate as submitted in the Budget for 1933, it did not affect any saving, as it reduced by a corresponding amount the dividends which otherwise would have been paid into the Treasury by the Panama RR. Co. Therefore, from the standpoint of availability of funds, the 1934 estimate is \$1,068,539 below the appropriations for 1933.

Treasury Department.

The estimates of appropriations for the Treasury Department as presented in this Budget, aside from interest on the public debt and public-debt retirements from ordinary receipts, are \$85,166,000 less than the appropriations for 1933. Excluding the amount of deductions predicated on a continuance of certain sections of the Economy Act, which amount to approximately \$8,000,000, and taking into consideration that an additional amount of about \$40,000,000 will be required in 1933 for refunding taxes illegally collected, the net decrease, aside from the public-debt items, amounts to approximately \$37,160,000.

The principal decrease is \$148,000,000 in the items for construction of new Federal buildings. This decrease is made possible by reduced expenditure requirements amounting to \$48,000,000 under the regular public-building program and the fact that the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932 provided \$100,000,000 for public buildings, which is available during 1933 and subsequent years. Among the other decreases are \$5,700,000 for customs administration, due largely to reimbursable items resulting from the decline in customs receipts; \$1,084,000 in the Coast Guard items, and \$753,000 under the Bureau of Engraving and Printing due to reduced production program.

On the increase side the main items, excluding those pertaining to the public debt, are \$68,000,000 for refunding taxes illegally collected, for which no direct appropriation was made for the current fiscal year, and \$7,715,000 for the Office of the Supervising Architect, which is made up principally of items having to do with the operation and maintenance of the large number of Federal buildings which will be completed during 1934, the remodeling and enlarging of old buildings, and the increase in force and related expenses, both in Washington and in the field, incident to the enlarged construction program.

With regard to public-debt transactions the estimate under the permanent appropriation for 1934 for interest on the public debt shows an increase of \$85,000,000 in excess of the appropriation for 1933. There is also an increase of \$37,266,843 for public-debt retirements from ordinary receipts, consisting of the cumulative sinking fund, additional sinking-fund requirements to carry into effect the provisions of Section 308 of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932, receipts from foreign governments to be applied to debt retirements, and retirements from franchise-tax receipts from Federal Reserve banks.

National Defense.

Excluding all items of a non-military nature the estimates of appropriations contained in this Budget for national defense under the War and Navy Departments amount to \$586,477,000 as compared with appropriations of \$632,466,000 for 1933, which indicates a decrease of \$46,019,000. To obtain a proper basis for comparison, however, there should be deducted \$16,996,000, which represents the deductions made in the 1934 estimates predicated upon a continuance during that fiscal year of certain provisions of the Economy Act. On this comparable basis the decrease is slightly more than \$29,000,000.

With regard to the War Department the net decrease is \$18,215,000, which results from a large number of items of increase and decrease. The principal item of decrease is Army construction, for which \$17,414,000 was appropriated in 1933 and for which no similar item is included in this Budget. Construction under the Army housing program has progressed to such a stage that a postponement of further construction can be made at this time without detriment to the Army. Other decreases which merit mention here are \$3,590,000 in arming, equipping, and training the National Guard, effected principally by the inclusion in the estimate of appropriation of a provision temporarily suspending existing law so as to permit a reduction in the number of armory drills paid by the United States from 48 to 24, and \$1,592,000 for citizen's military training camps, made possible by a reduction of the number of trainees to be ordered to such camps. The principal increase is \$4,483,000 for subsistence of the Army, which is due to the fact that the appropriation for 1933 was supplemented by \$5,435,000 of excess stock and funds accumulated from prior year appropriations—no similar assets being available for 1934. There is also an increase of \$1,243,000 for transportation of the Army, required principally for the procurement of trucks and ambulances and the transportation of Army supplies and its personnel and baggage.

Provision is made in these estimates for average active strengths of 12,000 commissioned officers, 883 warrant officers, and 118,750 enlisted men of the Regular Army, and 6,500 enlisted men of the Philippine Scouts; for an actual average strength of 185,000 officers and men of the National Guard; for the training of 16,722 members of the Organized Reserves for varying periods; for the enrollment and instruction of 127,565 students in the Reserve Officers Training Corps units in schools and colleges, and the training of 7,200 of this number in 30-day camps; and for 30 days' attendance at citizen's military training camps of 13,000 trainees. The estimates for 1934 make provision for the adequate maintenance and operation of Army Air Corps activities and for the procurement of 375 new airplanes, which will give the Air Corps a total of 1,537 airplanes, on hand and on order on June 30 1934, leaving a shortage of only 111 in the approved program of 1,648 airplanes for the Regular Army.

For the Navy Department the net decrease in the estimates for 1934 from the appropriations for 1933 is \$10,807,000. There is a reduction of \$12,554,000 for ordinary maintenance and operating expenses; \$10,340,000 for public works projects, and \$9,450,000 in the amount for modernization of battleships. Offsetting these reductions totaling \$32,244,000, is an increase of \$21,437,000 for construction of new vessels.

The items for ordinary maintenance and operation provide for maintaining during the fiscal year 1934 an average of 79,700 enlisted men of the Navy, the same as provided for 1933, and an average of 13,600 enlisted men of the Marine Corps as compared with an average of 15,343 men provided for 1933.

The estimate of \$4,400,000 included in this Budget for modernization of battleships is sufficient to complete work on two battleships and to carry forward work on the other ship now in dock.

For construction of new vessels the 1934 estimates total \$38,845,000. This sum, together with the amount of \$5,000,000 to be transferred to this account from the naval supply account fund and an estimated balance of \$9,525,000 to be carried over from 1933, will make available for 1934 a total of \$53,380,000. This amount is ample to continue work at a normal rate of progress on all vessels now under way, and, in addition, on one 8-inch cruiser to be laid down in January 1933, another such cruiser to be laid down in January 1934, and four destroyers to be laid down in the first half of the fiscal year 1934. The amount appropriated for 1933 for construction of new vessels was \$18,063,000. In addition, \$7,000,000 was authorized to be transferred from other appropriations and a balance of \$37,817,000 was carried over from 1932, making a total availability for 1933 of \$62,880,000. While the estimates for vessel construction for 1934 are about \$21,000,000 in excess of the appropriation for 1933, the availability for 1934 will be some \$9,500,000 less than the availability for 1933. This difference is largely accounted for in the estimated savings due to continuation of provisions of the Economy Act and the anticipated reduction in labor costs.

The present schedule of wages for per diem employees of the Naval Establishment has been in effect since Jan. 1 1929. A provision of the Economy Act prohibits a reduction in such wage rates during the fiscal year 1933. This provision is not recommended for continuation through 1934.

A total decrease of \$4,576,000 in the cost of National defense is reflected in this Budget by the inclusion in the Post Office Department chapter of a general provision suspending, for the fiscal year 1934, the re-enlistment allowance or "bonus" to enlisted men. There is certainly at this time no necessity of the military service which justifies the payment of a cash bonus to men for re-enlisting in the service.

Unexpended Balances.

Following the policy which I have uniformly pursued and which has had the concurrence of the Congress, I am not recommending that the requirements for 1934 be met in part by a reappropriation or extension of the availability of unexpended balances of appropriations for the fiscal year 1933 except in those cases in which moneys appropriated for a specific non-recurring project remain unexpended and it is necessary to continue the availability of the funds for the same purpose or purposes for which originally appropriated.

Conclusion.

Notwithstanding the large reduction in expenditures estimated for the current fiscal year below those in the fiscal year 1932 and the increased revenues anticipated during this year under the revenue laws enacted at the last session of Congress, a large excess of expenditures with consequent increase in the public debt is anticipated for the current fiscal year.

Such a situation cannot be continued without disaster to the Federal finances. The recommendations herein presented to the Congress for further drastic reductions in expenditures and increased revenues will serve to prevent a further increase in the public debt during the fiscal year 1934 only if Congress will refrain from placing additional burdens upon the Federal Treasury.

I can not too strongly urge that every effort be made to limit expenditures and avoid additional obligations not only in the interest of the already heavily burdened taxpayer but in the interest of the very integrity of the finances of the Federal Government.

HERBERT HOOVER.

Dec. 5 1932.

RECAPITULATION.

	Budget Estimates, 1933.			Appropriations, 1933.			Budget, 1934.		
	Regular.	Supplemental.	Total.	Regular.	Supplemental.	Total.	Estimates.	Decrease (—) or Increase (+) Compared with 1933 Appropriations.	
								Reductions Predicated on Continuing During the Fiscal Year 1934 Certain Provisions of the Economy Act.	Other Reductions (—) or Increases (+).
Annual appropriations:									
Legislative establishment.....	\$ 21,746,402	\$ 379,770	\$ 22,126,172	\$ 18,673,991	\$ 38,350	\$ 18,712,341	\$ 21,018,128	\$	\$ +2,305,787
Executive Office and independent establishments, except Veterans' Administration.....	40,995,514	41,300,000	82,295,514	35,237,041	40,250,000	75,487,041	37,699,667	1,924,622	—35,862,752
Veterans' Administration.....	1,000,399,527	100,000	1,000,499,527	948,699,000	100,000	948,799,000	990,086,834	6,653,286	+47,941,120
Department of Agriculture.....	186,243,405	1,450,000	187,693,405	174,671,665	132,000,000	306,671,665	108,061,793	3,530,735	—195,079,137
Department of Commerce.....	44,716,304	120,000	44,836,304	39,221,408	5,560,000	44,781,408	37,917,323	2,108,617	—4,755,468
Department of Interior.....	57,361,352	3,260,702	60,622,054	46,027,982	21,155,702	67,183,684	46,083,929	1,602,615	—19,497,140
Department of Justice.....	53,900,364	—	53,900,364	45,996,000	—	45,996,000	44,282,487	3,247,933	+1,534,420
Department of Labor.....	14,484,397	—	14,484,397	12,920,770	—	12,920,770	13,389,345	1,040,585	+1,509,160
Navy Department.....	341,677,450	—	341,677,450	317,583,591	10,000,000	327,583,591	308,669,562	8,349,896	—10,564,133
Post Office Department.....	813,559,487	502,500	814,061,987	805,939,675	—	805,939,675	724,128,161	47,235,631	—34,575,883
State Department.....	16,683,072	—	16,683,072	13,663,793	—	13,663,793	12,977,626	723,890	+37,723
Treasury Department.....	269,016,418	—	269,016,418	250,308,158	100,000,000	350,308,158	270,200,740	8,084,884	—72,022,534
War Department.....	410,707,762	—	410,707,762	395,584,203	60,664,000	456,248,203	352,530,145	9,958,096	—93,759,962
District of Columbia.....	44,079,919	15,000	44,094,919	41,245,622	—	41,245,622	36,795,770	2,426,095	—2,023,757
Total, annual.....	3,315,571,373	47,127,972	3,362,699,345	3,145,772,899	369,768,052	3,515,540,951	3,003,841,510	96,886,885	—414,812,556
Permanent appropriations:									
Legislative establishment.....	109,800	—	109,800	109,800	—	109,800	70,800	—	—39,000
Independent establishments, except Veterans' Administration.....	10,122,550	—	10,122,550	9,405,850	—	9,405,850	9,362,553	13,840	—29,457
Veterans' Administration.....	71,665,000	—	71,665,000	71,665,000	—	71,665,000	70,890,000	—	—775,000
Department of Agriculture.....	11,211,571	—	11,211,571	11,211,571	—	11,211,571	10,753,116	33,455	—425,000
Department of Commerce.....	3,000	—	3,000	3,000	—	3,000	17,000	—	+14,000
Department of the Interior.....	14,141,800	—	14,141,800	14,141,800	—	14,141,800	12,107,000	116,000	—1,918,800
Department of Justice.....	4,000	—	4,000	4,000	—	4,000	800,000	—	+800,000
Department of Labor.....	1,322,550	—	1,322,550	1,322,550	—	1,322,550	977,974	7,919	—336,657
Navy Department.....	165,000	—	165,000	165,000	—	165,000	165,000	—	—
Post Office Department.....	31,000	—	31,000	31,000	—	31,000	31,000	—	—
State Department.....	24,719,439	—	24,719,439	24,719,439	—	24,719,439	19,660,817	11,440	—5,047,182
Treasury Department.....	12,356,540	—	12,356,540	12,356,540	—	12,356,540	12,479,440	329,100	+452,000
War Department.....	3,252,000	—	3,252,000	3,252,000	—	3,252,000	2,947,500	—	—304,500
Retirement of the public debt required to be made from ordinary receipts.....	496,803,478	—	496,803,478	496,803,478	—	496,803,478	534,070,321	—	+37,266,843
Interest on the public debt.....	640,000,000	—	640,000,000	640,000,000	—	640,000,000	725,000,000	—	+85,000,000
Total permanent.....	1,285,907,728	—	1,285,907,728	1,285,191,028	—	1,285,191,028	1,399,336,521	511,754	+114,657,247
Grand total.....	4,601,479,101	47,127,972	4,648,607,073	4,430,963,927	369,768,052	4,800,731,979	4,403,178,031	97,398,639	300,155,309
Total reductions.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	397,553,948
Deduct Postal Service payable from postal revenues.....	658,724,487	502,500	659,226,987	651,104,675	—	651,104,675	627,293,161	—	23,811,514
Grand total payable from Treasury.....	3,942,754,614	46,625,472	3,989,380,086	3,779,859,252	369,768,052	4,149,627,304	3,775,884,870	—	373,742,434

The following table shows the expected receipts and expenditures, the latter shown as figured in the basic Budget and as altered by the recommendations of the President in his Budget message:

(General and Special Funds Combined)

RECEIPTS.

	1933 Estimates Basic Budget.	1934 Estimates.	Supplemental Budget Message.
Internal Revenue—			
Income tax.....	\$ 860,000,000	\$ 1,010,000,000	\$ 1,010,000,000
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....	900,000,000	981,000,000	981,000,000
Total internal revenue.....	1,760,000,000	1,991,000,000	1,991,000,000
Customs (excluding tonnage tax).....	290,000,000	320,000,000	320,000,000
Miscellaneous receipts—			
Proceeds of Govt.-owned securities—			
Principal—Foreign obligations.....	73,499,881	123,018,315	123,018,315
Interest—Foreign obligations.....	195,094,693	205,724,562	205,724,562
Railroad securities.....	918,498	1,276,372	1,276,372
All other.....	49,963,585	44,447,600	44,447,600
Panama Canal tolls, &c.....	22,573,342	21,617,000	21,617,000
Other miscellaneous (incl. tonnage tax).....	75,836,144	84,685,339	84,685,339
Total general and special fund receipts.....	2,467,886,143	2,791,769,188	2,791,769,188

EXPENDITURES.

Legislative establishment.....	24,675,800	20,581,300	17,050,700
Executive Office.....	354,100	378,000	364,700
Veterans' Administration.....	838,265,000	869,885,000	739,986,000
Shipping Board.....	32,574,000	9,300,000	9,280,500
Other independent offices and commissions.....	45,946,700	41,966,800	40,709,300
Department of Agriculture.....	314,204,500	144,876,400	141,944,800
Department of Commerce.....	44,742,400	40,065,000	38,540,100
Department of Interior.....	69,885,300	65,660,000	64,135,000
Department of Justice.....	45,281,300	43,854,000	42,193,400
Department of Labor.....	12,336,900	13,365,000	12,768,300
Navy Department.....	356,178,000	329,931,500	328,979,600
Post Office Department.....	75,000	75,000	75,000
Department of State.....	14,083,000	12,533,800	12,030,500
Treasury Department.....	280,796,900	252,473,900	247,510,500
War Department.....	426,001,900	392,710,400	389,230,000
Total general fund expenditures.....	2,505,380,800	2,237,659,100	2,084,798,400
Interest on the public debt.....	695,000,000	725,000,000	725,000,000
Public debt retirements—			
Sinking fund.....	425,569,600	439,658,200	439,658,200
Purchases and retirements from foreign payments.....	69,008,800	90,812,100	90,812,100
Purchases and retirements from franchise tax receipts (Federal Reserve and Federal Intermediate Credit banks).....	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
Estate tax, forfeitures, gifts, &c.....	75,000	100,000	100,000

REFUNDS OF RECEIPTS.

Customs.....	17,510,500	14,515,000	14,515,000
Internal revenue.....	69,723,400	69,681,800	69,681,800
Postal deficiency.....	134,000,000	97,000,000	67,215,400
Panama Canal.....	13,421,800	12,933,000	12,380,000
Distribution of wheat and cotton for relief Agricultural marketing fund (net).....	10,000,000	—	—
Adjusted service certificate fund.....	100,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000
Civil Service retirement fund.....	20,850,000	20,850,000	20,850,000
Foreign Service retirement fund.....	416,000	292,700	292,700
District of Columbia.....	7,775,000	7,775,000	7,775,000
Total general and special fund expenditures.....	4,112,230,900	3,819,776,900	3,636,578,601
Excess of expenditures.....	1,644,344,757	1,028,007,712	844,809,402

TRUST FUNDS.

	1933 Estimates Basic Budget.	1934 Estimates.	Supplemental Budget Message.
Receipts.....	\$ 156,370,550	\$ 157,393,525	\$ 157,393,525
Expenditures.....	156,657,500	155,017,300	153,846,600
Excess of expenditures.....	—	286,950	—
Excess of receipts.....	—	—	2,376,225

GENERAL, SPECIAL AND TRUST FUNDS COMBINED.

Receipts.....	2,624,256,693	2,949,162,713	2,949,162,713
Expenditures.....	4,268,888,400	3,974,794,200	3,790,425,200
Excess of expenditures, exclusive of debt retirements.....	1,644,631,707	1,025,631,487	841,262,478
Excess of receipts.....	—	—	307,192,187

James Brown, President of New York State Chamber of Commerce Approves President Hoover's Recommendation For Federal Sales Tax to Balance Budget.

James Brown, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, expressed approval of President Hoover's recommendations in his message, for the wide application of a Federal sales tax and other needed economies to balance the budget. "The Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York has consistently advocated a sharp reduction in government expenses and the adoption of a Federal sales tax as a means of making the government revenues meet expenditures," Mr. Brown said on Dec. 6. He added:

The Committee on Taxation, in a report adopted by the Chamber last March, pointed out that it was becoming more and more apparent that the Federal budget was not balanced. The following month the Chamber unanimously adopted a report urging the necessity of balancing the budget without new bond issues and expressing regret that Congress had rejected a manufacturers sales tax as a means of collecting the needed additional revenue. Again in September last the Chamber adopted resolutions recommending a radical reduction of Federal expenditures and if the necessity for additional revenue still existed, the adoption by Congress when it again convened of a tax on sales.

At that meeting the Committee on Taxation submitted a 20-page report setting forth the advantages and disadvantages of a sales tax to raise needed revenue. Copies of all these reports and resolutions were sent to the President, Secretary of the Treasury and members of Congress.

It is evident from the President's message that the emergency tax measures passed during the last session of Congress and economies effected have failed to produce the hoped-for revenue and that further reductions in the Government's operating expenses and the adoption of a sales tax are now a necessity.

Annual Report of Secretary of Treasury Mills—Imposition of Manufacturers' Excise Tax and Continuance of Gasoline Tax Recommended—Urges Changes in Banking System and Commission to Consider Banking Legislation—Renews Recommendation for Trade Area Branch Banking—Urges That There Be No Extension of Legislation According Circulation Privilege to National Bank Notes—Advocates Measures Giving Secretary of Treasury Authority to Deal with Indebtedness of Railroads to Government—Decline in Income Taxes—The Public Debt.

In pointing out the need for reforms in the Nation's banking system, Secretary of the Treasury, Ogden L. Mills, in his annual report to Congress on Dec. 7 stated that "the developments of the last decade have uncovered unmistakable defects in the American banking structure." "They constitute a source of weakness in our economic life," he says, "and have been an important factor in the present depression. They call for fundamental reforms," says Secretary Mills, who, in his report goes on to say:

The outstanding facts are as follows:

1. During the 20 years ended with 1920 there was an enormous increase in the number of banks. In 1900 there were about 14,000; in 1920, over 30,000. In 1900 there was one bank for every 5,500 of the inhabitants of the United States; in 1920, one for every 3,500.

2. This excessive growth in the number of banks was due in part to our dual system of State and National banks, and to a laxity resulting from its competitive feature. There is no doubt that both State and National authorities have in the past granted bank charters too freely, a condition to which the Comptroller of the Currency directed attention as early as 1927.

3. During all of this period, unit banking received every encouragement, while branch banking was discouraged and for the most part prohibited.

4. The banking system of the United States as thus developed did not successfully meet the test of adverse circumstances. In 12 years there have been over 10,000 bank failures, or over one failure for every three active banks in the country in 1920. These failures have involved deposits aggregating nearly \$5,000,000,000. They have brought untold hardship to countless individuals, and have intensified the economic depression. The Comptroller of the Currency has in recent years repeatedly pointed out weaknesses in our existing system.

It is true that during the period in question the banks have had to struggle with extraordinarily difficult economic conditions. This was particularly true in the agricultural regions where sharply declining prices, accompanied by rapid depreciation in land values succeeding a rapid increase during the years prior to 1920, created unusual difficulties for the farmers and the banks that served them.

During the last three years the problems facing our entire banking system have been accentuated owing to the strains occasioned by the credit crisis which has accompanied a world-wide depression.

But even so, the country is entitled to the services of a banking system which will not only function adequately and safely in periods of fair weather, but will be able to withstand the stresses of even unusual storms. Any system that develops weaknesses to the extent that ours has when subjected to an unusual strain calls for careful analysis and study with a view to reform.

Various studies that have been made point to unescapable conclusions. The mortality rate is much greater among small banks than among the banks with larger resources. The earnings of most of the smaller institutions over the period of the last few years have been entirely inadequate, making it impossible for them to build up reserves. The cost of operation, and consequently the cost to the community which it serves, bears a direct relationship to the size of the bank. This is particularly true of the great number of institutions with limited resources that were operating in 1920 at the time the number of banks reached the maximum. The losses sustained by the smaller institutions have been relatively greater; and it is unquestionably true that a great number of the small banks have been unable to secure proper management.

This does not mean that mere size will of itself guarantee good banking or a sound banking structure. These facts, however, do indicate that the operation of a vast number of independent unit banks under such conditions that it is difficult for them either properly to diversify their assets, to make earnings, to procure competent management, or to command adequate resources, is a definite source of weakness in the American system of banking.

Our dual system and the divided control which exists have tended to relaxation in banking law and regulations, and to the development of unsound practices in the management of the banks. Moreover, recent events have disclosed as never before the extent to which many banks with deposits payable on demand have allowed too large a proportion of their assets to become tied up directly or indirectly in capital commitments. Furthermore, in some instances the functions of commercial and investment banking have become merged under the same management to such an extent as to present a difficult and important problem calling for remedy.

These facts speak for themselves. The banking structure of the United States needs modification.

In the last annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury it was recommended that trade area branch banking be adopted for national banks as a measure that would help overcome some of our present banking difficulties.

I renew the recommendation looking to the extension of branch banking. But it seems to me that the problem goes deeper than this. There is no occasion for any extensive new gathering of material. The facts are available in the reports of hearings of the Banking and Currency Committees of both Houses, in the reports of the Comptroller of the Currency, and in the comprehensive studies made by the Federal Reserve System.

I recommend that a joint committee of the two Houses, in co-operation with the Federal Reserve Board and the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, consider pending banking legislation in the light of information which has more recently become available, with a view to prompt formulation and enactment of legislation that will remedy the fundamental weaknesses of our banking structure.

In his reports, Secretary Mills refers to the effect of the depression on the Government receipts and expenditures and in his recommendations to effect the balancing of the

Budget, he advocates a manufacturers' excise tax of 2¼%, the continuance for another year of the Federal gasoline tax and a drastic reduction in Government expenditures. These recommendations likewise featured the Budget message of President Hoover, which we give elsewhere in these columns to-day. From Secretary Mills' report we quote as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Budget.

Expenditures.—However difficult and painful it may be, Government expenditures must be drastically cut when, owing to extraordinary circumstances, the Government finds that within a comparatively short period its revenues have been cut in half with little prospect of substantial improvement in the near future.

In a period of deep depression, with the income of the people greatly reduced, with their buying power drastically curtailed, and with millions deprived of their earning capacity, it is not only unwise but impossible to bridge the gap in the Budget entirely by increased taxation. There is no other course for the Government to follow but the one to which individuals and business enterprises are driven under similar circumstances, that is, to endeavor to live within its income.

As the Secretary of the Treasury stated in his last annual report:

There is a limit to the extent to which the Government, in our social and economic structure, may wisely divert funds from private employment to governmental use. When we take into consideration the mounting burden of State and local taxes, it is no exaggeration to say that we are approaching that limit.

A start was made at the last session of the Congress toward reducing the cost of Government. The economies then effected are not adequate. Moreover, while substantial cuts were made in a number of appropriations, new or increased appropriations in other directions offset in part these accomplishments.

At the coming session not only must every possible reduction be made, but there should be unyielding opposition to all increases and to all new appropriations.

The Congress last spring made a real effort to increase the revenues, and there is no doubt that the Revenue Act of 1932 represents a substantial accomplishment. The people, recognizing the necessity, loyally accepted the new and heavy burden.

The time has come to make a like effort on the cost side of the ledger. There is no more important problem before the Congress than that of reducing the cost of Government.

Revenue.—As already stated, the deficit for the fiscal year 1934 is estimated at approximately \$307,000,000, exclusive of statutory debt retirements and after reductions in expenditures as recommended by the President. In order that current receipts may cover current expenditures, exclusive of debt retirements, I recommend:

(1) That the gasoline tax now in effect and which is effective until only June 1933 be continued for another year, providing an additional \$137,000,000 of revenue;

(2) That those excise taxes which experience has demonstrated are relatively unproductive and give rise to serious administrative difficulties be repealed, and that there be imposed a general manufacturers' excise tax substantially in the form appearing in the bill originally reported by the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives during the last session of the Congress. It is estimated that such a measure, with the 2¼% rate, will yield about \$355,000,000, assuming a full year of collections, thus making possible the elimination of a number of the unsatisfactory and relatively unproductive new excise taxes.

In view of the misunderstanding as evidenced in the Congressional debates of last winter, I must emphasize that I am not recommending a general sales or turnover tax, with the inevitable pyramiding of the tax, but a manufacturers' excise tax, imposed at one point only.

In short, the recommendations of this department are substantially those made to the Senate Committee last May:

(1) A drastic reduction in expenditures;

(2) The imposition of a tax resting on a broad enough base to assure adequate revenue.

Because of the effect of existing conditions of the depression on the Budget for 1934, it is scarcely feasible to provide for resumption in that year of normal net reduction in the public debt, as was proposed during the last session of Congress. I can not too strongly urge, however, the necessity for balancing the Budget for the fiscal year 1934, exclusive of expenditures for debt retirement.

A further recommendation in Secretary Mills' report calls for the enactment of legislation giving the Secretary of the Treasury authority to arrange for a settlement of the indebtedness of the railroads to the United States arising under the provisions of the Transportation Act. On this point, Secretary Mills says:

Railroad Obligations.

In the last annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury, recommendation was made that the necessary legislation be enacted which would authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, with the concurrence of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to take such action as may be considered necessary to enable the Government to realize the utmost amount obtainable on account of railroad obligations held. Attention was called to the fact that approximately two-thirds of the \$39,000,000 principal amount of obligations of carriers remaining unpaid was owed by carriers in the hands of receivers; and that under such circumstances the Government could not expect to realize the full amount of the indebtedness due. For that reason it is essential that broad and general powers be given to the executive branch of the Government to deal with the railroad obligations in a practical manner.

A bill (H. R. 6582) providing for the compromise and settlement of claims of the United States against carriers arising under the provisions of Section 210 of the Transportation Act, 1920, as amended, was introduced in the last session of Congress. The provisions of the bill imposed certain restrictions and confined authority to the indebtedness arising under Section 210 of the Transportation Act, and, therefore, did not fully meet the needs of the situation. In reporting on this bill, the Secretary of the Treasury called attention to these restrictions and requested that consideration be given to enlarging the powers contained in the bill, so that the executive branch of the Government could deal with all indebtedness of carriers arising under title 2 of the Transportation Act, 1920. There was submitted with the report a draft of an amendment to accomplish the purposes set out in the report. Another bill (H. R. 10746), containing the suggestions made in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on bill H. R. 6582, was introduced during the latter part of the last session of Congress and referred to the Committee on Inter-State and Foreign Commerce. Because of other more pressing matters, the bill did not receive consideration.

It is believed that it is imperative that the Government should take some action with respect to the indebtedness of carriers to the United States arising under the provisions of the Transportation Act. The Treasury should be in a position to arrange for a settlement of these debts, and to co-operate in any reorganization plans submitted by receivers, reorganization committees, or the carriers.

I recommend, therefore, that consideration be given to this matter during the coming session of Congress. It is believed that, if a bill be enacted in the same form as H. R. 10746 introduced in the last session, it will give the Secretary of the Treasury sufficient authority to make necessary adjustments of the railroad obligations on a practical basis.

Senate Resolution No. 494 of March 3 1931, requested the Secretary of the Treasury to report to the Senate on or before Dec. 1 1931, with respect to the indebtedness of each railroad debtor on any notes or other claims on account of loans made under the provisions of Section 210 of the Transportation Act, 1920, covering the following items: (1) The financial condition of each railroad; (2) class of security held by the Government; (3) prospects of payment; (4) efforts being made to collect, and (5) recommendations as to disposition of the debt. The Secretary reported on this resolution under date of Nov. 30 1931, reviewing to some extent the history of loans made under Section 210 of the Transportation Act, 1920, and in addition showing the status of the indebtedness of each carrier to the Government, the collateral security behind each loan, and a financial statement of each carrier for the five years ended Dec. 31 1930, and eight months of the calendar year 1931. This report was printed as Senate Document No. 11, Seventy-second Congress, first session.

A recommendation that there be no extension of the authority (beyond the three-year period), conferring the circulation privilege to National bank notes is made as follows by Secretary Mills in his report:

United States Bonds—Circulation Privilege.

A section in the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, approved July 22 1932, authorized national banks to issue national bank notes on the basis of all Government bonds carrying a rate of interest of 3½% or less, the circulation privilege having previously been restricted to the 2% consols and Panama Canal bonds. This emergency authority was granted for three years. On Oct. 31 1932, about \$125,000,000 of additional national bank notes had been issued; these issues may have been helpful in some localities. Under the terms of this law, however, the total amount of national bank notes that can be issued is in excess of \$900,000,000. Under different business and economic conditions the power of the banks to issue such an amount of additional notes would seriously interfere with the Federal Reserve System's contact with the market and ability to influence credit conditions. I, therefore, recommend, that the authority granted by the act of July 22 1932, for a period of three years be not extended beyond that period.

The report in discussing Government finances, economic conditions, the decline in income tax yield, &c., says:

During the fiscal year ended June 30 1932 the Federal finances reflected in a marked degree the effect of the further development of the depression upon both the revenues and expenditures of the Government. Further decline in receipts, accompanied by increases in expenditures due chiefly to emergency measures, resulted in a deficit of \$2,885,362,299 for the year, compared with a deficit of \$902,716,845 for 1931. Expenditures on account of sinking fund and other debt retirements chargeable against ordinary receipts totaled \$412,629,750, and the deficit exclusive of this amount was \$2,472,732,549. The latter figure, together with payments in the amount of \$267,735,208 against credits established for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation through the purchase of its notes, which are required by law to be treated as public debt transactions, accounts for an increase during the year of \$2,685,720,952 in the gross outstanding public debt and a decrease of \$54,746,805 in the Treasury General Fund balance.

Total ordinary receipts at \$2,121,228,006 were \$1,196,005,488 smaller than in 1931 and about half as large as receipts for 1930. The drastic decline in receipts reflected the effect of reduced incomes on income tax collections, of continued decline in industry and trade on other sources of revenue, and of the suspension of payments on intergovernmental debts. Expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts aggregated \$5,006,590,305, and were \$786,639,966 larger than for the previous year. The increase was due chiefly to expanded governmental construction activities, increase in the postal deficiency, and payments for capital stock of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Federal Land banks.

It is particularly desirable under existing conditions to consider the Federal finances in the light of economic developments prior to and during the fiscal year.

REVIEW OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.

The past three fiscal years have witnessed a world-wide depression of unprecedented severity and duration. In this country decline in business commenced in the summer of 1929. Slight recovery in the spring of 1930 gave place to further decline; recovery upon a considerable scale in the spring of 1931 was checked by critical developments abroad and was succeeded by intensified business contraction.

By the end of the calendar year 1930 a depression of major proportions had been experienced. During the preceding year-and-a-half the physical volume of industrial production^x had declined by about 33% from the peak reached in the summer of 1929. During the same period construction, as reflected by the value of building contracts awarded, showed a decrease of about 42%, factory employment^x a decrease of about 22%, and the volume of freight car loadings^x and of department store sales^x decreases of 22 and 17%, respectively. Wholesale commodity prices^y had declined by nearly 18%, and since the autumn of 1929 the prices of common stocks^z had declined by more than 50%.

From January through April 1931 the physical volume of industrial production increased more than seasonally, and in some lines of industry the increase was sustained beyond that time. Easy conditions prevailed in the money market, and short-term money rates in the open market were at low levels.

Report in the Secretary of the Treasury.

This improvement, however, was sharply arrested as financial crisis developed abroad in the summer and autumn of the year, and throughout the fiscal year 1932 there were further marked declines in business activity.

World-wide depression had borne heavily on the economic condition of many foreign countries and had given rise to major financial difficulties which became acute at the end of May 1931, when the insolvency of the largest bank in Austria became known. An already serious and increasing apprehension regarding the economic and budgetary condition of Germany was accentuated by the Austrian crisis, and in June the withdrawal of funds from Germany assumed large proportions. Between the end of May and June 23 gold and foreign exchange holdings of the Reichsbank were reduced close to the minimum required by law. After the arrangement of a suspension of payments on intergovernmental debts during the fiscal year 1932, at the suggestion of President Hoover, conditions improved temporarily but renewed pressure finally necessitated intervention by the German Government in the banking situation and strict regulation and restriction of German international financial operations.

In July the center of the international crisis shifted to England and between the middle of July and Sept. 19 about \$1,000,000,000 of funds were withdrawn from the London market. On Sept. 21, after special credits obtained from abroad had been substantially exhausted, continued withdrawals of funds necessitated the suspension by England of the gold standard act. This action was followed by complete or partial suspension of free gold movements by many other countries.

After the departure of England and other countries from the gold standard, the loss of confidence in foreign balances and the desire to strengthen their gold position caused many central banks and others to withdraw funds from this country, with the consequence that the United States was in turn subjected to an unprecedented drain on its banking reserves. In the six weeks following the suspension of gold payments in England this country's stock of monetary gold was reduced by \$730,000,000. This outflow of gold was the largest movement of the metal during a similar period in any country at any time. After a temporary reversal there was a further outward movement of gold, particularly in May and the first half of June, which brought the net loss of gold for the nine months to about \$1,100,000,000.

Domestic confidence was seriously affected by the drain on our gold from abroad, and domestic withdrawals of currency for hoarding were greatly increased. The double impact upon the banking reserves of the country of the amounting domestic demand for currency and the heavy outward movement of gold led to a period of acute credit contraction, particularly from September 1931, through the first quarter of 1932. The increased intensity of credit contraction after September 1931, is indicated by Chart 4, [this we omit, Ed.] which shows the course of member bank loans and investments from 1919 to 1932. During the nine months from September 1931 to June 1932, there was a decline of \$5,000,000,000 in the loans and investments of member banks, as compared with a decline of \$3,000,000,000 during the preceding two-year period.

As a result of forces operating both from within and without this country, the number of bank failures increased sharply in September and October of last year, declining in November following the organization of the National Credit Corporation, which provided for mutual support and aid among the banks. Suspensions again increased in subsequent months until the spring of this year, when confidence was strengthened by progress in the development of a program of constructive governmental action.

Acute financial disturbance was accompanied by further marked contraction in production, employment, and prices. Whereas the physical volume of industrial production had declined by less than 10% in the nine months from the end of 1930 through September 1931, there was a further decline of more than 22% during the subsequent nine months through June 1932. Similar comparisons for these two nine-month periods show the following declines: 9 and 18% in factory employment, 18 and 25% in total freight car loadings, 11 and 15% in department stores sales, 19 and 54% in the value of building contracts awarded, and 11 and 10% in wholesale commodity prices.

The reconstruction program adopted during the last six months of the fiscal year 1932 included essential budget legislation; the organization of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; the so-called Glass-Steagall Act, which liberalized certain features of the Federal reserve act and rendered the resources of the system more readily available; and other measures.

Glass-Steagall Act.

After the passage of the Glass-Steagall Act, which for a period of one year gave the Federal Reserve Banks authority to use United States Government securities as collateral for Federal Reserve notes, the Reserve Banks purchased a large volume of United States Government securities in the open market. From the end of February to the end of June 1932, their holdings of such securities were increased by \$1,060,000,000. This increased not only offset heavy gold exports during the period but enabled the member banks to reduce their indebtedness at Reserve Banks by about \$365,000,000. Member bank reserve balances showed an increase of nearly \$160,000,000 during the period and excess reserves increased. After the middle of June gold began to return to this country, and in the subsequent three months the stock of monetary gold showed an increase of about \$300,000,000. By the end of October short-term money rates in the open market were below the unusually low levels of the summer of 1931.

The domestic business situation has shown some improvement since last summer. The physical volume of manufacturing and mining output has increased, as is indicated by a rise in the Federal Reserve Board's seasonally adjusted index of industrial production, from a low point of 58 in July to 66 in September. Available information indicates that in October industrial activity was maintained at the September level. Traffic on the railroads increased more than seasonally in the autumn, while changes in building activity have been largely of a seasonal character since early spring.

The improvement in manufacturing output and factory employment has been concentrated largely in the light industries, such as textiles, clothing, shoes, and some of the food products. Production and employment in these industries increased substantially between the early summer and September. In the heavy industries, on the other hand, such as steel, machinery, and automobiles, there was no improvement in August and only slight improvement in September and October.

Farm income is smaller than a year ago by a considerable amount, reflecting lower prices for agricultural products, especially livestock and dairy products, and in addition smaller crops of cotton, winter wheat, and tobacco.

^x Comparison based on Federal Reserve Board index, adjusted for seasonal variation.

^y Comparison based on Bureau of Labor Statistics index.

^z Comparison based on Standard Statistics Co. index for 421 issues.

Wholesale prices in the United States, after declining steadily until the middle of June, advanced during the following three months by about 3%, but by the beginning of November had declined to approximately the low level of June. The price of cotton, reacting after the end of August, remained above the lowest levels of the year, but cattle and hogs again sold at the low prices prevailing in early summer, and the price of wheat at Chicago, after recovery in July and August, declined in November to the lowest levels ever recorded. Prices of other commodities in general maintained the advance since midsummer rather better than agricultural products. This is true of certain textiles, some of the metals, particularly lead, tin, and zinc, and certain products imported from abroad, such as silk, sugar and rubber.

BUDGET RESULTS.

Receipts.

Total ordinary receipts of the Federal Government during the fiscal year 1932 were \$2,121,228,006, as compared with \$3,317,233,494 in 1931 and \$4,177,941,702 in 1930.

Receipts during the fiscal year 1932 reflected the effect of the intensified depression on all sources of Federal revenue. Total tax receipts of the Federal Government declined from \$3,626,300,000 in 1930 to \$1,888,700,000 in 1932, a decrease of \$1,737,600,000, or 47.9%. About 78% of this decline was due to reduced receipts from the income taxes, which yielded less than one-half as much in 1932 as in 1930.

Comparison of the Fiscal Years 1931 and 1932.

Receipts from taxation were \$919,400,000 less in 1932 than in 1931, while receipts from all other sources declined \$276,600,000. Receipts from taxation, strictly speaking, represent that portion of Federal revenues which is derived from authorized levies upon the people primarily to secure funds for the conduct of Government activities. Such levies are composed of customs duties, income taxes and miscellaneous internal revenue taxes. Non-tax receipts consist of amounts received by the Government incident to the performance of its various functions. Among these receipts are included the proceeds from Government-owned securities, Panama Canal tolls, fees, fines and penalties, rents and royalties, the immigration head tax, tax on the circulation of national bank notes, seigniorage on coinage of subsidiary silver and minor coins, and receipts from trust funds. The changes in 1932 as compared with 1931 in receipts from specific sources are considered in detail in the following paragraphs.

ORDINARY RECEIPTS BY MAJOR SOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1931 AND 1932.^x
[Dollars in Millions.]

Source.	1931.	1932.	Increase (+), Decrease (-)	Percentage Increase (+), Decrease (-)
Receipts from taxation—Customs.....	378.3	327.7	-50.6	-13.4
Internal Revenue—				
Income taxes—Current corporation..	891.5	516.9	-374.6	-42.0
Current individual.....	730.4	351.1	-379.3	-51.9
Back taxes..y.....	238.5	189.3	-49.2	-20.6
Total income taxes.....	1,860.4	1,057.3	-803.1	-43.2
Miscellaneous internal revenue—				
Tax on small cigarettes.....	358.9	317.5	-41.4	-11.5
All other tobacco taxes.....	85.4	81.1	-4.3	-5.0
Stamp tax on cap. stock transfers..	25.5	17.7	-7.8	-30.6
Stamp tax on bonds and capital stock issues, &c.....	14.8	9.2	-5.6	-37.8
All other stamp taxes, incl. playing cards.....	6.7	5.3	-1.4	-20.9
Estate tax.....	48.1	47.4	-.7	-1.5
All other internal revenue..y.....	30.0	25.5	-4.5	-15.0
Total miscell. internal revenue..	569.4	503.7	-65.7	-11.5
Total receipts from taxation.....	2,808.1	1,888.7	-919.4	-32.7
Miscellaneous receipts:				
Proceeds from Gov't-owned securities—				
Foreign obligations.....	236.1	z	-236.1	-100.0
All other.....	28.3	22.4	-5.9	-20.8
All other receipts, incl. trust funds.....	244.7	210.1	-34.6	-14.1
Total miscellaneous receipts.....	509.1	232.5	-276.6	-54.3
Total ordinary receipts.....	3,317.2	2,121.2	-1,196.0	-36.1

^x On basis of daily Treasury statements (unrevised), supplemented by reports of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. General, special, and trust funds combined; for description of funds, see p. 338; for classification by funds, see p. 343. ^y Includes adjustment to basis of daily Treasury statements (unrevised). ^z Amounts postponed under the suspension agreements aggregated about \$252,300,000.

Income Taxes.

Taxes on the income of individuals and corporations ordinarily furnish more than half of the total receipts. In the fiscal year 1932 income taxes amounted to \$1,057,300,000, as compared with \$1,860,400,000 in 1931, a decline of \$803,100,000. The receipts from back taxes decreased from \$238,100,000 in 1931 to \$188,800,000 in 1932, or about \$49,300,000. Back tax collections include payments on additional assessments, penalties, and interest determined as a result of audit and on delinquent returns.

Receipts from current income taxes on corporations were \$516,900,000 in the fiscal year 1932 as compared with \$891,500,000 in the fiscal year 1931, a decline of \$374,600,000.

Comparison of indicated corporation collections in the full calendar year 1932 with collections in 1931 shows a decline of about 44% in underlying taxable incomes. The low level of business activity during the calendar year 1932 will be reflected in income tax collections during the calendar year 1933, and will affect receipts during both the fiscal years 1933 and 1934, but will be counteracted to some extent by the higher rates under the revenue act of 1932.

Current income tax collections from individuals declined from \$730,400,000 in the fiscal year 1931 to \$351,100,000 in the fiscal year 1932, or \$379,300,000.

Indicated current collections of individuals income taxes during the calendar year 1932 show a decline of 47% from the preceding year. This decline in collections reflects relatively smaller decreases in amounts of reported incomes, the effect of which was accentuated through the operation of progressive tax rates as indicated in the following summary.

Statistics of Individual Incomes.

As individual incomes increased in years prior to 1930, the additional amounts were subject to progressively higher rates and, as a consequence, the total tax paid increased more rapidly than the income on which the tax was based. Similarly, as incomes have declined during the depression, the tax has declined more rapidly than the income.

^a These figures for back tax collections are before adjustments made in the above table.

The effect of the continued decline in business on incomes for 1930 and 1931 (underlying collections in 1931 and 1932) is indicated by the following table, which shows the number of returns and the tax reported for the calendar years 1928, 1930, and 1931, and the percentages of decrease from 1928 to 1930 and from 1930 to 1931, by major net income classes, as published in the preliminary Statistics of Income for these years. Comparison is made with 1928 rather than 1929 incomes because of the temporary rate reduction affecting taxes on incomes of the latter year.

COMPARISON OF NUMBER OF RETURNS AND INCOME TAX FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 1928, 1930, AND 1931, INDIVIDUAL RETURNS OF NET INCOME OF \$5,000 AND OVER. ^x

Net Income Classes.	Number of Returns.			Percentage Decrease.	
	1928.	1930.	1931.	1928-1930.	1930-1931.
\$5,000-\$10,000.....	561,114	505,715	385,837	9.9	23.7
\$10,000-\$100,000.....	359,576	251,490	167,141	30.1	35.5
\$100,000 and over.....	15,780	6,152	3,142	61.0	48.9
Total.....	936,470	763,357	556,120	18.5	27.1

Net Income Classes.	Income tax (1,000 Dollars).			Percentage Decrease.	
	1928.	1930.	1931.	1928-1930.	1930-1931.
\$5,000-\$10,000.....	21,344	16,590	11,693	22.3	29.5
\$10,000-\$100,000.....	409,058	208,134	114,344	49.1	45.1
\$100,000 and over.....	700,341	237,716	107,896	66.1	54.6
Total.....	1,130,743	462,440	233,933	59.1	49.4

^x Preliminary Statistics of Income: returns filed to Aug. 31 1929, 1931, and 1932, respectively. For sake of comparability with available figures for 1931, preliminary rather than final figures are used for 1928 and 1930.

As shown by the table, a decline of 18.5% in the number of these returns for 1930 as compared with 1928 was accompanied by a decrease in taxes reported of 59.1%; a further decline for 1931 as compared with 1930 of 27.1% in the number of returns was accompanied by a decrease in taxes of 49.4%. Taxes for 1931, aggregating \$233,900,000, were thus only about one-fifth of the total of \$1,130,700,000 for 1928. Two-thirds of the decline of about \$896,800,000 in individual income taxes which took place from 1928 to 1931 occurred in the net income classes of \$100,000 and over, due to the shift in taxable incomes from the high income group to lower income groups. In 1930 the shift in taxable incomes resulted principally from the decline in profits from the sale of real estate, stocks, bonds, &c., while in 1931 it reflected decreased income from all sources, particularly from dividends.

The returns showing net income of \$100,000 and over declined in number from about 16,000 in 1928 to approximately 6,000 in 1930, and to about 3,000 in 1931.

The following table shows the principal sources of income in returns of net income of \$5,000 and over for 1928, 1930, and 1931, and the decreases from 1928 to 1930 and from 1930 to 1931.

INCOME AND DEDUCTIONS BY MAJOR SOURCES FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 1928, 1930, AND 1931, INDIVIDUAL RETURNS OF NET INCOME OF \$5,000 AND OVER. ^x
[In Millions of Dollars.]

Source of Income.	1928.	1930.	1931.	Increase (+), Decrease (-).	
				1928-1930	1930-1931
Net income.....	16,299	10,119	6,489	-6,180	-3,630
Income from sales of real estate, stocks, &c.:					
Profits—					
Reported for tax on sale of capital assets held more than two years.....	1,843	550	166	-1,293	-384
All other.....	2,649	520	189	-2,129	-331
Total.....	4,492	1,070	355	-3,422	-715
Losses—					
Reported for tax credit on capital assets held more than two years.....	40	80	191	+40	-111
All other.....	z130	898	798	+798	-100
Total.....	170	978	989	+808	+11
Net profits over losses.....	4,322	92	-634	-4,230	-726
Income from other sources:					
Salaries, commissions, &c.....	4,700	4,159	3,154	-541	-1,005
Dividends.....	3,922	3,622	2,514	-300	-1,108
Business and partnership.....	3,291	1,974	1,236	-1,317	-738
All other.....	2,375	1,960	1,437	-415	-523
Total.....	14,288	11,715	8,341	-2,573	-3,374
Deduct'ns not elsewhere classified	2,311	1,688	1,218	-623	-470

^x Preliminary Statistics of Income: returns filed to Aug. 31 1929, 1931, and 1932, respectively. For sake of comparability with available figures for 1931, preliminary rather than final figures are used for 1928 and 1930. ^y Net income including the excess of capital net gains over capital net losses. ^z 1928 Statistics of Income, final figure. Data for this item not included in preliminary report.

In 1930 the major portion of the decline resulted from the sharp reduction in income from a single source—the net amount from sales of securities, real estate, &c., which decreased by about \$4,230,000,000 from 1928. Profits reported from such sales in 1930 were largely offset by reported losses. In 1931 a further decline occurred in the net amount from this source and reported losses exceeded profits by about \$634,000,000.

Other forms of individual income which in 1930 showed considerable stability declined greatly in 1931. Salaries, commissions, &c., decreased \$541,000,000 in 1930 as compared with 1928 and showed a further decline of \$1,005,000,000 in 1931; while dividends, for which the decrease from 1928 to 1930 was \$300,000,000, declined \$1,108,000,000 from 1930 to 1931. The marked reduction in dividends for 1931 is directly related to the sharply reduced tax yield in that year because dividends are the major source of income for the higher income groups.

Miscellaneous Internal Revenue.

Receipts from miscellaneous internal revenue taxes were \$503,700,000 in the fiscal year 1932 as compared with \$569,400,000 in 1931, a decline of \$65,700,000. Most of these taxes, with the exception of estate tax, are based on current operations of business and therefore promptly reflect any changes in the sources to which they relate. Over 90% of miscellaneous internal revenue comes from three sources—tobacco taxes, documentary stamp taxes, and the estate tax. Receipts from these taxes declined \$61,200,000 in 1932, almost three-fourths of which was due to a falling off in receipts from tobacco taxes. The remaining sources of internal revenue, which include taxes on distilled spirits, admissions,

dues, oleomargarine and narcotics, showed a decline of \$3,400,000.^x Despite reduced collections, tobacco taxes continue one of the most satisfactory revenue producers, total collections from this source having declined less during the depression than collections from any other major source.

Revenue from documentary stamps was \$32,200,000 in the fiscal year 1932, as compared with \$47,000,000 in the fiscal year 1931, a decline of \$14,800,000, reflecting the low level of activity in the security markets. The major part of these receipts in recent years has been derived from capital stock transfers and capital issues. Collections from these types of documentary stamps declined \$7,800,000 and \$5,600,000, respectively, from the fiscal year 1931 to 1932.

Customs.

Customs receipts declined from \$378,300,000 in the fiscal year 1931 to \$327,700,000 in the fiscal year 1932, or \$50,600,000. The decline was marked throughout the latter part of the fiscal year. The first four months of the fiscal year showed signs of some stability in customs receipts as compared not only with the immediately preceding months but also with the corresponding months of the preceding year. Collections for the four months July to October 1931, inclusive, averaged about \$35,800,000, as compared with average collections of \$30,000,000 for the four months immediately preceding and with average collections of \$33,600,000 for the four months July to October 1930. The decline which took place during the early winter corresponded largely to past seasonal changes for that period of the year. During the early spring months, however, the customary seasonal increase failed to materialize; instead, receipts declined from January to June, reaching the abnormally low total of \$17,400,000 in June.

The decline in customs is to be accounted for by a further reduction in both volume and imports. The value of dutiable imports for consumption declined about 23% and the value of imports free of duty 30% in the fiscal year 1932 as compared with 1931.

Miscellaneous Receipts.

Miscellaneous receipts from non-tax items decreased from \$509,100,000 in the fiscal year 1931 to \$232,500,000 in the fiscal year 1932, or \$276,600,000. This decline was due chiefly to the postponement under the House joint resolution approved Dec. 23 1931 of the payments of principal and interest due from foreign governments during the fiscal year 1932 in the amount of about \$252,000,000. The decline in other miscellaneous receipts was distributed over a wide variety of small items for the most part indicating the effect of the depression on receipts from the incidental activities of the Government.

Collections Under the Revenue Act of 1932.

The Revenue Act of 1932, to provide additional revenue to meet the emergency situation, was approved June 6 1932. Collections during the fiscal year 1932 were affected only by the sales of tax stamps at new rates between June 21 and June 30 1932; these included documentary stamps and a negligible amount of special tax stamps on the use of certain boats or yachts. In the case of the other increased and new miscellaneous internal revenue taxes, the taxpayer is for the most part required to pay his taxes on each month's business on or before the last day of the succeeding month and therefore taxes due for the period June 21 to 30 were not payable until on or before July 31, or after the close of the fiscal year.

1932 Estimates and Results.

The total receipts of the Federal Government for the fiscal year 1932 were \$238,000,000, or about 10% less than the Treasury estimated in the fall of 1931. Income tax receipts fell \$83,000,000 short of the estimates; receipts from back taxes on incomes being about \$31,000,000 less than estimated, and current income taxes being some \$52,000,000 under the estimates. This discrepancy is due chiefly to the difficulty of measuring the effect of the continued depression on the distribution of individual incomes between the various income tax brackets. Miscellaneous internal revenue receipts and customs receipts were \$40,000,000 and \$82,000,000 less, respectively, than estimated, and miscellaneous receipts were \$33,000,000 less. At the time the estimates were made, uncertainties in business and credit conditions made the task of forecasting tax receipts exceedingly difficult. The Treasury believed, however, that early passage of essential budgetary legislation and the enactment of other constructive measures then contemplated would result in early improvement in business and financial conditions, with some consequent improvement in the latter part of the fiscal year 1932 for such sources of Federal revenue as respond promptly to current business conditions, and with better prospects generally for the following fiscal year. Not only did this improvement fail to materialize, but business declined steadily to lower levels during the last half of the fiscal year.

EXPENDITURES.

Federal expenditures for the fiscal year 1932 reached a new high level for the postwar period due primarily to the effect of the depression on Government activities. Total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts amounted to \$5,006,590,305 for the fiscal year 1932, as compared with \$4,219,950,339 for 1931, and \$3,848,463,190 for 1929. Expenditures for 1932 were thus \$786,639,966, or 19% larger than for 1931, and \$1,158,127,115, or 30% larger than for 1929.

Comparison of the Fiscal Years 1929 and 1932.

While total Federal expenditures increased \$1,158,000,000 from 1929 to 1932, the expenditures for major activities undertaken or accelerated to afford relief from the depression and for the postal deficiency showed a combined increase of \$1,189,000,000. The remaining Federal expenditures declined slightly, from \$3,555,000,000 for 1929 to \$3,524,000,000 for 1932.

In the major expenditures largely attributable to the depression are included expenditures of \$500,000,000 for the capital stock of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, \$125,000,000 for additional capital stock of Federal Land banks, \$136,000,000 for net loans under the Agricultural Marketing Act, an increase of about \$306,000,000 in expenditures for public works, and an increase of \$117,000,000 for the postal deficiency after deducting about \$52,000,000 from the postal deficit for 1929 for payment of so-called back railway mail pay to inland carriers under authority of the joint resolution approved June 6 1929.

Service of the public debt including sinking fund and other debt retirements accounted for \$1,012,000,000 of the expenditures for 1932, a reduction of about \$216,000,000 from 1929. This decrease resulted from reduced payments for interest, reflecting lower rates on Government issues, and from decreased retirements from repayments of principal from foreign governments owing to the suspension of foreign debt payments due in the fiscal year 1932.

Another major class of governmental outlay is for National defense and the care of war veterans. Expenditures under this category totaled about \$1,631,000,000 for 1932, or about \$233,000,000 more than for 1929. All of the increase was in the expenditures for veterans due to increased

^x Includes adjustment between receipts on basis of reports of collectors and of daily Treasury statements (unrevised).

appropriations for hospitalization and domiciliary care of veterans, for the adjusted service certificate fund in connection with the financing of increased loans on adjusted service certificates under authority of the Act of Feb. 27 1931, and for liberalized provision for military and naval compensation and insurance for veterans of former wars.

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE AGAINST ORDINARY RECEIPTS, BY CERTAIN MAJOR FUNCTIONS, FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1929 AND 1932.^a

Class of Expenditure.	1929.	1932.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
Major expenditures due to or affected by the depression:			
Capital stock, Reconstruction Finance Corporation		\$500,000,000	+ \$500,000,000
Special aids to agriculture—			
Agricultural market fund (net)		136,000,000	+ 136,000,000
Cap. stock, Fed. Land banks		125,000,000	+ 125,000,000
Loans and credits to farmers	\$6,000,000	11,000,000	+ 5,000,000
Public works, <i>b</i>	201,000,000	507,000,000	+ 306,000,000
Postal deficiency	c86,000,000	203,000,000	+ 117,000,000
Total major expenditures due to or affected by the depression	\$293,000,000	\$1,482,000,000	+ \$1,189,000,000
Expenditures exclusive of major items due to or affected by the depression:			
Public debt—			
Interest	\$678,000,000	\$599,000,000	— \$79,000,000
Retirements	550,000,000	413,000,000	— 137,000,000
Total public debt	\$1,228,000,000	\$1,012,000,000	— \$216,000,000
National defense and veterans, <i>d</i>			
National defense	660,000,000	658,000,000	— 2,000,000
Veterans	738,000,000	973,000,000	+ 235,000,000
Total National defense and veterans	\$1,398,000,000	\$1,631,000,000	+ \$233,000,000
All other, incl. non-functional			
Major non-functional			
Trust funds	129,000,000	121,000,000	— 8,000,000
Refunds of tax receipts	213,000,000	101,000,000	— 112,000,000
Purchases of securities, <i>e</i>	23,000,000	2,000,000	— 21,000,000
Back railway mail pay	52,000,000		— 52,000,000
Settlement of War Claims Act		38,000,000	+ 38,000,000
Total	\$417,000,000	\$262,000,000	— \$155,000,000
Other expenditures, largely departmental			
Shipping Board	\$16,000,000	\$52,000,000	+ \$36,000,000
Departmental, &c., not elsewhere classified	496,000,000	567,000,000	+ 71,000,000
Total	\$512,000,000	\$619,000,000	+ \$107,000,000
Total all other, including non-functional	\$929,000,000	\$881,000,000	— \$48,000,000
Total expenditures, exclusive of major items due to or affected by the depression	\$3,555,000,000	\$3,524,000,000	— \$31,000,000
Total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts	\$3,848,000,000	\$5,006,000,000	+ \$1,158,000,000

^a On basis of daily Treasury statements (unrevised), supplemented by certain details on checks-issued basis and public works on basis of Bureau of Budget compilation. ^b Excluding expenditures of District of Columbia government and for maintenance of rivers and harbors. ^c Excluding so-called back railway mail pay to inland carriers under authority of joint resolution approved June 6 1929. ^d Excluding expenditures under these headings for public works. ^e Including payment of Cape Cod Canal bonds and purchase of foreign obligations for 1929 and of capital stock of Federal Intermediate Credit banks for both 1929 and 1932.

The balance of the Federal expenditures aggregated about \$881,000,000 in 1932 as compared with \$929,000,000 in 1929, a decrease of \$48,000,000. Certain expenditures included in this total do not represent Government activities and may be classified as non-functional. Thus expenditures for trust fund accounts represent moneys payable to or for the use of beneficiaries of the trust and are not classified as general expenditures of the Government. These include such items as expenditures on account of the Government life insurance fund, trust funds for the benefit of the Indian tribes in connection with the sale of Indian lands, and expenditures of the District of Columbia government from taxes levied in the District. Refunds of receipts include repayments of taxes erroneously collected. Other expenditures under this general classification include, for both years, the purchase of certain obligations by the Government; for 1929 payments of so-called back railway mail pay and for 1932 the payments authorized under the settlement of War Claims Act of 1928. The total of the major non-functional items was \$417,000,000 in 1929 and \$262,000,000 in 1932, a decrease of about \$155,000,000.

Other expenditures, largely for departmental activities, were \$619,000,000 for 1932, an increase of \$107,000,000 over 1929. Expenditures for the Shipping Board, which include construction loans for the development of merchant marine, were responsible for \$36,000,000 of this increase, while expenditures for departments and other accounts not elsewhere classified were about \$71,000,000 larger for 1932 than for 1929. The latter class of expenditure aggregated about \$567,000,000 for 1932, or about 16.1% of total Federal expenditures exclusive of the major items due to or affected by the depression. The activities which were supported by this \$567,000,000 of expenditures include the legislative and judicial branches of the Government, the fiscal administration and control of banking and currency, foreign relations, civil pensions and allowances, and other governmental activities in connection with conservation of natural resources, education, promotion of public health, Indian affairs, aids to agriculture, labor, aviation and industry.

Comparison of the Fiscal Years 1931 and 1932.

As already indicated, total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts for the fiscal year 1932, at \$5,006,590,305, were \$786,639,966 larger than in 1931. Expenditures for 1931 and 1932, classified largely on the basis of governmental organizations, are compared in the table on page 3929.

The increase for 1932 in expenditures, exclusive of public debt charges, was due chiefly to increased outlays of an emergency character, including \$500,000,000 for the capital stock of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and \$125,000,000 for additional capital stock of the Federal Land banks, as already brought out in the comparison of expenditures for 1929 and 1932.

General expenditures, classified by departments, show an increase of \$210,900,000 in 1932 and also reflect expenditures due to the depression. The principal items of increase were as follows: \$83,200,000 for the Treasury Department, representing payments on account of the building program and awards of the War Claims Arbitrator under the settlement of war claims act of 1928; \$22,100,000 for the Department of Agriculture, reflecting additional outlays for Federal aid highway construction and relief loans; and \$19,900,000 for the Interior Department, principally on account of the Boulder Dam project. Expenditures for the Veterans' Administration

showed an increase of \$78,600,000 as the result largely of liberalized provisions for military and naval compensation and insurance of war veterans. Smaller increases in expenditures were shown as follows: \$3,300,000 for the Legislative establishment; \$3,600,000, State Department; \$8,000,000, Department of Justice; \$2,500,000, Department of Labor; and \$4,500,000, other independent offices and commissions. Decreases were shown in expenditures for the War Department of \$10,200,000, and for the Commerce Department of \$8,800,000, the latter due to the fact that the decennial census was practically completed in 1931.

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE AGAINST ORDINARY RECEIPTS, BY MAJOR GROUPS, FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1931 AND 1932. [On basis of daily Treasury statements (unrevised).] [In Millions of Dollars.]

Class of Expenditure.	1931.	1932.	Increase (+) or decrease (-)
General expenditures:			
Legislative establishment.....	24.0	27.3	+3.3
Executive Office.....	.5	.4	-.1
State Department.....	15.7	19.3	+3.6
Treasury Department.....	204.6	287.8	+83.2
War Department.....	478.4	468.2	-10.2
Department of Justice.....	44.3	52.3	+8.0
Post Office Department.....	.1	.1	---
Navy Department.....	354.1	357.8	+3.7
Interior Department.....	71.5	91.4	+19.9
Department of Agriculture.....	296.9	319.0	+22.1
Department of Commerce.....	61.5	52.7	-8.8
Department of Labor.....	12.2	14.7	+2.5
Veterans' Administration.....	729.2	807.8	+78.6
Other independent offices and commissions.....	49.7	54.2	+4.5
District of Columbia.....	47.8	48.4	+0.6
Total general expenditures.....	2,390.5	2,601.4	+210.9
Refunds of receipts.....	91.3	101.1	+9.8
Postal deficiency.....	145.6	202.9	+57.3
Agricultural marketing fund (net).....	190.5	136.2	-54.3
Reconstruction Finance Corporation.....	---	500.0	+500.0
Subscription to stock of Federal Land banks.....	---	125.0	+125.0
Adjusted service certificate fund.....	224.2	194.0	-30.2
All other, including trust funds.....	126.2	134.1	+7.9
Total expenditures, excluding public debt.....	3,168.3	3,994.7	+826.4
Public debt chargeable against ordinary receipts:			
Interest.....	611.6	599.3	-12.3
Retirements.....	440.1	412.6	-27.5
Total public debt expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts.....	1,051.7	1,011.9	-39.8
Total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts.....	4,220.0	5,006.6	+786.6

x Includes adjustment of unclassified items.

The Deficit.

In the fall of 1931 the Treasury estimated that the deficit for the fiscal year 1932 would be about \$2,123,000,000. The actual deficit, at \$2,885,362,299, exceeded this estimate by \$763,000,000. Expenditures were \$525,000,000 larger than estimated, as a result of subsequent authorizations by Congress for the purchase of capital stock of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Federal Land banks. Receipts were about \$233,000,000 less than estimated.

REVENUE ACT OF 1932

In his annual report to the Congress for the fiscal year 1931 the Secretary of the Treasury recommended "a vigorous and continued effort to reduce expenditures," and increased taxation with a view to bringing into balance current receipts and current expenditures, exclusive of the sinking fund and other statutory debt retirements.

The Treasury's revenue program was based in the main upon a return in principle to the general plan of taxation existing under the revenue act of 1924. The increased income taxes recommended were to be made effective on incomes for the calendar year 1931 so as to yield additional revenue in the last half of the fiscal year 1932 and during the whole of the fiscal year 1933. The Treasury's program also included revision of the postal rates to meet a greatly increased postal deficit.

The President's Budget message, submitted at the same time, recommended a reduction of approximately \$370,000,000 in expenditures.

In view of the very unusual situation, the Secretary of the Treasury stated on Jan. 13 1932, on his first appearance before the Ways and Means Committee, that at a later date he desired to submit revised estimates of revenue. These were submitted to the Ways and Means Committee in February. At that time it was estimated that additional taxes, over and above those recommended earlier in the year, would be necessary and that there must be a further reduction in expenditures. Supplemental recommendations were made by the Treasury accordingly.

Early in March the Ways and Means Committee reported to the House of Representatives a revenue bill, the principal features of which were increased income taxes, first applicable, however, to 1932 rather than to 1931 incomes; an increased estate tax, a gift tax, and a general manufacturers' excise tax based on the Canadian model. The Secretary of the Treasury at once indorsed this bill and gave it his full support. It was not accepted by the House of Representatives, however, and in lieu of the general manufacturers' excise tax, the House adopted a series of special manufacturers' excise taxes.

The Senate did not dispose of the revenue bill until early in June. In the meanwhile business conditions had grown steadily worse and it was apparent that the estimates made by the Treasury Department of what might be expected in the way of revenue during the fiscal year 1933 could not be realized.

On May 31 the Secretary of the Treasury appeared before the Senate Finance Committee and stated that it would be necessary that the bill provide for \$1,125,000,000 of additional revenue. This was the same amount recommended to the Ways and Means Committee in February, though it had become clear that the measures then recommended would not produce this amount of additional revenue. He also stated that in addition it would be necessary to provide by legislation for further reduction of expenditures by not less than \$350,000,000 below the Budget estimates of December.

The statement reads in part as follows:

The Treasury recommended in February \$1,125,000,000 in new taxes. That is the amount needed to-day.

The bill now before the Senate, even with the Finance Committee items still to be voted on, will bring in but \$840,000,000, as compared with the \$965,000,000 estimated under the old figures. Thus there is a shortage of revenue between the amount originally estimated by the Treasury as necessary and the yield of the bill as it now stands of \$285,000,000.

x Exhibits containing the Treasury's original and subsequent proposals appear on pages 270 to 271 and 274 to 275 of this report.

In other words, assuming that the expenditure figures are reduced below those submitted in the Budget message by not less than \$350,000,000, \$285,000,000 of additional revenue is needed to-day to balance the Budget. In order to bridge this gap, I unqualifiedly recommend turning to the manufacturers' excise tax along the lines of Senator Walsh's pending amendment. While the Treasury Department has hitherto refrained from recommending this tax, I had occasion to give it close study during its consideration by the Ways and Means Committee and I unhesitatingly indorse it to-day as the most effective means of balancing the Budget and giving assurance of yielding the needed revenue.

In December 1931, the Budget for the fiscal year 1933 was submitted with total expenditures at \$3,958,000,000, exclusive of the postal deficit which was intended to be covered by the postal provisions of the Revenue Act and other postal legislation. The reduction of this total by \$350,000,000 would have resulted in expenditures aggregating \$3,608,000,000. Expenditures for 1933 are now estimated at \$4,135,000,000, excluding the postal deficit. This estimated total, which includes certain items of additional public construction provided for in the Emergency Relief and Construction Act, approved July 21 1932, is thus about \$527,000,000 larger than the proposed total of expenditures on which the recommendations of the Treasury on May 31 were based.

Summary of Provisions of the Act.

The Revenue Act of 1932 provides for the following increased and new taxes:

(1) Increase in the corporation income tax rate from 12 to 13 3/4%, with an additional tax at 3/4 of 1% on corporate net income for the years 1932 and 1933 reported on consolidated returns, and with no specific credit for corporations with small incomes.

(2) Increase in the normal rates on individual income from 1 1/2, 3 and 5% to 4 and 8%; elimination of tax credit for earned income; reduction in personal exemptions from \$3,500 and \$1,500 to \$2,500 and \$1,000 for married persons or heads of families and single individuals, respectively; surtaxes graduated from 1% on net income in excess of \$6,000 and not in excess of \$10,000, up to 55% on net income in excess of \$1,000,000, and other income tax changes, the most important of which limits the deduction of losses from sales or exchanges of stocks and bonds held for a period of two years or less to the amount of gains derived from similar transactions with provision for a one-year carry-over, with certain limitations, of the excess of such losses over such gains for a given year.

(3) An additional tax on estates at graduated rates, with an exemption of \$50,000, the additional tax to be paid to the Federal Government without tax credit for payment of State inheritance taxes, and a gift tax at rates graduated up to 33 1/2% on net gifts in excess of \$10,000,000 with an exemption of \$50,000.

(4) Manufacturers' excise taxes on numerous articles, including lubricating oil, brewer's wort, automobiles, trucks, parts and accessories, tires and inner tubes, gasoline, candy, chewing gum, soft drinks, jewelry, toilet preparations, furs, domestic and commercial consumption of electricity, radios, mechanical refrigerators, sporting goods and cameras.

(5) Other miscellaneous taxes, including new and increased stamp taxes, increased taxes on admissions, and new taxes on telephone, telegraph, cable and radio messages, checks, leases of safe deposit boxes, transportation of oil by pipe line, and the use of boats.

(6) Increases in postal rates.

Increased income taxes were made effective on incomes for the calendar year 1932, instead of the calendar year 1931 as proposed by the Treasury. The manufacturers' excise taxes and the other miscellaneous taxes became effective 15 days after the signing of the act, that is, on June 21, and are limited in application to the period ending June 30 1934, with the exception of the taxes on passenger automobiles, trucks, parts and accessories, and tires and tubes, which taxes remain effective until the end of the subsequent month, and of the gasoline tax which is levied for one year only, that is, until June 30 1933.

At the time of its enactment it was estimated that the new revenue act would yield \$1,118,500,000 of additional revenue for the fiscal year 1933, including additional postal revenue of \$160,000,000 which would be reflected in a reduction in the postal deficit and consequently in total expenditures.

The Revenue Act of 1932 effected one of the largest increases in taxes ever imposed by the Federal Government in peace times. In a year in which the enactment of any new revenue measure presented grave difficulties, the placing on the statute books of an act so substantial in scope was an impressive achievement.

Viewing the act in relation to the emergency situation which made it necessary, there are a number of major accomplishments which result from it, aside from the provision of substantial additional revenue. These include the broadening of the base of the individual income tax through reduction in personal exemptions; the limitation of deductions from gross income on account of losses from sales of stocks and bonds held for two years or less; the closing of loopholes in certain other administrative provisions of the income tax law, and the inclusion among the new taxes of certain taxes which are levied on a relatively broad base and will yield relatively large amounts of revenue with little administrative cost. There are a number of features of the act which were not in accordance with the Treasury's views. These include the application of a discriminatory rate to corporation income reported on consolidated returns, and the inclusion of a number of manufacturers' excise taxes yielding relatively little revenue and involving considerable administrative difficulty.

CONDITION OF THE FEDERAL FINANCES.

At the end of the fiscal year 1932 the Federal revenues had been cut approximately in half as compared with the average receipts for the four years ended with 1930, and expenditures had been greatly increased by the vast program of emergency relief undertaken to meet the extraordinary circumstances with which the Nation was confronted. Thus the depression affected the Federal Budget very seriously, on both the expenditure and the receipt side. As a result, we closed the fiscal years 1931 and 1932 with large deficits.

Even so, the finances of the United States Government are in sound condition.

In the last session of Congress reduction in expenditures by no means proceeded as far as necessary, yet a beginning was made. At the same time a very real effort was made to bring the revenues of the Government up to the requisite level. Receipts from the new taxes during the first few months in which the new revenue act has been in effect have been disappointing, but on the whole there can be no doubt as to their productivity when business activity rises to more normal levels. Moreover, it should not be forgotten that the new law does not become fully effective until after the close of the fiscal year 1933.

When Congress adjourned the position of the Budget had been greatly improved.

I must continue to urge, as the Treasury Department did a year ago, that the Budget be brought into balance at the earliest possible date. Yet the deficits of the years of depression should be considered in relation to the record of the entire post-war period. Through surpluses aggregating

\$3,460,000,000 during the 11 years ended with the fiscal year 1930, the Government had in effect accumulated a reserve, through accelerated debt reduction, which could be drawn upon in the lean years, and which fortified the position of the Federal finances.

The war debt reached its peak early in the fiscal year 1920. From that date to the end of the fiscal year 1930 the debt was steadily reduced. The decrease from June 30 1919 to June 30 1930 amounted to \$9,300,000,000. Obligations in the amount of \$4,907,000,000 were retired from ordinary receipts in fulfillment of statutory requirements, \$3,460,000,000 from surplus receipts, and \$933,000,000 through reduction in the general fund balance. The statutory retirements included in the Budget for the fiscal years 1931 and 1932 amounted to \$440,000,000 and \$413,000,000, respectively, representing chiefly retirements through the cumulative sinking fund. Increases in the total public debt as a result of the deficits of 1931 and 1932 have about offset the retirements from surplus receipts over the preceding 11 years, but at the end of the fiscal year 1932 the total outstanding debt showed a net reduction of \$5,998,000,000 as compared with June 30 1919, which was about \$240,000,000 in excess of the aggregate statutory requirements for the period.

As contrasted with the financial history of other leading nations since the war we find that, even after the last two years of heavy deficits, we had greatly reduced the public debt from the war peak. The traditional policy of our Government of rapidly reducing the National debt created during war periods has been maintained.

Moreover, in appraising the financial position of the Government it should be remembered that up to the middle of November the total amount paid into the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for its capital stock, and the net advances to the Corporation treated as public debt items in accordance with the law, were about \$1,150,000,000. These funds are represented by loans made by the Corporation on security and will at a not too distant date be returned to the Treasury.

Thus, of the amounts added to the public debt during this depression period, beginning with the fiscal year 1931, over a billion dollars is represented by assets which will be realized on and will furnish funds which can be applied to debt retirement.

ESTIMATES OF FUTURE REVENUES.

There has been so much discussion of Treasury estimates that it is appropriate to say something in regard to the problem of estimates. The Treasury is not called upon to make estimates of future expenditures other than those covering the Treasury Department, but receives the expenditure estimates from the Director of the Budget. The Treasury Department is called upon to furnish to the Congress estimates of future revenue. The estimates of future revenue are required to be presented to the Congress when it convenes early in December and have to be in final form by the middle of November. They must cover not only the current fiscal year ending with the succeeding June but also the fiscal year beginning the following July, a 12-month period beginning eight months after the estimates are made up and ending 20 months later.

Future revenue receipts depend directly on future business conditions. In making up future estimates of revenues, what the Treasury Department is called upon to do, generally speaking, is to chart the business curve over a period of almost two years. Every business man knows the difficulty, in such a period as this, of forecasting with accuracy 20 months in advance the profits or losses which will be sustained in his own particular business. It can readily be appreciated, therefore, how great the difficulties are in forecasting, not only the future of any one business, but of all the businesses in the United States.

An examination of estimates made by the treasury departments in other countries over a series of years indicates that these difficulties are by no means peculiar to our country.

The Treasury Department has revised its estimates from time to time. This is inevitable under rapidly changing conditions. The past fiscal year is an example. Estimates made at the end of May 1932 differed radically from those made in November 1931, not because of any capricious change on the part of the Treasury, but because conditions were radically different. Conditions govern estimates, and all estimates are susceptible to those errors which inevitably enter into the field of forecasting.

During the calendar year 1929 current collections of individual income taxes were \$1,163,000,000. During 1932 they will be only \$250,000,000. We estimate that during 1933 they will be less than \$150,000,000, computed on the basis of the 1928 revenue law. In the face of such enormous changes the inherent difficulties of forecasting are greatly augmented.

It seems to me essential that there should be a full appreciation on the part of the public of the problem involved, for the protection of those who, in the future conduct of the fiscal affairs of this Government, will be called upon to face this difficult problem.

Fiscal Year 1933.

In the estimates submitted to the Finance Committee at the end of May the Treasury Department estimated the revenue for the fiscal year 1933, both under the taxes then in existence and the new taxes about to be imposed, at \$3,098,000,000. The revenue for the fiscal year 1933 is now estimated at \$2,624,000,000, or approximately \$474,000,000 less than the previous estimate.

The decline in the present estimates as compared with those made in May reflects in part a revision of basic forecasts to take account of delayed recovery—from a lower level and at a lower rate than was previously anticipated—with consequent further shrinkage in all tax bases. In part it has resulted from the loss of miscellaneous internal revenue, as indicated by collection reports to date, owing to heavy sales in advance of the effective date of new taxes; to difficulties which inevitably hamper the administration of a variety of scattered levies; to particular administrative obstacles affecting certain of the new levies as, for example, the tax on brewer's wort and malt sirup; and to smaller collections than had been anticipated for certain taxes—mainly the tax on checks and on admissions—in respect of which information available prior to the operation of the new law afforded inadequate bases for appraising the probable yield.

Customs receipts are estimated at \$290,000,000, or \$60,000,000 less than the amount estimated in May. Income taxes, which are estimated at \$860,000,000, are \$176,000,000 less than the previous estimate. Of the latter amount, \$55,000,000 represents a reduction in estimated current collections of corporation income taxes and \$81,000,000 a reduction in estimated current collections of individual income taxes. As already brought out, these decreases largely reflect readjustments to basic conditions affecting the level of incomes for the calendar year 1932. A reduction of \$40,000,000 in estimated collections of back taxes on incomes reflects in part the increasing difficulty under existing conditions, of effecting collections.

Of the \$284,000,000 reduction from the May estimates of miscellaneous internal revenue, \$128,000,000 is accounted for as follows: Reduction in the tax on brewer's wort, &c., from \$82,000,000 to \$10,000,000; reduction in the tax on checks from \$78,000,000 to \$45,000,000; and reduction in the admissions tax from \$44,000,000 to \$21,000,000. The balance of the reduction, amounting to \$156,000,000, includes a total of about \$60,000,000

representing reductions to take account of losses in revenue due to heavy sales in advance of the effective date of the taxes, to evasion, and to administrative difficulties.

Under prevailing circumstances the revenue estimates are of necessity still qualified by major uncertainties. This is the case primarily because there is little to indicate the rate at which recovery will take place, and little previous experience on which to judge the effect of certain features of the individual income tax under the new revenue law, particularly the provision limiting the deduction of losses from dealings in securities from gross income. Furthermore, the effect of the reduced personal exemptions under existing conditions is problematical.

At the time the estimates of revenue were submitted to the Senate Finance Committee in May, I stated that if the Budget were to be balanced it would be necessary to reduce expenditures by \$350,000,000 below the figures in the President's Budget Message, in addition to a reduction in the postal deficit of \$160,000,000, which it was then estimated would result from postal provisions of the revenue act and other postal legislation. This would have involved a reduction of expenditures, exclusive of the postal deficit, to about \$3,608,000. As already brought out, present estimates for the fiscal year 1933 indicate expenditures of \$4,135,000, exclusive of the postal deficit, or about \$527,000,000 more than that amount. Furthermore, it appears that the reduction in the postal deficit will fall short of the amount proposed in May by about \$139,000,000.

We are confronted with a deficit this fiscal year of approximately \$1,146,000,000, exclusive of statutory debt retirements.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1932, ON THE BASIS OF DAILY TREASURY STATEMENTS (UNREVISED), AND ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1933 AND 1934.

[Receipts and expenditures are separately presented for general and special funds combined and for trust funds, to conform to the practice of the Bureau of the Budget, in addition to the customary totals for general, special and trust funds combined.]

General and Special Funds Combined.	1932, Actual.	1933 Estimates.	1934 Estimates.	
			Basic Budget.	Supplemented, Budget Message.
Receipts.				
Internal revenue:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income tax.....	1,057,335,853	860,000,000	1,010,000,000	1,010,000,000
Misc. internal revenue.....	503,670,481	900,000,000	981,000,000	981,000,000
Tot. Internal revenue.....	1,561,006,334	1,760,000,000	1,991,000,000	1,991,000,000
Customs (excl. tonnage tax).....	327,754,969	290,000,000	320,000,000	320,000,000
Miscellaneous receipts:				
Proceeds of Gov.-owned securities:				
Principal—for oblig's.....		73,499,881	123,018,315	123,018,315
Int.—for oblig'ns.....		195,094,693	205,724,562	205,724,562
Railroad securities.....	1,695,570	918,498	1,276,372	1,276,372
All other.....	20,671,931	49,963,585	44,447,600	44,447,600
Panama Canal tolls, &c.....	22,588,375	22,573,342	21,617,000	21,617,000
Other miscell. (incl. tonnage tax).....	72,008,258	75,836,144	84,685,339	84,685,339
Total general & special fund receipts.....	2,005,725,437	2,467,886,143	2,791,769,188	2,791,769,188
Expenditures.				
Legislative establishment.....	27,318,601	24,675,800	20,581,300	17,050,700
Executive office.....	424,546	354,100	378,000	364,700
Veterans' administration.....	784,841,820	838,265,000	869,885,000	739,986,000
Shipping Board.....	51,540,827	32,574,000	9,300,000	9,280,500
Other independent offices and commissions.....	52,545,271	45,946,700	41,966,800	40,709,300
Dept. of Agriculture.....	318,975,817	314,204,500	144,876,400	141,944,800
Dept. of Commerce.....	32,700,200	44,742,400	40,065,000	38,540,100
Dept. of the Interior.....	31,444,996	69,865,300	65,660,000	64,135,000
Dept. of Justice.....	51,639,261	45,281,300	43,854,000	42,193,400
Dept. of Labor.....	14,701,344	12,336,900	13,368,000	12,768,300
Navy Department.....	357,617,834	356,178,000	329,931,500	328,979,600
Post Office Department.....	125,899	75,000	75,000	75,000
Dept. of State.....	18,881,864	14,083,800	12,533,800	12,030,500
Treasury Department.....	287,945,002	280,796,900	252,473,000	247,510,500
War Department.....	466,788,011	426,001,900	392,710,400	389,230,000
Add unclassified items.....	2,567,491,293	2,505,380,800	2,237,659,100	2,084,798,400
	45,491			
Total.....	2,567,536,784	2,505,380,800	2,237,659,100	2,084,798,400
Interest on public debt.....	599,276,631	695,000,000	725,000,000	725,000,000
Public debt retirements:				
Sinking fund.....	412,554,750	425,569,600	439,658,200	439,658,200
Purchases & retirements from fore'n repaym'ts.....		69,008,800	90,812,100	90,812,100
Purchases & retirements from franchise tax receipts (Fed. Res. & Intermediate Credit banks).....	21,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
Estate tax.....	1,000	75,000	100,000	100,000
Forfeitures, gifts, &c.....	53,000			
Refunds of receipts:				
Customs.....	17,202,968	17,510,500	14,515,000	14,515,000
Internal revenue.....	83,921,552	69,723,400	69,681,800	69,681,800
Postal deficiency.....	202,876,340	134,000,000	97,000,000	67,215,400
Panama Canal.....	10,661,805	13,421,800	12,933,000	12,380,000
Stock of Reconstruction Finance Corporation.....	500,000,000			
Add'l stock of Federal Land banks.....	125,000,000			
Distribution of wheat & cotton for relief.....		40,000,000		
Agricultural mark'g fund (net).....	136,238,856	10,000,000		
Adjusted service ctf. fund.....	200,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000
Civil service retirem't fund.....	20,850,000	20,850,000	20,850,000	20,850,000
Foreign serv. retire. fund.....	215,000	416,000	292,700	292,700
District of Columbia.....	49,500,000	7,775,000	7,775,000	7,775,000
Total general & special fund expenditures.....	4,885,909,686	4,112,230,900	3,819,776,900	3,636,578,600
Excess of expenditures.....	2,880,184,249	1,644,344,757	1,028,007,712	844,809,412
Trust Funds—				
Receipts.....	115,502,569	156,370,550	157,393,525	157,393,525
Expenditures.....	120,680,619	156,657,500	155,017,300	153,846,600
Excess of expenditures.....	5,178,050	286,950		
Excess of receipts.....			2,376,225	3,546,925
General, Special and Trust Funds Combined				
Receipts.....	2,121,228,006	2,624,256,693	2,949,162,713	2,949,162,713
Expenditures.....	5,006,590,305	4,268,888,400	3,974,794,200	3,790,425,200
Excess of expenditures.....	2,885,362,299	1,644,631,707	1,025,631,487	841,262,487
Excess of expenditures, excl. of debt retirem'ts.....	2,472,732,549	1,146,478,307	491,561,187	307,192,187

a Represents the share of the United States charged against the general fund of the Treasury. The expenditures chargeable against the revenues of the District of Columbia under "trust funds" amounted to \$39,524,773.60 for the fiscal year 1932. b Includes refunds and drawbacks under Bureau of Industrial Alcohol.

Desirable as it is to make the sinking fund provisions of the law fully effective, it is apparent that under the difficult circumstances in which the country now finds itself, we must face the fact that the public debt can not be reduced for the next year or two. It should be pointed out, however, that the new revenue act is only partially effective in the fiscal year 1933. During the fiscal year 1934, the first in which the revenue act of 1932 becomes fully effective, if the gasoline tax be continued, the Federal tax revenues under this act will show an increase of about \$460,000,000 over 1933.

Fiscal Year 1934.

Total governmental revenues are estimated for the fiscal year 1934 at \$2,949,000,000, including only one month of collections from the gasoline tax which was imposed for one year and which clearly must be continued. If the recommendations made by the President in his annual Budget Message are followed, the expenditures can be reduced from \$4,269,000,000 in 1933 to approximately \$3,790,000,000 in 1934, or by about \$479,000,000. Expenditures include an item of about \$110,000,000 for continuing the construction work provided for in the so-called emergency relief bill, over the protest of this Department, and a postal deficit of nearly \$70,000,000. Expenditures, as submitted in the President's Budget Message, exclusive of statutory debt retirements in the amount of \$534,000,000 are estimated at approximately \$3,256,000,000. These figures indicate a deficit of approximately \$307,000,000. With the gasoline tax continued the deficit will amount to about \$170,000,000.

I am submitting herewith a table showing receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year 1932 and estimates for the fiscal years 1933 and 1934. Figures for 1934 are presented on the basis of estimates of expenditures as in the body of the Budget and as affected by additional recommendations in the Budget Message. [See table on previous page.]

Public Debt—Subscriptions to Capital of Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The Treasury subscription to the capital stock of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was chargeable as a current expenditure of the fiscal year 1932; but since the Government closed that fiscal year with a deficit in excess of the amount of the subscription, the latter was in effect covered by increased borrowing. The public debt was necessarily increased by that amount.

I recommend that legislation be enacted providing that upon the retirement of the capital stock of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the amounts repaid to the Treasury shall be applied to the reduction of the public debt.

The repayments of the funds advanced by the Treasury to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation on its notes under the terms of the existing law will be automatically so applied.

Industrial Output in Past Year Smallest of Any Fiscal Post-War Period, Says Secretary of Commerce Chapin in Annual Report—Cites Effect of Foreign Situation on Economic Conditions in United States—Despite Continued Fall in Commodity Prices Sees Prospect of Change—Gold Withdrawals Unparalleled—Bank Failures Unprecedented—Branch Factory Movement.

In his annual report made public Nov. 28 Secretary of Commerce Roy D. Chapin states that "although commodity prices continued to fall sharply during the fiscal year, on June 30 last the prospects for some change in the trend were brighter than at any time in several years." He adds:

Surplus supplies in many branches of industry had been reduced, and a more active demand was being reflected in a stiffening of prices. Rises from May 30 to the end of June 1932 in prices of meats and several other domestic farm products were sharp.

Regarding foreign trade during the year the report says:

Although foreign trade during the fiscal year ended June 30 1932 declined in value to the lowest level since pre-war years, the United States maintained its position as the world's leading export nation as well as its usual position in the import trade—next to the United Kingdom. In physical volume our exports during 1931-32 showed a decline of 17% as compared with that of 1930-31, while imports were only 6% smaller. Since domestic industrial production fell off 20% and freight car loadings 22% during this period, it would appear that the shrinkage in foreign trade has been less than that in domestic business. The sharp recession in prices, which affected all classes of commodities, was responsible for about three-fifths of the decline in the value of exports and four-fifths of the reduction in the value of imports. Exports dropped from \$3,083,000,000 in 1930-31 to \$1,949,000,000 in 1931-32, or 37%, while imports declined from \$2,432,000,000 to \$1,731,000,000, or 19%.

The foreign trade statistics recorded by the Customs Service do not furnish a complete picture, however, of our position in international trade. The so-called "invisible" transactions on current account constitute an exceedingly important part of our international business and in the last calendar year represented a total turnover of over \$2,500,000,000.

The progress of branch factory movement is also discussed in the report, its comments being as follows:

The branch factory movement during the past fiscal year was influenced largely by the same artificial factors as in the preceding year and the establishment of new branches was largely confined to Canada and, to a smaller extent, to England. In both countries the chief factors have been the tariff, exchange difficulties and the agitation in favor of domestic products. The Ottawa conference, with its potential influence on the direction of the movement within the British Empire, has naturally received a good deal of attention.

In the case of Canada, the number of branches actually established during the year has probably increased in comparison with the preceding year, although the lack of adequate information on the investment involved makes it impossible to determine the real progress of the movement. The discount on Canadian exchange has introduced a new element and has added to the difficulties of marketing American products. On the other hand, the uncertainty as to the outcome of the Ottawa conference probably had a retarding effect.

The radical change in the British tariff policy and the depreciation of sterling has served to attract attention to England as a location for branch factories. It is rather interesting to note that in spite of the greatest interest aroused among American industrialists, the European manufacturers have shown a much greater readiness to adjust themselves to the new situation by the actual transfer of their industries or the establishment of manufacturing branches. In the case of Germany, the Government found it

necessary to impose an export duty on second-hand machinery and restrict exchange in an effort to discourage the migration of German plants to England. The reluctance of American manufacturers may be ascribed largely to the fact that a number of the principal producers in the United States have Canadian branches, many of which have been established with a view to supplying the Empire market; those without such branches were inclined to await the results of the Imperial Conference at Ottawa. The number of new American branch factories actually established in England within the last year is much smaller than the number established in Canada, but the interest aroused among American manufacturers by the changed economic situation in that country would seem to indicate the possibility of a stronger branch factory movement in the future, depending of course on the outcome of the Imperial Conference at Ottawa.

As to the heavy gold withdrawals in the fiscal year 1931-32, and the large number of bank failures in the last six months of 1931, the report has the following to say in discussing banking and finance:

The fiscal year 1931-32 witnessed extraordinary developments in the field of banking and finance, both at home and abroad. Banking crises and the suspension of the gold standard in a number of European countries accentuated the depressing effects of the continued decline in commodity prices and of the liquidation of securities. The impact of financial disturbances in Central Europe at the beginning of the fiscal year set in motion forces of panic and fear which passed from one financial centre to another. In the second quarter and again in the final quarter of the fiscal year these forces were concentrated on the American money and security markets with the result that irregularly upward movements in security values in October and in January and February soon reversed themselves and during the remainder of the fiscal year our security markets were characterized by liquidation and our money markets by a steady withdrawal of short-term foreign funds, a substantial part of which were taken in gold. During the greater part of the year the decline in security values was accompanied by a record volume of bank suspensions which reached its peak in October.

Gold withdrawals from this country proceeded at intervals on a scale unparalleled in financial history. This outflow resulted largely from adverse developments abroad, particularly after the announcement in May of the conditions of Austria's largest private bank and the subsequent banking difficulties in Germany, a movement which culminated in England's suspension of gold payments on Sept. 21. During the fiscal year there was a net reduction of \$1,037,000,000 in our monetary gold stocks, virtually all of this loss occurring in September and October and in May and June.

Bank failures occurred in unprecedented numbers during the last six months of 1931. Many of the banks that were forced to suspend had a comparatively large proportion of their assets tied up in slow-moving real estate loans and non-liquid security investments. In addition, the rural banks experienced special difficulties as a result of the continued decline in agricultural and livestock prices. The situation was aggravated by widespread withdrawals of deposits. The seriousness of bank suspensions was mitigated by the favorable psychological effect produced in October through the organization of the National Credit Corporation. The situation was further alleviated in the second half of the fiscal year by the establishment of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and by other remedial measures, such as the Glass-Steagall Act.

In his economic review Secretary Chapin says:

Economic conditions in the United States during the fiscal year 1932 continued to be influenced by international developments. To our own domestic difficulties, serious in themselves, were added a series of happenings abroad which imposed a further strain upon our economic system. The trend of industrial production, prices, employment, payrolls, merchandise distribution, foreign trade, and construction was downward throughout the year, interrupted only by seasonal improvement which, in general, failed to measure up to normal expectations. Following the drought of 1930, crop yields returned to normal during the past year, but continued price declines reduced the gross value of the yields to an amount only about half as great as that realized two years ago.

Starting with the collapse of the Creditanstalt in Austria in May 1931, developments in the foreign situation moved swiftly to a climax in September, when Great Britain abandoned the gold standard. The President's proposal for a one-year moratorium on reparations and inter-allied debts put forth in June temporarily stemmed the tide, but was insufficient in itself to arrest the chain of events. With the suspension of gold payments by Great Britain, fears arose over the safety of funds maintained in this country; and foreigners hastily withdrew their balances, thus precipitating an unparalleled run on our gold supply. Our financial structure, strengthened by emergency legislation, was able to withstand the strain, and by the last month of the fiscal year the repatriation of foreign gold balances had been completed and a return flow of gold had commenced. By the end of the 1st fiscal year, the foreign situation revealed some signs of clearing for the first time since the inception of the depression in 1929, and domestic troubles were being attacked on a wide front in an effort to halt the decline and bring about some measure of improvement.

Following upon two years of decline, the recession in industrial output became even more pronounced during the past year. Total production of our mines and factories declined 20% below the level of the preceding year, compared with a decline of 7% in the fiscal year 1930 and 21% in 1931. Output was the smallest for any fiscal post-war period, but held slightly above the low for the calendar year 1921. The recession during the year was larger in the case of manufacturing industries, and more particularly in the heavy industries. Automobile production declined 39%; iron and steel output, 45%; lumber cut, 38%; and cement production, 32%. Industries producing consumers' goods continued to make relatively the best showing during the year, but in the latter half of this period the continued lowering of consumer purchasing power was reflected in the indexes of consumer buying. However, for the year as a whole, processing of food products declined but 2%; tobacco manufacturing by 5%; textile production by 8%; shoe production by 2%; petroleum refining by 3%; and rubber tires and tube production by 12%. Electric power production was also maintained at a relatively high level, only 6% below the preceding year.

Some progress was made during the year in reducing stocks of manufactured goods, but both domestic and world stocks of raw materials continued to accumulate. At the end of the fiscal year stocks of manufactured goods, as measured by the Department of Commerce's index, were 9% below the preceding year and 14% below the 1930 peak. Both domestic and world stocks of raw materials, however, were higher than a year ago, the former averaging 9% higher throughout the year and the latter 12%.

At the close of the fiscal year, the Department of Commerce's index of world stocks was 200% above the 1923-1925 average. In June the percentages by which supplies throughout the world exceeded their 1923-1925 averages were as follows: Coffee, 400; cotton, 150; rubber, 230; silk, 150; sugar, 240; tea, 20; tin, 135; wheat, 140. This excessive accumulation of stocks has had great influence on the course of world prices since 1928.

Burdensome stocks and the slackening of demand resulted in continued pressure on the price structure. The general level of wholesale prices receded steadily throughout the year, averaging about 14% below the preceding year. Following declines in the two preceding years, this continued recession made more acute the problems of debtors in settling their obligations. Farm prices averaged about one-third less than in the preceding year, thus much more than offsetting the increases in crop yields. As is usual in a period of falling prices, retail prices and the cost of living lagged behind the drop in wholesale quotations; nevertheless, retail food prices averaged 17% lower while the cost of living averaged 10% less.

Consumer purchasing, which had held up relatively well in the earlier phases of the depression, began to reflect the cumulative effects of lowered purchasing power during the year. While complete statistics are lacking, the available series indicate an acceleration in the rate of decline in recent months. Department-store sales dropped 18%, compared with a reduction of 9% in the preceding year. Mail-order-house sales were down by a slightly larger percentage. Sales through leading chains have shown a progressively higher rate of decline as is illustrated by a drop of 13% in the latter half of the fiscal year, or about double the rate of decline in the calendar year 1931. Merchandise in less than carload shipments by the railroads rose slightly last fall, but failed to show even a seasonal upturn during the current year, with the result that the adjusted index moved steadily downward during the period under review.

The course of employment has followed closely the trend of business activity. There was a substantial increase in the number unemployed during the year, as well as in the number employed on part time. Factory employment declined steadily and for the year averaged 15% below the preceding fiscal year. The relatively high demand for consumers' goods resulted in a shrinkage of employment of much smaller proportions in such industries. Thus employment in such industries, as food processing averaged 7% lower; in leather and products, 4%; in rubber products, 7%; and in textile products, 9%. In the heavy industries losses were much larger, as shown by the following representative declines: Iron and steel, 19%; cement, clay, and glass, 22%; lumber, 24%; machinery 18%; and transportation equipment, 19%. Employment, in non-manufacturing industries also declined with losses comparable to those in heavy manufacturing in the mining industry, and to those in the consumer goods' industries in the service industries.

Payrolls were reduced by a relatively larger amount owing to the increase in part-time employment and wage reductions. Factory payrolls averaged 28% below the preceding year, and by the end of the fiscal year had dropped to 43% of the 1923-1925 average, compared to 60% in the case of employment. Payrolls in the extractive industries were also substantially lower. The service industries made a relatively better showing, the utilities and wholesale and retail trade establishments reporting declines ranging from 10 to 15%.

Annual Report of Secretary of Agriculture Hyde Finds Depression Has Caused Greater Shrinkage in Farm Commodity Prices, Farm Incomes, &c. Than in Any Similar Decline in Past 70 Years—Increase in Farm Mortgage Debt.

In his annual report made public Dec. 1 Secretary of Agriculture Arthur M. Hyde states that agriculture "felt the shock of this depression earlier and harder than other industries and it may lead in the recovery." He warned however, that "temporary setbacks are to be expected."

Secretary Hyde also says:

"The agricultural reaction to the depression was very different from the industrial reaction. This is not said in criticism of farmers. Farm production can not be adjusted quickly to changes in demand. This fact is a disadvantage to the individual farmer. But it makes agriculture the great shock absorber and stabilizing influence in hard times. Sustained farm production, though it helps to force prices down, makes life easier for wage earners with reduced incomes, and lessens the burden of unemployment relief. It is necessity, of course, and not philanthropy, that obliges agriculture to fill this role. Nevertheless, agriculture does so, to the substantial benefit of the community. This should be remembered when farmers ask public support for agricultural relief measures."

Reporting the current year's results in agriculture, the Secretary describes the upturn in farm commodity prices during the summer as encouraging, but predicts that farm incomes this year will be lower than they were in 1931. Farm production in the United States in 1931 was about the same as it was in 1928, whereas the production of non-agricultural commodities was about 50% less. This year the component yield of all field crops is about 6% less than it was in 1931, and livestock production about the same as last year.

The report notes that "the current depression has caused greater shrinkage in demand for farm commodities, in farm commodity prices, and in farm incomes than has any similar decline recorded in the last 70 years" It goes on to say:

Consumption of the more expensive commodities has declined. Consumption of the cheaper commodities has remained practically unchanged, and indeed, in some cases has increased. Nevertheless, prices of all commodities, have fallen. Farmers have had to take terrific price cuts to move their goods. The situation has demonstrated again the old truth that it takes purchasing power, as well as consumption, to keep prices up.

Farmers have witnessed a precipitate fall in purchasing power. The factory pay-roll index for the United States, for example, was 50% lower in the first quarter of 1932 than in the first quarter of 1928. Railroad pay rolls were about 40% lower, and construction pay rolls about 80% lower. Generally speaking, it was the same in foreign countries. In some of the principal countries that take American farm products, employment and consumer buying power declined more than in the United States. Our agricultural exports therefore had to fall in volume, and even more in value. In the two crop years 1929-30 and 1930-31, farm exports from the United States declined twice as much in value as in volume. This meant that American farmers were exporting their surpluses at bargain prices. Even so, great surpluses remained unsold. But for price cuts, the surpluses would have been mountain high. Reduced buying power abroad was not the only cause of the drop in our agricultural exports.

Increased farm production in Europe and elsewhere had a great deal to do with it. So did import restrictions established by foreign countries because of their reduced buying power and because of their desire to maintain their gold reserves. Recent export statistics bear out what I emphasized in my report last year, namely, the impossibility of maintaining our agricultural export trade at the volume it reached during the World War and immediately after.

Secretary Hyde in his report analyzes the expenditures of the Department of Agriculture and shows what the taxpayers get in return. He says that more than four-fifths of the outlay in the fiscal year 1932 went to the general public rather than primarily to agriculture. Out of every dollar, only 10 cents was spent on the Department's ordinary research and service activities. More than two-thirds of the total was allocated to the States. Federal-aid road construction absorbed \$212,000,000. Nearly \$11,000,000 was for emergency relief loans. Emergency appropriations for road work, to relieve unemployment, and for agricultural relief carried the total expenditure to \$306,000,000. In the eight years prior to 1931, the Department's annual expenditures, including road funds, ranged from \$125,000,000 to \$180,000,000.

From the report we also quote:

Capital Account.

Agriculture has lost heavily in its capital account. The total value of all capital employed in agricultural production as of January 1 1932, was \$44,339,000,000, as compared with \$58,249,000,000 on January 1 1930, a decline of about 24%. Farmers' equities in their property decline along with their current incomes, so that their financial security as well as their standard of living is impaired.

Farm real-estate values continued to fall in nearly all parts of the country. In the 12 months ended March 1 1932, the declines exceeded those of the previous year. The department's index showing the estimated per acre value of farm land for the United States dropped from 106% to 89% of the pre-war (1912-1914) average. More than two-thirds of the States reported lower than pre-war levels. Only two geographic divisions, the New England and the Pacific with indexes of 116 and 118, respectively, reported average values higher than those of the pre-war period. Average values fell 3% below the pre-war level in the east and west South Central States, 4% below that level in the South Atlantic and Middle Atlantic States, 18% below in the Mountain States, 19% below in the west North Central States, and 27% below in the east North Central States.

The current decline in farm-land values started not from a relatively high level but from a relatively low level. In that respect it differs from the first post-war slump. In large measure the decline in farm land values after 1920 liquidated a wave of speculation. The current decline reflects a writing down of values to correspond with a lower commodity price level.

Mortgage Debt.

Mortgage debt presses upon American agriculture to-day with exceptional severity. Total farm-mortgage debt in the United States increased from \$3,300,000,000 in 1910 to \$7,900,000,000 in 1920, and to \$9,500,000,000 in 1928. Since then it has fallen slightly, largely as a result of foreclosures. Interest and attendant costs on this mortgage debt in 1930 represented a fixed annual charge of \$568,000,000. While the capacity to carry this charge has declined greatly in the last two years, the charge itself remains about the same. In 1931 interest on the farm-mortgage debt absorbed about 8% of the gross farm income, compared with 4% in 1920 and 3% in 1910. In recent years an increasing number of farms have been mortgaged. The department estimates that in 1930, 40% of all farms were mortgaged. The 1930 census reported 42% of all owner-operated farms as mortgaged, compared with 37.2% in 1920.

Foreclosures are all too prevalent. They are blighting the hopes of men who can get as much out of the land as anyone could. Keeping efficient farm owners on their own property and in their own homes is to the interest of both debtors and creditors. It is also to the interest of the Nation. Much mortgage indebtedness has grown burdensome from forces largely outside the farmer's control. I shall later show how Federal aid in the field of farm credit has helped. But more needs to be done. The powers of our credit institutions must be broadened and legal restrictions relaxed so that in an emergency like the present one efficient farmers can be given a fighting chance to hold their homes.

Taxes.

Farm-property taxes have remained practically unchanged during the depression, although in a very few States farmers have received substantial relief. Taxes for the country as a whole have been, in the last two years, about 166% higher than they were in 1914. With gross farm incomes down to the pre-war level, the tax load is extremely onerous. As in the case of the mortgage-debt burden, its real weight has been doubled by falling prices since 1929. It takes more than four times as many units of farm produce to pay the farm tax bill now as it took in 1914. In 1931 taxes on farm property absorbed about 11% of the gross farm income, compared with only 4% before the war.

I have repeatedly called attention to the farmers' unfair tax burden. It is a result not only of increases in public expenditures, but of the failure of our tax system to allow for the post-war decline in farm incomes. Simple justice requires both economy in public expenditure and drastic revision of the revenue system. Farm-tax studies by the department and by State institutions over a period of years point to the conclusion that the tax system discriminates against the farmer, and show that the injustice is greater now than it was a few years ago. That unfairness exists is generally acknowledged. Its recognition should form a basis for action. The tax that discriminates against the farmer is the so-called general-property tax. It is not part of the Federal revenue system. Hence Federal action is limited to investigation and explanation of the problem, and to such changes in the Federal system as will encourage helpful changes in State and local taxation.

Tax revision calls for substitutes for a substantial part of the general-property tax levy. Income taxes and excise taxes are the leading alternatives. These revenue sources are now the main reliance of the Federal Government. Attempts by States to draw large revenues from these sources necessitate co-ordination of Federal and State systems to avoid new inequalities. There is increased public recognition of the need for co-ordinating State and Federal taxes as a step toward State tax revision for the relief of farmers and home owners.

Farm-tax reduction through reorganization of rural local government is an important possibility. Results of the department's first efforts to appraise the significance of this possibility in certain localities will become available shortly. A comprehensive program for farm-tax reduction must reduce waste, ineffectiveness, and duplication in local governmental units.

Emphasizing the practical value of agricultural research, the Secretary gives several hundred examples of recent scientific achievement in the Department, and indicates their commercial application. Plant breeding experiments developed a sugar beet resistant to the curly-top disease; strains of tobacco resistant to black root rot; early maturing rice varieties; rust resistant wheats; and oats resistant to oat smut. Plant disease studies showed how to combat celery mosaic; cabbage yellows; downy mildew on hops; bacterial wilt of corn; and seed-borne diseases of beans.

Secretary Hyde describes some successful plant introductions by the Department. As to this, it is stated:

These are developing non-competitive crops in the United States. One promising recent introduction is an early ripening strain of the Satsuma orange. Tung oil trees imported from China are growing well in Florida and the Gulf Coast region. Cotton of Egyptian varieties, grown in Arizona, is meeting increasing demand by the manufacturers of automobile and truck tire casings. In recent years the department has introduced date varieties which promise to be suitable for southern Texas and for home gardens.

The Secretary reports also numerous results bearing on the improvement of quality in farm products, particularly meats and dairy products. New high quality lettuce varieties introduced into California have also, says the Secretary, exceptional disease resistant characteristics.

Agricultural research, the Secretary declares, is more necessary to farmers in bad times than in good, because it helps them to reduce their costs. He brands as a fallacy the notion that agricultural research is not required at present because it tends to aggravate the surplus problem. Discarding science, he says, would mean letting pests and diseases take the crops. This would reduce production and might raise prices; but it would raise costs so much more that the farmers would not benefit. When farmers need to reduce their production, the report says, they should economize on land and labor, not in the use of improved practices. Far from aggravating the surplus problem, scientific methods point the way to its solution by making production more dependable and therefore more easily controlled, the Secretary says.

Secretary Hyde says the projects undertaken by the committees appointed a year ago following a national conference on land utilization "give promise that we shall replace this country's traditional policy of planless agricultural development with a comprehensive and thoroughly integrated program of land utilization." It is added:

"This program envisages better economic utilization of land resources, control of erosion, far sighted provision for future timber and public recreation needs, preservation of wild life, the gradual diversion to other purposes of land submarginal for farming, guidance of proper enterprises in land settlement, and adjustments in local taxation and expenditures. . . . The task will be long and tedious, but a beginning has been made. Already a number of States are developing State land use programs and are co-ordinating them with the National program."

New Legislation Limiting Grain Futures Trading Urged in Annual Report of J. W. T. Duvel, Chief of Grain Futures Administration.

Additional restrictions on trade in grain futures to provide "reasonable limitations" on the daily volume of trading and open commitments of large professional speculators, are recommended in the annual report of the Grain Futures Administration, Department of Agriculture, made public Dec. 5. Supplementing his annual report, Dr. J. W. T. Duvel, Chief of the Grain Futures Administration, stated orally, according to the "United States Daily" of Dec. 6, that during about 90% of the time in the last 27 months the large traders on the Chicago grain exchange have been on the short side of the market, much of the time heavily short, and prices have been low during the entire period. The "Daily" went on to say:

At one time, he said, two of these big traders, whose operations are defended on the ground that they absorb hedging sales, were short 26,000,000 bushels. A condition which prevailed in July 1931, when the large traders were heavily short and a single trader was short more than 5,000,000 bushels, is not unusual, Dr. Duvel said. These short interests often make up a large percentage of the total open commitments on the exchanges, he added, the combined short interests of big foreign and domestic traders in one recent month having been about 27% of the total open commitments.

The persistent short position of the large traders, Dr. Duvel explained, leaves the absorption of hedging pressure to the smaller traders, although the operations of large speculators are usually defended on the contention that they provide a market for sales by hedgers.

The recommendation for further restrictions on the exchanges does not necessarily conflict with the recent action of the Secretary of Agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde, in removing the regulations requiring futures markets to

report daily to the Administration on market transactions, Dr. Duvel said, although the annual report was made up before the Secretary took this action on Oct. 22. The daily reports formed a large part of the basis on which the grain exchanges were regulated, Dr. Duvel explained.

Dr. Duvel suggested that Congress might place a limitation of 2,000,000 bushels on the trade of any one dealer for any one day to prevent undue short sales to depress prices. If this limit were imposed legally, he pointed out, the Administration could take action against any trader violating it. Violations could be ascertained by examination of the books of the grain exchanges without the medium of daily reports on the market transactions, he explained.

"During the year just ended, as in the preceding year," Mr. Duvel said in his annual report, "the large speculative traders operated principally upon the short side of the wheat market. A study of the holdings and commitments of the large speculators in Chicago wheat figures (those having an open interest of at least 500,000 bushels in a single future on any one day), during the period from July 1 1931 to March 31 1932, disclosed that these large speculators, considered as a group, maintained an average net position of 3,432,000 bushels short during the entire 223 trading-day period.

"On only 30 of the 223 days was the large speculative group net long, and the largest net long position attained on any one day aggregated but 3,175,000 bushels contrasted with a maximum net short position of 11,060,000 bushels.

Trading Methods.

"Trading methods of large speculators and the effect upon prices of the pressure of short selling by a few large traders are well illustrated by the short-selling operations which accompanied the price decline in May wheat during March 1932, when the price of the May future fell from a high of 62½c. a bushel on March 7 to a low of 52c. on March 28, a decline of 10½c. The records disclose that near the close of February the net position of the large speculative accounts was practically even, that is, the large speculative short accounts were virtually offset by the large speculative long accounts.

"In March, however, the short sellers became more active, and the large speculative accounts reached a maximum (for the month) of 8,950,000 bushels net short. Of the 13 large speculative accounts open when this peak net short position was attained, 10 were net short and three were net long. There were eight speculative accounts each of which at some time during March had net open commitments in excess of 1,000,000 bushels, and, with one exception, all of these were short accounts.

Need for Restrictions.

"It is fundamental that grain-futures price quotations, upon which cash-grain prices are based, should at all times truly reflect supply and demand conditions with respect to actual grain if the futures market is to perform efficiently its legitimate economic functions. Obviously, this result cannot be achieved if large professional operators are permitted to trade for purely speculative purposes in inordinate amounts which it is impossible for the market readily to absorb. The Administration again stresses the need of supplementary legislation providing for the imposition of reasonable limitations upon the daily volume of trading and open commitments of large professional speculators.

"Such limitations would tend to prevent the recurrence of a recorded situation wherein an individual speculator held approximately 14% of the aggregate open commitments in a major wheat future on the world's largest grain futures market, and whose trades on a single day constitute 16.5% of the total daily volume of trading in the future. Substantial benefit to producers and consumers and to all using the futures market for proper purposes should result from the elimination of the economic evils incident to market domination by a few powerful operators trading for speculative account."

Recommendations for Legislation by Federal Farm Board in Special Report to Congress—Would Modify Stabilization Sections of Agricultural Marketing Act to Provide Means of "Elevating" Returns to Farmers—Five-Point Relief Program Proposed—Allotment Aid Plan Favored—Loss of \$360,000,000 from Revolving Fund Shown.

Supplementing its third annual report to Congress, the Federal Farm Board on Dec. 7 presented a special report to Congress on recommendations for legislation. The Board recommends the modification of the stabilization sections of the Agricultural Marketing Act, "so as to provide some means of elevating the returns of farmers from the production of exportable farm products." In Associated Press dispatches from Washington Dec. 7 it was noted that along with the legislative recommendations, the Board transmitted to Congress its annual report, which laid down a five-fold program for boosting the agricultural income. The dispatches added:

It advocated a general reduction in international trade barriers and readjustment of agricultural debts by agreement among debtors and creditors.

Holding that the present low prices of farm products must in general be ascribed to other causes than heavy surpluses, the Board said any remedial plan should include:

"1. Hastening business recovery in the United States, thereby increasing returns from products sold in the domestic market.

"2. Steps to initiate recovery in international trade, thereby strengthening foreign demand for export products.

"3. Readjustment of taxes, interest and principal payments, freight rates and other fixed charges which enter into the farmer's expenses and now abnormally depress the share which he receives of the final retail price.

"4. Further strengthening and expanding of co-operative organization to reduce the expenses of marketing and increase the producer's share of the consumer's dollar.

"5. Efforts through co-operative marketing associations or in other ways, to secure a better adjustment between the quantities produced and the needs of the market."

The Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce," stating that the Board's recommendations for new farm relief legislation embody the principles of the domestic allotment plan expounded by President-elect Roosevelt in his new deal for agriculture, said in part:

This swing of the Board to the new farm relief program was held by agricultural leaders here to completely overshadow the revelation that around

\$360,000,000 has been lost from the original \$500,000,000 revolving fund set up under the Agricultural Marketing Act.

The Board's recommendations held that action should be taken in such a way as to "pay the costs, if any, on a continuous and self-sustaining basis, and to provide an effective system for regulating acreage or quantities sold, or both." This would provide a means of working toward income elevations as an alternative to the mere price stabilization for which the Act now provides, it was explained.

No Form Specified.

These restrictions coincide in many respects with the conditions described by Mr. Roosevelt in his speech at Topeka, Kan. Although the specific form of such legislation was not set forth in the Board's recommendation, high officials there pointed out that both the domestic allotment plan and the equalization fee come within the restrictions described. Both are held to make the tariff effective on the portion of the wheat and cotton crops consumed in this country and carry safeguards increasing production.

The export debenture plan offered in past sessions of Congress as a means of solving the farmers' problems is definitely shut out by the Board's restrictions.

The financial position of the Board at the present time shows net assets of \$140,000,000 when all outstanding loans are appraised on a conservative basis, it was stated. This amount is left after deducting all losses on account of stabilization operations, and setting aside liberal reserves against possible losses on loans now outstanding to co-operative associations, the Board explained.

Losses on stabilization operations were estimated in the report to total \$239,051,000, and were based on wheat and cotton prices of June 30 1932. Loss on the activities in wheat were placed at approximately \$154,000,000, and although a final report must await disposition of 96,000,000 bushels still left on hand, and coffee stocks from a trade with Brazil, it was held that the final loss will not be greatly different from this preliminary figure. Cotton losses were placed at \$85,051,477, the report explaining that since July prices have climbed with sales of around 300,000 bales at these higher quotations.

Cotton Co-operatives Lose \$62,934,211.

Co-operatives' losses on 1,825,202 bales of cotton withheld in stabilization efforts, in which \$70,433,000 of Farm Board money is involved, were estimated to total \$62,934,211.

The Board defended these losses, stating they were offset by the gains to farmers from stabilization operations "of approximately the same dimensions."

The Board's special report setting out its recommendations follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION.

The Agricultural Marketing Act directs the Federal Farm Board to report to Congress "upon any . . . matter relating to the better effectuation of the policy declared in Section 1, including recommendations for legislation." The experience in administering this Act over the past three years provides a basis for laying before the Congress the following recommendations for legislation:

1. Modify the stabilization sections of the Agricultural Marketing Act so as to provide some means of elevating the returns to farmers from the production of exportable farm products, in such a way as (a) to pay the costs, if any, on a continuous and self-sustaining basis; and (b) to provide an effective system for regulating acreage or quantities sold, or both. This would provide a means of working toward income elevation as an alternative to the mere price stabilization for which the Act now provides. The Board does not recommend the specific form such legislation should take, but states these essential conditions it should cover.

2. Define the powers of the Board with respect to loans to co-operatives so that it would be definitely authorized to make loans to co-operative associations engaged in purchasing equipment and materials for farm production.

3. Place the Board's co-operative financing operations and service to co-operatives on an adequate basis by restoring to the revolving fund sufficient funds, in addition to the present value of the moneys already on loan to co-operatives, to restore the Board's ability to properly finance the development of farmers' co-operative associations with funds for co-operative use definitely earmarked and set apart from portions of the revolving fund subject to other demands; and by authorizing the Board to compromise claims against debtor associations where necessary in its judgment to carry out the policy laid down in Section 1.

The reasons for these recommendations are more fully set forth in the discussion which follows:

1. PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION FOR INCREASING FARM INCOMES.

The Agricultural Marketing Act was written during a period of unprecedented industrial prosperity, with agriculture lagging behind. It was hoped that more effective co-operation in marketing would help correct this disparity. In addition, the Marketing Act provided for stabilization operations "to prevent . . . surpluses from causing undue and excessive fluctuations or depressions in prices. . . ." Stabilization was not intended to elevate the general level of prices; it merely provided a means of carrying part of the supply over from periods of surplus to periods of deficit. This could secure higher prices in the surplus periods only at the cost of lower prices in deficit periods. The ability of stabilization to do this in normal times has never been tested; there have been no normal times since July, 1929. Even under conditions of prosperity, stabilization could not raise the general level of farm prices; it could merely even them out; that is, "stabilize" them.

The present low incomes of farmers are due primarily to drastic shrinkages in the incomes of consumers here and abroad. Reduction of unemployment, restoration of the purchasing power of consumers, and the reduction of restrictions on international trade, are therefore essential steps to improvement of farm incomes. The piling up of excess stocks of commodities has also been an important factor in depressing prices of many farm products; reduction of these surpluses would aid farmers in obtaining a fairer share even of present income. So would reductions in fixed costs, such as interest payments, freight charges, commissions, and taxes.*

In the face of the drastic reductions in prices and income in 1929 and 1930, the Board used its stabilization powers to protect the position of farmers. It was the only weapon available for immediate use. Wheat and cotton, sold on world markets, were affected by the depression more quickly and more severely than any other major farm product. Stabilization operations moderated the price declines, and held incomes of wheat and cotton farmers more than 300 million dollars above what they would otherwise have been. But stabilization could give only temporary relief in the face of a continuous excess of production above consumption and continuing declines in demand. Supplies could not be accumulated indefinitely; the funds provided by Congress had not been intended to cope with any such world-wide catastrophe.

* Possibilities in these and other parallel directions are discussed in the Farm Board's Third Annual Report, pages 85 to 88.

Disposal of the accumulated stabilization stocks began in 1931. Sales were carried on in such a way as to support domestic prices as far as possible. The bulk of the accumulated wheat supplies have already been disposed of, largely to foreign customers, while prices for the 1931 wheat crop were maintained well above their usual relation to prices on world markets. Although not intended to cope with such an emergency, stabilization did serve as a shield to farmers over the long price decline of the last three years.

One of the present needs is not to stabilize the variations in farm prices, but to raise their general level up to the average level of other commodities. To help raise the level of farm incomes, devices other than stabilization are required. In the light of the experience with stabilization over the past three years, the Board recommends that any new legislation be based on the following two principles, which have been demonstrated by experience to be essential for effective relief:

(1) Prices cannot be raised unless some one pays the cost. The new plan must be self-sustaining, with a continuous method of covering the costs. Prices of other products are now 40% above the prices at which farm products are selling. If the new method raised prices to domestic consumers to the level of prices of other commodities, that would not be giving farmers an unfair advantage.

(2) Prices cannot be kept at fair levels unless production is adjusted to meet market demands. Many farm products are now being produced in quantities in excess of those which the market will take. Higher prices, without regulation of production, would stimulate still more overproduction. Any method which provided higher prices and did not include effective regulation of acreage or of quantities sold, or both, would tend to increase the present surpluses and soon break down as a result. To be of lasting help, any plan must provide a system of effective regulation, so that our millions of farmers can plan and adjust their production on a dependable basis, instead of competing blindly with each other.

The need for production regulation in any workable plan is clearly indicated by the facts as to stocks of non-perishable commodities. Even before the depression began, stocks of wheat and cotton had begun to reach excessive proportions. In July 1929 carryover of old wheat in the United States was 247 million bushels, as compared with previous average carryovers of about 100 million; carryover of flue-cured tobacco was nearly 600 million pounds, as compared with an average of about 450 million. Stocks of these commodities in the United States increased further until in July 1932 they were 363 million bushels, and 745 million pounds, respectively, while cotton stocks increased from a normal carryover of under 3 million bales to 9 million in 1932. Regulation of production is needed, first, to work down the excessive stocks already accumulated; and second, to prevent a reappearance of the excessive production which was already depressing the prices of farm products long before the general economic depression began.

2. EXTENSION OF THE CO-OPERATIVE LOAN POWERS.

Definitely Authorize the Board to Make Loans to Associations Engaged in the Co-operative Purchase of Equipment and Materials for Farm Production.

The wholesale and retail distribution of supplies for farm production is characterized in many cases by extensive and inefficient duplication of facilities and services, wasteful credit and other practices, and resulting wide margins and high costs. Co-operative associations buying supplies for their members, and securing the advantages of mass purchasing and handling and low credit losses, have made many outstanding successes in reducing the expenses of farmers. These experiences have shown that co-operation can be effective in helping farmers reduce their payments for materials for production just as well as in increasing their income from the sale of that production.

Many co-operatives have found that they can conduct their activities more effectively by the creation of independent but allied associations to engage solely in the purchase of equipment and supplies for members. Under the Marketing Act, the Board has no definite authority to recognize such associations or to make loans to them, although under the earlier Co-operative Marketing Act, which the Board also administers, the Division of Co-operative Marketing was directed to study and assist purchasing associations as well as selling ones. To clarify this situation, it is recommended that the Agricultural Marketing Act be amended to extend to purchasing associations all the benefits which marketing associations are now entitled to receive.

3. PLACE THE BOARD'S SERVICES TO CO-OPERATIVES, FINANCIAL AND OTHERWISE, ON A PERMANENT AND SELF-SUSTAINING BASIS.

A. Provide Additional Funds for Loans to Co-operatives.

The financial position of the Board's revolving fund, at the present time, shows net assets of \$140,000,000 when all outstanding loans are appraised on a conservative basis. Except for the necessity of setting aside \$43,000,000 to cover the Board's equity in wheat and cotton turned over to the Red Cross, the present value of the revolving fund would be \$183,000,000. These amounts are left after deducting all losses on account of stabilization operations and setting aside liberal reserves against possible losses on loans now outstanding to co-operative associations.

Although the revolving fund is in strong condition so far as total assets are concerned, the Board is by no means able to meet, from its present resources, all the worthy requests of co-operatives which are placed before it. Part of its assets are still tied up in stabilization stocks, and will not be returned until those operations are liquidated; while the transfers to the Red Cross have required it to keep large sums of cash in the Treasury, for the temporary financing of these withdrawals.

The Board has had frequent appeals for help for providing working capital and for financing merchandizing operations, and for other purposes, so as to enable associations to perform the maximum of service to their members at the minimum of cost. The credit stringency of recent months, which is still in evidence, has stimulated the demand for such loans. The increasing limitation on the Board's lending powers has been so severe that in spite of the growing need for its services, its advances issued to co-operatives fell from over 154 million dollars in the 1930-31 fiscal year to 101 million in the past fiscal year. At the present time new loans can be made only as fast as old loans are repaid; and even then, part of those repayments must be set aside temporarily as a reserve against the possible costs of the transfers to the Red Cross, which later will be recovered from the Treasury in part at least. (a)

If the power of the Board to finance co-operatives is to be restored, either additional funds must be added to the revolving fund for the express use of co-operatives, or the Board must be given power to borrow funds on its own bonds or debentures.

B. Authorize the Board to Compromise Claims Against Debtor Associations, Where in Its Judgment Such Action Is Necessary in the Public Interest.

Certain bad debts will occur in the conduct of any financial enterprise extending loans to many concerns. Congress has already recognized that where persons owing the Government for taxes are unable to pay the full

a For full discussion, see pages 81 to 84 of the Board's Third Annual Report

amount, it is better to accept what can be collected; and has authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to compromise cases arising under the internal revenue laws (R.S.S.3229), 26, U.S.C.A. Sec. 158, and other provisions covering the operations of the Treasury Department.

Certain of the loans from the revolving fund to cotton co-operatives, though not made for such a purpose, have been helpful in stabilizing cotton prices.^(b) The long-continued decline in the value of the commodity has carried prices far below the amount which the association had already advanced to its farmer-members from funds borrowed from the Board. Co-operatives handling wool, mohair, grapes and raisins, beans, and some other less important commodities have been confronted with similar situations, although the sums involved were far less. In the face of weakened demand and semi-demoralized markets, the Board has generally refrained in such cases from calling loans and forcing the sale of the commodities, for that would have dumped the remaining stocks on a market which was not prepared to absorb it, and thereby would have hurt all producers of the product. It would have bankrupted the associations and destroyed, through no fault of the farmer-members, all the progress toward a farmer-owned marketing system they had made over a period of years. The maintenance of these stocks in the hands of the co-operatives has helped to support the market for all producers, whether members of the association or not. For that reason it is only just that the losses due to these holding operations should be absorbed by the revolving fund to the Board, rather than charged against the assets of the individual associations involved. Now that the depression seems to have reached rock-bottom, and slow improvement appears likely in the future, it will be possible to liquidate these stocks gradually without destroying markets. This can be done, however, only if the Board is given power to compromise the claims against the co-operatives at what they can manage to pay, instead of being left to collect the same or smaller amounts by the unsatisfactory method of forcing the association into bankruptcy in order to clear up the situation. The proposed adjustment of the loans will enable the Board to preserve intact all worth-while elements in the existing farmer-owned co-operative sales system, in spite of the grave economic difficulties of the past three years.

Removal of the dead weight of old debts from the backs of some of the co-operative selling organizations will free the whole co-operative movement for active, vigorous service in the new period of reconstruction and gradual recovery which appears to be ahead.

It is therefore recommended that the Board be authorized to compromise claims, with the requirement that each annual report shall carry a full and detailed statement of the loans so adjusted, and a summary of the reasons for action in each case.

^b For full discussion see the Board's Second Annual Report, pages 51 to 54, and Third Annual Report, pages 73 to 81.

Federal Power Commission in Annual Report Urges Enlarged Powers Over Public Utility Companies.

A broad expansion of its regulatory authority over public utility companies was recommended to Congress on Nov. 27 by the Power Commission in its annual report. The Commission urged that it be authorized to require concerns with Federal licenses, including holding companies, to submit any information desired as an aid to their supervision.

A memorandum issued by the Power Commission regarding the proposals in its annual report says:

The suggested authorization of a broader investigative power follows the language of the Inter-State Commerce Act and of the Act establishing the Federal Trade Commission, both of which have received judicial sanction and approval. A larger power of investigation is necessary for this Commission in the administration of the terms of the Act as at present written, especially with regard to the determination of actual legitimate cost and net investment.

From Associated Press accounts from Washington Nov. 27 we quote:

While the recommendations had to do only with Federal licenses—those operating on public land or navigable streams—the Commission gave notice that a program for general regulation was being held in abeyance pending investigations in that field by Senate and House committees.

"It is convinced, however," the Commission said, "that the public interest requires the early vesting of authority in the Federal Government to control, so far as it may be determined to be within its jurisdiction, the regulation both of electricity in inter-State commerce and of the holding company in the power industry."

What extent this control would take, George Otis Smith, Chairman of the Commission, explained, would depend on Congressional action. Reports by the Congressional committees making the studies may be made at the forthcoming session.

While the failure of the Insull companies had nothing to do with the recommendations, Mr. Smith said, the authority desired "would have a tendency to prevent such things in the future."

Explaining that "any theory of Federal regulation of the holding company should be considered with two fundamental purposes in view," the Commission listed them as:

"First, regulation of the holding company in relation to the operating company and through the operating company to the consumer of electrical energy, and, second, regulation of the holding company in relation to the investing public, which is principally interested in the securities of such holding company."

"Any draft of holding company legislation," the report continued, "must incorporate three major provisions:

"First, a declaration of jurisdiction.
"Second, a declaration concerning evidence of control and the burden of proof.

"Third, a grant of authority to acquire complete information upon which such regulation and control can be predicated."

"The vital and essential prerequisite to any exercise of authority over either holding companies or utilities engaged in inter-State commerce," the Commission said, "is the acquisition of the knowledge of company affairs upon which intelligent action toward regulation may be had.

"This information once available, the regulatory body, whether Federal or State, is equipped to act. It is in this field that the Federal Commission is in better position to act, for both legal and practical reasons."

The Commission recommended amending the Water Power Act to provide that the net investment in licensee companies be examined as to their "prudence," as well as to whether they are "legitimate." The examination is made to determine the value of the companies for possible recapture purposes.

Recurring Periods of Unemployment Viewed As Indictment of Our Civilization in Annual Report of Secretary of Labor Doak—New Industrial Concept Demanded—Entry of Immigrants Smallest in Over 100 Years.

Stating that the "recurring periods of unemployment seem to me to be an indictment of our civilization," Secretary of Labor Doak, in his annual report made public Dec. 5, adds that "a new industrial concept appears to be demanded, one which will make such times as we have been passing through impossible or exceedingly rare in the future." The report adds:

The wage earner should be safeguarded, and whether this will be brought about by a reduced work week with a consequent spread of employment, accompanied by some universal system of employment insurance, or otherwise, is an immediate problem, but there is every reason to believe that the solving and removal of these recurring cycles of unemployment will not be impossible to an enlightened and aroused nation, one which possesses all the elements and requisites for the proper support and general well-being of its people.

From the report we also quote as follows:

In submitting to the Congress of the United States the twentieth annual report of the Secretary of Labor, the second of my administration, it should be said at the outset that in the fiscal year ended June 30 1932 the efforts of the department, in the face of economic trials, have been directed, primarily, to preserving the opportunities for work that remain to our citizens, native and foreign born, and to extend these opportunities whenever and wherever it was possible so to do.

As a companion to this purpose there has been a sustained effort to advance the improvement of working conditions in all kinds of employment, but especially and necessarily with regard to women and children.

The work of gathering data as to working conditions, wage scales, and living costs was continued and pressed with one high view—the maintenance of the wage scale wherever possible so that the wage earners might conform to the American standard of living. It is hardly necessary to say, I think, that all these activities are one with the main purpose of the Department of Labor, as expressed in the legislative Act which brought it into existence. It can be said that the department has not deviated in thought or in action from the fixed purpose of fostering, promoting, and developing the general welfare of the wage earners of the United States; and this, of course, includes the improvement of their working conditions and the multiplying of their opportunities for gainful employment.

It is plain that the condition in which the wage earner finds himself affects favorably or unfavorably all the elements of our population, some of them being affected more materially than others.

Wage earners and their families are the chief buying power of the land. It follows necessarily that with the great numbers now unemployed, the purchasing power of our people has been drastically curtailed, thus checking the flow of the streams into the channels of trade, reducing the products of manufacturers and the consumption of the products of the farm.

Rents have decreased, values of properties have been affected, and dividends and interest rates have been lowered appreciably. The wage earner, however, has been and is suffered more than others because depression's weight falls first upon him.

The finding of means to better this condition is taxing the minds of all our people and the energies of our nation. The National Government has bent itself to the work of aiding in every way possible the saving of working opportunities and their multiplication. It has advocated and adopted every plan which seems to hold encouragement.

The Federal Government is expanding, judiciously, its powers in a way that it never before has done in times of peace. It is extending credit to financial institutions, to railroad systems, and to other essential activities. It has been alert to extend aid to the agricultural interests and to create employment by a broad program of construction of public buildings, and by the allotment of funds for self-sustaining projects, both municipal and private, it has provided work that otherwise could not be attempted in these times.

The purpose behind all of these efforts and assistance is so to advance the interests of the people that employment can be stimulated and made secure and that the homes and the superior advantages of the American citizenry be maintained.

Our country is more completely self-sustaining than any of the other large nations, and the home market for our products is the greatest that any country can boast. I feel it can be said to-day that there are many indications that because of this comparatively favorable condition there soon will be a more marked improvement in the manufacturing industry, and if this is steady and maintained, employment will be accelerated. It really has been increased materially within the past few months.

The specter of fear, however, still hangs over the country, and thus far it has retarded the quickening return of better times and conditions, which, of course, would mean the supplying of increased employment. Inventories of goods and merchandise show decreased stocks and it seems that replenishment cannot be much longer delayed. There is, then, a common interest and inducement to endeavor in every way to accelerate the return to better conditions. No industry in our country can prosper while another is depressed.

This is the task confronting the nation to-day, and the Department of Labor is dedicated to this purpose of smoothing the way for the coming of better times and of arresting efforts that might add to the troubles of the present situation.

Regarding the immigration movement the report says:

The Bureau of Immigration is numerically the largest in the Department, considered in connection with its field service, and is the bulwark of the country in the protection afforded to the wage earners and salaried classes by its intelligent and strict but humane enforcement of the immigration laws, particularly the admitting, excluding, and expelling clauses. The laws are most diverse and complex and need simplification and codification; but as the Supreme Court said a few years ago, the history of the legislation in recent years points clearly to the conclusion that one of its great purposes was to protect American labor against the influx of foreign workers. This purpose is served in many ways: By the provisions denying admission to the mentally or physically diseased aliens, the morally unfit, the illiterates, those who would not likely be self-supporting, the criminally inclined, the natives of certain parts of the world whose radically lower living standards would undermine wage scales, and by numerous other provisions. However, the greatest protection in these times against the influx of untold numbers is the numerical restriction imposed by the

Immigration Act of 1924 on immigration from most of the countries of the world, and the administrative enforcement by consular officers abroad, in conformity with the wise and far-seeing orders of the President, of that provision of the 1917 Act relating to persons who would be likely to become public charges if permitted to migrate to our country in these uncertain times.

It is bewildering to contemplate the additional strain that would have been imposed upon our condition and resources in the past few years if general immigration had not been drastically curtailed; if hundreds of thousands had been permitted to enter yearly as in the past. As it is, the smallest number of immigrants in over 100 years gained entry in the past fiscal year, or 35,576, a drop of over 64% from the preceding year's figure of 97,139, and even of the 35,576 a fair proportion were the alien wives and unmarried children under 21 of American citizens, whose support is practically assured, and money for which will now be expended in our own country. Going back no further than the first fiscal year of the present Quota Act, ending June 30 1925, it is found that 294,314 were then admitted, so that in comparison only one in eight secured admission last year. In the 1930 fiscal year, the first full one of the present economic depression, 241,700 newcomers for permanent residence were recorded, or more than six times the admissions in that classification in the past 12 months.

To illustrate what was happening in the days of the wide-open policy concerning immigration, the admissions just 25 years ago might be cited as an example. In that year the new permanent arrivals reached the highest figure in the history of the country, 1,285,349, more than 36 times the similar admissions in the present period; while even as late as 1914 the immigrants exceeded 1,000,000. It needs no extended comment to demonstrate that the present restrictive laws, with their adequate and proper enforcement, have accomplished the purpose expressed so aptly and concisely by the Supreme Court, before referred to, and have given the economic protection so absolutely necessary in these times, in the conservation of the restricted employment opportunities for our own citizens and the aliens in the country who have passed successfully the tests for lawful admission.

Means and measures additional to the excluding provisions are, however, necessary properly to insure that the country shall have that measure of protection from unfair competition that is required. These means comprise the active and intelligent efforts of the border patrol service along the northern and southern boundaries and on some part of our seacoast to prevent the illegal entries of aliens through our back doors who cannot secure the requisite documents for legal admission, or who have no desire or purpose to attempt to secure them. Then, as a further line of defense, there is the constant investigation and inquiry to determine the presence in the country of those who have not the legal right to remain, with the consequent removal, if possible.

It may be said, however, that mature consideration of our condition leads me to believe that the country will not likely again be in a condition to absorb successfully a similarly vast number of aliens as were allowed to enter until a few years ago. I believe that in the development of our resources and the natural increase of the present population we have

approached or reached the stage when the facilities and opportunities of employment will not exceed our supply of workers at home. It is logical then to refer at this point to former recommendations of the department that our immigration policy should be revised to provide that no new and unattached immigrants coming for the avowed purpose of seeking work shall be admitted unless it has been previously determined by the Department that there is an actual need for the kind of service they are qualified to render. Such a policy, excepting the wives, husbands, children, and aged parents of citizens and lawfully resident aliens, and possibly professional classes, would restrict and reduce general immigration from all countries to the demonstrated requirements of the United States at a given time; and under such a suggested system this Department would determine in advance the necessity for the importation of aliens of a certain trade or calling, whose services were said to be needed, and if the representations were found to be valid, the consuls would then be advised so that applications could be invited from aliens who would meet these requirements. This would seem to be a scientific system of immigration, would redound to the best interests of the country in the future, and would be comparable in principle to the free entry under the customs laws of articles of foreign manufacture which do not enter into competition with our own industrial products.

In conclusion the report says in part:

To no other branch of the Government are the unfortunate conditions of unemployment so fully and intimately known, and it is this Department which keeps its hand on the pulse of developments in matters particularly affecting the labor of men, women and children of the country. There are indications that employment opportunities will increase in the next few months as the remedial measures provided by Congress and the Administration begin to have their natural and expected effect. The reports of the various Bureaus, in addition to the foregoing pages, will provide in detailed form a knowledge of the problems confronted and still being studied for ameliorating results.

Aside from the abnormal amount of unemployment occasioned by the financial and economic depression, a matter of grave concern, which has been referred to before in this report, is the ability of many of our major industries to produce in much less time than a year more goods and products than the purchasing power of the country can absorb; which, of course, occasions a vast amount of part-time employment. This situation will remain, even when normal conditions return, unless and until we are able to devise a solution or adjustment of the attendant problems; such as the absorption of the surplus of commodities or a decrease in production commensurate with the country's demands; with either the employment of released labor elsewhere or reduced hours or days of work so as to spread employment over a greater number of workers. The development of markets, the easier and cheaper distribution of our products, the maintenance of wages at scales which will permit and induce purchases beyond actual needs of subsistence and housing will all assuage this condition. The necessity confronts the country to solve these problems with as little delay as possible, as it is a truism that a high standard of wages is necessary for a resumption of commodity purchases on a large scale—what we vitally need.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Dec. 9, 1932.

Holiday buying helps to swell the volume of retail trade which is also helped in a measure by colder weather all over the country. This came after a period of abnormally high temperatures which had an unfavorable effect on trade in heavy clothing and other winter goods. Some reports express the opinion that holiday business may fully equal that of last year if not exceed it. In many cases wholesale and jobbing trade lags as usual at this season of the year, but re-orders for immediate delivery have aided some branches. Low prices still prevail and where retail business makes a pretty good showing in volume the dollar value shows a marked falling off as compared with last year. Business as a whole has been just about holding its own. The food price index shows a drop of 5 points. Automobile output increased from 10,795 units to 11,158, and heavy construction projects totaled \$28,694,000, against \$19,327,000 in the previous week. Car loadings show a smaller falling off than at this time in the last two years. Coal production is at a relatively high level. Inventories in many cases are unusually low. In New York this is particularly noticeable and has occasioned considerable hand to mouth buying both by manufacturers and merchants in wholesale and jobbing lines. Recent railroad reports show that individual roads in some cases have made an unexpectedly good showing and bank clearings have scored a sharp advance. Collections are still slow and recent failures show a slight increase. Taken by sections of the country general trade is reported as quiet in New England, in fact not quite up to the seasonal average except in department stores where there is about the usual volume for this time of the year, though individual purchases are reported smaller than normal, mostly of relatively cheap goods. Unseasonably warm weather has had a somewhat adverse effect on New York trade and Chicago at one time complained of the same thing.

In the Northwest, trade for a time was also unfavorably affected by unseasonably high temperatures. It was hard for both wholesale and retail business. The sales of flour were only about 50% of the mills' capacity. At St. Louis

carloadings were about equal to those of last year and holiday business has increased among the department stores. In Philadelphia, in the holiday department, the demand is mostly for low-priced goods and in other lines trade is slackening after three months of better conditions. There is a good demand there for machinery and winter building of large structures makes a relatively good showing. The Cleveland district reported an improved trade in some cases, but a decrease in others. Several Ohio coal mines have resumed operations, railroad hands as well as miners returning to work; larger payrolls have helped trade among department stores. In parts of the South trade has been rather better than expected.

Atlanta, Ga., reported trade gains in Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. In Atlanta a rise in cotton textiles was cheering and building permits and the production of electric power also increased; also that of pig iron and coal in Alabama and Tennessee. California recently had very beneficial rains for farmers and power companies. Since the national election hops have advanced in San Francisco more than 100%; flour is up 10c. a barrel there, but the rains caused a decline in the price of dairy products after a previous sharp rise. A firm and advancing stock market together with greater activity in bonds at rising prices has been an encouraging factor. During the past week it appears to have chosen to ignore, for the time being, war debt developments and to have concentrated its attention on the governmental program for balancing the budget and the institution of drastic economies.

Wheat has been irregular but in the main steady in anticipation of the enactment of the allotment plan into law. Cash wheat has been firm with remarkably small receipts at Chicago reflecting the discontent of the farmer with present prices for wheat, corn and oats. Some elevators are already closing down. Corn and oats have been in the main steady. Rye has latterly advanced as it is believed it would especially benefit from the allotment plan through an increasing consumption of rye flour. Cotton has been on the whole steady or has given way grudgingly and rallied rather easily despite on increase within a month in the Government crop estimate of nearly 800,000 bales to the unexpected total of 12,727,000

bales against 17,096,000 last year. Spot cotton has been firm as the South is dissatisfied, to put it mildly, with the low prices ruling and is withholding offerings where possible.

Coffee has latterly been steadier by the renewed assurance that there will be no change in the Santos export tax, though the announcement that the Farm Board will shortly offer 46,000 bags not sold at the opening of December has been something of a damper. Raw sugar declined, but has latterly rallied. Grinding in the Camaguey Province of Colon will start on Jan. 12 instead of Feb. 1 in an effort to save the cane flattened by the recent hurricane in Cuba. Rubber has been dull, with something of a downward tendency here and in London. Wool has been quiet and the lower grades at the big London sales have been at times weaker, while the more desirable qualities have been firm. Hides have been dull and latterly irregular, with little demand for spot hides. Two new low records were reached to-day in commodity markets when export copper was quoted at 5c. and December cocoa sold at 3.53c. a pound. The projected amalgamation of the Rubber, Silk, Hide and Metal Exchanges of New York is expected to cause an increased speculative interest in the various commodities traded in on what are now four separate markets.

The stock market on the 3rd inst. was almost stationary closing at an average decline in the more active issues of less than a quarter of a point on sales of only 399,550 shares. The closing was irregular. Bonds were dull and irregular with sales of \$4,857,000. Many commodities were lower. Sterling exchange again declined. On the 5th stocks lacked initiative of any sort. Trading was very quiet, the sales being only 725,219 shares but the tone was in the main steady though prices were irregular. It all simmered down to an average advance on popular stocks of about half a point. Sterling advanced 1½¢ and grain was higher. Francs sold off. Bonds declined with sales of \$6,794,000. Failures in November were the smallest since September 1931, according to one report. A Stock Exchange seat sold at \$103,000 a decline of \$3,000.

On the 8th stocks advanced 1 to 6 points with sales increased to 1,108,000 shares. The rise was attributed largely to President Hoover's recommendation of a sales tax once more. Gross railroad earnings also make a markedly better showing than they did six months ago. Bonds were in some cases higher with sales of \$8,487,000. On the 7th stocks advanced early but lost most of the rise and closed irregular with sales of close to 1,200,000 shares. Again rubber, sugar and some other commodities advanced. Sterling exchange rose sharply. Cotton and coffee went to a new low. Bonds advanced with sales of \$9,427,000.

On the 8th stocks advanced slightly early in the day, then reacted and closed irregular but for the most part firm with sales nearly half a million shares smaller than on the day before. The unobtrusive firmness of the market was regarded as the chief feature. Bonds were irregular, but United States Government issues strong, with total sales of \$9,915,000. Sterling declined 2½¢. To-day the market reached the highest price level of the week, with a spurt at the end of the day. The volume reached 1,174,930 shares. There was no particularly stimulating news to account for the strength, but the fact remains that for some time past dullness has been the rule on declines and during this week, at least, the war debt controversy has been in the background. Car loadings for the week ended Dec. 3 are expected to show a decided increase as compared to Thanksgiving week, although little, if any, improvement is expected in the United States Steel unfilled tonnage monthly figures to be given out to-morrow. Bonds held their recent gains and United States Governments were particularly firm and active. High grade issues advanced, while more speculative bonds, together with the foreign list, were irregular. Sales were \$7,800,000.

At West Gastonia, N. C., the Loray Mill is now operating on a one-third schedule, with day and night work on a 50% basis, employing 600 operatives. When on full time, 2,000 operatives are employed. At Greensboro, N. C., both plants of the Blue Bell Overall Co. have resumed full-time operations, affecting approximately 1,400 operatives. Early this year the local Blue Bell plants, located at 624-26 and 1001-1105 South Elm St., ran four days a week, later increasing the operating time to five days weekly, then the present schedules were begun. It has been found necessary this week to reduce the running time of the company's plant at Middlesboro, Ky., where approximately 500 persons are employed from five and one-half days a week, and it is

possible that further curtailment there will be required. At York, S. C., the Cannon Mills Co. plant No. 3 of York beginning Dec. 3 went on a 3½-day schedule. This shortened time is attributed to the condition of the textile market. The Travora Mill is running on a full-time schedule but the Neely and Lockmore plants are operating only portions of their plants and those portions only parts of each week. Employment at the Greensboro Mfg. Co. at Greensboro, N. C., making cotton products, was largely increased with the installation of additional machinery. The company employs 105 men but under the expansion program will hire 300. Atlanta, Ga., reported an increased consumption of cotton and of manufactured cloth.

Montreal wired that manufacturing operations in the Canadian cotton industry are at the rate of 74.5% with employment over 90%. This shows an improvement over one month ago when operations were at the rate of 66% of capacity and employment slightly lower than now. Orders for immediate delivery in all lines of dress, apparel and household cottons have been heavy during the past month, while business has improved in some lines of commercial cottons. With some mills, bookings are as much as 10% above this time last year, for immediate delivery. Forward buying for next spring is about the same as last year, and so far is very quiet. St. Louis wired that the shopping throngs in the downtown and neighborhood-district stores are the largest in several years and the buying is more general. Notwithstanding the low prices, managers of the department stores expect the money value of sales to show a gain for the holiday season.

London cabled Dec. 7 that the negotiating committee comprising representatives of the cotton manufacturers and of the Weavers' Amalgamation had arrived at a definite basis of operations in the "more-ooms-per-weaver" controversy. Before final acceptance the proposal must be submitted to the general council of the Amalgamation which it is expected will approve it. Although no details of the compromise were announced, it is understood that the representatives have worked out a means of safeguarding the wage levels of operatives and assuring a minimum pay for weavers, regardless of the number of looms.

On December 3rd the temperature of 61, in New York, was the highest for that date on record. The weather was fair and seemed almost summerlike. Chicago had 56, Kansas City and Philadelphia 66, Cincinnati 60, Cleveland 58, Detroit, Milwaukee, Seattle and Omaha 50, St. Louis 62, Boston 64. On the 4th it was 57 maximum here, and on the 5th, 41 to 53. In Chicago, on the 5th, it was 34 to 46; in Cleveland, 34 to 54; in Kansas City, 44 to 66; in Omaha, 34 to 54; in St. Louis, 40 to 64; in St. Paul, 28 to 36; in Winnipeg, 16 to 18; in Boston and Philadelphia, 44 to 54. On the 6th the maximum here was 59 and the minimum 42, continuing unseasonably warm. Boston had 42 to 56; Chicago, 46 to 52; Cincinnati, 48 to 62; Detroit, 40; Omaha, 28 to 32; Winnipeg, 8 below to 12 below zero.

On Wednesday Dec. 7th the temperature in New York was as high as 62. It was the warmest Dec. 7th on record. The Northwest had below zero weather. It was 4 below at Minneapolis and 20 below at Winnipeg. It was 18 to 30 in Chicago, 52 to 66 in Boston; 50 to 60 in Kansas City and 54 to 60 in Philadelphia. At The Pas, Manitoba, it was 28 below and at Sioux Lookout, Ont., 26 below. Duluth, Minn., saw it drop to 10 below; Helena, Mont., and Yellowstone Park, Wyo., to 12 below and St. Paul, Minn., to 4 below. Snow, several inches deep, fell in northern Colorado, parts of Montana and Washington, and large sections of Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas. Further South, in New Mexico no snow fell but the cold was extreme.

On the 8th, the thermometer in New York dropped 32 degrees. The minimum was 28, maximum 54. A cold wave swept the United States. It was down to 6 in Chicago, 2 in Milwaukee, zero in Kansas City, 8 in Omaha and 38 below at Winnipeg. At Malone, N. Y., where lilacs were reported in bloom on Wednesday, there was a drop from 64 to 14 degrees in less than twenty-four hours; in Canton, N. Y., from 60 to 18; in Buffalo, from 56 to 21; in Syracuse, from 65 to 24, and in Albany, from 63 to 34. Freezing temperatures and snow flurries were reported in Kansas and Oklahoma. In the South there was a drop. At Little Rock, Ark., to 26; at Fort Smith, to 24. It was 24 also at Nashville, Tenn., 28 at Asheville, N. C., 28 at Memphis, Tenn., 30 at Birmingham, Ala., and 32 at Atlanta, Ga.

Commodity Prices Again Lower During Week Ended Dec. 3, According to National Fertilizer Association.

According to the wholesale price index of the National Fertilizer Association, wholesale commodity prices were again lower for the week ended Dec. 3. The general index number declined from 60.2 to 60.0, a drop of two points. During the preceding week the index also declined two points and two weeks ago it declined one point. A month ago the index stood at 59.9, while a year ago it was 66.0. The latest index number, 60.0, is still four points higher than the record low point for 1932 reached in June and it is 27 points below the 1932 high recorded in September. (The three-year average 1926-1928 equals 100.) In reporting this, the Association also said as follows on Dec. 5:

Of the 14 groups in the index, two advanced, five declined and seven were unchanged during the latest week. Foods and fertilizer materials advanced slightly. The declining groups were fats and oils, fuel, grains, feeds and livestock, textiles, and metals. Textiles and fats and oils showed the largest declines.

During the latest week 41 commodities showed price losses. This is the largest number of declines in many weeks. During the preceding week there were 35 price declines. During the latest week there were 18 price advances. During the preceding week there were 14 price advances, while two weeks ago there were 22 gains. Important commodities that declined during the latest week were lard, butter, cotton, cotton cloths, cotton yarns, silk, wool, sugar, apples, corn, oats, hogs, copper, silver, gasoline, cottonseed meal, and rubber. Higher prices were shown for cattle, coffee, wheat, flour, potatoes, burlap, nitrate of soda, sulphate of ammonia, and potash salts.

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

Per Cent Each Group Bears to the Total Index.	Group.	Latest Week Dec. 2 1932.	Preceding Week.	Month Ago.	Year Ago.
23.2	Foods.....	61.0	60.9	60.4	70.7
16.0	Fuel.....	63.4	63.7	64.0	59.9
12.8	Grains, feeds and livestock.....	37.3	37.4	37.5	51.0
10.1	Textiles.....	43.2	44.4	44.8	49.9
8.5	Miscellaneous commodities.....	61.5	61.5	61.0	66.5
6.7	Automobiles.....	86.6	86.6	86.6	89.3
6.6	Building materials.....	70.6	70.6	70.7	74.0
6.2	Metals.....	67.8	68.1	68.0	74.1
4.0	House furnishing goods.....	77.4	77.4	77.4	84.4
3.8	Fats and oils.....	47.1	48.2	42.0	55.6
1.0	Chemicals and drugs.....	87.3	87.3	87.4	86.6
.4	Fertilizer materials.....	62.2	61.8	62.2	70.5
.4	Mixed fertilizer.....	67.9	67.9	68.3	80.2
.3	Agricultural implements.....	91.9	91.9	92.1	93.0
100.0	All groups combined.....	60.0	60.2	59.9	66.0

Wholesale Prices for Week Ending Dec. 3 1932.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor announces that its index number of wholesale prices for the week ending Dec. 3 stands at 63.6 as compared with 64.0 for the week ending Nov. 26, showing a decrease of .6 of 1%. These index numbers are derived from price quotations of 784 commodities, weighted according to the importance of each commodity and based on average prices for the year 1926 as 100.0.

The accompanying statement shows the index numbers of groups of commodities for the weeks ending Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Dec. 3.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES FOR WEEKS OF NOV. 5, 12, 19, 26, AND DEC. 3. (1926=100.0.)

	WEEK ENDING.				
	Nov. 5.	Nov. 12.	Nov. 19.	Nov. 26.	Dec. 3.
All commodities.....	63.9	64.0	64.2	64.0	63.6
Farm products.....	45.9	46.6	48.3	47.3	46.8
Foods.....	59.3	60.2	61.3	61.6	60.7
Hides and leather products.....	71.6	71.3	71.4	71.4	71.1
Textile products.....	54.2	54.0	53.6	53.4	53.0
Fuel and lighting.....	72.8	72.2	72.0	72.1	71.9
Metals and metal products.....	79.9	79.8	79.6	79.5	79.5
Building materials.....	70.7	70.6	70.7	70.7	70.5
Chemicals and drugs.....	72.4	72.2	72.7	72.7	72.5
Housefurnishing goods.....	72.5	72.5	72.5	72.5	72.5
Miscellaneous.....	63.8	63.6	63.6	63.5	63.5

Dun's Report of Business Failures in November Shows Improvement.

Business failures in the United States during November fell below those for any month since September a year ago. The number, as shown by the records of R. G. Dun & Co., was 2,073. Furthermore, November and October, were the first months, for some time past, in which there were fewer business defaults than in the corresponding periods of last year. In October, the number was 2,273, while for November, 1931, 2,195 business failures occurred. The betterment this year in the record of insolvencies first made its appearance with the September report, and has continued for these three months. The November record shows smaller figures than for either of the other two preceding months. For the eleven months of 1932, 29,353 business failures have been reported; against 25,527 in the corresponding period

of 1931, the increase for this year to date being 3,826, or 15%. For the month of November, this year, there was a decrease compared with that month in 1931 of 122, equivalent to a decline of 5.6%. The improvement of late has been very marked.

As to the liabilities, some large failures in November added to the defaulted indebtedness shown; still, the amount was smaller than for any other month, with the single exception of October, for more than a year, and for much the greater part of this time very much less. Liabilities reported for November were \$53,621,127, against \$52,869,974 for October and \$60,659,612 for November 1931. That is, the total for November this year was \$7,038,485, or 11.6% smaller than that for November 1931. For the eleven months, the amount this year is very much larger than the total of last year, being \$864,123,874. In the same time in 1931, the total of the defaulted indebtedness shown was \$615,840,402 and the increase this year has been \$248,283,472, equivalent to 40.3%. The number of business failures this year and the liabilities reported are much the largest of any previous record.

Monthly and quarterly failures, showing number and liabilities, are contrasted below for the periods mentioned:

	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1932.	1931.	1930.	1932.	1931.	1930.
December.....	2,073	2,195	2,031	\$53,621,127	\$73,212,950	\$83,683,361
November.....	2,273	2,362	2,124	52,869,974	60,659,612	55,260,730
October.....					70,660,436	56,296,577
4th quarter.....		7,315	6,680		\$204,532,998	\$195,240,668
September.....	2,182	1,936	1,963	\$56,127,634	\$47,255,650	\$46,947,021
August.....	2,796	1,944	1,913	77,031,212	53,025,132	49,180,653
July.....	2,596	1,983	2,028	87,189,639	60,997,853	39,826,417
3d quarter.....		5,863	5,904	\$220,348,485	\$161,278,635	\$135,954,091
June.....	2,688	1,993	2,026	\$76,931,452	\$51,655,648	\$63,130,762
May.....	2,788	2,248	2,179	83,763,521	53,371,212	55,541,462
April.....	2,816	2,383	2,198	101,068,693	50,868,135	49,059,308
2d quarter.....		6,624	6,403	\$261,763,666	\$155,894,995	\$167,731,532
March.....	2,951	2,604	2,347	\$93,760,311	\$60,386,550	\$56,846,015
February.....	2,732	2,563	2,262	84,900,106	59,607,612	51,326,365
January.....	3,458	3,316	2,759	96,860,205	94,608,212	61,185,171
1st quarter.....		8,483	7,368	\$275,520,622	\$214,602,374	\$169,357,551

FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS—NOVEMBER 1932.

	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1932.	1931.	1930.	1932.	1931.	1930.
<i>Manufacturers—</i>						
Iron, steel and foundries.....	14	16	11	297,731	2,262,146	358,112
Machinery and tools.....	39	48	23	1,863,571	6,895,060	2,547,516
Woolens, carpets, &c.....	3	2	1	83,825	9,000	100,000
Cottons and lace.....	4	2	2	404,094	26,802	95,350
Lumber and building lines.....	60	62	71	4,277,339	3,567,201	5,037,186
Clothing and millinery.....	39	60	48	1,004,140	1,595,242	892,762
Hats, gloves and furs.....	21	18	20	414,017	373,158	267,317
Hats, gloves and furs.....	12	9	4	501,023	231,757	175,925
Paints.....	4	3	1	269,153	1,010,452	30,600
Printing and Engraving.....	27	24	18	625,711	743,933	389,220
Milling and bakers.....	37	40	27	294,662	607,386	362,655
Leather and shoes.....	15	11	8	241,933	197,690	359,212
Tobacco.....	11	15	10	161,434	202,744	78,580
Clay and glass.....	27	18	14	2,273,960	1,049,233	2,511,717
All other.....	176	191	190	11,205,879	7,340,593	6,231,837
Total manufacturing.....	480	519	448	23,918,463	26,112,447	19,437,989
<i>Traders—</i>						
General stores.....	93	124	104	840,315	1,501,713	1,017,552
Groceries, meat and fish.....	324	305	266	2,892,377	3,441,551	2,017,905
Hotels and restaurants.....	88	90	105	1,158,122	3,986,815	1,365,914
Tobacco &c.....	16	16	22	166,058	245,862	216,517
Clothing and furnishings.....	169	220	190	2,130,130	3,548,342	2,798,614
Dry goods and carpets.....	80	82	96	2,413,639	1,410,417	1,722,028
Shoes and luggage.....	53	61	59	510,138	640,153	617,422
Furniture and crockery.....	72	65	69	1,278,516	2,193,744	1,276,509
Hardware, stoves and tools.....	56	68	45	1,121,195	990,301	775,734
Chemicals and drugs.....	104	97	98	1,394,400	1,153,647	1,374,927
Paints and oils.....	4	17	13	14,777	169,006	210,745
Jewelry and clocks.....	42	45	35	583,939	1,233,998	484,550
Books and papers.....	20	19	11	347,169	320,850	67,108
Hats, furs and gloves.....	11	8	12	202,439	120,081	224,245
All other.....	329	328	322	8,041,619	6,272,642	7,047,272
Total trading.....	1,461	1,545	1,447	23,094,842	27,229,022	21,217,042
Other commercial.....	132	131	136	6,607,822	7,318,143	14,605,699
Total United States.....	2,073	2,195	2,031	53,621,127	60,659,612	55,260,730

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Continues Light.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Nov. 26 totaled 493,882 cars, according to reports filed on Dec. 3 by the railroads with the car service division of the American Railway Association. Due to the observance of Thanksgiving Day this was a reduction of 81,969 cars under the previous week. Compared with the corresponding week last year, the total for the week of Nov. 26 was a reduction of 64,916 cars and a reduction of 207,168 cars under the same week two years ago. The details are outlined as follows:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of Nov. 26 totaled 166,460 cars, a decrease of 25,459 cars below the preceding week, 28,933 cars under the corresponding week in 1931 and 88,979 cars under the same week in 1930.

Coal loading totaled 115,070 cars, a decrease of 22,838 cars under the preceding week, but 10,619 cars above the corresponding week last year. It was, however, 32,747 cars below the same week in 1930.

Coke loading amounted to 4,945 cars, a decrease of 24 cars below the preceding week but 204 cars above the same week last year. Compared with the same week two years ago it was a reduction of 2,829 cars.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 147,161 cars, a decrease of 24,089 cars below the preceding week, 29,872 cars below the corresponding week last year and 47,598 cars under the same week two years ago.

Live stock loading amounted to 17,113 cars, a decrease of 3,914 cars below the preceding week, 6,450 cars below the same week last year and 6,647 cars below the same week two years ago. In the Western districts alone, loading of live stock for the week ended on Nov. 26 totaled 13,471 cars, a decrease of 5,416 cars compared with the same week last year.

Grain and grain products loading totaled 26,650 cars, 3,003 cars below the preceding week, 2,942 cars below the corresponding week last year and 6,983 cars under the same week in 1930. In the Western districts alone, grain and grain products loading for the week ended on Nov. 26 totaled 17,354 cars, a decrease of 1,490 cars below the same week in 1931.

Forest products loading totaled 14,757 cars, a decrease of 1,377 cars below the preceding week, 5,078 cars under the same week in 1931 and 17,338 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Ore loading amounted to 1,726 cars, a decrease of 1,265 cars below the week before, 2,464 cars under the corresponding week last year and 4,047 cars under the same week in 1930.

All districts reported reductions in the total loading of all commodities compared with the same week in 1931, except the Pocahontas, which showed an increase. All districts, however, reported decreases under the same week in 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
Four weeks in June	1,966,355	2,991,950	3,718,983
Five weeks in July	2,422,134	3,692,362	4,475,391
Four weeks in August	2,065,079	2,990,507	3,752,048
Four weeks in September	2,244,599	2,908,271	3,725,686
Five weeks in October	3,158,104	3,813,162	4,751,349
Week ended Nov. 5	588,353	717,048	881,517
Week ended Nov. 12	537,093	689,960	829,023
Week ended Nov. 19	575,851	653,503	779,752
Week ended Nov. 26	493,882	558,798	701,050
Total	25,707,996	34,376,466	42,320,637

The foregoing, as noted, covers total loadings by the railroads of the United States for the week ended Nov. 26. In the table below we undertake to show also the loadings for the separate roads and systems. It should be understood, however, that in this case the figures are a week behind those of the general totals—that is, are for the week ended Nov. 19. During the latter period 27 roads showed increases over the corresponding week last year, the most important of which were the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., the Norfolk & Western Ry., the Louisville & Nashville RR., the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Ry., the Lehigh Valley Ry., the Virginian Ry., the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry., the New York Ontario & Western Ry., the Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR., the International-Great Northern RR., the Gulf Coast Lines, and the Rutland RR.

REVENUE FREIGHT LOADED AND RECEIVED FROM CONNECTIONS (NUMBER OF CARS)—WEEK ENDED NOV. 19.

Railroads.	Total Revenue Freight Loaded.			Total Loads Received from Connections.	
	1932.	1931.	1930.	1932.	1931.
Eastern District—					
<i>Group A:</i>					
Bangor & Aroostook	1,257	1,524	1,555	197	246
Boston & Albany	2,857	3,520	3,439	4,660	5,389
Boston & Maine	7,624	8,810	10,654	8,843	10,910
Central Vermont	652	761	888	2,426	2,945
Maine Central	2,492	2,751	3,864	1,779	2,255
New York N. H. & Hartford	10,604	12,711	13,868	10,315	13,144
Rutland	703	615	714	814	1,127
Total	26,189	30,692	34,982	29,034	36,016
<i>Group B:</i>					
Buff. Rochester & Pittsburgh	—	—	—	—	—
Delaware & Hudson	4,876	5,368	7,100	5,579	7,323
Delaware Lackawanna & West.	9,207	8,764	11,300	4,814	5,728
Erie	10,477	12,268	13,906	11,504	13,021
Lehigh & Hudson River	177	219	219	1,772	2,116
Lehigh & New England	1,553	1,506	1,520	765	1,104
Lehigh Valley	8,192	8,047	9,518	6,102	6,807
Montour	2,069	2,268	1,844	19	79
New York Central	19,141	21,327	27,510	25,125	28,786
New York Ontario & Western	2,065	1,967	1,456	1,803	1,985
Pittsburgh & Shawmut	499	504	659	31	20
Pittsb. Shawmut & Northern	378	476	526	205	246
Ulster & Delaware	—	—	—	—	—
Total	58,634	62,714	75,558	57,719	67,195
<i>Group C:</i>					
Ann Arbor	510	604	553	821	1,055
Chicago Indianap. & Louisville	1,510	1,730	2,171	1,505	1,879
Cleve. Clin. Chi. & St. Louis	8,069	8,481	10,526	10,354	10,425
Central Indiana	11	48	88	45	76
Detroit & Mackinac	329	304	334	101	135
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line	204	248	287	2,057	2,130
Detroit Toledo & Ironton	1,178	1,194	1,980	644	768
Grand Trunk Western	1,986	2,844	3,628	4,792	5,607
Michigan Central	5,245	5,786	7,405	7,160	8,146
Monongahela	3,356	3,756	5,121	210	210
New York Chicago & St. Louis	3,583	4,446	5,935	7,284	7,926
Pere Marquette	4,142	5,033	5,650	3,737	4,162
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	3,405	4,065	5,192	4,384	5,174
Pittsburgh & West Virginia	1,347	1,173	1,210	442	618
Wabash	4,849	5,623	6,264	6,500	7,191
Wheeling & Lake Erie	2,870	2,546	3,440	1,419	2,147
Total	42,594	47,884	59,785	51,373	57,649
Grand total Eastern District	127,417	141,290	170,325	138,126	160,860
Allegheny District—					
Baltimore & Ohio	25,133	29,453	36,874	11,314	14,421
Bessemer & Lake Erie	1,110	1,311	2,127	634	1,160
Buffalo & Susquehanna	199	150	241	4	4
Buffalo Creek & Gauley	5,399	6,866	9,490	8,955	12,006
Central RR. of New Jersey	0	510	400	38	57
Cornwall	261	375	499	10	23
Cumberland & Pennsylvania	245	166	147	15	38
Ligonier Valley	1,069	1,421	1,656	2,493	3,156
Long Island	52,545	66,431	80,578	31,050	34,616
Pennsylvania System	12,826	14,608	16,617	12,840	18,077
Reading Co.	3,453	5,826	8,394	614	1,127
Union (Pittsburgh)	78	61	69	—	1
West Virginia Northern	3,026	3,276	3,664	2,990	4,384
Western Maryland	—	—	—	—	—
Total	105,305	130,454	160,756	70,987	89,070
Pocahontas District—					
Chesapeake & Ohio	22,353	19,947	22,655	8,208	6,856
Norfolk & Western	17,713	17,044	19,062	3,321	3,731
Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line	694	778	1,007	937	1,578
Virginian	3,220	2,639	3,435	443	304
Total	43,980	40,408	46,159	12,909	12,559
Southern District—					
<i>Group A:</i>					
Atlantic Coast Line	7,486	9,536	12,549	3,703	4,759
Clinchfield	853	1,182	1,261	1,149	1,264
Charleston & Western Carolina	342	439	588	700	814
Durham & Southern	168	172	160	357	363
Gainesville & Midland	55	56	109	65	101
Norfolk Southern	*1,300	2,022	2,318	911	1,462
Piedmont & Northern	430	533	471	735	921
Richmond Frederick. & Potom.	301	421	412	2,444	3,491
Seaboard Air Line	6,184	8,110	9,886	2,974	3,889
Southern System	18,490	21,481	24,370	9,972	12,533
Whiston-Salem Southbound	187	231	234	633	989
Total	35,786	44,183	52,358	23,643	30,586
<i>Group B:</i>					
Alabama Tenn. & Northern	183	314	256	110	185
Atlanta Birmingham & Coast	620	655	828	520	695
Atl. & W. P.—West RR. of Ala.	597	701	834	928	1,230
Central of Georgia	3,008	3,544	3,936	2,150	2,447
Columbus & Greenville	*211	399	360	189	284
Florida East Coast	701	925	1,041	298	454
Georgia	819	938	1,107	1,045	1,376
Georgia & Florida	238	420	422	248	418
Gulf Mobile & Northern	806	1,053	1,213	606	723
Illinois Central System	20,719	20,933	25,750	7,470	8,827
Louisville & Nashville	17,336	17,093	21,594	2,937	3,996
Mason Dublin & Savannah	137	150	143	265	348
Mississippi Central	128	142	247	266	268
Mobile & Ohio	2,080	2,281	2,987	1,176	1,156
Nashville Chattanooga & St. L.	2,671	2,996	3,573	1,780	2,162
New Orleans-Great Northern	488	664	689	332	284
Tennessee Central	247	454	572	701	485
Total	50,989	53,662	65,552	21,021	25,338
Grand total Southern District	86,775	97,845	117,910	44,664	56,924
Northwestern District—					
Belt Ry. of Chicago	1,177	1,264	1,419	1,279	1,753
Chicago & North Western	12,476	15,353	18,123	7,024	8,602
Chicago Great Western	2,395	2,999	3,100	1,870	2,365
Chic. Milw. St. Paul & Pacific	17,362	19,745	23,211	5,619	6,741
Chic. St. Paul Minn. & Omaha	3,511	3,592	4,746	2,330	3,003
Duluth Missabe & Northern	389	382	599	97	150
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic	354	580	1,109	305	385
Elgin Joliet & Eastern	2,723	3,421	5,671	2,851	4,277
Ft. Dodge Des M. & Southern	220	281	365	141	166
Great Northern	8,759	9,227	10,258	1,326	2,132
Green Bay & Western	585	590	580	267	390
Minneapolis & St. Louis	1,615	2,021	2,404	1,217	1,385
Minn. St. Paul & S. S. Marle	4,737	5,062	5,457	1,380	1,625
Northern Pacific	9,163	10,622	11,139	1,653	2,475
Spokane Portland & Seattle	*1,091	834	1,293	838	1,118
Total	66,557	75,973	89,474	28,197	36,567
Central Western Dist.—					
Atch. Top. & Santa Fe System	21,557	25,046	27,654	4,087	4,677
Alton	2,664	3,288	3,623	1,477	1,747
Bingham & Garfield	156	221	219	33	46
Chicago Burlington & Quincy	15,067	17,870	22,214	5,541	6,174
Chicago Rock Island & Pacific	11,242	14,633	15,921	5,477	6,764
Chicago & Eastern Illinois	2,900	2,618	3,438	1,640	2,061
Colorado & Southern	1,281	2,162	2,089	745	1,116
Denver & Rio Grande Western	3,202	3,372	4,883	1,701	1,964
Denver & Salt Lake	527	598	712	8	16
Fort Worth & Denver City	1,801	2,539	1,898	1,081	1,292
Northwestern Pacific	471	479	684	209	207
Peoria & Pekin Union	139	127	181	35	43
Southern Pacific (Pacific)	13,535	15,234	20,063	2,804	3,310
St. Joseph & Grand Island	198	249	258	237	247
Toledo Peoria & Western	313	259	280	668	728
Union Pacific System	14,910	16,009	18,305	6,844	7,443
Utah	637	934	1,372	5	6
Western Pacific	1,132	1,342	1,683	1,203	1,340
Total	91,732	107,380	125,477	33,887	39,181
Southwestern District—					
Alton & Southern	141	150	231	2,502	2,382
Burlington-Rock Island	156	170	310	691	812
Burlington & Western	239	295	341	156	113
Gulf Coast Lines	2,045	2,025	2,507	866	1,373
Houston & Brazos Valley	201	215	271	49	62
International-Great Northern	2,001	1,848	1,799	1,898	1,972
Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf	1,623	302	442	690	854
Kansas City Southern	1,147	1,845	2,4		

Electric Output Again Shows a Larger Percentage Decline.

According to the National Electric Light Association, the production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States amounted to 1,510,337,000 kwh. during the week ended Dec. 3 1932, compared with 1,475,268,000 kwh. during the previous week and 1,671,466,000 kwh. during the corresponding period last year. The percentage decrease as compared with 1931 was 9.6%, as against a decline of 7.8% for the week ended Nov. 26 1932.

PER CENT CHANGES (1932 OVER 1931).

Major Geographic Regions—	Current Week.	Previous Week.
Atlantic Seaboard.....	-7.7%	-5.6%
New England (alone).....	-7.3%	-3.7%
Central Industrial.....	-12.3%	-10.2%
Pacific Coast.....	-7.9%	-7.9%
Total United States.....	-9.6%	-7.8%

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

Weeks Ended.	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1932 Under 1931.
Jan. 2	1,523,652,000	1,597,454,000	1,680,239,000	1,542,000,000	4.6%
Feb. 6	1,588,853,000	1,679,016,000	1,781,533,000	1,726,161,000	5.4%
Mar. 5	1,519,679,000	1,664,125,000	1,750,070,000	1,702,570,000	8.7%
Apr. 2	1,420,208,000	1,679,764,000	1,708,228,000	1,663,291,000	11.9%
May 7	1,429,032,000	1,637,296,000	1,689,034,000	1,608,492,000	12.7%
June 4	x1,381,452,000	1,593,622,000	1,657,084,000	1,689,325,000	13.3%
July 2	1,456,961,000	z1,607,238,000	1,594,124,000	1,532,075,000	9.3%
Aug. 6	1,426,986,000	1,642,838,000	1,691,750,000	1,729,667,000	13.1%
Sept. 3	1,464,700,000	1,635,623,000	1,630,081,000	1,774,588,000	10.4%
Oct. 1	1,499,459,000	1,645,587,000	1,711,123,000	1,819,276,000	8.9%
Oct. 8	1,506,219,000	1,653,369,000	1,723,876,000	1,806,403,000	8.9%
Oct. 15	1,507,503,000	1,656,051,000	1,729,377,000	1,798,633,000	9.0%
Oct. 22	1,528,145,000	1,646,531,000	1,747,353,000	1,824,160,000	7.2%
Oct. 29	1,533,028,000	1,651,792,000	1,741,295,000	1,815,749,000	7.2%
Nov. 5	1,525,410,000	1,623,147,000	1,728,210,000	1,798,164,000	6.3%
Nov. 12	1,520,730,000	1,623,151,000	1,712,727,000	1,793,584,000	6.3%
Nov. 19	1,531,584,000	1,655,051,000	1,721,501,000	1,818,169,000	7.5%
Nov. 26	1,475,268,000	1,599,900,000	1,671,787,000	1,718,002,000	7.8%
Dec. 3	1,510,337,000	1,671,466,000	1,746,934,000	1,806,225,000	9.6%
Months—					
January	7,014,066,000	7,439,888,000	8,021,749,000	7,585,334,000	5.7%
February	6,518,245,000	6,709,564,000	7,066,788,000	6,850,855,000	96.1%
March	6,781,347,000	7,381,004,000	7,580,335,000	7,380,263,000	8.2%
April	6,303,425,000	7,193,691,000	7,416,191,000	7,285,350,000	12.4%
May	6,212,090,000	7,183,341,000	7,494,807,000	7,486,635,000	13.5%
June	6,130,077,000	7,070,729,000	7,239,697,000	7,220,279,000	13.3%
July	6,112,175,000	7,286,576,000	7,363,730,000	7,484,727,000	16.1%
August	6,310,667,000	7,166,086,000	7,391,196,000	7,772,878,000	11.9%
September	6,317,733,000	7,099,421,000	7,337,106,000	7,523,395,000	11.0%

x Including Memorial Day. y Change computed on basis of average daily reports. z Including July 4 holiday.
 Note.—The monthly figures shown above are based on reports covering approximately 92% of the electric light and power industry and the weekly figures are based on about 70%.

Annalist Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices—Falls to New Low.

A new post-war low of 87.0 was established by The Annalist Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices on Dec. 6, with a decline of 0.8 from the previous week's 87.8 (revised). The "Annalist" says:

Although losses were numerous, the drop was chiefly due to lower prices for cotton and gasoline and to seasonal declines in steers, better and eggs. Most of the grains, on the other hand, showed strength.

THE ANNALIST WEEKLY INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES (Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation) (1913=100)

	Dec. 6 1932.	Nov. 29 1932.	Dec. 8 1931.
Farm products.....	67.1	68.1	84.7
Food products.....	94.2	95.4	104.6
Textile products.....	x69.1	z69.4	82.4
Fuels.....	129.5	130.6	127.9
Metals.....	94.8	95.1	98.7
Building materials.....	106.5	106.5	110.4
Chemicals.....	95.3	95.3	96.8
Miscellaneous.....	73.2	73.3	87.9
All commodities.....	87.0	z87.8	98.6

x Provisional. z Revised.

New England Business Awaits Developments as to War Debts, International Relations and Tariff According to National Shawmut Bank of Boston.

Since the National election, New England business has been awaiting developments upon war debts (specifically the Dec. 15 payments by foreign countries), international relations and the tariff issue, according to the current summary of "New England Business," just issued by the National Shawmut Bank of Boston. During the month of October the bank reports that favorable signs of improvement were indicated by the more than seasonal increase in production, distribution and employment in New England. The broad decline in commodity prices was an unfavorable factor. October was the fourth consecutive month in which New England manufacturing plants increased their operations more than seasonally. The distribution of finished and semi-finished goods in New England was slightly greater in October than in September, and employment in Massachusetts manufacturing plants also increased contrary to the usual seasonal movement.

Unseasonal Decline from September to October Noted in Department Store Trade in Kansas City Federal Reserve District—Four of Five Reporting Wholesale Lines Show Lower Sales—Severe Drop Noted in Grain Prices.

In its Dec. 1 "Monthly Review," the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City notes that "October witnessed the most severe decline in grain prices so far experienced for this year's crop." "Wheat declined," according to the Bank, "to an all-time low, and corn to the lowest levels since 1896." We also quote as follows from the "Review":

Livestock values, with the exception of sheep and lambs, which closed steady, were also lower for the month, hogs closing only 20c. per hundred-weight above the 35-year low of last May, and beef steers the lowest for the season in over 20 years. Prices of dairy products and eggs showed little change during the month, but the latter advanced rapidly the forepart of November.

Crop prospects are little changed from one month ago with the exception of white potatoes, which suffered further injury as a result of early freezes in Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska. Winter wheat seedlings in Western areas continue backward, due to a lack of moisture, with present prospects indicating that the eventual acreage seeded will not equal earlier planting intentions. Additional moisture supplies are needed generally.

Contrary to seasonal trends, department store sales declined in October as compared to September, but the decline was largely accounted for by the unusually favorable weather conditions prevailing throughout the earlier month. Sales as compared with a year ago declined 19.2%. This decline although somewhat larger than that reported for September, was otherwise the smallest recorded for any preceding month since March. Hardware was the only one of five reporting wholesale lines to show an increase in sales for the month, with wholesalers of dry goods reporting a slight increase as compared to October a year ago.

Flour and soft coal production increased seasonally and zinc ore shipments were larger for the month. The output of flour, petroleum, bituminous coal, and cement was lighter than a year ago, but shipments of zinc ore and lead ore were heavier.

Further improvement in the number of business insolvencies was noted. Liquidation at member banks continued.

Reporting on wholesale and retail trade conditions, the Bank noted:

Retail Trade.

A consolidation of the reports of 35 department stores in Tenth District cities shows October sales in dollar amounts were 1.7% smaller than in September. Ordinarily October sales exceed September sales by approximately 7.5%, but this year September weather conditions were more conducive than usual to the early purchase of fall goods, resulting in a part of the September volume being acquired at the expense of the following month. October sales were 19.2% smaller than a year ago as compared to decreases of 11.2% reported for September, 24% for August, and 29.7% for July. Decreases as compared to a year ago have been reported every month this year, with the cumulative total for 10 months averaging 22.1% less than for the first 10 months of 1931.

The enlargement of inventories during October was in about normal proportions, but stocks of merchandise on hand Oct. 31 were 23.1% lighter than one year ago.

Collections improved somewhat during the month, amounting to 35% of amounts outstanding on Sept. 30 as compared to 30.4% reported for September this year and 37.5% for October 1931.

Wholesale Trade.

Dollar sales of each of the five reporting wholesale lines, except hardware, which increased by somewhat less than the usual seasonal amount, declined in October. Under normal conditions, wholesalers of dry goods are the only ones to show a smaller volume of business for October than for September. Compared to October 1931, the only increase noted was that of 0.5% in the sale of dry goods, whereas, sales of groceries declined 23.7%; hardware, 18.4%; furniture, 27.7%, and drugs, 14.7%.

Inventory changes during the month were slight, but, as compared to Oct. 31 1931, the various lines reported the following decreases: Dry goods, 4.0%; groceries, 26.1%; hardware, 8.4%; furniture, 32.3%, and drugs, 16.0%. Collections remain slow, although wholesalers of dry goods, hardware and furniture reported some improvement as compared to the preceding month.

Business Conditions in St. Louis Federal Reserve District—Lessened Activity Noted in Trade and Industry.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, in its "Monthly Review" of Nov. 30, "the usual indicators of trade and industry in the Eighth (St. Louis) District during the past 30 days reflected spotty and irregular conditions, with changes as compared with the similar period immediately preceding being mainly in the direction of lessened activity." Continuing, the Bank also noted:

The slowing down in a number of lines investigated was traceable to seasonal influences and was no greater than that which occurred in past years. Elsewhere, however, curtailment was too marked to be ascribed solely to seasonal considerations. In merchandising lines, particularly in the case of seasonal commodities, the volume of business was held down by unusually high temperatures obtaining through all of October and the first week of November. Another deterrent to trade was the further recession in the level of commodity prices, both of agricultural products and manufactured goods. Besides reducing purchasing power in the rural areas, the lower prices had the effect of disturbing confidence among merchants and ultimate consumers, and emphasizing the policy of caution and conservatism which for months has characterized the filling of commodity requirements.

The volume of retail trade in October declined below that of the preceding month and a year ago. In all wholesaling and jobbing lines investigated sales were smaller than for the same month in 1931, and with the exception of furniture and hardware, were less than the September totals this year. In the comparison with a year ago, however, the adverse spread was narrower than was the case during the spring and summer months. In the iron and steel industry activities in October were at a slightly reduced rate as contrasted with September. The pickup in business of manufacturers

of stoves, heating apparatus and other seasonal goods failed to offset smaller production and shipments at other ferrous working plants. Moderate betterment was noted in production of lumber at Southern mills, and October output of bituminous coal mines showed a substantial gain over the preceding month, and was only 8% below October a year ago. September production this year fell 19% below that of the same month in 1931.

Agricultural prospects in the district were assisted by favorable weather throughout October for harvesting late crops and farm work generally. The report of the United States Department of Agriculture, based on Nov. 1 conditions, showed betterment in prospects for cotton, potatoes and corn as contrasted with the Oct. 1 forecast, and little change in earlier indications for other crops. Prices of wheat and corn declined to new low levels for the season, and since records have been kept. There were also further declines in prices of livestock and other farm products. The employment situation in October underwent no marked change as compared with the preceding month, accretions to the number of workers in certain industries and seasonal occupations being offset by reductions in the country incident to completion of harvests.

The volume of retail trade, as reflected by sales of department stores in principal cities of the district was 5.3% less than in September, and 22.6% smaller than in October 1931; for the first 10 months this year cumulative sales were 22.7% smaller than for the corresponding period in 1931. Combined sales of all wholesaling and jobbing interests reporting to this bank in October decreased 17% under September and 11.7% under October 1931; cumulative sales of these firms for the first 10 months this year were about one-fourth less than for the comparable period last year. The dollar value of permits issued for new construction in the five largest cities of the district in October was almost double that of the preceding month, but 26% smaller than in October last year; for the first 10 months the total was 73.4% less than for the comparable period in 1931. Construction contracts let in the Eighth District in October were 27% and 3% smaller, respectively, than a month and a year earlier, and the cumulative total for the first 10 months was 53% less than a year ago. Debits to checking accounts increased 1.8% in October over the preceding month, but were 26.7% smaller than a year ago; for the first 10 months the total fell 26% below the same period in 1931. The amount of savings accounts in selected banks increased slightly between Oct. 5 and Nov. 2, and on the latter date were 3.6% smaller than a year ago.

Freight traffic of railroads operating in this district showed somewhat larger than the ordinary seasonal increase during September and the first half of October. Since that time, however, the trend has been downward, with reductions extending to practically all classifications of freight. The low rate of industrial activities and unusually mild fall weather were reflected in a marked contraction in the movement of coal and coke as contrasted with the same period in recent years. For the country as a whole loadings of revenue freight for the first 43 weeks this year, or to Oct. 29, totaled 23,512,787 cars, against 31,757,157 cars for the corresponding period in 1931, and 39,129,295 cars in 1930. The St. Louis Terminal Railway Association, which handles interchanges for 28 connecting lines, interchanged 133,036 loads in October against 120,261 loads in September, and 152,751 loads in October 1931. During the first nine days of November the interchange amounted to 35,189 loads, against 40,871 loads during the same period in October, and 43,328 loads during the first nine days of November 1931. Passenger traffic of the reporting lines in October decreased 37% as compared with the same month in 1931. Estimated tonnage of the Federal Barge Line, between St. Louis and New Orleans, in October was 108,700 tons, against 94,958 tons in September and 104,893 tons in October 1931.

Reports relative to collections reflect no marked change from conditions which have prevailed during the preceding two months. Considerable spottiness is noted, both with reference to different localities and the several lines. Generally throughout the agricultural areas a disposition on the part of farmers to hold their products for more favorable markets is reflected in backward payments. Withal, collections on current accounts showed moderate improvement during October, with a fair volume of liquidation on older indebtedness. Wholesalers and jobbers in the main distributing centers report Nov. 1 settlements fully up to expectations, and in numerous instances comparing favorably with a year ago. City retailers still complain of unevenness in their collections, but gains in the volume of sales for cash.

Seasonal Increases in Some Lines of Trade During October in Richmond Federal Reserve District—Evidences of Improved Basic Conditions Also Noted.

"There were seasonal increases in trade in some lines in October and the first half of November, and there were also evidences of improved basic conditions in the Fifth Federal Reserve District," according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, in its Nov. 30 "Monthly Review," which also said:

In banking, developments indicated that some money has returned to circulation from hoards. First, demand deposits in reporting member banks increased between the middle of October and the middle of November, in spite of a decline in loans during the same period. Further, the actual circulation of Federal Reserve notes of the Richmond Bank declined last month, while ordinarily circulation rises several millions of dollars in late October and early November. Since other indicators show a seasonal expansion in trade, with a resultant need for more money with which to transact business, the increased deposits and decreased circulation show that additional funds are coming into trade channels from sources outside the banks. Rediscovers for member banks at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond declined slightly last month, liquidation of agricultural loans in country banks exceeding the needs for commercial credit at city banks. Savings deposits in mutual savings banks increased in October, and time deposits in reporting member banks remained practically unchanged. Debits to individual accounts figures during four weeks ended Nov. 9 showed a seasonal decrease in comparison with debits in the preceding four weeks, ended Oct. 12, but the decline was less than occurs in most years. In comparison with debits in four weeks ended Nov. 11 last year, debits in the corresponding period this year were only 18% less, in spite of a lower level of general business activity this year, lower price levels in many lines, and the adverse influence of the new tax on checks. The commercial failure record of the Fifth District in October was about in line with the record of other recent months, but was worse than the national record for that particular month. There was no improvement in employment conditions in the district last month, but rather some seasonal increase in the number of unemployed. Coal production increased seasonally in October, but was less than production in October last year. In the textile field, mills continued operations on full daylight shifts, and this activity, with increased payrolls

for textile workers, has been reflected in improved trade in mill centers. Cotton prices were somewhat lower between mid-October and mid-November than in the preceding month, but cotton consumption in the United States in October exceeded consumption in October last year, and cotton exports also were larger than in 1931. Tobacco manufacturing declined in October in comparison with the same month a year ago. Auction tobacco markets in the Fifth District sold much less tobacco last month than they sold in October last year, and this year's prices, while somewhat higher than those of 1931, were low in view of the short crop of tobacco this year; the continuation of low prices for tobacco being due to the carryover from the 1931 crop and earlier crops. In the face of such a condition, it will require more than one short crop, or increased consumption, to raise tobacco prices materially. Retail trade as reflected in department store business increased in October over September, but by less than the seasonal amount. However, part of this relatively small increase last month was due to large sales in September. Wholesale trade in October compared fairly well with trade in October 1931, in view of many price changes during the year, and for the second successive month shoe jobbers reported larger sales than in the corresponding month of the preceding year. Crops for 1932 are practically made and harvested, and on the whole yields in the Fifth District were lower than yields in 1931, partly due to acreage reduction in some crops and drought conditions in the district during much of the growing season. Farmers in many instances raised more feed and food stuffs than last year, and this year's crops were made very cheaply, but total farm cash income promises to be even less this year than last, in spite of somewhat better prices for cotton, tobacco, and some other crops.

We take the following from the "Review" regarding wholesale and retail trade conditions:

Retail Trade.

October department store sales usually exceed September sales by about 40%, but this year the increase was only 20%, partly because September sales were larger than usual in comparison with other recent months and partly because October weather was too warm and clear to stimulate the purchase of fall merchandise. In comparison with last year's sales, those of October 1932 show an average decline of 20.4% in 33 department stores, and the first 10 months if 1932 dropped 19.0% below the sales in the corresponding period of 1931.

Stocks on the shelves of the reporting stores showed further seasonal increase in October, rising 10.6% over stocks on Sept. 30, but on Oct. 31 stocks were 17.1% less in selling value than stocks on hand on Oct. 31 1931. Stocks were turned an average of .349 times in October, and since Jan. 1 1932 stocks have been turned 2.843 times, a lower figure than 3.041 times in the first 10 months of 1931.

Collections during October showed a seasonal increase over September collections but were slower than the average for October last year, 25.2% of outstanding receivables being collected last month in comparison with 21.6% in September 1932 and 28.3% in October 1931.

Wholesale Trade.

Sixty-two wholesale firms in five lines reported on October business to the Bank. Sales in October in hardware were .8 of 1% larger than sales in September this year, but the other lines failed to register gains over the earlier month. In comparison with sales in October 1931, sales last month were lower in every line except shoes, which for the second successive month exceeded sales in the same month of the preceding year. Total sales for the first 10 months of 1932 were lower in all lines than sales in the corresponding period in 1931, shoes showing the smallest and dry goods the largest decline.

Stocks on hand on Oct. 31 1932 showed slight increases in groceries and dry goods over stocks on hand on Sept. 30, but the other lines reported stock reduction during October. On Oct. 31 stocks in all lines were lower than stocks a year ago.

Collections in every line showed seasonal improvement in October over September, but were slower in every line except in shoes than in October 1931.

Business Conditions in Atlanta Federal Reserve District During October—Increases Noted in Consumption of Cotton and in Manufacture of Cloth and Yarn—Less Than Usual Increase Reported in Retail Trade While Wholesale Trade Declined.

In its Nov. 30 "Monthly Review" the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta states that "further gains were recorded in October building permits issued at reporting cities in the Sixth (Atlanta) District, in cotton consumption and in the manufacture of cloth and yarn, in pig iron production in Alabama and in coal mining in Alabama and Tennessee, but retail trade increased less than usual from September to October, wholesale trade declined in October following an unusual gain from July to September, and construction contracts declined." Continuing, the Bank reported the following:

Department store sales increased 16% from September to October, and were 22.6% less than in October 1931. On a daily average basis, sales gained about 12% over September, as compared with a customary increase of more than twice that amount. However, the increase from July to September was larger than usual, and the net gain from July to October is only a few points less than usually takes place at that time. Wholesale trade, which usually reaches the fall peak in October, had also increased from July to September by a much larger percentage than usual, and declined 4.4% in October and was 19.9% less than in October 1931. Collections at both retail and wholesale improved over the month before. Debits to individual accounts increased 2.5% over September and were 29.7% less than in October last year.

Total loans and investments of weekly reporting member banks increased somewhat between Oct. 12 and Nov. 9, and holdings of United States Government securities were greater than a year ago, but other investments were less, and total loans and investments were 54.7 millions less than a year ago. Reserve Bank credit outstanding at this bank increased slightly during this four week period, because of a small gain in discounts and an increase in holdings of purchased bills, but was 33.8 millions less than a year ago.

Building permits registered a further gain of 33.2% over September, and were 38.5% greater than in October 1931. For the 10 months period they show a decrease of 35.8% from that part of 1931. Contract awards, however, after increasing in August and September, declined in October and

were 38.2% less than a year ago, and for the 10 months period were 58.8% less than in that part of 1931. Consumption of cotton in the cotton-growing States increased 1.6% further in October, and was 9.6% greater than in October 1931, and in the three States of this District for which figures are available consumption in October was 1.4% greater than in September, and 8.6% greater than in October last year. Production by reporting cotton mills increased slightly over September but orders declined. Pig iron production in Alabama gained substantially in October over previous months, but was about half that of October a year ago. Coal mining in Alabama and Tennessee increased further in September and while Alabama production was about the same as a year ago, output in Tennessee was smaller.

As to trade conditions in its District the Bank noted:

Retail Trade.

October statics reported to this bank by 38 department stores in the Sixth Federal Reserve District indicate gains in sales, stocks, and collections over recent months, but unfavorable comparisons continue to be shown with corresponding periods a year ago. The increase in department store sales from August to September was much larger than the usual increase at that time of year, and the gain from September to October was smaller than usual, so that the seasonally adjusted index of daily average sales, declined from 75.2% of the 1923-1925 average to 66.5%. The combined increase from July to October, however, was only slightly less than usually occurs during that period. Credit sales accounted for 57.8% of the October total, as against 58.4% in September.

Stocks of merchandise on hand at the end of October were 6.1% larger than a month earlier, a gain fractionally larger than usual, but were 21.8% less than for October a year ago. Turnover for the month was the same as for October last year, but for the 10 months period was slightly less. Accounts receivable increased 5.2% over September but were 17.1% less than a year ago, and October collections increased 24.7% over those in September, but were 22.9% less than in October 1931.

The ratio of collections during October to accounts receivable and due at the beginning of the month was 28.2%, the highest ratio since April, and compared with 30.9% for October last year. For regular accounts the October ratio was 30.2%, against 26.4% for September and 33.2% for October 1931, and the ratio for installment accounts for October was 15.3%, against 14.3% for September, and 17.1% for October a year ago.

All of these statistics are based upon reports in actual dollar amounts and the percentage comparisons make no allowance for changes in the price level. Comparisons for the month are set out in the table.

Wholesale Trade.

After increasing from the low point in July through September by a larger percentage than in other recent years, total sales by 107 reporting wholesale firms in the Sixth District declined 4.4% from September to October, and were 19.9% less than in October a year ago. Twice before, during the past 12 years, in 1921 and in 1927, the fall peak in wholesale trade has come in September, but in other years October has been the peak month. Increases over September in sales of hardware and electrical supplies were more than offset by decreases in other lines. Cumulative totals for the first 10 months of 1932 show a decrease of 25.9% compared with that part of 1931, as indicated in the figures which follow. All of these percentage comparisons are based upon reports in actual dollar figures, and make no allowance for the changing level of prices.

Production and Shipments of Lumber Continue Below Those of Last Year—Orders Received, as Reported by an Average of 613 Mills, for the Four Weeks Ended Nov. 26 1932 Were 25% Lower as Compared with the Corresponding Period in 1931.

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

An average of 613 mills reported as follows to the National Lumber Trade Barometer for the four weeks ended Nov. 26 1932:

(In Thousand Board Feet.)	Production.		Shipments.		Orders Received.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Softwoods.....	376,944	447,034	423,826	513,013	398,526	531,419
Hardwoods.....	28,186	53,855	53,340	69,717	51,879	69,729
Total lumber.....	405,130	500,889	477,166	582,730	450,405	601,148

Production during the four weeks ended Nov. 26 1932 was 19% below corresponding weeks of 1931, as reported by these mills, and 55% below the record of comparable mills for the same period of 1930. 1932 softwood cut was 16% below that of the same weeks of 1931 and hardwood cut was 48% below.

Shipments in the four weeks ended Nov. 26 1932, were 18% below those of corresponding weeks of 1931, softwoods showing 17% decline and hardwoods 23% decline.

Orders received during the four weeks ended Nov. 26 1932 were 25% below those of corresponding weeks of 1931 and 44% below orders for similar weeks of 1930. Softwoods showed 25% decline as compared with 1931, and hardwoods 26% decline.

The production of the reporting mills in the four weeks ended Nov. 26 1932 was 21% of their capacity and 39% of their three-year average production (same weeks of 1929-1930-1931).

On Nov. 26 1932, gross stocks as reported by 365 softwood mills were 2,972,208,000 feet or the equivalent of 80 days' average production of the reporting mills, compared with 4,205,127,000 feet on Nov. 28 1931, the equivalent of 113 days' average production.

On Nov. 26 1932, unfilled orders as reported by 555 mills (cutting either hardwoods or softwoods or both) were 392,752,000 feet or the equivalent of nine days' average production, as compared with 12 days' average production or 512,575,000 feet on Nov. 28 1931.

Lumber Orders at Mills Continue to Increase.

New lumber business booked during the week ended Dec. 3 1932 showed encouraging increase over the previous four weeks, and lumber production, except for the preceding (Thanksgiving) week was the lowest since early July, according to telegraphic reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from regional associations covering the operations of 694 leading softwood and hardwood mills. The gain in new business was at the softwood mills,

hardwood orders being the lowest reported since August. The Association, in its statement, further reports as follows:

Production of the reporting mills totaled 100,444,000 feet, or 20% of capacity; new business, 126,518,000 feet or 26% above production and 25% of capacity. Previous week reports were production 19% and orders 22% of capacity.

All regions showed good increase of orders over production except the Southern pine and they reported orders only 2% below the cut. Compared with the same week last year, production was down 12% and orders 13%. Southern pine and Western pine produced 3% and 43% respectively more than during the week last year. Southern pine was the only region recording orders ahead of last year, the increase being 19%.

Recent report compiled by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association on operating and non-operating mills, shows that only 47% of the mills reporting during November in the Douglas fir region were operating and of the 53% down 42% were not shipping. In the Southern pine region similar records indicate that 58% of the mills reporting in November were operating and 42% were down.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended Dec. 3 1932 by 453 softwood mills totaled 113,564,000 feet, or 24% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 102,317,000 feet, or 12% above production. Production was 91,362,000 feet.

Reports from 258 hardwood mills give new business as 12,954,000 feet, or 43% above production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 14,445,000 feet, or 59% above production. Production was 9,082,000 feet.

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 389 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 321,648,000 feet, on Dec. 3 1932, or the equivalent of 9 days' production. The 362 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 314,071,000 feet on Dec. 3 1932, or the equivalent of 9 days' average production, as compared with 391,398,000 feet, or the equivalent of 11 days' average production, on similar date a year ago.

Last week's production of 415 identical softwood mills was 88,705,000 feet, and a year ago it was 98,101,000 feet; shipments were respectively 98,335,000 feet and 108,695,000; and orders received 110,476,000 feet and 122,745,000. In the case of hardwoods, 198 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 7,827,000 feet and 12,150,000; shipments 12,382,000 feet and 17,301,000; and orders 11,148,000 feet and 16,724,000.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle the following new business, shipments and unfilled orders for 217 mills reporting for the week ended December 3:

NEW BUSINESS.		UNSHIPPED ORDERS.		SHIPMENTS.	
Feet.		Feet.		Feet.	
Domestic cargo delivery.....	26,360,000	Domestic cargo delivery.....	78,644,000	Coastwise and intercoastal.....	16,022,000
Export.....	17,889,000	Foreign.....	77,161,000	Export.....	16,009,000
Rail.....	16,583,000	Rail.....	40,167,000	Rail.....	13,383,000
Local.....	6,799,000			Local.....	6,799,000
Total.....	67,631,000	Total.....	195,972,000	Total.....	52,213,000

Production for the week was 50,416,000 feet. Production was 20% and new business 27% of capacity, compared with 19% and 22% for the previous week.

Southern Pine.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 105 mills reporting, shipments were 13% above production, and orders 2% below production and 13% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 20,669,000 feet (previous week, 18,514,000 at 114 mills); shipments, 23,767,000 feet (previous week, 20,950,000); and production, 21,115,000 feet (previous week, 21,893,000). Production was 35% and orders 34% of capacity, compared with 34% and 29% for the previous week. Orders on hand at the end of the week at 95 mills were 44,166,000 feet. The identical mills reported an increase in production of 3%, and in new business an increase of 19%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

Western Pine.

The Western Pine Association reported from Portland, Ore., that for 107 mills reporting, shipments were 24% above production, and orders 20% above production and 3% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 23,524,000 feet (previous week, 24,927,000 at 114 mills); shipments, 24,218,000 feet (previous week, 23,327,000); and production, 19,569,000 feet (previous week, 19,071,000). Production was 16% and orders 19% of capacity, compared with 15% and 20% for the previous week. Orders on hand at the end of the week at 107 mills were 101,768,000 feet. The 96 identical mills reported an increase in production of 43%, and in new business a decrease of 21%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

Northern Pine.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers of Minneapolis, Minn., reported no production from 7 mills, shipments 1,505,000 feet and new business 1,375,000 feet. The same number of mills reported new business 24% less than for the same week last year.

Northern Hemlock.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 17 mills as 262,000 feet, shipments 612,000 and orders 365,000 feet. Orders were 4% of capacity compared with 5% the previous week. The 16 identical mills reported a decrease of 76% in production and a decrease of 56% in new business, compared with the same week a year ago.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute, of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 241 mills as 8,957,000 feet, shipments 13,593,000 and new business 12,024,000. Production was 19% and orders 25% of capacity, compared with 17% and 28%, the previous week. The 182 identical mills reported production 34% less and new business 32% less than for the same week last year.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 17 mills as 125,000 feet, shipments 852,000 and orders 930,000 feet. Orders were 14% of capacity, compared with 10% the previous week. The 16 identical mills reported a decrease of 70% in production and a decrease of 42% in orders, compared with the same week last year.

Workers Recalled by Cadillac Motor Car Co.—3,250 Men to Be Put to Work on Five-Day Week Basis.

Lawrence P. Fischer, President and General Manager of the Cadillac Motor Car Co. at Detroit, Mich., announced on Dec. 3 that beginning Dec. 5 and up to the end of the month the company will add 3,250 former employees to its

payrolls. This action will bring the total number of men employed at the Cadillac and affiliated plants to approximately 3,750. In his announcement Mr. Fischer said that "sufficient orders have been received from the Cadillac distributors' organization to maintain our initial production schedule on a basis of five eight-hour working days a week until the end of next March. Only the regular Cadillac workmen who were on our payrolls prior to the recent shutdown for inventory taking can be employed, however," said Mr. Fischer.

About 1,000 Unemployed New York City Men Employed Building Automobile Highway.

More than 1,000 normally unemployed New York City men are being given work in constructing an automobile highway on Bear Mountain, the Conservation Department says, according to United Press advices from Albany, N. Y., to the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 3, which add:

The project, which includes building of a thoroughfare to the peak of the mountain and down the opposite side, is expected to last until next spring.

Decision to Continue Alberta Wheat Pool for Another Year—Will Seek Amendment to Wheat Pool Act.

Under date of Nov. 28 Canadian Press advices from Calgary stated:

The Alberta wheat pool will carry on for another year under the present marketing system, it was decided at to-day's session of the annual meeting. It was deemed inadvisable to form a new plan under the present uncertain conditions.

Following adjournment of the meeting, it was announced the 70 delegates had decided "to have their organization carry on for another year, after expiration of the present contract, on the same basis of operation as at present in force." The present contract, which expires July 15 1933, permits the farmer to sell his grain through the pool on a pooling basis or on the open market prevailing prices.

To continue the present system after the contract's expiration, the pool will ask the Alberta Legislature to amend the Wheat Pool Act. The amendment would enable signers of the present five-year contract to continue to vote as they now do, notwithstanding the fact that the contract will have expired.

"The plan is to continue on the optional marketing basis for a year after July 15 1933, with control in the hands of the signers of second series contracts," the pool statement said.

Under the present contract farmers also are permitted to sell through the pool, receiving street prices in place of the pool's initial payment.

No Price Improvement in Wheat Until Over-Production Ceases, According to Manager of Canadian Pool.

Canadian Press advices from Calgary, Alberta, Dec. 3, said:

Over-production must cease before prices of that grain will improve, John I. McFarland, General Manager of the Canadian Wheat Pool, central body of the three prairie pools, says in the report of his organization, published to-day.

Consumption of wheat in the last two years has not increased materially, "while over-production has continued unabated," he says. He advocates "a surcease from over-production as the only thing that will rectify uneconomic wheat prices." However, holding of wheat, he believes, brought higher prices for the pool.

"There has never been a time in the past two years," Mr. McFarland also says, "when there was a demand for wheat in sufficient volume at a price which would repay the banks the amount of their loans, and that being true it therefore follows that it has at all times been impossible to realize an equity for the farmers who put their wheat in the 1930 pool."

Grain Storage Rate in Canada Reduced by Government—Elevator Charge Cut from 1-30th to 1-45th of a Cent—Act Recently Amended.

The following (Canadian Press) from Ottawa, Nov. 28, is from the Toronto "Globe":

The rate of charge for grain storage, elevation and other services at country and terminal elevators has been fixed by the Government at 1-45th of a cent per bushel per day, a decrease from the rate of 1-30th of a cent, at present in force.

The change is made by virtue of the recent amendment to the Canada Grain Act, which places the power to take such action in the hands of the Board of Grain Commissioners. The amendment passed the House during the recently-adjourned session, after a brief debate. It was sponsored by Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Previously the rate was fixed at a meeting of the Board, usually held in the autumn of each year, and remained in force for a year. The rate of 1-30th of a cent was fixed at the meeting last autumn.

Mt. Stevens, in presenting the amendment to Parliament, said the desire was to place in the hands of the Board power to make rates suitable to rapidly changing conditions, without having to wait a year to make the change.

Subsidy in Great Britain Reported As Averting Farm Disaster—85-Cent Wheat Guaranty Keeps Land Under Cultivation and Stabilizes Agriculture—Grain Imports Pay Fund—No Limit on Production—1932 Cost \$12,000,000.

The following (Associated Press) from London, Dec. 3, is from the New York "Herald Tribune":

Farm economists and the administrators of England's subsidy to wheat farmers are convinced that in its first six months of operation the subsidy

has averted a serious collapse which threatened an important section of English agriculture.

The subsidy guarantees a price of 10 shillings a hundredweight to English growers. (Calculated on the basis of the present low pound this is the equivalent of about 85 cents a bushel.) The grower is paid the difference between that figure and the average price of wheat in England. Funds are obtained from a tax on imported wheat and flour.

The scheme had its origin in the fact that farmers, especially in eastern England, where wheat long has been a traditional crop, were approaching such desperate circumstances that, unless they received some such assistance, direct and unproductive relief was unavoidable. Moreover, land was going out of cultivation by the thousands of acres, 600,000 since 1922.

The Government acted on the theory it was better to encourage the growing of a useful crop than to grant direct aid. That belief still is held by the authorities concerned. Farm economists do not argue that wheat is an economic crop in England. But they do contend that the advantages of the subsidy outweigh any disadvantages.

Keeps Social Fabric Intact.

Exports of the Ministry of Agriculture point out that in addition to the direct economic results of the policy—such as making possible the purchase of farm supplies—the social fabric of English farm life is maintained, the stability of one section of the community is increased. Moreover, they emphasize that wheat holds an important position as a rotation crop in England, and as diversification grows this importance increases.

There has been no attempt to control production, to limit the production of individuals. Instead, the effort has been toward putting land back into cultivation. In the year 1931-32 there were 1,249,746 acres in wheat. The estimated crop acreage next year is 1,343,760. The highest acreage England has known was 3,240,344 in 1875.

The deficiency payments for the current year are estimated at about £4,000,000 (currently \$12,600,000).

Under the subsidy act, maximum production is placed at 48,000,000 bushels—about the amount it is believed English wheat land can produce in full operation. In the present season the total is 35,000,000 to 36,000,000.

Other Crops Are Encouraged.

What will happen if the maximum is reached has not been decided. Experts doubt that it will be exceeded. With cash in their pockets, farmers tend to swing away from the one crop, these experts say, and they are encouraged by the Government, which tries to interest them in pigs, poultry and dairy products. Moreover, unmixed English wheat does not make good bread.

Millers, who at first objected to the scheme, ceased their protests when they learned they could pass the tax on to the bakers. The bakers still grumble, as it is more difficult to pass it on to the consumers.

The price of the standard four-pound loaf has increased a half-penny, one cent United States. This hits the very poor, and another rise might, it is admitted, bring protest. The subsidy has not been felt much because the 35,000,000 bushels of home-grown wheat is only a fraction of the 250,000,000 bushels consumed in the country yearly.

France Plans Wheat Aid.

In a Paris cablegram Dec. 6 to the New York "Evening Post" it was stated that with a view to raising the price of wheat, the Government has introduced a bill in Parliament providing for credits of 300,000,000 francs for financing crops, 300,000,000 francs for direct purchases for delivery in September 1933, and 70,000,000 francs for spot purchases, &c. It is added that the first 300,000,000 francs will be granted by the Caisse des Depots, which manages the funds of the savings banks.

Italy's Wheat Crop Fills 92% of Need—Premier Mussolini Awards \$100,000 in Prizes to Nation's Farmers in Tenth Annual "Battle."

From Rome, Italy, an Associated Press account, Dec. 4, was published in the New York "Times":

Premier Mussolini, who has undertaken to make Italy grow the wheat for her own bread, gave about \$100,000 in prizes and many words of high praise to-day to those whom he has led for seven years in his "battle of the wheat."

Farmers from every province assembled in the decennial agricultural exposition hall to get their reward for the increased production, which this year came within 8% of the country's normal consumption of 300,000,000 bushels.

This was the tenth annual contest initiated with the Premier's support and unofficially backed by his newspaper, "Il Popolo d'Italia." It was in 1925 that he himself took over leadership of the efforts to increase production, announcing his decision formally in the Chamber.

Italy's pre-war wheat production was 15.2 bushels an acre, but it is now 21.5. The acreage has been increased somewhat, partly through the big reclamation projects of the Fascist Government, but chiefly by teaching farmers how to get a heavier yield.

Involved in this "battle" have been many agricultural reforms and methods of State aid, such as financing tenant farmers and even big proprietors, help in building silos and elevators, the organization of co-operative marketing societies, instruction through traveling agricultural schools and visiting experts, and wider use of fertilizers.

Both a high tariff and severe milling restrictions have been utilized to reduce imports.

Wheat in Italy for a long time has sold for close to \$1.50 a bushel, about three times the world price. Even at that high figure the Italian wheat grower has not prospered greatly, and during the past year much Government aid and direction were necessary to keep the market steady.

Definite percentages of domestic wheat were ordered used in flour, varying in different districts and for different uses, to control imports and prevent wheat stocks from being dumped on the market.

Soviet Press Warns Against Grain Hoarding.

The following (Associated Press) from Moscow, Dec. 4, is from the New York "Times":

A sharp warning to peasants against grain hoarding was issued to-day by the two most powerful Soviet newspapers, the "Izvestia" and the "Pravda," simultaneously with the revelation of a death sentence given to a peasant for slaying a Government grain collector.

The peasant's wife was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for the killing. The Government agent went to the village of Belokolodsk, in Moscow Province, to seize grain that the peasant owed the Government. The peasant attacked the President of the village Soviet and shot the agent. A village doctor who refused to treat the wounded official was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

The newspapers in leading editorials took cognizance of the possibility of widespread hoarding. They admitted the Government's grain collections as a whole were "unsatisfactory" and said that such important producing regions as the Ukraine and Volga were still much behind.

The "Izvestia" and "Pravda" branded peasants who refused to deliver grain to the State as "traitors to the revolution." Areas not fulfilling their quotas as scheduled were warned that farmers who attempted to sell in the open market before their allotment was filled would be arrested as "speculators."

Soviet Russia Union Permits Private Grain Sales—Peasants in Moscow Province and Tartar Republic Get Right to Sell Surplus.

The Council of People's Commissars and the Central Committee of the Communist party issued a decree on Dec. 2 permitting all collective and individual peasants in Moscow Province and the Tartar Republic to sell their surplus grain in private markets immediately. We quote from Associated Press advices from Moscow, Dec. 2, which likewise said:

Although these regions contribute relatively small proportions of the nation's total grain, the order was significant in that they are the only ones which have supplied all the Government's grain "collections"—that is, the part of the crop the State requires peasants to deliver at fixed prices.

Under regulations announced last May, which authorized peasants to sell their surplus in the open market, it was stipulated that no grain could be marketed until Jan. 15 1933, which is the date set by the Government for the completion of nation-wide collections.

Collections, on the whole, have been notoriously backward in 1932. There have been unofficial predictions that some concessions to the peasantry would be necessary to speed them up.

In some quarters it was predicted that to-day's decree was the beginning of the alteration of Soviet Russia's agricultural policy respecting collections.

New Decree in Soviet Russia Decentralizes Distribution of Foods and Other Supplies, Giving Control to Individual Industries.

A fundamental change in the system of feeding and clothing the bulk of the population of Russia was ordered on Dec. 5 by Joseph Stalin and V. M. Molostoff, President of the Union Council of the People's Commissars, and provided for decentralization of the distribution of supplies, said Associated Press advices from Moscow published in the New York "Evening Post," which went on to say:

A decree effective Jan. 1 will place the control of distribution of all foods, manufactured goods and other supplies in the hands of individual factories, industries and enterprises.

The decree is designed to improve the badly disorganized distribution of supplies and at the same time exercise a greater discipline over workers.

The new order, in effect, relieves the Government of most of the responsibility of feeding and clothing the workers and places it on the workers themselves. It is provided that all factories and institutions take over and operate the co-operative stores, which are now the chief source of supplies, and which up to now have been the Government's sole distributing channel under the central co-operative organization in the commissariat of supply.

These stores henceforth will be operated as definite units in various enterprises under the immediate administrative direction of each factory and departmental director.

Not only will the factories and other establishments now have to procure their own supplies by dealing directly with producing organizations and peasants, but they will issue their own ration cards to employees and their families. This will prevent shifters and deserters from taking advantage of supplies intended for workers in good standing.

Up to now ration cards have been distributed exclusively by house committees, which administer all the houses in which workers reside.

Australians Reported Holding Wheat.

On Dec. 5 Associated Press accounts from Calgary, Alberta, stated:

The Alberta wheat pool was informed by cable to-day that farmers of West Australia were withholding their current crop of wheat from markets of the world. President Boyle of the Wheat Growers' Union of West Australia said the holding policy was general throughout the State.

No reference was made to the attitude of growers in Australia's other wheat-growing sections.

Flour Output Lower in November.

General Mills, Inc., in presenting its summary of flour milling activities from figures representing approximately 90% of the mills in the principal flour producing centers, reports that during the month of November 1932 there were produced 5,724,825 barrels of flour, as compared with 6,165,944 barrels in the preceding month and 6,393,856 barrels during the corresponding period in 1931.

During the five months ended Nov. 30 1932 a total of 28,635,804 barrels of flour were produced, compared with 33,405,528 barrels during the same five months last year.

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

PRODUCTION OF FLOUR (NUMBER OF BARRELS).

	Month of November.		Five Mos. End. Nov. 30.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Northwest.....	1,451,816	1,790,781	7,087,767	9,417,530
Southwest.....	1,983,963	2,273,406	10,085,127	11,421,854
Lake, Central and Southern.....	1,999,261	1,864,381	9,931,764	10,604,841
Pacific Coast.....	289,785	465,288	1,531,146	1,961,303
Grand total.....	5,724,825	6,393,856	28,635,804	33,405,528

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

Cocoa Delivered in December Sold on New York Cocoa Exchange at 3.57 Cents a Pound—Lowest Quotation in History of Exchange.

The December liquidation on the New York Cocoa Exchange reached its climax on Nov. 28 when the December delivery sold at 3.57 cents a pound, the lowest quotation in the history of the Exchange, according to the Exchange's weekly review issued Dec. 2. The review continued:

A recovery followed, influenced by professional short covering on the Exchange and continued buying of actuals by consumers, which was followed by hedge covering in the futures market. Net gains for the week ended Dec. 2 were 2 to 5 points.

The most significant statistical development of the week was seen in the United States arrivals. From Jan. 1 to Dec. 1 1932, a total of 2,928,728 bags arrived in this country compared with 2,582,861 bags during the first 11 months of 1931. On Dec. 2 New York warehouse stocks were 664,164 bags compared with 238,230 bags on Dec. 2 1931.

Milk at Nine Cents a Quart at Chicago, Ill.—Cut of Two Cents Effective Dec. 1.

Milk was available in Chicago, Ill., at nine cents a quart on Dec. 1. The Chicago "Daily News" of Dec. 1 notes that a two-cent reduction from the former price of 11 cents was agreed upon early that day at the close of a conference of competition-harried producers and distributors. The distributors hurried away following the decision to inform drivers that the price reduction was effective immediately. We also quote in part as follows from the "News":

Representatives of the 19,000 farmers in the Chicago milk shed who are banded in the Pure Milk Association accepted a cut of 40 cents a hundred in the selling price of their produce "under great protest" and indicated that the reduction must be temporary. The farms henceforth will receive \$1.45 per hundred pounds of milk.

Other reductions were made besides that of milk by the quart. They were: Pints of milk, from 7 to 6 cents; half pints of cream, from 16 to 15 cents; buttermilk, 10 to 9 cents a quart. The prices are effective in the Chicago area extending to Waukegan, Joliet, Aurora, Gary and Hammond.

Members of the Milk Wagon Drivers' Union last week accepted a cut of \$5 per week in wages, bringing their scale to \$40. This represented approximately five-eighths of a cent per quart reduction in the cost of distributing the milk. The farmers' price concession assumes about 1 cent of the burden of the reduction and the dealers are assuming the remainder.

Price of Milk at Waukegan, Ill., Reduced to Nine Cents a Quart.

A reduction from 11 to 9 cents a quart in the retail price of milk was announced on Nov. 30, according to the Chicago "Tribune" of Dec. 1, after a conference of the leading dairies of Waukegan, Ill. The "Tribune" also noted:

The action was taken in anticipation of the expected 2 cent cut in Chicago, according to Jacob Luukku, head of the Co-operative Trading Co. of Waukegan.

Besides the milk price reduction the dairies announced that, beginning Dec. 1, the price of cream would be decreased from 16 to 12 cents a quart and buttermilk from 10 to 8 cents. The dairies are expected to confer with the farmer producers and agree upon a reduction in the price.

Governors of Cotton States Asked to Join in Effort to Abolish Federal Farm Board.

A communication received in cotton circles in New York indicates that Parnell, Governor of Arkansas, has wired Governors of all cotton states, asking them to join him in an effort to abolish the Farm Board as concerns its operations in cotton.

Spinners of World Using More American and Less Foreign Cotton.

Spinners of the world are using more American cotton and less foreign cotton than they were a year ago, but the increase in consumption of American is slightly greater than the decrease in consumption of foreign growths, with the result that total consumption of all kinds of cotton is slightly larger than last year, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service. In the first quarter of this season, from Aug. 1 to Oct. 31, the world used approximately 323,000 more bales of American cotton but 274,000 less bales of foreign growths than in the same period last season. Hence world consumption of all cottons was approximately 49,000 bales more than last year. The Exchange Service on Dec. 5 added:

"Total consumption of American cotton in the three months was 3,319,000 bales against 2,996,000 last year. Consumption of foreign cottons was

2,504,000 compared with 2,778,000. Consumption of all cottons was 5,823,000 compared with 5,774,000. Spinners of the Orient are using relatively more foreign cotton and less American than a few months ago, but world totals for the first quarter of this season do not reflect this change because of the large increase in consumption of American cotton in the United States.

Italians Consuming Less Cotton Textiles Locally—1931 Figure Lowest for Past 25 Years.

While the normal consumption of cotton yarns and textiles in Italy is about 60% of the production, in 1931 the consumption fell to 25%, the lowest level for the past 25 years, said consular reports from Milan made public by the Commerce Department's Textile Division on Dec. 3. These advices likewise said:

Last year's consumption was 25% under 1930, and 40% under 1929, the report stated. These figures are based on surveys conducted by the Associazione Italiana Fascista degli Industriali Cotonieri.

Exports of cotton yarn in 1931, totaling 27,536 metric tons, exceeded 1930 shipments by approximately 14% and those of 1929, by 17%. In contrast, 1931 exports of the principal classes of cotton piece goods, including broad-cades and velvets (38,841 tons) dropped 9% below the 1930 shipments and 33% under those for 1929.

During January-August 1932, domestic consumption of cotton products increased about 23% compared with the 8 months of 1931, and exports of yarn showed a gain of 8%, but exports of cotton piece goods decreased almost 10%, it was stated.

Poland Reduces Tariff on Cotton.

On Dec. 2 Associated Press accounts from Warsaw stated:

Poland's tariff on cotton, effective Jan. 1, will be 6 zlotys (about 66 cents) per 100 kilograms (220.4 pounds) imported by land and 1 zloty (about 11 cents) per 100 kilograms imported by sea, it was announced to-day.

The current tariff on land importations is 45 zlotys (\$4.95) per 100 kilograms. The duty on sea importations will continue the same but, under the new decree, the Department of Commerce will have the power to declare sea importations duty free at any time.

During 1931, the United States shipped 43,000 tons of raw cotton to Poland. Russia shipped 3,000 tons.

Rayon Market Again Active During November—December Purchases of Rayon Expected to Decline Somewhat—Outlook Satisfactory for Early 1933 Business.

Conditions continued favorable in the domestic rayon market during November and the outlook is promising for the early part of 1933, says the December issue of the "Textile Organon," published by the Tubize Chatillon Corp. "November witnessed a continuation of the high rate of rayon shipments which began in mid-August," says the paper. "There was evidence toward the end of the month, however, that December purchases of rayon will decline somewhat, as is seasonally normal, principally to allow customers' year-end inventories to be as small as possible." The "Textile Organon" also said:

The rate of production by the rayon industry in November continued essentially at the 100% rate reached in October. It is possible that production rates in December will be reduced little, inasmuch as present stocks of yarn are low and because demand for rayon after the first of the year promises to be satisfactory.

Cancellation during November of rayon orders booked in August-September were very small. The principal influence at work here, of course, was the matter of price. Most of the advance orders were booked on the basis of the old price of 55 cents per pound for 150 denier viscose, whereas the current list price is 60 cents per pound. It is probably this situation which has made these advance booked yarn orders so firm. The basic conditions underlying the rayon "contracts" to-day remain unsatisfactory, nevertheless. Advance orders for yarn in January, under the widely used 70-90 days maximum booking period are very satisfactory.

Regarding the situation in the raw cotton market the paper states:

After evaluating the supply-demand picture and the probable effect of a decline in sterling exchange on cotton prices, it still appears to us that higher prices for raw cotton are indicated for early next year. December cotton consumption will undoubtedly show its usual substantial seasonal decline from the level of the previous few months. But January is expected to again show the favorable consumption rates evidenced during September and October. Statistically, the cotton picture is one showing continuing betterment.

Commenting upon the spread between foreign and domestic wool prices, the paper states:

It is this spread which would have to be closed, either by advancing domestic wool prices or by lower foreign wool prices, before foreign wools would come into the American market freely to supply the expected deficiency of the American wool supply late next spring. And if this domestic supply deficiency did materialize, there is little doubt but that it would mean an advance in domestic wool prices up to the foreign-plus-tariff, or imported wool level, rather than a decline of foreign wool prices to the present domestic wool price level.

Rayon Exports During 1932 to Establish New High Record—Total Shipments from This Country Aggregate 538,762 Pounds for First 10 Months, Against 313,790 for Full Year 1931.

The international movement of rayon yarn during the first 10 months of the year, so far as the United States is concerned, indicates that exports from this country for the current year will establish a new high record, according to

figures contained in the December issue of the "Textile Organon," published by the Tubize Chatillon Corp. Rayon yarn exports for the 10 months ended October aggregate 538,762 pounds, or more than double the total of 227,080 for the same period last year. Imports, on the other hand, showed a steady decline, the total being 156,044 pounds for the current year, against 1,386,937 for the same period in 1931.

The table presented below shows that exports as well as imports registered a sharp decline during September and October, when the domestic market for the product was most active of the year, indicating that when domestic rayon business keeps the American producers busy the export market properly becomes of secondary importance to them;

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF RAYON YARN IN POUNDS.

	1932.		1931.	
	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.
January	12,223	72,998	123,258	17,416
February	22,314	61,134	168,133	26,003
March	19,427	73,380	276,595	40,691
April	26,484	80,007	150,054	31,033
May	16,690	46,856	132,252	15,870
June	28,358	41,679	114,399	22,023
July	25,042	52,815	150,921	26,127
August	25	75,773	129,868	26,119
September	2,420	7,072	141,457	21,798
October	2,181	27,048	70,520	39,213
November			40,380	26,897
December			32,681	20,600
10 Months' Total	156,044	538,762	1,386,937	227,080
Annual Total			1,530,518	313,790

Imports of Raw Silk During November 30.3% Below Those of the Corresponding Period Last Year—Deliveries 13.2% Lower—Inventories Again Gain.

According to the Silk Association of America, Inc., imports of raw silk during November 1932 amounted to 47,422 bales, a decline of 30.3% as compared with the same period in 1931 when imports totaled 67,999 bales. The former figure also compares with 58,775 bales in October 1932

Approximate deliveries to American mills during November 1932 amounted to 43,955 bales as against 53,703 bales in the preceding month and 50,645 bales in the corresponding period last year.

Stocks at warehouses on Nov. 30 1932 were 57,932 bales as compared with 67,275 bales a year ago and 54,465 bales a month ago. The Association's statement follows:

RAW SILK IN STORAGE.

(As reported by the principal public warehouses in New York City and Hoboken.)

Figures in Bales—	European.	Japan.	All Other.	Total.
In storage, Nov. 1 1932	2,133	48,270	4,062	54,465
Imports, month of November 1932	1,194	42,573	3,655	47,422
Total available during November 1932	3,327	90,843	7,717	101,887
In storage Dec. 1 1932	2,856	49,429	5,647	57,932

Approximate deliveries to American mills during November 1932	y	471	41,414	2,070	43,955
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SUMMARY.

	Imports During the Month (x)			Storage at End of Month (z)		
	1932.	1931.	1930.	1932.	1931.	1930.
January	52,238	49,294	43,175	62,905	51,814	76,264
February	55,574	47,827	42,234	70,570	45,399	68,646
March	38,866	57,391	39,990	62,675	47,407	57,773
April	30,953	29,446	37,515	57,849	35,497	53,704
May	34,233	42,264	22,596	59,159	32,688	35,477
June	31,355	46,825	22,369	53,048	37,352	28,450
July	36,055	27,315	47,063	50,721	29,921	35,565
August	61,412	58,411	51,147	52,228	41,878	44,978
September	56,859	48,040	58,292	49,393	36,099	47,621
October	58,775	70,490	65,594	54,465	49,921	51,278
November	47,422	67,999	55,293	57,932	67,275	49,238
December		60,617	64,616		69,460	58,430
Total	501,742	605,919	549,884			
Average monthly	45,613	50,493	45,824	57,359	45,393	50,611

	Approximate Deliveries to American Mills (y)			Approximate Amount of Japan Silk in Transit Between Japan and New York End of Month.		
	1932.	1931.	1930.	1932.	1931.	1930.
January	58,793	55,910	57,683	48,500	37,700	37,000
February	45,909	54,242	49,852	31,090	37,700	24,000
March	46,761	55,383	50,863	28,800	21,300	17,800
April	35,779	41,356	41,584	34,800	24,800	8,000
May	32,923	45,073	40,823	30,800	36,900	7,700
June	37,466	42,161	29,396	31,100	33,400	16,300
July	59,395	44,746	39,948	43,156	41,600	31,200
August	59,995	46,454	41,734	42,400	40,500	41,700
September	59,794	53,819	55,649	42,000	53,200	51,600
October	53,703	56,668	61,937	44,700	59,700	46,400
November	43,955	50,645	57,333	50,200	50,800	45,600
December		48,432	55,424		53,900	35,600
Total	513,270	594,889	582,226			
Average monthly	46,661	49,574	48,519	39,027	40,958	30,233

x Covered by European manifests Nos. 48 to 52 inclusive. Asiatic manifests Nos. 230 to 246 inclusive. y Includes re-exports. z Includes 256 bales held at terminals at end of month. Stocks at warehouses include National Raw Silk Exchange certified stocks 2,190 bales.

Petroleum And Its Products—Sharp Cut Made in Texas Production to Strengthen Market—California Leaders Plan Firmer Curb On Output—Prices Holding to Firm Levels.

The crude petroleum situation was visibly strengthened this week by the issuance of a new production decree in

the State of Texas which, effective to-day, Dec. 10, reduces the daily allowable flow by 69,880 barrels to a limit of 789,745 barrels per day.

The new order affects 15 producing areas and includes East Texas, which is reduced 15,000 barrels to a new daily allowable of 310,000 barrels. The Texas Railroad Commission announced that the ruling would be effective from Dec. 10 to April 1 1933. The sharp reductions indicated were made after the Commission had completed a re-checking of recent pipe line commitments. It is stated by R. D. Parker, Chief Supervisor of the oil and gas division of the Commission, that the new ratings are in accordance with the actual market demand for crude oil.

With the Texas situation thus apparently brought to a basis where that State's tremendous potential output no longer stands as a constant threat to market steadiness, the industry now looks to California to correct production abuses there. It has been generally felt that a daily production of 440,000 barrels would be ample for that State, whereas actual production during the week ended Dec. 3 exceeded 470,000 barrels daily. Not only is the refined market influenced by this condition, but the crude price structure on the West Coast is endangered if success is not attained in cutting down actual output to a level more in keeping with economic factors.

Prices have been held unchanged, and it is the feeling of the industry's leaders that the price situation will more or less solve itself when crude production is brought under consistent control.

Real control will also bring an end to illegal production of crude, as well as make uneconomical the continuance of contracts for deliveries of crude, legally produced, under posted market prices. Both of these factors have exerted their influence in weakening the general refined products market, upon which crude depends for its sustained strength.

As the year nears its end, a general resume shows that the petroleum industry has surpassed many others in returning to a more normal condition of business.

There were no price changes posted during the past week.

Prices of Typical Crudes per Barrel at Wells.

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

Bradford, Pa.-----	\$1.72	Eldorado, Ark., 40-----	\$0.75
Corning, Pa.-----	.85	Rusk, Tex., 40 and over-----	.95
Illinois-----	1.10	Salt Creek, Wyo., 40 and over-----	.94
Western Kentucky-----	1.05	Darst Creek-----	.80
Mid Continent, Okla., 40 and above-----	1.12	Midland Dist., Mich-----	.85
Hutchinson, Tex., 40 and over-----	.87	Sunburst, Mont-----	1.05
Spindletop, Tex., 40 and over-----	.90	Sante Fe Springs, Calif., 40 and over-----	1.00
Winkler, Tex-----	.75	Huntington, Calif., 26-----	1.00
Smaekover, Ark., 24 and over-----	.75	Petrolia, Canada-----	1.90

REFINED PRODUCTS—KEROSENE PRICES ADVANCED AS HEAVY DEMAND DEPLETES SUPPLIES—GASOLINE SITUATION UNCHANGED IN EAST—CHICAGO MARKET'S EASIER.

Continued strength in the Eastern kerosene markets, with demand improving and stocks showing a steady decline, brought about an increase of 1/2c. a gallon in tank car and 1c. a gallon in tank wagon quotations. The tank wagon advance was posted by Standard of New York and is effective in the Metropolitan area, including New York City, Long Island and Yonkers, and also in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Binghamton, N. Y., and Burlington, Vt. The tank car advance was posted by Republic Oil Co., and brings its price to 6c. a gallon, at refinery.

While this advance had been expected in the industry, the fact of the posting exerted a beneficial affect on the general line of refined products. Gasoline, which had been showing a weaker tendency, has now assumed a better position, aided also by the sharp production cuts posted in crude in Texas. Gasoline consumption on the East Coast has fallen, due to a normal seasonal decline, but prices are holding unchanged.

Reports from Chicago indicate that the market there is considerably weaker than in other sections. The Chicago market has been flooded for a considerable time with distress offerings of gasoline, and the volume of this distress business has been so great as to offset the efforts made to maintain the market on a firm and legitimate basis. The fuel market in Chicago is fairly steady, however.

Fuel oil has shown a slight improvement in the East, with buyers operating more freely. They have been content to withdraw against contracts and have been backward in placing new business on the books, but this tendency seems to be somewhat checked and buying has again been resumed. Grade C bunker fuel oil holds steady at 75c. a barrel, while Diesel is unchanged and fairly active at \$1.65 a barrel, both quotations for bulk lots, at refinery.

Price changes follow:

Dec. 8.—Standard Oil Co. of New York post 1c. advance in kerosene tank wagon prices in Metropolitan area, including New York City, Long Island and Yonkers, and in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Binghamton, N. Y., and Burlington, Vt.

Dec. 8.—Republic Oil Co. advances kerosene tank car price 1/2c. to 6c. a gallon.

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

New York-----	\$.165	Cleveland-----	\$.185	New Orleans-----	\$.123
Atlanta-----	.19	Denver-----	.20	Philadelphia-----	.14
Baltimore-----	.194	Detroit-----	.18	San Francisco-----	.139
Boston-----	.165	Houston-----	.18	This grade-----	.139
Buffalo-----	.165	Jacksonville-----	.195	Above 65 octane-----	.180
Chicago-----	.15	Kansas City-----	.155	Premium-----	.214
Cincinnati-----	.185	Minneapolis-----	.147	St. Louis-----	.14

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

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

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)-----	California 27 plus D-----	Gulf Coast C-----	\$.60
Bunker C-----	\$.75	Chicago 18-22 D-----	.42 1/2-.50
Diesel 28-30 D-----	1.65	Philadelphia C-----	.70
	New Orleans C-----	.60	

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)-----	Chicago-----	Tulsa-----	\$.01 1/2
28 plus G O-----	\$.03 1/2-.04	32-36 G O-----	.01 1/2

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)-----	N. Y. (Bayonne)-----	Chicago-----	\$.04-.04 1/2
Standard Oil, N. J.-----	Pan-Am. Pet. Co.-----	New Orleans, ex-----	.05-.05 1/2
Motor, 60 octane-----	.06 1/2	Arkansas-----	.04-.04 1/2
Motor, 65 octane-----	.07	California-----	.04-.04 1/2
Motor, standard-----	.07	Los Angeles, ex-----	.05-.07
Stand. Oil, N. Y.-----	.07	Gulf ports-----	.05-.05 1/2
Tide Wat. Oil Co.-----	.07	Tulsa-----	.06-.05 1/2
Richfield Oil (Cal.)-----	.07	Pennsylvania-----	.05 1/2
Warner-Quin. Co.-----	.07		
	Republic Oil-----	*.06 1/2	

* Below 65 octane. z "Fire Chief" .07.

Receipts of California Oil at Atlantic and Gulf Coast Ports Off in November.

Receipts of California oil (crude and refined) at Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports for the month of November 1932 totaled 1,095,000 barrels, a daily average of 36,500 barrels, as compared with 1,183,000 barrels, or a daily average of 38,161 barrels, during the preceding month, the American Petroleum Institute reports. The detailed statement follows:

RECEIPTS OF CALIFORNIA OIL AT ATLANTIC AND GULF COAST PORTS (CRUDE AND REFINED).
(Barrels of 42 Gallons.)

Month of—	November.	October.	September.	August.
At Atlantic Coast ports—				
Baltimore-----	140,000	74,000	87,000	138,000
Boston-----		38,000		
New York-----	651,000	448,000	170,000	697,000
Philadelphia-----	233,000	290,000	349,000	234,000
Others-----	71,000	333,000	3 0 000	238,000
Total-----	1,095,000	1,183,000	986,000	1,307,000
Daily average-----	36,500	38,161	32,817	42,161
At Gulf Coast ports—Total-----				
Daily average-----				
At Atlantic & Gulf Coast ports—				
Total-----	1,095,000	1,183,000	986,000	1,307,000
Daily average-----	36,500	38,161	32,817	42,161

DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL CALIFORNIA OIL RECEIPTS.
(Barrels of 42 Gallons.)

Month of—	November.	October.	September.	August.
At Atlantic Coast ports—Gasoline	710,000	904,000	739,000	1,018,000
Kerosene-----	71,000	78,000	74,000	
Gas oil-----	201,000	201,000	81,000	168,000
Fuel oil-----	105,000		92,000	113,000
Lubricants-----	8,000			8,000
Total-----	1,095,000	1,183,000	986,000	1,307,000

Daily Average Crude Oil Output Lower in October—Inventories Again Fall Off.

According to reports received by the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the production of crude petroleum in the United States during October 1932 totaled 65,219,000 barrels, or a daily average of 2,104,000 barrels. These data represent a decline of 64,000 barrels from the daily average of the previous month and 260,000 barrels, or 11%, from October a year ago. Although the decline in crude output in October was quite general throughout the country, the major portion occurred in Texas. The output of the East Texas field totaled 11,131,000 barrels in October, a daily average of 359,000 barrels, compared with a daily average of 371,000 barrels in September. This decline of 12,000 barrels was partly the result of a slowing down in field activity, although the primary cause was the reduction in the allowable per well of from 46 to 44 barrels per day on Oct. 1 and to 40 barrels on Oct. 15. Production in the Texas Gulf Coast fields, which showed a material gain in September, fell off in October, a small increase at Conroe being outweighed by decreases at Rabb Ridge and other fields. The Bureau further reports as follows:

The decline in crude production and the increased refinery demand were reflected in crude stocks which fell off 2,085,000 barrels, compared with a decline of 1,270,000 barrels in September. In general, stocks of the minor refined products showed a larger withdrawal in October than in September, but, because the decline in motor fuel stocks was considerably less, the net decrease in total stocks of all oils (5,735,000 barrels) did not measure up to that of September by about 2,000,000 barrels.

The demand of refineries for crude increased in October and daily average runs to stills increased to 2,152,000 barrels from 2,130,000 barrels in September.

The gain in crude runs and an increase of 1.4% in gasoline yield were reflected in the daily average output of motor fuel which rose to 1,083,000 barrels from a daily average of 1,046,000 barrels in September. The indicated domestic demand for motor fuel in October totaled 32,255,000 barrels, or a daily average of 1,040,000 barrels. These data indicate a decline from a year ago of 8.1%. Daily average exports of motor fuel in October were 77,000 barrels, off 15% from September and 31% from a year ago. In spite of the material decreases in demand in October and the gain in production and imports, stocks of motor fuel continued to decline. The total on hand Oct. 31 was 47,040,000 barrels, or 893,000 barrels below the total on hand at the close of September. Notable occurrences among the minor products were increases in demand for kerosene, gas oil and fuel oils and lubricants, and a material gain in exports of wax.

The refinery data of this report were compiled from schedules of 339 refineries, with an aggregate daily recorded crude-oil capacity of 3,556,552 barrels, covering, as far as the Bureau is able to determine, all operations during October 1932. These refineries operated during October at 61% of their recorded capacity, given above, compared with 336 refineries operating at 60% of their capacity in September.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF ALL OILS.

(Including wax, coke and asphalt in thousands of barrels of 42 U. S. gallons.)

	Oct. 1932.	Sept. 1932.	Oct. 1931.	Jan.-Oct. 1932.	Jan.-Oct. 1931.
New Supply—					
Domestic production:					
Crude petroleum.....	65,219	65,036	73,297	660,417	704,298
Daily average.....	2,104	2,168	2,364	2,165	2,317
Natural gasoline.....	2,924	2,793	3,381	30,029	36,650
Benzol a.....	91	81	134	954	1,572
Total production.....	68,234	67,910	76,812	691,400	742,520
Daily average.....	2,201	2,264	2,478	2,267	2,443
Imports:					
Crude petroleum.....	2,455	1,893	4,106	39,979	39,331
Refined products.....	1,394	1,244	3,940	27,383	33,355
Total new supply, all oils.....	72,083	71,047	84,858	758,762	815,206
Daily average.....	2,325	2,368	2,737	2,488	2,682
Increase in stocks, all oils b.....	5,735	7,766	6,310	24,170	51,542
Demand—					
Total demand.....	77,818	78,813	91,168	782,932	866,748
Daily average.....	2,510	2,627	2,941	2,567	2,851
Exports:					
Crude petroleum.....	2,541	2,113	2,389	23,921	22,015
Refined products.....	5,494	5,783	8,056	65,378	84,691
Domestic demand.....	69,783	70,917	80,723	693,633	760,042
Daily average.....	2,251	2,364	2,604	2,274	2,500
Excess of daily average domestic production over domestic demand.....	50	100	126	7	57
Stocks (End of Month)—d					
Crude petroleum:					
East of California.....	311,659	313,373	325,652	311,659	325,652
California e.....	39,995	40,367	41,519	39,996	41,519
Total refinable crude.....	351,654	353,740	367,171	351,655	367,171
Natural gasoline.....	3,437	3,502	2,577	3,457	2,577
Refined products e.....	252,295	255,900	245,372	252,295	245,372
Grand total stocks, all oils.....	607,407	613,142	615,120	607,407	615,120
Days' supply.....	242	233	209	237	216
Bunker oil (included above in domestic demand).....	2,916	3,350	3,643	32,638	37,207

a Based upon production of coke reported to coal division by those by-product coke plants that recover benzol products. b Decrease. c Deficiency. d Stock figures for 1931 not entirely comparable with those for 1932, as the 1932 figures include bulk terminal stocks of gasoline and other revisions not carried back into 1931. e California heavy crude and residual fuel included under refined products.

PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM BY STATES.

(Thousands of barrels of 42 U. S. gallons.)

	October 1932.		September 1932.		Jan.-Oct. 1932.	Jan.-Oct. 1931.
	Total.	Daily Av.	Total.	Daily Av.		
Arkansas.....	1,015	32	991	33	10,025	12,816
California.....	1,829	59	1,775	59	18,270	13,893
Kettleman Hills.....	2,107	68	2,136	71	23,148	25,539
Long Beach.....	1,974	64	1,768	59	19,103	20,430
Santa Fe Springs.....	8,718	281	8,672	289	88,870	98,409
Rest of State.....	14,628	472	14,351	478	149,391	158,271
Colorado.....	89	3	92	3	1,004	1,305
Illinois.....	291	9	374	12	4,076	4,162
Indiana—Southwestern.....	49	2	62	2	677	671
Northeastern.....	2	—	2	—	25	32
Total Indiana.....	51	2	64	2	702	703
Kansas.....	2,909	94	2,919	98	28,788	30,775
Kentucky.....	515	17	647	22	5,321	5,327
Louisiana—Gulf Coast.....	1,016	33	856	29	9,302	7,775
Rest of State.....	862	28	866	29	8,424	10,569
Total Louisiana.....	1,878	61	1,732	58	17,726	18,344
Michigan.....	744	24	712	24	5,620	2,882
Montana.....	189	6	188	6	2,118	2,441
New Mexico.....	959	31	940	31	10,705	12,602
New York.....	265	9	277	9	2,991	2,734
Ohio—Central & Eastern.....	284	9	290	10	2,977	3,546
Northwestern.....	85	3	89	3	914	948
Total Ohio.....	369	12	379	13	3,891	4,494
Oklahoma—Okla. City.....	2,121	69	2,019	67	28,507	35,822
Seminole.....	3,378	109	3,367	112	36,434	38,948
Rest of State.....	6,515	210	6,463	216	64,206	72,156
Total Oklahoma.....	12,014	388	11,849	395	129,147	146,926
Pennsylvania.....	977	31	969	32	10,460	9,691
Tennessee.....	—	—	1	—	6	5
Texas—Gulf Coast.....	3,745	121	3,993	133	34,126	40,921
West Coast.....	5,072	163	4,979	160	53,519	66,729
East Texas.....	11,131	359	11,133	371	104,035	86,214
Rest of State.....	7,011	226	7,086	236	72,113	80,684
Total Texas.....	26,959	869	27,191	906	263,793	274,558
West Virginia.....	323	10	307	10	3,299	3,738
Wyoming—Salt Creek.....	646	21	641	22	6,767	7,484
Rest of State.....	398	13	422	14	4,598	5,033
Total Wyoming.....	1,044	34	1,063	36	11,365	12,517
United States total.....	65,219	2,104	65,036	2,168	660,417	704,298

NUMBER OF WELLS COMPLETED IN THE UNITED STATES a

	October 1932.	September 1932.	October 1931.	Jan.-Oct. 1932.	Jan.-Oct. 1931.
Oil.....	825	913	705	8,804	5,170
Gas.....	97	69	142	847	1,695
Dry.....	353	370	199	2,946	3,166
Total.....	1,275	1,352	1,046	12,597	10,031

a From "Oil & Gas Journal" and California office of the American Petroleum Institute.

Crude Oil Production Up 28,300 Barrels in Week—A Further Increase Shown in Gasoline Inventories.

The daily average crude oil production in the United States increased 28,300 barrels a day during the week ended Dec. 3, the American Petroleum Institute announces. The daily average for this period was 2,127,550 barrels, compared with 2,099,250 barrels a day in the previous week, an average daily rate of 2,118,050 barrels for the last four weeks and a daily average of 2,449,850 barrels during the week ended Dec. 5 1931.

Country-wide gasoline stocks recorded another increase, being up 636,000 barrels for the week, the total in storage at all points on Dec. 3 1932 being 49,720,000 barrels, compared with 49,084,000 barrels on Nov. 26 last and 51,995,000 barrels a year ago.

Reports received during the week ended Dec. 3 1932 from refining companies controlling 91.6% of the 3,856,300 barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of the United States, indicate that 2,006,000 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 32,331,000 barrels of gasoline and 131,986,000 barrels of gas and fuel oil. Gasoline at bulk terminals amounted to 11,624,000 barrels and 1,165,000 barrels were in waterborne transit in or between districts. Cracked gasoline production by companies owning 95.4% of the potential charging capacity of all cracking units averaged 419,000 barrels daily during the week.

The report for the week ended Dec. 3 1932 follows in detail:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.
(Figures in Barrels of 42 Gallons.)

	Week Ended Dec. 3 1932.	Week Ended Nov. 26 1932.	Average 4 Weeks Ended Dec. 3 1932.	Week Ended Dec. 5 1931.
Oklahoma.....	367,800	366,800	379,800	555,050
Kansas.....	95,450	102,200	97,500	105,100
Panhandle Texas.....	49,050	45,450	46,500	52,600
North Texas.....	47,150	47,850	47,600	56,450
West central Texas.....	24,950	24,750	24,900	25,850
East central Texas.....	164,400	165,150	162,250	202,000
West Texas.....	49,450	49,300	49,350	56,800
Southwest Texas.....	363,700	360,000	357,600	402,200
North Louisiana.....	52,650	53,300	53,000	55,850
Arkansas.....	28,400	28,900	29,300	28,700
Coastal Texas.....	33,500	34,050	33,800	37,450
Coastal Louisiana.....	151,800	123,850	134,600	127,500
Eastern (not including Michigan).....	33,800	34,800	35,650	34,050
Michigan.....	101,850	96,800	100,200	111,150
Wyoming.....	19,550	19,250	19,950	13,350
Montana.....	34,700	34,600	34,800	35,300
Colorado.....	5,800	6,400	6,050	7,550
New Mexico.....	2,950	2,750	2,750	3,950
California.....	31,600	31,450	31,550	43,950
Total.....	469,000	471,600	470,900	495,000
Total.....	2,127,550	2,099,250	2,118,050	2,449,850

CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS, MOTOR FUEL STOCKS AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS—WEEK ENDED DEC. 3 1932.

(Figures in Barrels of 42 Gallons Each.)

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.....	644,700	638,700	99.1	465,000	72.8	11,721,000	9,237,000
Appalachian.....	144,700	135,000	95.0	79,000	58.5	1,785,000	758,000
Ind., Ill., Ky.....	434,900	424,000	97.5	292,000	68.9	6,538,000	3,757,000
Okla., Kan., Mo.....	459,300	390,000	84.9	181,000	46.4	4,691,000	2,790,000
Inland Texas.....	315,300	177,700	56.4	77,000	43.3	1,364,000	2,155,000
Texas Gulf.....	555,000	542,000	97.7	359,000	66.2	6,003,000	8,880,000
Louisiana Gulf.....	146,000	142,000	97.3	72,000	50.7	1,320,000	3,128,000
North La.-Ark.....	89,300	79,000	88.5	44,000	55.7	266,000	496,000
Rocky Mountain.....	152,000	138,000	90.8	27,000	19.6	1,081,000	441,000
California.....	915,100	866,100	94.6	410,000	47.3	14,951,000	100,344,000
Totals week:							
Dec. 3 1932.....	3,856,300	3,532,500	91.6	2,006,000	56.8	49,720,000	131,986,000
Nov. 26 1932.....	3,856,300	3,545,500	91.9	1,926,000	60.4	49,084,000	132,526,000

a Below is set out an estimate of total motor fuel stocks on U. S. Bureau of Mines basis for week of Dec. 3 1932, compared with certain December 1931 Bureau figures:

A. P. I. estimate B. of M. basis week Dec. 3 1932. b.....50,770,000 barrels
U. S. B. of M. motor fuel stocks Dec. 1 1931.....51,995,000 barrels
U. S. B. of M. motor fuel stocks Dec. 31 1931.....56,171,000 barrels

b Estimated to permit comparison with A. P. I. Economics reports, which is of Bureau of Mines basis.

c Includes 32,331,000 barrels at refineries, 11,624,000 at bulk terminals, 1,165,000 barrels in transit, and 4,600,000 barrels of other motor fuel stocks.

Imports of Petroleum at Principal United States Ports Lower in November.

According to figures collected by the American Petroleum Institute, imports of petroleum (crude and refined oils) at the principal ports for the month of November 1932 amounted to 2,832,000 barrels, a daily average of 94,400 barrels, compared with 3,906,000 barrels, a daily average of 126,000 barrels, in the month of October. The Institute's statement follows:

IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM AT PRINCIPAL UNITED STATES PORTS
(CRUDE AND REFINED OILS).
(Barrels of 42 Gallons.)

Month.	November.	October.	September.	August.
<i>At Atlantic Coast Ports—</i>				
Baltimore.....	425,000	435,000	153,000	103,000
Boston.....	-----	-----	66,000	67,000
New York.....	1,499,000	2,238,000	1,737,000	2,253,000
Philadelphia.....	577,000	950,000	365,000	794,000
Others.....	267,000	221,000	302,000	65,000
Total.....	2,768,000	3,844,000	2,623,000	3,282,000
Daily average.....	92,267	124,000	87,433	105,871
<i>At Gulf Coast Ports—</i>				
Total.....	x64,000	62,000	-----	-----
Daily average.....	2,133	2,000	-----	-----
<i>At All United States Ports—</i>				
Total.....	2,832,000	3,906,000	2,623,000	3,282,000
Daily average.....	94,400	126,000	87,433	105,871

x Received at Port Arthur.

DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL IMPORTS.
(Barrels of 42 Gallons.)

Month.	November.	October.	September.	August.
Crude.....	1,829,000	2,598,000	1,383,000	1,531,000
Gasoline.....	55,000	62,000	-----	-----
Kerosene.....	-----	61,000	-----	-----
Gas oil.....	-----	-----	-----	6,000
Fuel oil.....	948,000	1,187,000	1,240,000	1,745,000
Total.....	2,832,000	3,906,000	2,623,000	3,282,000

Natural Gasoline Output in October 14% Below Same Month Last Year—Inventories Decline.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, the production of natural gasoline continued its slow but steady gain in October 1932, when the daily average output was 3,960,000 gallons, compared with 3,910,000 gallons in September. However, the output in October was 14% below that of a year ago. Except for California, the increased production in October was quite generally distributed, with the Appalachian district showing its usual seasonal gain. Stocks of natural gasoline held at the plants continued to decline, although at a reduced rate—the total of these stocks on Oct. 30 1932 was 24,200,000 gallons.

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GASOLINE (THOUSANDS OF GALLONS).

	Production.				Stocks End of Mo.	
	Oct. 1932.	Sept. 1932.	Oct. 1931.	Jan.-Oct. 1932.	Oct. 1932.	Sept. 1932.
	Appalachian.....	5,400	3,800	5,300	53,600	1,669
Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana.....	700	700	900	6,500	229	222
Oklahoma.....	31,500	29,800	32,200	319,200	9,648	10,849
Kansas.....	1,900	1,700	2,700	20,200	672	910
Texas.....	29,300	28,300	35,000	294,500	7,258	7,019
Louisiana.....	3,600	3,500	4,300	40,000	924	820
Arkansas.....	1,500	1,500	2,000	16,700	254	268
Rocky Mountain.....	5,800	5,700	6,500	52,000	774	666
California.....	43,100	42,300	53,100	458,500	2,772	2,268
Total.....	122,800	117,300	142,000	1,261,200	24,200	24,628
Daily average.....	3,960	3,910	4,580	4,140	-----	-----
Total (thousands of barrels)	2,924	2,793	3,381	30,029	576	586
Daily average.....	94	93	109	98	-----	-----

Appeal of Texas Railroad Commission Refused by Supreme Court—Oil Waste Prevention Law Declared No Longer in Effect.

We learn from Associated Press advices from Washington Dec. 6 that the Supreme Court on that day refused to consider on its merits the appeal of the Texas Railroad Commission to test the decision of a three-judge Federal court which held invalid its order issued under an old law designed to prevent waste of oil in the east Texas field. The advices, as noted in the New York "Times" of Dec. 7, also said:

Chief Justice Hughes, after hearing argument by counsel, said that the appeal would not be considered because the provision of the statute under which the order was issued was no longer in effect.

Members of the court expressed from the bench the impression that denial of appeal would not prevent Texas from proceeding to test its right to collect the fines of about \$30,000 imposed upon certain producers for disobeying the order of the Commission.

Allowable Daily Output of Oil in Texas Again Lowered by Texas Railroad Commission—Limit Reduced from 849,625 to 797,745 Barrels Daily.

We learn from Associated Press advices from Austin, Tex., Dec. 7 that the Texas Railroad Commission on that day revised allowances of Texas oil fields to cut an aggregate of 59,880 barrels daily from the permissible output, effective Dec. 10. The advices also said:

The new aggregate total of Texas fields was fixed at 789,745 barrels daily against 849,625 barrels daily under the old schedule. The east Texas field allowable was reduced from 325,000 to 310,000 barrels daily.

The old schedule of 849,625 barrels was set by the Texas Railroad Commission on Nov. 29 and became effective Dec. 1, as referred to in our issue of Dec. 3, page 3766.

This change (to 789,734 barrels daily) was indicated by Lon A. Smith, a member of the Commission, on Dec. 2. According to Associated Press advices from Austin, Dec. 2,

Mr. Smith said that upon a recheck of nominations for the various fields "it was found there were duplications therein which reveal that requirements to meet demand are exceeded.

The Commission again changed the daily allowable production limit on Dec. 8. In the Conroe field the daily output was raised from 12,000 to 20,000 barrels daily. The Commission's ruling of Dec. 7 had reduced this field's allowable from 25,000 barrels daily. This latest change brings the total aggregate production limit for Texas to 797,745 barrels daily.

November Output of Slab Zinc Again Increased—Shipments Show a Further Decline—Inventories Slightly Higher.

According to the American Zinc Institute, Inc. production of slab zinc during November 1932 amounted to 15,752 short tons, as against 14,866 tons in the previous month and 20,443 tons in the corresponding period last year. Shipments totaled 15,694 tons as compared with 19,963 tons in November 1931 and 18,821 tons in October 1932. Inventories increased slightly from 119,101 short tons at Oct. 31 to 119,159 tons at Nov. 30 1932 and compares with 131,015 tons on hand a year ago. The Institute's statement follows:

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

Month.	Produced During Month.	Shipped During Month.	Stock at End of Month.	x Shipped for Export.	Retorts Opera'g End of Month.	Unfulfilled Orders, End of Month.	Daily Avar. Prod.
1932.							
January.....	22,516	22,444	129,914	31	22,044	24,232	723
February.....	21,516	21,896	129,534	0	21,752	23,118	742
March.....	22,493	22,576	129,451	0	22,016	23,712	726
April.....	20,620	18,046	132,025	0	20,796	20,821	688
May.....	18,642	18,087	132,580	0	20,850	19,837	601
June.....	16,410	14,958	134,032	24	18,742	16,116	547
July.....	14,771	12,896	135,907	39	14,514	18,017	452
August.....	13,404	18,108	131,203	39	12,191	16,028	434
September.....	13,005	21,152	123,056	20	14,645	10,333	480
October.....	14,866	18,821	119,101	20	16,579	8,640	525
November.....	15,752	15,694	119,159	20	-----	-----	-----
1931.							
January.....	32,522	31,064	145,076	1	33,235	30,251	1,049
February.....	30,249	30,249	144,389	0	33,118	33,453	1,056
March.....	32,328	35,224	141,493	0	31,821	31,216	1,043
April.....	29,137	27,418	143,212	0	26,672	36,150	971
May.....	25,688	25,851	143,049	20	20,624	31,146	829
June.....	23,483	27,604	138,928	0	19,022	33,086	783
July.....	21,365	28,460	131,833	0	19,266	24,815	689
August.....	21,467	23,599	129,701	0	19,305	20,503	692
September.....	21,327	20,860	130,168	0	20,417	15,388	708
October.....	21,548	21,181	130,535	0	21,374	18,365	695
November.....	20,548	19,963	131,015	0	19,428	21,355	681
December.....	21,868	23,041	129,842	0	19,875	18,273	705
Total for year	300,738	314,514	-----	41	-----	-----	-----
Monthly aver.....	25,062	26,210	-----	3	23,680	26,166	822
1930.							
January.....	52,010	40,704	86,736	20	59,457	39,017	1,678
February.....	44,628	41,296	90,068	6	59,929	32,962	1,594
March.....	48,119	41,820	96,367	17	51,300	29,330	1,552
April.....	44,435	40,597	100,205	26	50,038	29,203	1,481
May.....	44,556	38,681	106,080	31	52,072	30,518	1,437
June.....	43,458	36,448	113,090	37	52,428	28,979	1,449
July.....	40,023	35,389	117,724	31	46,030	34,135	1,291
August.....	41,012	31,901	126,835	17	48,004	28,972	1,323
September.....	40,470	32,470	134,835	11	42,574	27,108	1,349
October.....	40,922	32,430	143,327	0	38,604	29,510	1,321
November.....	32,097	30,285	145,139	0	35,092	24,481	1,067
December.....	32,733	34,254	143,618	0	31,240	26,651	1,054
Total for year	504,463	436,275	-----	196	-----	-----	-----
Monthly aver.....	42,039	36,356	-----	16	47,064	30,072	1,355

x Export shipments are included in total shipments.

AVERAGE RETORTS DURING MONTH.

	1932.	1931.		1932.	1931.		1932.	1931.
January.....	21,001	32,737	May.....	20,172	20,632	August.....	15,067	18,140
February.....	20,629	34,423	June.....	19,670	19,898	September.....	11,085	19,752
March.....	21,078	30,647	July.....	17,552	17,920	October.....	13,177	19,809
April.....	19,469	26,765				November.....	15,326	18,245

Copper and Silver Establish New Lows During Week—Platinum Reduced to \$30.

Though the sales volume in major non-ferrous metals did increase a little over that of the preceding week, the market could not be classified as anything but dull. The international debt situation, the copper conference, and the apparent determination of consumers to keep inventory stocks at a very low point, were factors in holding down purchases, and, in some instances, in depressing prices. Copper sold down to 5 cents per pound, delivered, and silver at 24½ cents per ounce, both new all-time lows. Lead was regarded as steady, with zinc and tin also fairly well maintained. Consumers, in numerous instances, are not at all well covered on first-quarter requirements, and some increase in buying is expected before the turn of the year. Effective Dec. 6, the official price of platinum was revised to \$30 per ounce, a reduction of \$3. The foregoing is from the issue of "Metal and Mineral Markets" for Dec. 8, which adds:

Copper Sells at 5 Cents.

A new all-time low price for domestic copper was established on Tuesday, when the metal sold for December shipment on the basis of 5 cents a pound, Connecticut. Most sellers, however, quoted 5.125 cents, on prompt business. Metal for shipment over the second quarter of next year was available throughout the week at 5.25 cents. Total sales volume for the seven-day period was again at an extremely low level, reflecting prin-

cipally the general hesitancy of consumers to acquire metal toward the close of the year, particularly in the absence of any improvement in the outlet for their products. Producers continued out of the market, some of them quoting 5½ cents, Connecticut, a purely nominal figure.

In the foreign market prices receded steadily as the week progressed. The trend was said to be chiefly attributable to uncertainty concerning the outcome of the conference of leading producers now being held in New York. Sales volume also declined, and little improvement is held probable prior to an announcement of the conclusions yet to be reached by the conference.

Discussions by representatives of the leading producers were resumed yesterday, following the arrival in this country on Tuesday of A. D. Storke, Managing Director of Roan Antelope. As yet, no news foreshadowing an early solution by the producers of the several problems confronting them has been forthcoming. A disconcerting development was injected into the situation by Felicien Cattier, President of Union Miniere du Haut-Katanga, as he sailed for Europe last Saturday, when he said that he had been early forced to realize that the chance of an agreement being reached by the producers was small indeed. M. Cattier's utterance is the first public statement relative to the conference proceedings that any of the participants has made. Close students of the copper industry, however, continue to believe that, owing to so much being at stake that is of vital importance to the entire industry, an agreement to keep production at or near the curtailed basis adopted at the preceding conference will eventually be reached by the group.

Smelter production of Roan Antelope for the month of November is reported to have been 3,200 tons, compared with an output of 3,196 tons for October.

Stocks of copper in British official warehouses on Nov. 15 totaled 36,050 tons, of which 30,644 tons consisted of refined metal and 5,406 tons blister. This compares with a total of 34,516 tons on Nov. 1, of which 29,535 tons were refined and 4,981 tons blister. British stocks on Jan. 1 of the current year amounted to 23,117 tons of refined and 808 tons of blister, a total of 23,925.

Lead Prices Hold.

Business booked in lead showed a little improvement in the last week, and prices were well maintained. The sales volume, however, fell far short of an average week's transactions. Shipments to consumers appear to be running ahead of purchases, which is taken to indicate that buyers plan to move into the new year with very little metal on hand.

The sales in the East were made on the basis of 3 cents, New York, the contract quotation of the American Smelting & Refining Co. In St. Louis, the market ranged from 2.875 cents to 2.90 cents until yesterday, when producing interests were inclined to drop the higher level and hold to the 2.875 cent basis, which would put that market more in line with the usual differential.

A statement by the A. B. M. S. on total stocks of lead in the United States—lead in all forms at the works of smelters and refiners—revealed that the supply declined for the first time since June. The total stocks on Nov. 1 were 254,958 tons, against 257,730 tons a month previous.

Zinc Quiet.

Although the total volume of zinc sales improved slightly during the last week, compared with the preceding seven-day period, consumers were not sufficiently active to influence prices.

The zinc statistics for November showed a reduction in shipments for the month of 3,127 tons and an increase in production of 886 tons, with the result that stocks at the close of the period increased slightly. The American Zinc Institute reports stocks at 119,159 tons, against 119,101 tons at the end of October. A little encouragement was derived from the statement on unfilled orders. This indicated that consumers have contracted for only 8,640 tons of metal, against 10,333 tons a month previous, and 21,355 tons at this time last year.

The statistics of the Institute, covering October and November, in short tons, follow:

	October.	November.
Production	14,866	15,752
Production, daily rate	480	525
Shipments, a	18,821	15,694
Stocks	119,101	119,159
Unfilled orders	10,333	8,640
Retorts operating, end of month	14,645	16,579
Retorts, average for month	13,177	15,326

a Export shipments included in the totals were: October, 20 tons; November, 20 tons.

Little Change in Tin.

Tin prices again moved in sympathy with Sterling exchange. Trading was quiet, and the net change in prices for the week was small. The world's visible supply of tin on Dec. 1 was 47,471 long tons, against 47,048 tons a month previous. United States deliveries during November came to 3,240 long tons, against 3,130 tons in October.

Chinese 99% tin, prompt shipment, closed as follows: Dec. 1, 21.55c.; Dec. 2, 21.30c.; Dec. 3, 21.225c.; Dec. 5, 21.35c.; Dec. 6, 21.40c.; Dec. 7, 21.60c.

World Copper Conference in New York Reported as Unable to Reach Accord.

Having failed completely to reach accord on the question of curtailing output the world copper conference which opened with high hopes last week has broken up, said the New York "Sun" of last night (Dec. 9) from which we also take the following:

Three of the foreign delegates to the conference—S. S. Taylor, Managing Director of the Rhokana Corp., Ferdinand Pisart, Managing Director of the Union Miniere du Haut Katanga, and M. Gutt, another Director of that company—were booked to sail for Europe on the Majestic late this afternoon.

The failure of the conference is ascribed to a demand by the Roan Antelope Copper Mines, Inc., which operates in Rhodesia, Africa, that it be permitted to increase its production 80% above the quota of 47,000,000 pounds a year allowed under the old curtailment agreement. The other producers wanted to extend the old agreement for another year without modification. That plan allows each company to produce up to 20% of capacity.

While sentiment favored no change whatever in the existing arrangements the other producers were willing to make concessions to the Roan company. Their offer, it is understood, called for an increase from 47,000,000 pounds to 54,600,000 pounds annually. The proffered increase corresponds with claims for productive capacity made by A. C. Beatty, Chairman of the Roan Antelope, in a report made recently to stockholders.

While some copper interests feel that the door to an agreement is still open, the chances looked slim to-day because of the dissolution of the conference.

What the effect of failure to extend the curtailment will be is a moot question in the copper trade. It seems certain that some producers will increase their production. When Felicien Cattier, President of the Union Miniere du Haut Katanga, sailed for Europe several days ago he announced that, if the curtailment agreement was not renewed, Katanga would increase its output. It understood that certain Canadian companies also propose to raise their production. Since the demand for copper has not improved, any important increase in production is deemed improbable, as output then would be in excess of current trade requirements.

A reference to the conference appeared in our issue of Dec. 3, p. 3767.

Both Foreign and Domestic Copper Prices Lower During Week—Domestic Price Reached Record Low of Five Cents a Pound.

Copper Exporters, Inc., on Dec. 3, lowered their quotation for copper from 5.30c. per pound to 5.25c., c. i. f. European ports. This is the lowest quotation at which American copper was ever sold abroad. The domestic price of copper on that day was unchanged.

Copper in Europe on Dec. 5 was offered at 5.22½c. a pound but most sellers, including Katanga and Copper Exporters, Inc. retained the price of 5.25c. In the domestic market the price was still unchanged at 5½c. a pound.

The foreign price of copper was lower on Dec. 6; the price a number of instances being 5.20c. a pound, c. i. f. Hamburg, Havre and London. At Paris, France some metal was reported sold at 5.17c. a pound. Copper Exporters, Inc., on Dec. 6 reduced their quotations for the second time during the week, the price being lowered 5 points to 5.20c., c. i. f., European ports. Domestic copper continued unchanged in price.

Another cut was made by Copper Exporters, Inc., on Dec. 7 when they quoted copper at 5.15c. a pound a 5 point reduction from the previous days quotations. Copper in the domestic market reached a new all-time low on Dec. 7 when December metal was sold by a custom smelter at 5c. a pound delivered. Other custom smelters who had been holding for 5½c. on Dec. 6 dropped their quotation to 5½c. a pound.

On Dec. 8 the foreign price of copper dropped further, the minimum price being 5.10c. and the maximum 5.20c. a pound. A sale at Paris, France was made at 5.10c. a pound while at Berlin 5.15c. a pound was secured. The price at London ranged from 5.15 to 5.20c. per pound. Copper Exporters, Inc. retained their quotation of 5.15c. a pound. Domestic copper price was unchanged at 5 to 5½c. a pound, a custom smelter being willing to sell at the former price where December delivery was involved.

The European copper price changed from 5.15c. which price was in effect on Dec. 8 to 5.025c. a pound, c. i. f. base European ports, yesterday (Dec. 9). The domestic market price still remained from 5 to 5½c. per pound.

Daily Pig Iron Production Up Slightly in November.

Production of coke pig iron in November totaled 631,280 gross tons, compared with the October total of 644,808 tons, according to the "Iron Age" of Dec. 8. The November daily rate, at 21,042 tons, showed a gain of a little over 1% over the October figure of 20,800 tons. The "Age" further stated:

Furnaces in operation on Dec. 1 numbered 51, making iron at the rate 20,860 tons daily, against 49 on Nov. 1, with a daily operating rate of 20,170 tons.

There were few furnace changes during the month. Four furnaces were blown in and two blown out or banked. One Steel Corp. furnace, one merchant furnace and two independent steel company furnaces went in, and two furnaces belonging to independent steel companies were blown out or banked, making a net gain of two furnaces.

Furnaces put in operation included one Swede of the Alan Wood Steel Co.; one Carrie of the Carnegie Steel Co.; one Cambria of the Bethlehem Steel Co., and the Jisco furnace of the Jackson Iron & Steel Co. The two furnaces blown out or banked were a Susquehanna furnace of the Hanna Furnace Corp. and a Monessen unit of the Pittsburgh Steel Co.

PRODUCTION OF COKE PIG IRON AND OF FERROMANGANESE. (Gross Tons.)

	Pig Iron.x		Ferromanganese.y	
	1931.	1932.	1931.	1932.
January	1,714,266	972,784	14,251	11,250
February	1,706,621	964,280	19,480	4,010
March	2,032,248	967,235	27,899	4,900
April	2,019,529	852,597	25,456	481
May	1,994,082	785,554	23,959	5,219
June	1,638,627	628,064	11,243	7,702
Half year	11,105,373	5,168,814	122,288	33,562
July	1,463,220	572,296	17,776	2,299
August	1,280,526	530,576	12,482	3,414
September	1,168,915	592,589	14,393	2,212
October	1,173,283	644,808	14,739	2,302
November	1,103,472	631,280	14,705	5,746
December	980,376	-----	15,732	-----
Year	18,275,165	-----	212,115	-----

x These totals do not include charcoal pig iron. The 1930 production of this iron was 96,580 gross tons. y Included in pig iron figures.

DAILY RATE OF PIG IRON PRODUCTION BY MONTHS—GROSS TONS.

	Steel Works.	Merchants.*	Total		Steel Works.	Merchants.*	Total
1930—				1931—			
January	71,447	19,762	91,209	July	35,189	12,012	47,201
February	81,850	19,810	101,390	August	31,739	9,569	41,308
March	83,900	20,815	104,715	September	29,979	8,985	38,964
April	85,489	20,573	106,062	October	30,797	7,051	37,848
May	84,310	19,973	104,283	November	31,024	5,758	36,782
June	77,883	19,921	97,804	December	24,847	6,778	31,625
July	66,949	18,500	85,449	1932—			
August	64,857	18,197	83,054	January	25,124	6,256	31,380
September	63,342	18,548	81,417	February	25,000	7,251	32,251
October	57,788	12,043	69,831	March	24,044	7,157	31,201
November	49,730	12,507	62,237	April	23,143	5,287	28,430
December	40,952	11,750	52,702	May	20,618	4,658	25,276
1931—				June	14,845	6,090	20,935
January	45,883	9,416	55,299	July	15,132	3,329	18,461
February	49,618	11,332	60,950	August	14,045	3,070	17,115
March	54,975	11,481	66,456	September	16,540	3,213	19,753
April	53,878	13,439	67,317	October	16,514	4,286	20,800
May	51,113	13,212	64,325	November	16,607	4,435	21,042
June	43,412	11,209	54,621				

* Includes pig iron made for the market by steel companies.

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION OF COKE PIG IRON IN THE UNITED STATES BY MONTHS SINCE JAN. 1 1927—GROSS TONS.

	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
January	100,123	92,573	111,044	91,209	55,299	31,380
February	105,024	100,004	114,507	101,390	60,950	32,251
March	112,366	103,215	119,822	104,715	65,556	31,201
April	114,074	106,183	122,087	106,062	67,317	28,430
May	109,385	105,931	125,745	104,283	64,325	25,276
June	102,988	102,733	123,908	97,804	54,621	20,935
First six months	107,351	101,763	119,564	100,891	61,356	28,412
July	95,199	99,091	122,100	85,146	47,201	18,461
August	95,073	101,180	121,151	81,417	41,308	17,115
September	92,498	102,077	116,585	75,890	38,964	19,753
October	89,810	108,832	115,745	69,831	37,848	20,800
November	88,279	110,084	106,047	62,237	36,782	21,042
December	86,960	108,705	91,513	53,732	31,625	—
12 mos. average	99,266	103,382	115,851	86,025	50,069	—

Steel Ingot Production Falls Off in November.

The American Iron & Steel Institute in its report for November calculates the production of steel ingots by all companies in that month at only 1,014,794 tons in comparison with 1,068,550 tons in October. In both months there were 26 working days, and so the approximate daily output was also lower in November, being 39,031 tons, while in October it was 41,098 tons. Per cent of operation, which reached as high as 19% in October after having fallen to 14.26% in August, was off to 18.05% in November. Although in November 1931 per cent of operation was only 29.97, figures of production were then very much higher than at present; the output of all companies was 1,591,644 tons, which amounted to a daily output of approximately 63,666 tons for the 25 working days. Below we furnish the figures as given out by the Institute for the months since January 1931:

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JANUARY 1931 TO NOVEMBER 1932—GROSS TONS.

Reported by companies which made 95.33% of the open-hearth and Bessemer steel ingot production in 1931.

Month.	Open-Hearth.	Bessemer.	Monthly Output Companies Reporting.	Calculated Monthly Output All Companies.	No. of Work-Ing Days.	Approx Daily Output All Cos.	Per Cent. Operation a
1931							
January	2,098,175	296,620	2,394,795	2,512,140	27	93,042	43.80
February	2,131,079	296,974	2,428,053	2,547,027	24	106,126	49.98
March	2,565,531	346,137	2,911,668	3,054,339	26	117,475	55.30
April	2,321,043	316,638	2,637,711	2,766,959	29	106,421	50.09
May	2,130,805	301,639	2,432,444	2,551,633	26	98,140	46.20
June	1,782,007	246,365	2,028,372	2,127,762	26	81,837	38.52
July	1,674,379	225,000	1,799,409	1,887,580	26	72,599	34.17
August	1,462,254	174,380	1,636,634	1,716,829	26	66,032	31.08
Sept.	1,274,072	199,151	1,473,223	1,545,411	26	59,339	27.98
October	1,319,958	195,943	1,515,901	1,590,180	27	58,906	27.72
November	1,276,856	240,441	1,517,297	1,591,644	25	63,666	29.97
11 mos.	19,936,159	2,839,348	22,775,507	23,891,504	285	83,830	39.46
December	1,068,384	172,046	1,240,430	1,301,211	26	50,047	23.56
Total	21,004,543	3,011,394	24,015,937	25,192,715	311	81,006	38.13
1932							
January	1,230,661	160,633	1,391,294	1,459,450	26	56,133	25.96
February	1,232,568	157,067	1,389,635	1,457,710	25	58,308	26.96
March	1,149,307	193,944	1,343,251	1,409,054	27	52,187	24.13
April	1,036,227	144,197	1,180,424	1,238,250	26	47,625	22.02
May	950,785	103,593	1,054,378	1,106,030	26	42,540	19.67
June	755,123	100,249	855,372	897,275	26	34,511	15.96
July	652,650	102,872	755,522	792,533	25	31,701	14.66
Aug.	606,206	97,323	703,529	732,402	27	30,839	14.26
Sept.	804,556	124,970	929,526	975,061	26	37,502	17.34
October	855,773	132,876	1,018,649	1,068,550	26	41,098	19.00
November	838,559	128,844	967,403	1,014,794	26	39,031	18.05
11 mos.	10,232,415	1,446,568	11,678,983	12,251,109	286	42,836	19.81

a The figures of "per cent of operation" in 1931 are based on the annual capacity as of Dec. 31 1930 of 66,069,570 gross tons for Bessemer and open-hearth steel ingots and in 1932 on the annual capacity as of Dec. 31 1931 of 67,473,630 gross tons.

Steel Production Down to 16%—Orders Show Further Shrinkage—Pig Iron and Steel Scrap Prices Decline.

Steel orders continue to dwindle, and ingot production is down another notch to 16% of the country's capacity, reports the "Iron Age" of Dec. 8. Although steel ingot output lost only about 5% in November and pig iron output only 1% compared with October, the shrinkage in new business and shipping instructions in the past few weeks,

according to the "Age," indicates further curtailment this month, particularly, in the final fortnight. In States, such as Ohio, where there is a tax on inventories at the end of the year, some plants will operate little or no steel-making capacity late in the month, but as an offset other companies will try to find extra work, even by rolling some material for stock, so that they may fatten the Christmas pay envelopes of employees. Such efforts may tend to prevent a sharp drop in steel mill activity, continues the "Age," further stating:

Tin plate departments are the busiest branch of the steel industry, mostly on anticipated orders, though a few contracts for 1933 have been signed. One producer is operating at 100% for two weeks, and another is engaged at 75%, the average for the entire industry being 45%, an advance over recent weeks.

Although tin plate requirements for next year are estimated at fully 15% above the 1932 consumption, American mills will lose a good share, if not all, of their Canadian business because of the tariff preferentials favoring Great Britain. The American Can Co. has bought 1,000,000 boxes of Welsh plate for its Canadian plants. Moreover, it is feared that Welsh plate will again invade the Pacific Coast territory, notwithstanding the recent reduction of 50 cents a box in the American price. Foreign competition on other steel products is becoming less severe owing to increases in Continental prices quoted on a gold basis and the efforts of European producers to mitigate the irritation to American steel interests caused by their offerings.

Railroad buying has been so light that the authorization by the Santa Fe directors of a purchase of 26,484 tons of rails is of outstanding interest. The Illinois Central may also order 6,000 tons for first quarter delivery. The Chesapeake & Ohio has released 3,000 tons for December rolling. Because of their financial condition, some roads are requesting deferred dating on rail orders. Although a few carriers are asking for bids on their routine requirements for first quarter, the outlook for railroad buying is not promising, since many roads will operate under greatly curtailed budgets.

The automobile industry will assemble more than 100,000 cars in December, making it the best month since July. Chevrolet alone will produce 55,000 cars, more than the entire industry turned out in October, the year's low month. However, steel shipments for this month's needs have virtually been completed, and mills are looking for January orders, some of which may be forthcoming this week. Sheet manufacturers note with some concern the experiments of a leading car manufacturer in the use of ordinary hot-rolled sheets, with a new paint finish, as a body stock, which if successful on an important scale would seriously affect large investments in cold finishing mills.

Private building work is in the normally dull period, and public projects are making slow headway. Awards of fabricated structural steel in the week were only 10,000 tons, with new inquiries calling for 7,300 tons. A subsidiary of the American Locomotive Co. will fabricate a pipe line for Washington, requiring 1,100 tons of plates, and the United States Navy has asked for bids by Dec. 14 on cruiser No. 39, which will take 4,000 tons of mild steel plates and 1,900 tons of special-treatment plates.

Pig iron production in November totaled 631,280 tons, compared with 644,808 tons in October, or a daily rate last month of 21,042 tons, against 20,800 tons in the previous month. There was a net gain of two furnaces during the month. On Dec. 1 the number in blast was 51, which were making iron at the rate of 20,860 tons a day. The 11 months' total is 8,080,363 tons, indicating a 1932 output of not more than 8,500,000 tons.

Production of open-hearth and Bessemer ingots in November was 1,014,794 gross tons, or 39,031 tons a day, compared with 1,068,550 tons, or 41,098 tons a day, in October.

Scrap prices have weakened in nearly all centres. Heavy melting steel is lower at Pittsburgh, Chicago, and in eastern Pennsylvania, bringing the "Iron Age" composite for this grade down to \$6.92, the lowest since mid-February and within 50 cents a ton of the lowest average of this year. Eastern Pennsylvania foundry pig iron has declined 25 cents a ton, chiefly because of foreign competition, which reduces the "Iron Age" pig iron composite to \$13.56. Finished steel is unchanged at 1.948c a pound.

THE "IRON AGE" COMPOSITE PRICES. Finished Steel.

Dec. 6 1932, 1.948c. a Lb.	Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates wire, rails, black pipe and sheets.	High.	Low.
One week ago	1.948c.	1.977c.	1.926c.
One month ago	1.948c.	2.037c.	1.945c.
One year ago	1.899c.	2.377c.	1.926c.

1932	High.	Low.
1931	1.977c.	1.926c.
1930	2.037c.	1.945c.
1929	2.277c.	2.018c.
1928	2.317c.	2.283c.
1927	2.286c.	2.217c.
	2.402c.	2.212c.

Dec. 6 1932, \$13.56 a Gross Ton.	Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace foundry irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.	High.	Low.
One week ago	\$13.59	\$14.81	\$13.56
One month ago	13.59	15.90	15.79
One year ago	14.96	18.21	15.90

1932	High.	Low.
1931	14.81	15.90
1930	15.90	18.21
1929	17.58	18.21
1928	18.59	17.04
1927	19.71	17.54

Dec. 6 1932, \$6.92 a Gross Ton.	Based on No. 1 heavy melting steel quotations at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Chicago.	High.	Low.
One week ago	\$7.37	\$8.50	\$6.42
One month ago	7.50	11.33	7.62
One year ago	8.58	15.00	11.25

1932	High.	Low.
1931	8.50	11.25
1930	11.33	14.08
1929	15.00	13.08
1928	17.58	13.08
1927	16.50	13.08
	15.25	13.08

"Steel" of Cleveland, in its summary of the iron and steel markets on Dec. 5, stated:

Despite a net gain of one in the number of blast furnace stacks active, improvement in production of pig iron which developed in September and continued in October all but reached the vanishing point in November, when the daily rate of 20,855 gross tons topped that of October by 60 tons or 1-3 of 1%.

Total output of coke iron in November, at 625,663 tons, was slightly below the 644,648 tons of October, owing to the shorter month, and for 11 months the total is 8,126,798 tons, compared with 17,282,634 tons a year

ago. Fifty-one of the country's 292 stacks were active Nov. 30, contrasted with 41 on Aug. 31, when production began to expand.

When official statistics on steel ingot activity in November are announced this week, the variation from October will be slight, but because steel-making capacity is more flexible than pig iron, the trade believes the easier market situation which developed beginning about Nov. 20 may be reflected.

In the week ended Dec. 3, due to declines in every district except Pittsburgh, Youngstown and eastern Pennsylvania, the steel rate eased 1 1/2 points to 16%. At Buffalo there has been a drastic drop, following the close of navigation, while at Birmingham the adjustment the past three weeks has been severe. The intensity of these decreases will not be repeated. At 16%, the improvement of October and November has now been wiped out.

To the list of major consumers of steel whose requirements have been ebbing, the automotive industry has been added. Its releases continue relatively high, and some small manufacturers are beginning to specify for pre-show production, but the tide of demand as a whole is beginning to run out. The ebb, however, is not accelerating and there still is no indication that the holiday trough will be deeper than seasonal.

Structural steel awards increased over 3,000 tons in the past week, reaching 11,448 tons. As for a number of weeks, pending work is encouraging, but its transition to the order stage is dishearteningly slow. Interstate Commerce Commission approval of a Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan to New Orleans for a Mississippi River bridge is a step toward a 60,000-ton award. Bids are in on the Colorado water project requiring 240,000 tons and will be asked shortly on the 207,000 tons for the San-Francisco-Oakland bridge.

Tin plate production has surrendered five points, to 35%, with recovery possible later in the month as contracting by some users for their 1933 requirements is under way. Several eastern gas and utility interests are in the market for a portion of their next year's cast iron pipe needs. A plate fabricator at Cleveland estimates \$1,000,000 worth of tanks for breweries is dependent upon Congress.

Outstanding in the eastern markets is the taking of bids Dec. 14 on 7,300 tons for a cruiser, with the prospect of six more within a year. American Car & Foundry Co. contemplates building 100 tank cars. Releases of track fastenings at Chicago continue fair, and both rail mills there are operating, though on short schedules.

Except at Chicago, shipments of pig iron have declined materially. Large stocks at blast furnaces and the extension of current prices into 1933 remove any incentive for melters to cover. Scrap is off 25 to 50 cents a ton in most markets, with dealers increasingly pressed to sell and consumers refusing to take in even small over-shipments. The steel works scrap composite of "Steel" is off 12 cents this week to \$6.71.

Announcement of first quarter prices on heavy finished steel is expected daily. On most finished products present levels are being carried over. The iron and steel composite of "Steel" is steady this week at \$28.91, and the finished steel index at \$46.70.

There was a moderate increase in steel ingot production after the shut downs for the Thanksgiving holiday, but toward the end of last week the activities started dwindling again, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 6. As a result steel ingot output for the week ended Monday is placed at slightly below 17% in the compilation by Dow, Jones & Co., Inc. This compares with a shade above 16% in the preceding week and about 18% two weeks ago. The "Journal" adds:

United States Steel is credited with having run at 16% last week, unchanged from the week before. Two weeks ago the corporation was placed at a fraction under 17%. Leading independents are estimated at approximately 17 1/2%, against 16 1/2% in the previous week and 19% two weeks ago.

In the corresponding week last year the industry was at better than 26%, a drop of nearly 2%. United States Steel was at 27%, off about 2%, and independents at 26%, down 1 1/2%. In the like 1930 week, the average was 37%, a decline of nearly 2%. United States Steel was off about 2% to 43% and independents lost more than 1 1/2% to 34%. In the 1929 week there were reductions of about 3%, with the industry at 63 1/2%. United States Steel at 65% and independents at 62%, while in the same week of 1928 all units ran at 82%, the average being off more than 2%, United States Steel down 2% and independents nearly 3%.

November Production of Bituminous Coal and Anthracite, According to Estimates, Exceeds That for the Corresponding Period Last Year.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, preliminary estimates show that for the month of November 1932 there were produced a total of 30,634,000 net tons of bituminous coal, as compared with 32,677,000 tons in the preceding month and 30,110,000 tons in the corresponding month last year. Anthracite production totaled 4,260,000 tons, as against 5,234,000 tons in October 1932 and 4,149,000 tons in November 1931. The Bureau's statement follows:

	Total for Month (Net Tons).	No. of Working Days.	Average per Working Day (Net Tons).	Cal. Year to End. of Nov. (Net Tons).
November 1932 (prelim.):				
Bituminous coal.....	30,634,000	24.2	1,266,000	274,559,000
Anthracite.....	4,260,000	24.0	177,500	44,250,000
Beehive coke.....	82,400	26.0	3,169	677,900
October 1932 (revised):				
Bituminous coal.....	32,677,000	26.0	1,257,000	-----
Anthracite.....	5,234,000	25.0	209,400	-----
Beehive coke.....	67,600	26.0	2,600	-----
November 1931:				
Bituminous coal.....	30,110,000	23.6	1,276,000	347,850,000
Anthracite.....	4,149,000	23.0	180,400	54,967,000
Beehive coke.....	87,100	25.0	3,500	1,055,700

a Final figures.

Note.—The preliminary estimates for the latest month shown are subject to slight revisions, which will be issued in the weekly coal report. All current estimates will later be adjusted to agree with results of the complete canvass of production made at the end of the calendar year.

Bituminous Coal Stocks on Hand on Oct. 1 1932 Show an Increase Over July 1, But Were the Lowest Since 1922, Considering the Season of the Year—Consumption During Third Quarter 27% Below Same Period in 1931.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, consumers' stocks of bituminous coal on Oct. 1 were the lowest since 1922, considering the season of the year. The total quantity of bituminous in the hands of industrial consumers and retail dealers in the United States was 27,500,000 tons. In comparison with the same date last year, this was a decrease of 7,000,000 tons, or 20.3%. Even allowing for the present low rate of consumption, there was a reduction as compared with a year ago, for on Oct. 1 1932, stocks were sufficient to last 38 days, as against 39 days last year. The Bureau continues:

In comparison with July 1 stocks show an increase of 1,200,000 tons. The increase, however, was largely confined to the retail dealers and, moreover, was much less than is normally expected at this season, when consumers build up their reserves in anticipation of the heating load. Last year, for example, the increase in stocks during the third quarter amounted to 4,400,000 tons.

The number of unbilled loads at the mines is also less than last year. Stocks on the upper lake docks, through naturally greater than on July 1, are 20.5% below those of a year ago. On Oct. 1 the stocks on the commercial docks of Lakes Superior and Michigan amounted to 7,027,000 tons.

SUMMARY OF COMMERCIAL STOCKS OF BITUMINOUS COAL, INCLUDING STOCKS IN RETAIL YARDS.

	Oct. 1 1931.	July 1 1932.	Oct. 1 1932.a	Per Cent. of Change	
				From Previous Quarter.	From Year Ago.
b Consumers' stocks:					
Total tons.....	34,500,000	26,300,000	27,500,000	+4.6%	-20.3%
Days supply.....	39 days	41 days	38 days	-7.3%	-2.6%
Coal in transit:					
Unbilled loads, tons.....	1,617,000	1,632,000	1,555,000	-4.7%	-3.8%
On lake docks, tons.....	8,837,000	4,878,000	7,027,000	+44.1%	-20.5%

a Subject to revision. b Coal in the bins of householders is not included. Note.—These figures differ from those used by the National Association of Purchasing Agents, which exclude retail yards but include industrial anthracite and Canada.

Bituminous Stocks by Classes of Consumers.

In terms of days supply the coal-gas works had the largest reserves on Oct. 1, with stocks sufficient to last 61 days. The cement plants with 21 days had the smallest.

DAYS SUPPLY OF BITUMINOUS COAL BY CLASSES OF CONSUMERS.a

Date.	By-Product Coke.	Coal-Gas Works.	Steel Plants.	Cement Plants.	Other Industries.	Electric Utilities.	Rail-Roads.	Retail Yards.	Total.
Oct. 1 1931	49	65	50	21	42	52	23	45	39
Oct. 1 '32 b	55	61	50	21	38	52	23	40	38

a Calculated at rate of consumption in the months preceding date of stock taking. b Subject to revision.

Bituminous Consumption and Requirements.

The low point in bituminous consumption during the great depression seems to have been touched in July. Monthly figures for many items of consumption are not available, but the following record shows that many of the heavy industrial items declined from June to July and then began to recover, slowly in August and much faster in September.

	June.	July.	August.	September.
Electric utilities.....	2,350,000	2,339,000	2,516,000	2,556,000
By-product coke ovens.....	2,220,000	2,198,000	2,127,000	2,233,000
Beehive coke ovens.....	64,000	59,000	63,000	71,000
Locomotive fuel.....	4,690,000	4,678,000	4,773,000	5,300,000
Cement works.....	333,000	343,000	331,000	373,000
Colliery fuel.....	169,000	170,000	214,000	251,000

The increase in these selected items for September was reinforced by advances in other industries and by a large increase in sales from retail yards.

Average for the Third Quarter.—Taking the third quarter as a whole, however, consumption was the lowest in any three month period since the depression began. Total consumption plus exports from July to September averaged 4,614,000 tons a week. Production plus imports in the same period averaged 5,075,000 tons, and the surplus over consumption was added to reserves, partly to consumers' stocks and largely to the tonnage of coal in transit. In comparison with the same quarter last year, consumption in July-September 1932, shows a decrease of 27%.

With the coming of the heating season a large increase in consumption is to be expected. In 1931, for example, weekly consumption plus exports in the fourth quarter averaged 7,282,000 tons, an increase of 15% over the third quarter.

WEEKLY AVERAGE SUPPLY AND DEMAND—BITUMINOUS COAL (NET TONS).

Weekly Average of—	July Sept. 1931.	Oct. Dec. (Winter) 1931.	April June 1932.	July Sept. (Prel'm'y) 1932.	Change from Year Ago.
Production plus imports.....	7,020,000	7,314,000	4,344,000	5,075,000	-27.7%
Net changes in reserves:					
In consumers' stocks.....	+335,000	+76,000	-288,000	+79,000	-----
In coal in transit.....	+346,000	-44,000	-252,000	+384,000	-----
Consumption plus exports.....	6,341,000	7,282,000	4,884,000	4,614,000	-27.2%

a Allows for stocks at mines, unbilled loads, coal in cars en route to destination, and coal on upper lake docks.

Anthracite, Coke, and Retail Bituminous.

As was to be expected at this season, retail stocks of both anthracite and bituminous have increased since the midsummer low. The striking feature, however, is the decrease as compared with the corresponding period a year ago. In comparison with the same date in 1931, the tons in stock on Oct. 1 1932, show a decrease of 29.5% for anthracite, of 23.9% for bituminous coal, and 52.6% for coke. It seems clear that retailers have kept their inventories of both coal and coke substantially below the levels of past years.

Anthracite in producers' yards, though greater than on July 1, also shows a marked reduction in comparison with last year. As against 3,109,000 tons on Oct. 1 1931, the present stocks amount to 2,262,000 tons, a decrease of 27.2%.

Stocks of anthracite on the commercial docks of Lakes Superior and Michigan show a decrease of 35.6%, as compared with last year.

Operators of merchant by-product coke plants report 2,258,000 tons of coke on hand Oct. 1, as compared with 2,306,000 tons a year ago, a decrease of 2.1%.

SUMMARY OF STOCKS OF DOMESTIC COAL AND COKE.

	Week Ended.			Per Cent. of Change	
	Oct. 1 1931.	July 1 1932.	Oct. 1 1932.	From July 1.	From a Year Ago.
Retailers' stocks, 400 large dealers:					
Anthracite, net tons.....	954,003	553,510	672,108	+21.4	-29.5
Anthracite, days supply.....	75	52	60	+15.4	-20.0
Bituminous, net tons.....	1,137,077	656,724	865,260	+31.8	-23.9
Bituminous, days supply.....	45	43	40	-7.0	-11.1
Coke, net tons.....	173,195	98,622	82,074	-16.8	-52.6
Coke, days supply.....	85	86	78	-9.3	-8.2
Anthracite in producers' storage yards.....	3,109,091	2,076,246	2,262,811	+9.0	-27.2
Anthracite on upper lake docks.....	762,592	551,128	491,308	-10.0	-35.6
By-product coke on hand at merchant plants.....	2,306,591	1,750,996	2,258,739	+29.0%	-2.1%

a At current rate of deliveries to customers.

See also regular weekly coal statement given in this issue of the "Chronicle."

Production of Bituminous Coal and Pennsylvania Anthracite During the Week Ended Nov. 26 1932 Continued to Run Above the Corresponding Period in 1931—Stocks of Industrial Consumers Increased 4.5% During October.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, estimated production of bituminous coal and anthracite during the week ended Nov. 26 1932 amounted to 6,543,000 net tons and 976,000 tons, respectively, as compared with 6,430,000 tons of bituminous coal and 643,000 tons of anthracite during the corresponding period last year and 7,792,000 tons of bituminous coal and 1,080,000 tons of anthracite during the week ended Nov. 19 1932.

During the calendar year to Nov. 26 1932 the estimated output totaled 270,698,000 net tons of bituminous coal and 43,587,000 tons of anthracite as against 344,873,000 tons of bituminous coal and 54,676,000 tons of anthracite during the calendar year to Nov. 28 1931. The Bureau's statement follows:

Although production of bituminous coal fell off during the week ended Nov. 26 1932, because of Thanksgiving Day, it continued to run above the corresponding week of 1931. The total output during the week was 6,543,000 net tons, as against 6,430,000 tons in the same week last year. The decrease in comparison with the preceding week seems to be due almost entirely to the holiday, as the average of loadings on other days of the week was approximately the same as in the week of Nov. 19.

Anthracite production in Pennsylvania during the week ended Nov. 26 1932 is estimated at 976,000 net tons, with a daily rate higher than in the preceding week. In the hard-coal fields, also output was above that in the corresponding week of 1931.

The total production of beehive coke during the week of Nov. 26 1932 amounted to 18,800 net tons.

ESTIMATED UNITED STATES PRODUCTION OF COAL AND BEEHIVE COKE (NET TONS).

	Week Ended.			Calendar Year to Date.		
	Nov. 26 1932.c	Nov. 19 1932.d	Nov. 28 1931.	1932.	1931.	1929.
Bitum. coal— a						
Weekly total.....	6,543,000	7,792,000	6,430,000	270,698,000	344,873,000	482,096,000
Daily aver.....	1,309,000	1,299,000	1,261,000	972,000	1,235,000	1,725,000
Penn. anth.— b						
Weekly total.....	976,000	1,080,000	643,000	43,587,000	54,676,000	65,740,000
Daily aver.....	195,200	180,000	128,600	158,200	198,500	238,600
Beehive coke						
Weekly total.....	18,800	20,000	19,300	666,400	1,182,300	6,051,000
Daily aver.....	3,133	3,333	3,217	2,355	4,178	21,384

a Includes lignite, coal made into coke, local sales and colliery fuel. b Includes Sullivan County, washery and dredge coal, local sales and colliery fuel. c Subject to revision. d Revised.

ESTIMATED WEEKLY PRODUCTION OF COAL BY STATES (NET TONS)

State.	Week Ended.			
	Nov. 19 1932.	Nov. 12 1932.	Nov. 21 1931.	Nov. 22 1930.
Alabama.....	210,000	186,000	213,000	288,000
Arkansas and Oklahoma.....	115,000	90,000	57,000	95,000
Colorado.....	144,000	123,000	164,000	223,000
Illinois.....	951,000	710,000	790,000	1,111,000
Indiana.....	339,000	229,000	251,000	352,000
Iowa.....	104,000	95,000	65,000	75,000
Kansas and Missouri.....	173,000	144,000	116,000	134,000
Kentucky—Eastern.....	675,000	580,000	530,000	644,000
Western.....	234,000	167,000	150,000	187,000
Maryland.....	30,000	28,000	39,000	44,000
Michigan.....	13,000	7,000	9,000	18,000
Montana.....	42,000	32,000	55,000	74,000
New Mexico.....	30,000	25,000	29,000	46,000
North Dakota.....	75,000	59,000	47,000	56,000
Ohio.....	398,000	350,000	393,000	490,000
Pennsylvania (bituminous).....	1,780,000	1,670,000	1,832,000	2,355,000
Tennessee.....	73,000	63,000	71,000	91,000
Texas.....	12,000	10,000	18,000	14,000
Utah.....	84,000	72,000	109,000	152,000
Virginia.....	209,000	184,000	184,000	210,000
Washington.....	35,000	30,000	50,000	52,000
West Virginia—Southern.....	1,583,000	1,323,000	1,319,000	1,549,000
Northern.....	382,000	365,000	455,000	600,000
Wyoming.....	99,000	92,000	111,000	140,000
Other States.....	2,000	2,000	1,000	4,000
Total bituminous coal.....	7,792,000	6,636,000	7,058,000	9,004,000
Pennsylvania anthracite.....	1,080,000	833,000	905,000	1,081,000
Total coal.....	8,872,000	7,469,000	7,963,000	10,085,000

Part of the increase in bituminous production in recent weeks has been flowing into storage, as often happens at this season of the year. Stocks of retailers usually increase in the fall, although no figures on retail yards have been collected since Oct. 1. Stocks of industrial consumers increased from 20,801,000 tons on Oct. 1 to 21,729,000 tons on Nov. 1, a rise of 4.5% during the month. Most of the increased production, however, is accounted for by greater consumption. Retail sales always advance in the fall, but in addition there has been encouraging increase in industrial requirements. Consumption of bituminous for "industrial use" advanced from 16,733,000 tons in September to 19,201,000 in October, a gain of 14.7%. This is shown by the following table which has been prepared under the co-operative agreement between the National Association of Purchasing Agents and the Bureau of Mines:

INDUSTRIAL CONSUMPTION AND STOCKS OF BITUMINOUS COAL IN THE UNITED STATES.^x

(Determined jointly by F. G. Tryon, Coal Statistics Section, United States Bureau of Mines, and Thomas W. Harris Jr., Chairman, Coal Committee, National Association of Purchasing Agents.)

	October 1932. (Preliminary)	September 1932. (Preliminary)	% of Change.
Stocks, End of Month at—	Net Tons.		
Electric power utilities. a	4,420,000	4,300,000	+2.8
By-product coke ovens. b	4,375,000	4,083,000	+7.2
Steel and rolling mills. b	697,000	720,000	-3.2
Cement mills. c	265,000	255,000	+4.4
Coal-gas retorts. b	471,000	443,000	+6.3
Other industrial. c			
Railroad fuel. c	11,500,000	11,000,000	+4.5
Total industrial stocks.....	21,729,000	20,801,000	+4.5
Industrial Consumption By—			
Electric power utilities. a	2,455,000	2,430,000	+1.0
By-product coke ovens. b	2,514,000	2,233,000	+12.6
Beehive coke ovens. b	104,000	71,000	+47.9
Steel and rolling mills. b	505,000	436,000	+15.9
Cement mills. c	374,000	373,000	+0.1
Coal-gas retorts. b	229,000	220,000	+4.1
Other industrial. c			
Railroad fuel. c	13,020,000	10,970,000	+18.7
Total "industrial consumption".....	19,201,000	16,733,000	+14.7
Additional Known Consumption—			
Coal mine fuel.....	311,000	251,000	+23.9
Bunker fuel, foreign trade.....	117,000	112,000	+4.5
Days Supply on Hand At—	Days Supply.		
Electric power utilities.....	56	53	+5.7
By-product coke ovens.....	54	55	-1.8
Steel and rolling mills.....	43	50	-14.0
Cement mills.....	22	20	+10.0
Coal-gas retorts.....	64	60	+6.7
Other industrial.....	34	38	-10.5
Railroad fuel.....	21	23	-8.7
Total industrial.....	35	37	-5.4

a Collected by the U. S. Geological Survey. b Collected by U. S. Bureau of Mines. c Estimate based on reports collected jointly by the National Association of Purchasing Agents and the U. S. Bureau of Mines from a selected list of 2,000 representative manufacturing plants and railroads. The concerns reporting are chiefly large consumers and afford a satisfactory basis for estimate. Subject to revision. x These monthly figures do not include retail dealers' stocks and deliveries, which are reported only quarterly. Neither do they include industrial anthracite or coal in Canada.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The daily average volume of Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding during the week ending Dec. 7, was reported by the Federal Reserve banks was \$2,209,000,000, an increase of \$5,000,000 compared with the preceding week and of \$277,000,000 compared with the corresponding week in 1931. After noting these facts the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

On Dec. 7 total Reserve Bank credit amounted to \$2,197,000,000 a decrease of \$5,000,000 for the week. This decrease corresponds with decreases of \$16,000,000 in member bank reserve balances and \$10,000,000 in unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c., and an increase of \$14,000,000 in monetary gold stock offset in part by an increase of \$21,000,000 in money in circulation and a decrease of \$11,000,000 in Treasury currency adjusted.

Holdings of discounted bills declined \$12,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and \$10,000,000 at all Federal Reserve banks. The

System's holdings of bills bought in open market and of United States Government securities were practically unchanged since a week ago.

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

The Statement in full for the week ended Dec. 7, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages, namely, 3998 and 3999.

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	Dec. 7 1932.	Nov. 30 1932.	Since Dec. 9 1931.
Bills discounted	299,000,000	-10,000,000	-426,000,000
Bills bought	34,000,000	-1,000,000	-355,000,000
U. S. Government securities	1,851,000,000		+1,134,000,000
Other Reserve bank credit	14,000,000	+6,000,000	-35,000,000
TOTAL RESERVE BANK CREDIT	2,197,000,000	-5,000,000	+317,000,000
Monetary gold stock	4,352,000,000	+14,000,000	-85,000,000
Treasury currency adjusted	1,914,000,000	-11,000,000	+138,000,000
Money in circulation	5,659,000,000	+21,000,000	+163,000,000
Member bank reserve balances	2,395,000,000	-16,000,000	+309,000,000
Unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c.	397,000,000	-10,000,000	-104,000,000

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

Beginning with the returns for June 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 shows an increase of \$39,000,000, the total of these loans on Dec. 7 1932 standing at \$376,000,000, as compared with \$331,000,000 on July 27 1932, the low record for all time since these loans have been first compiled in 1917. Loans "for own account" increased from \$337,000,000 to \$376,000,000, while loans "for account of out-of-town banks" remain unchanged at \$12,000,000 and loans "for account of others" at \$4,000,000.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York.		
	Dec. 7 1932.	Nov. 30 1932.	Dec. 9 1931.
Loans and Investments—total	7,060,000,000	7,169,000,000	7,064,000,000
Loans—total	3,473,000,000	3,498,000,000	4,425,000,000
On securities	1,625,000,000	1,598,000,000	2,210,000,000
All other	1,848,000,000	1,900,000,000	2,215,000,000
Investments—total	3,587,000,000	3,671,000,000	2,639,000,000
U. S. Government securities	2,546,000,000	2,578,000,000	1,657,000,000
Other securities	1,041,000,000	1,093,000,000	982,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	995,000,000	1,047,000,000	722,000,000
Cash in vault	39,000,000	42,000,000	51,000,000
Net demand deposits	5,606,000,000	5,768,000,000	5,290,000,000
Time deposits	895,000,000	893,000,000	831,000,000
Government deposits	160,000,000	186,000,000	1,000,000
Due from banks	86,000,000	90,000,000	52,000,000
Due to banks	1,444,000,000	1,480,000,000	819,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank			12,000,000
Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers;			
For own account	376,000,000	337,000,000	552,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks	12,000,000	12,000,000	117,000,000
For account of others	4,000,000	4,000,000	21,000,000
Total	392,000,000	353,000,000	690,000,000
On demand	234,000,000	198,000,000	515,000,000
On time	158,000,000	155,000,000	175,000,000
Chicago.			
Loans and Investments—total	1,098,000,000	1,106,000,000	1,632,000,000
Loans—total	645,000,000	651,000,000	1,132,000,000
On securities	361,000,000	365,000,000	675,000,000
All other	284,000,000	286,000,000	457,000,000
Investments—total	453,000,000	455,000,000	500,000,000
U. S. Government securities	260,000,000	259,000,000	286,000,000
Other securities	193,000,000	196,000,000	214,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	277,000,000	277,000,000	164,000,000
Cash in vault	16,000,000	16,000,000	15,000,000
Net demand deposits	862,000,000	866,000,000	982,000,000
Time deposits	318,000,000	320,000,000	431,000,000
Government deposits	21,000,000	24,000,000	
Due from banks	239,000,000	244,000,000	116,000,000
Due to banks	300,000,000	298,000,000	238,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank			9,000,000

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

As explained above, the statements 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 Nov. 30:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on Nov. 30 shows increases for the week of \$69,000,000 in loans and investments and \$186,000,000 in net demand deposits, and decreases of \$14,000,000 in time deposits and \$18,000,000 in Government deposits.

Loans on securities increased \$30,000,000 at reporting member banks in the New York District and \$31,000,000 at all reporting member banks. "All other" loans increased \$22,000,000 in the New York District and declined \$9,000,000 in the Boston District, all reporting banks showing a net increase of \$7,000,000 for the week.

Holdings of United States Government securities increased \$39,000,000 in the New York District and \$14,000,000 at all reporting member banks, and declined \$23,000,000 in the Philadelphia District and \$7,000,000 in the Chicago District. Holdings of other securities increased \$18,000,000 in the New York District and \$17,000,000 at all reporting member banks.

Borrowings of weekly reporting member banks from Federal Reserve banks aggregated \$100,000,000 on Nov. 30, the principal changes for the week being an increase of \$5,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and a decrease of \$3,000,000 at San Francisco.

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

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	Nov. 30 1932.	Nov. 23 1932.	Since Dec. 2 1931.
Loans and Investments—total	19,002,000,000	+69,000,000	-1,584,000,000
Loans—total	10,413,000,000	+38,000,000	-2,937,000,000
On securities	4,288,000,000	+31,000,000	-1,519,000,000
All other	6,125,000,000	+7,000,000	-1,418,000,000
Investments—total	8,589,000,000	+31,000,000	+1,083,000,000
U. S. Government securities	5,266,000,000	+14,000,000	+1,233,000,000
Other securities	3,323,000,000	+17,000,000	-150,000,000
Reserve with F. R. banks	1,985,000,000	+19,000,000	+418,000,000
Cash in vault	209,000,000	-2,000,000	-27,000,000
Net demand deposits	11,745,000,000	+186,000,000	-454,000,000
Time deposits	5,668,000,000	-14,000,000	-474,000,000
Government deposits	423,000,000	*-18,000,000	+366,000,000
Due from banks	1,639,000,000	+16,000,000	+651,000,000
Due to banks	3,290,000,000	+23,000,000	+777,000,000
Borrowings from F. R. banks	100,000,000	+5,000,000	-324,000,000

* Nov. 23 figures revised (Cleveland District).

Increase in Canadian Gold Production.

Canadian gold production for the first nine months of 1932 reached a total of 2,271,842 ounces, valued at \$46,963,141, compared with 1,974,204 ounces worth \$40,810,417 produced in the corresponding period of 1931, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, and forwarded to the Commerce Department from Commercial Attache Lynn W. Meekins, Ottawa. The Department on Dec. 1 further announced:

In September 260,538 ounces were produced; the output during the preceding month was 262,590 ounces. In September a year ago 243,109 ounces were extracted.

Gold production in Canada has steadily increased for the past four years, production being 1,426,937 ounces for the first nine months in 1929; 1,497,757 ounces in 1930; 1,974,204 ounces in 1931, and 2,271,842 ounces in 1932.

Gain in Ontario Gold Production for Ten Months.

Mine production of gold in Ontario for the first 10 months of 1932 amounted to 4,585,910 tons of gold-bearing ore, valued at \$38,701,435 compared with 4,135,910 tons of ore valued at \$35,171,435 for the corresponding period in 1931, a gain of 450,000 tons and \$3,530,000 in value, it is indicated in a report to the Commerce Department from Trade Commissioner L. A. France, Toronto. The Department, in announcing this, Nov. 28, also said:

Value of gold production in Ontario was nearly evenly distributed between the Porcupine area and mines in the Kirkland Lake District. In the Porcupine field, however, nearly double the tonnage of ore must be milled in order to recover equivalent values in bullion.

The Royal Canadian Mint, Ottawa, received from Ontario mines in October 255,028 crude ounces of gold bullion, containing 200,851 fine ounces of gold and 26,605 fine ounces of silver, with a total value of \$4,159,099.

Indian Gold Sales—Export Movement Likely to Continue as Long as Profit Is Available.

The following Bombay advices are from the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 29:

Movement of gold from India will continue as long as there is any profit in the transaction. The amount exported since England went off the gold standard and thus gave a premium to gold holders in India is about £70,000,000. This is quite a small proportion of the amount of gold privately held in the country.

Some of the sales are simply due to the attractive price prevailing, and the lower sterling sinks, the more is put on the market to snatch the profit. But some proportion of the gold sales is certainly due to economic distress, and so long as commodity prices and trade generally show no appreciable improvement, distress sales will continue.

Dealers here think that there can be little doubt of the continuance of a fairly large export of gold for some time to come.

The silver position here is no better than early in the year. Stocks on hand in Bombay are still as large as ever, namely, about 10,000 bars, and the daily offtake continues to be very small, at about 15 bars.

Senator Wheeler of Montana to Press Silver Remonetization Bill.

Senators favoring the remonetization of silver laid plans on Nov. 30 to push their project as Senator Wheeler returned to Washington from a conference with Governor Roosevelt at Warm Springs, Ga.

The Senator declared that silver remonetization was the only alternative to the United States leaving the gold standard if all other nations went off it, according to a Washington dispatch Nov. 30 to the New York "Times," which further said:

Senator Wheeler would not discuss his conversation with Mr. Roosevelt, but the manner in which he is planning to push for consideration of a remonetization bill was interpreted as meaning that he received at least some encouragement on behalf of the new administration.

Speaking for the silver advocates, Senator Wheeler said he believed silver must be made a currency basis with a fixed relationship to gold, but did not advocate currency inflation without a fixed monetary base.

Senator Wheeler also replied to-day to critics of silver remonetization who contend that Great Britain and possibly other major countries would not agree to making silver a universal currency base of fixed value.

"Concurrence by other countries would not be necessary," he said. "If we monetized silver we not only would broaden our money base but we immediately would gain trade from the Orient, with its silver-using currencies, which would force other nations to acquiesce."

Senator Wheeler's Statement.

A statement by the Senator said in part:

"The greatest problem confronting Congress and the administration, whether it be this one or the next, is the question of money and currency. If an international agreement can be reached on the subject, fine. In an international agreement cannot be had, then we ought to take independent action.

"We have 21 nations off of the gold standard and about 20 others with depreciated currencies while we still maintain the gold standard.

"It should be obvious to any one under these circumstances that no farm relief bill can be propounded which will raise price levels to the American farmer until such time as these countries now off the gold standard are back on or this country itself either goes off the gold standard or adopts my bill for the remonetization of silver.

"Let us assume that England is the market for wheat. The main producers of wheat are Canada, the United States, Argentina and Russia. Canada's money is depreciated about 10% in terms of the United States gold dollars; Argentina's is depreciated 40% and the United States is the only one of these three whose currency is on a gold basis.

"The pound sterling is \$3.50 in terms of the United States dollar. When England buys her wheat from Canada the Canadian producer receives 55 cents in Canadian currency. When England buys from Argentina the Argentine farmer receives 70 cents in his currency.

American Farmer Gets Least.

"When England buys from the United States, the American farmer receives 50 cents in gold currency.

"In addition to this, the cost of producing in these countries is cheaper than in the United States.

"If Congress passes farm legislation it is going to be extremely difficult if not impossible for us to raise the price of farm commodities in this country when the world market is lower.

"Even with our tariffs these countries can afford to jump over our walls and sell to us because of their depreciated currencies.

"On the other hand, they are unable to buy anything from us because of the fact that they have to give so much more of their money for our money.

"If we could come to some definite understanding on money you would hear no more talk of debt repudiation or of farmers marching on Washington."

Professor Cassel, Swedish Economist, Holds Gold Payment Would Give Us Lesson—Says It Would Dim Prospect of a World Gold System.

Professor Gustav Cassel, Swedish economist, is the author of an article on the war debts entitled "King Midas," appearing in the "Svenska Dagbladet," according to Stockholm advices, Dec. 2, to the New York "Times," which further reported:

Refusal to pay a straightforward debt would be a serious matter for Great Britain, Professor Cassel said. Great Britain herself is creditor to the rest of the world on a large scale, and many of her debtors would be only too willing to follow her example if such a wealthy nation were to tread the path of default, he went on. If Great Britain chose to pay in gold she would give the United States a serious lesson, he argued, because this would imply that, given the present American tariff policy, payment was possible only in gold. This step would also emphasize more strongly than ever that continued payment of the war debts to the United States completely removes all prospects of an international gold standard system.

As to fear that payment in gold may weaken the gold reserves of the Bank of England, Professor Cassel said that the belief that a gold reserve formed the basis of value for sterling ought to have been abandoned when the pound went off gold. As the pound had become a paper currency its value depended on the British level of prices. The consequences of this must be that Great Britain would follow a sterling policy and seek to gain adherence for this among the other countries that had abandoned the gold standard.

Professor Cassel also expressed the belief that payment to America in gold would perhaps finally compel the use of some gold the United States had hoarded.

"We may then possibly witness the rise of prices in the United States for which we have waited so long, which will liberate all the productive forces now paralyzed by the curse of gold hunger," he declared.

British House of Lords Bars Bi-Metalism Move—Blocks Attempt to Put Issue Up to World Economic Conference—Increase in World's Money Seen as Small.

An attempt to get bimetalism placed in the forefront of the agenda of the World Economic Conference was resisted by government members in the British House of

Lords on Dec. 7, says a cablegram Dec. 7 from London to the New York "Times" which likewise reports:

While bimetalism might make some difference, it is argued, the increase in the world's monetary stock would be so small as not to be worth bothering about.

Earl Stanhope, Under-Secretary of State for War, in behalf of the Government, said it was not a shortage of gold in the world which had been the cause of the drop in commodity prices, but the maldistribution of gold.

"France and the United States hold about 60% of the world's supply of gold," he said, "and Belgium, Holland and Switzerland a further 10%. Even if we could get 1,000,000,000 ounces of silver out of China and India, we would add only £100,000,000 sterling to the £2,500,000,000 now existing at the present rate of two shillings an ounce.

"The annual output of silver is only 200,000,000 ounces, which, at present rates, means only £20,000,000 sterling. Therefore, if an agreement could be reached between the important nations to establish a ratio between silver and gold [20 to 1 was suggested] which would be adhered to, the only increase in our monetary stock would be £20,000,000 a year."

British Gold Shipments Not Made to Meet Debt, but to Build Up Depleted Balances Here.

Under date of Dec. 2, a wireless message from London to the New York "Times" said:

Coming when payment of the British debt installment in America seems a practical certainty, the shipment of a substantial amount of gold this week from London to New York (about £3,000,000) was for the moment regarded in many quarters as advance preparation for that payment. This, however, was not the case; the Treasury has officially denied that it is itself responsible in any way for the shipments. It is now known that they were made entirely on private account; that their purpose was to replace American balances which had been drawn upon heavily during the "dollar panic" earlier this year.

Further gold shipments of similar character are probable and, since they are being made from reserves already earmarked for account of foreign markets, they do not affect the gold holdings either of the Treasury or of the Bank of England. It would be mere guesswork to estimate exactly what reserves of gold and foreign currency are now held in the exchange equalization fund. It is believed, however, that the fund is still large enough, all told, to meet a very substantial part of the December debt payment in America.

For some time past there has been present in the bullion market what the market described as an "undisclosed buyer." Steady purchases of gold have been made for that account. During recent weeks arrivals of gold from Africa and India have been large, and the undisclosed buyer—generally assumed to be the Treasury—has frequently bid the slightly higher price for gold than the exchange market parity.

If market conjectures are correct, these gold purchases have taken the place of recent purchases of exchange for the equalization fund. Operations in the foreign exchange market in behalf of that fund are as a rule well concealed; but dealers in exchange have not lately been aware of any important operations of that nature which could be traced to the Treasury's fund. Since this inactivity in purchase of exchange occurred at the very time when the substantial gold purchases for undisclosed quarters were in progress, the inferences were obvious.

Premier Harrington of Nova Scotia Urges Advance in Gold Price—United Move Would Force United States into Line, He Holds.

The following from Montreal Dec. 6 is from the New York "Herald-Tribune."

Premier Harrington, of Nova Scotia, to-day outlined a plan to end the trade depression which would bring United States into line, he declared, within twenty-four hours, with other nations of the British empire. Answering the direct question, "What is the answer to the present problem of trade depression?" Mr. Harrington said:

"I would call the British nations together and propose to them that we co-operate and increase the price of gold. Let us say that we would make it worth, instead of 87s an ounce, 140s an ounce, and that we would agree to stabilize it among ourselves at that figure. That would stabilize trade at least among the people of the Empire. We could carry on commerce freely one with another.

"Would that scheme not be open to the objection that our interest commitments in New York would be practically doubled?"

"Undoubtedly. But to compensate we would be trading. Our people would be getting more employment. The way things are now we are losing out both ways. We owe money to a nation which resolutely refuses to take our goods in payment. On the other hand, the nations which might trade with us are prevented by the fact that our dollar is at too great a premium with respect to the pound. I say that we should at least move in one direction or the other, either to a complete gold standard or, if that is not practicable, to a basis which will enable us to trade with the other empire countries.

"If we were to make an ounce of gold worth \$35 instead of \$20.67 we would be starting something, and I do not think we would be long alone. The Scandinavian countries would come in directly, and I don't think the United States could hold out twenty-four hours against that combination."

Linking of Canada Dollar to English Pound Opposed by Delegates to Annual Meeting of Manitoba Pool Elevators.

Canadian Press advices from Winnipeg on Dec. 5 stated:

Delegates to the annual meeting of Manitoba Pool Elevators, Ltd., rejected a resolution asking for the linking of the Canadian dollar with the English pound so as to offset the "grave disadvantage which the farmer as an exporter suffers from the depreciation of the pound," a statement issued here to-day announced.

Canada Doubles Shipments of Gold Bullion to United States.

Canadian Press accounts from Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 3, stated: During the 12 months ending with October exports of gold bullion to the United States amounted to \$48,577,386, compared with \$23,219,466 in the

previous 12 months, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported to-day. Exports of Canadian gold coin were \$500, compared with \$920, and Canadian silver coin, \$92,842, compared with \$55.

In addition there was exported to the United States foreign gold coin to the value of \$10,771,629, compared with \$52,232,658 in the previous 12 months. It is assumed that virtually all of this was United States gold coinage. Foreign silver coin exported to the United States was valued at \$1,275,138, compared with \$18,099.

Importations of gold coin from the United States in the 12 months were \$964,369, compared with \$15,646,189 in the previous 12 months.

Statement of Bank for International Settlements for Nov. 30—Cash on Hand Totals 10,936,849.81 Swiss Gold Francs as Compared with 8,986,573.88 Oct. 31.

The following advices (Associated Press) dated Dec. 5 are from Basle, Switzerland:

Following is the balance statement of the Bank for International Settlements, giving its condition as of Nov. 30, as made public here to-day. Figures are in Swiss gold francs at par, 19.3 cents.

ASSETS.			
	November.	October.	
I. Cash on hand and on current account with banks	20,936,849.81	8,986,573.88	
II. Slight funds at interest	90,568,144.75	50,090,878.92	
III. Rediscountable bills and acceptances:			
1. Commercial bills and bankers acceptances	305,528,082.25	318,563,301.03	
2. Treasury bills	157,600,847.87	132,955,996.87	
Total	463,128,930.12	451,519,297.90	
IV. Time funds at interest not exceeding three months	235,845,975.87	232,400,163.40	
V. Sundry bills and investments:			
1. Maturing within three months:			
(a) Treasury bills	44,215,953.37	14,308,675.55	
(b) Sundry investments	59,266,466.10	71,173,297.27	
1. Between three and six months:			
(a) Treasury bills	7,254,800.25	36,100,035.18	
(b) Sundry investments	47,551,207.73	35,602,622.67	
3. Over six months	621,291.03	1,645,708.49	
Total	158,909,718.48	158,831,339.16	
VI. Other assets	8,361,088.26	8,033,750.22	
Total assets	967,750,707.29	909,832,003.48	
LIABILITIES.			
I. Paid-up capital	125,000,000.00	125,000,000.00	
II. Reserves:			
1. Legal reserve fund	1,318,467.03	1,318,467.03	
2. Dividend reserve fund	2,689,570.55	2,689,570.55	
3. General reserve fund	3,379,141.10	5,379,141.10	
Total	9,387,178.68	9,387,178.68	
III. Long-term deposits:			
1. Annuity trust account	153,768,617.50	153,768,617.50	
2. German Government deposit	76,834,308.75	76,834,308.75	
3. French Government guarantee fund	68,648,520.43	68,648,520.43	
Total	299,301,446.68	299,301,446.68	
IV. Short term and sight deposits:			
1. Central banks for their own accounts:			
(a) Not exceeding three months	24,402,767.77	67,494,378.97	
(b) Slight	492,288,305.85	32,213,882.77	
Total	476,691,073.62	419,708,261.74	
2. Central banks for the account of others:			
Slight	12,574,040.97	14,464,833.88	
3. Other depositors:			
(a) Not exceeding three months	6,243,141.38	6,273,480.57	
(b) Slight	140,760.49	166,153.49	
Total	6,383,901.87	6,439,634.06	
V. Miscellaneous items	38,413,065.47	35,530,648.44	
Total liabilities	967,750,707.29	909,832,003.48	

Canadian Banking System Praised by Sir Charles Gordon, Head of Bank of Montreal—Canada Among Few Nations Meeting All Obligations—Opposed to Currency Inflation.

Pointing out that Canada is among the few nations in the world promptly meeting every obligation, both internally and externally, speakers at the annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal, in Montreal on Dec. 5, expressed confidence in Canada and its future. At the same time the President, Sir Charles Gordon, declared heavy taxation was making business revival more difficult, and expressed the view that expenditures could be reduced if government were confined to what he described as its appropriate functions. He laid stress on the necessity for honest and efficient leadership in future rialway policy, naming it as Canada's most serious problem. Expressing stern opposition to currency inflation, Sir Charles said:

If there is one fact in finance more firmly fixed than another, it is the certainty that the unrestricted issue of paper currency culminates in disaster. I may point out, moreover, that we in Canada do not suffer from inadequate credit or inadequate currency. Trade has contracted in volume and value to a degree where much less currency and credit are required for its conduct. Our banks welcome borrowers to whom they can safely lend, and as trustees of depositors from whom their loaning resources are derived, banks ought not to lend on any other conditions.

So far as our banking system is concerned, it is well to remember that not a single depositor has had to wait for a moment to get his money from a Canadian bank during the past year, while tens of thousands of depositors in the United States have had to wait in line, only to be told finally that their bank had closed its doors. This fact is an argument that will appeal to most people.

There is no need of a central bank in Canada, Sir Charles declared. For all practical purposes such an agency already existed under the Finance Act, which for 18 years had admirably performed its purpose. Furthermore, he said, a monopoly on the note issues by the government would not increase by a single dollar the amount of currency in the hands of the public, unless the notes were irredeemable and recklessly omitted.

As to the outlook, he said there had been a decided turn for the better in the stock market since June, during which month it reached its lowest point, but he added:

While the general financial situation is easier, still we have not seen that improvement in general business or in railway our loadings which usually follows within a reasonable time. Nevertheless I think I can truthfully say that Canada has come through the extreme depression and difficulties better than any other country in a similar economic position. We have managed to keep well in the middle of the road and must continue to do so.

Touching upon the results of the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa, he said the agreements "open up to the countries concerned trading vistas of vast significance, and, as far as Canada is concerned, it is impossible not to believe that highly beneficial results will accrue. Sir Charles assured the shareholders that in spite of a difficult year the bank had managed to earn fair profits, to preserve a strong liquid position and to meet the legitimate requirements of its customers.

Comparative Figures of Condition of Canadian Banks.

In the following we compare the condition of the Canadian banks for Oct. 31 1932 with the figures for Sept. 30 1932 and Oct. 31 1931:

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE BANKS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

Assets.	Oct. 31 1932	Sept. 30 1932.	Oct. 31 1931
Current gold and subsidiary coin—			
In Canada	\$ 38,698,767	\$ 38,518,422	\$ 46,907,621
Elsewhere	16,331,956	16,960,836	23,041,972
Total	55,030,726	55,479,261	69,949,595
Dominion notes—			
In Canada	122,498,040	112,385,913	111,847,889
Elsewhere	10,119	10,196	12,092
Total	122,508,159	112,396,111	111,859,982
Notes of other banks	13,138,387	9,517,518	13,317,989
United States & other foreign currencies	18,258,007	16,899,296	14,633,593
Cheques on other banks	99,269,551	90,012,317	106,055,185
Loans to other banks in Canada, secured, including bills rediscounted			
Deposits made with and balance due from other banks in Canada	3,872,188	3,566,865	2,785,764
Due from banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom	13,506,959	13,936,989	5,954,759
Due from banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom	100,596,714	87,130,741	91,099,310
Dominion Government and Provincial Government securities	515,536,611	494,102,066	487,908,541
Canadian municipal securities and British, foreign and colonial public securities other than Canadian	159,630,442	152,166,403	148,573,831
Railway and other bonds, debts, & stocks Call and short (not exceeding 30 days) loans in Canada on stocks, debentures, bonds and other securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover	51,761,359	52,874,237	59,038,314
Elsewhere than in Canada	117,209,722	114,954,355	158,582,930
Other current loans & discounts in Canada	87,527,570	95,193,231	90,743,623
Elsewhere	1,017,746,959	1,003,044,855	1,140,734,029
Loans to the Government of Canada	159,039,913	158,984,914	188,942,677
Loans to Provincial Governments	34,282,187	22,193,954	38,343,852
Loans to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts	109,213,441	116,621,877	113,836,283
Non-current loans, estimated loss provided for	13,455,921	13,456,511	11,143,290
Real estate other than bank premises	7,610,203	7,519,487	6,271,121
Mortgages on real estate sold by bank	6,549,360	6,284,693	6,347,220
Bank premises at not more than cost, less amounts (if any) written off	79,586,569	79,924,670	79,546,742
Liabilities of customers under letters of credit as per contra	47,275,804	48,266,924	61,778,607
Deposits with the Minister of Finance for the security of note circulation	6,597,825	6,594,208	6,814,809
Deposit in the central gold reserves	21,381,732	23,081,732	26,730,866
Shares of and loans to controlled cos.	13,040,088	13,150,936	14,468,660
Other assets not included under the foregoing heads	1,559,288	1,489,931	1,835,695
Total assets	2,875,155,781	2,798,935,182	3,057,297,300
Liabilities.			
Notes in circulation	133,027,105	133,241,528	152,928,936
Balance due to Dominion Govt. after deducting adv. for credits, pay-lists, &c.	44,757,798	15,898,370	39,794,471
Advances under the Finance Act	27,500,000	23,000,000	24,500,000
Balance due to Provincial Governments	40,699,075	31,867,029	25,789,500
Deposits by the public, payable on demand in Canada	493,284,841	480,662,806	580,592,700
Deposits by the public payable after notice of or a fixed day in Canada	1,370,553,538	1,359,389,475	1,462,308,101
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada	324,510,561	307,144,396	301,950,691
Loans from other banks in Canada, secured, including bills rediscounted			
Deposits made by and balances due to other banks in Canada	11,292,090	14,214,283	10,222,810
Due to banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom	4,539,904	4,848,818	3,935,465
Elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom	46,523,375	48,909,942	56,795,040
Bills payable	1,220,360	1,554,600	4,476,484
Letters of credit outstanding	47,275,804	48,266,924	61,778,607
Liabilities not incl. under foregoing heads	2,128,548	2,165,764	2,765,871
Dividends declared and unpaid	1,157,432	720,174	1,347,931
Reserve fund	162,000,000	162,000,000	162,000,000
Capital paid up	144,500,000	144,500,000	144,500,000
Total liabilities	2,854,970,569	2,778,384,155	3,035,686,654

Note.—Owing to the omission of the cents in the official reports, the footings in the above do not exactly agree with the totals given.

Director of Bank for International Settlements Urges Economic Tribunal—Would Give Body Power to Enforce Decisions.

As one of the measures to be taken at the world economic conference, Pierre Quesnay, managing director of the Bank for International Settlements, in a lecture at the Sorbonne School of Peace at Paris on Dec. 5, suggested the creation

of an International Arbitral Board having supreme power to enforce its decisions on certain financial and economic questions. From a cablegram Dec. 5 to the New York "Times" we also quote:

M. Quesnay contended the present crisis was a consequence of international anarchy and that no country alone could enforce measures for recovery.

Among the measures urgently needed, he declared, were the re-establishment of the gold standard and relief from the burden of intergovernmental debts.

United States In New Note to France Fails to Regard As Necessary Postponement of Dec. 15 Instalment on Debt.

The United States, in its latest communication to the French Government on the debt issue, has advised the last named Government that it "has not been able to reach the conclusion that a postponement of the Dec. 15 payment from the French Government to the United States is necessary because of its effect on the problem of recovery." The note of the United States (which is in answer to the note from France referred to in our issue of Dec. 3, page 3776) was handed to Ambassador Claudel on Dec. 8 by Secretary of State Stimson, and was made public yesterday. In it Secretary Stimson says, "the President of the United States is prepared through whatever agency may seem appropriate to co-operate with the French Government in surveying the entire situation and in considering what means may be taken to bring about the restoration of stable currencies and exchange, the revival of trade and the recovery of prices." The concluding paragraph of the note states that "I trust that the French Government will appreciate the importance of making the Dec. 15 payment . . . thereby . . . bringing about a more favorable situation for any examination of the problems between our two Governments." The note follows:

Excellency:

My Government has considered with the greatest care the note of Dec. 1 1932, from the French Government, in which it has set forth at length the reasons it advances for a reconsideration of the whole question of intergovernmental war debts, and for the postponement of the payment due by the French Government to the Government of the United States on Dec. 15, next.

Whatever part debt payments may have played in the economic history of the post-war years, it is clear that in the present conditions of world-wide depression, accompanied by a sweeping fall of prices, their weight has greatly increased, and that they have a very definite relationship to the problem of recovery in which both the French and the American people have so vital an interest.

The President of the United States is prepared, through whatever agency may seem appropriate, to co-operate with the French Government in surveying the entire situation and in considering what means may be taken to bring about the restoration of stable currencies and exchange, the revival of trade and the recovery of prices.

I believe that there are important avenues of mutual advantage which should be thoroughly explored. Such an examination does not imply cancellation. In such an examination there would necessarily be consideration of other forms of tangible compensation available for the expansion of markets for products of American agriculture and labor. And you will understand that the problem of foreign debts has in the American mind very definite relationship with the problem of disarmament and the continued burden which competitive armament places upon the entire world.

My Government, however, has not been able to reach the conclusion that a postponement of the Dec. 15 payment from the French Government to the United States is necessary because of its effect on the problem of recovery. Although we recognize the serious budgetary difficulties which the French Government, in common with all other Governments, is now facing, the sum involved in this case and the transfer thereof would hardly seem to my Government to be of disturbing weight or difficulty in respect to world economy or the re-establishment of prosperity.

The maintenance of these agreements in their operation pending due opportunity for analysis of all matters bearing upon your request for revision and its consideration by the American Congress and people still appears to us to outweigh any reasons presented for a delay.

I appreciate the significance of your explanation with respect to the gold inflowing into France. The existence of these French gold holdings, however, does appear relevant to the present problem of meeting the immediate difficulties of transfer, with special reference to the Dec. 15 payment.

In view of the position which I feel my Government must take, I trust that the French Government will appreciate the importance of making the Dec. 15 payment in accordance with its terms and thereby, in my judgment, bringing about a more favorable situation for any subsequent examination of the problem between our two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

HENRY L. STIMSON.

Answer of United States to Great Britain's Second Note on Debts Indicates Willingness to Survey Entire Situation in Co-operation with British Government—Expresses Belief Congress Will Consider Suggestions to Facilitate Dec. 15 Payment in View of Transfer Difficulties—Points Out Debts Include After-War Credits.

In the latest message of the United States to Great Britain respecting the former's stand on the debts owed to this country, the British Government is advised that the President "is prepared, through whatever agency may seem appropriate, in co-operation with the British

Government, to survey the entire situation and to consider what means may be taken to bring about the restoration of stable currencies and exchange, the revival of trade, and the recovery of prices." "Such an examination," says the note of the United States Government, "does not imply cancellation. In such an examination there would necessarily be consideration of other forms of tangible compensation available for the expansion of markets for products of American agriculture and labor."

The note points out that "it does not seem accurate . . . to treat all of what are termed in the United States 'war debts' as representing sums devoted in their entirety to expenditures on destruction and totally unproductive in so far as the borrowing Governments are concerned." It is added:

The United States Government in reaching the settlements with its debtors has combined loans made during the war period and loans made after the armistice, including commercial credits, funding all in the debt agreements.

It is our understanding that a different practice has prevailed in Europe. The figures cited in the note of the British Government covering advances made by the United States of America and advances made by the United Kingdom, as well as receipts to date on these advances, are not therefore strictly comparable.

Stating that "the note of the British Government also seems to us to over-emphasize the influence which war debt payments may have had in the past on world economy," the reply of the United States further said in part:

In general, it is our view that the causes of this depression lie in much more potent forces than these debt transactions.

Furthermore, in its inferences as to the difficulties of payment, the British Government treats merely some of the items of the balance of payments, leaving out of account service items.

It may be pointed out that the expenditures of American tourists in foreign lands during the period 1924 to 1930 have totaled approximately \$3,900,000,000, and that during that period immigrant remittances have aggregated net \$1,495,000,000.

This is in comparison to the total receipts of \$1,673,000,000 on account of debt settlements during the same period.

The argument that the payment of these debts to the United States has drained the gold reserve of other countries to the United States does not seem to us borne out by actual experience.

The gold holdings of the United States at the time these payments upon debts began were about \$4,028,000,000, and they stand now at about \$4,338,000,000.

The main fault in the distribution of gold supplies seems to us to have occurred as between the different countries of Europe, as the gold supplies of Europe increased from about \$3,018,000,000 on Jan. 1 1924 to about \$6,963,000,000 at present; the distribution of which as between the countries of Europe cannot be attributed to forces originating in the United States.

In 1923, when the British Government sent a mission to settle the debt of Great Britain to the United States, the United States Treasury held demand obligations of Great Britain calling for interest at the rate of 5%.

As a result of the negotiations these obligations were refunded on an interest basis of 3½%, which was a lower rate of interest than the credit of either country at that time commanded.

The United States, in indicating its expectation that Great Britain will meet its Dec. 15 instalment on its debt, expresses its appreciation of "the cogency of the difficulties which you present as to the transfer of these moneys in the present state of foreign exchanges." "Recognizing these difficulties of effecting transfer," says the United States, "I am confident that the Congress will be willing to consider any reasonable suggestion made by your Government which will facilitate payment of the sum due on Dec. 15."

The note, dated Dec. 7, and signed by Secretary of State Stimson, was delivered on that date to Sir Ronald Lindsay, the British Ambassador, for transmission to London. It was made public at Washington on Dec. 8 as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Washington, Dec. 7 1932.

Excellency.—My Government has considered with the greatest care the note of Dec. 1 1932 from the British Government in which it has set forth at length the reasons which it advances for a reconsideration of the whole question of intergovernmental war debts, and for the postponement of the payment due by the British Government to the Government of the United States on Dec. 15 next.

Whatever part debt payments may have played in the economic history of the post-war years, it is clear that in the present conditions of world-wide depression, accompanied by a sweeping fall of prices, their weight has greatly increased, and that they have a very definite relationship to the problem of recovery, in which both the British and the American people have so vital an interest.

The President of the United States is prepared, through whatever agency may seem appropriate, in co-operation with the British Government, to survey the entire situation and to consider what means may be taken to bring about the restoration of stable currencies and exchange, the revival of trade, and the recovery of prices.

I welcome the suggestion contained in the note of your Government of a close examination between the United States and Great Britain of the whole subject in preparation for the International Economic Conference, for I believe that there are important avenues of mutual advantage which should be thoroughly explored.

Such an examination does not imply cancellation. In such an examination there would necessarily be consideration of other forms of tangible compensation available for the expansion of markets for products of American agriculture and labor.

And you will understand that the problem of foreign debts has in the American mind very definite relationship with the problem of disarmament and the continued burden which competitive armament imposes upon the entire world.

In order that you may understand more fully the attitude of the American people, I feel that I should refer briefly to certain implications in your note as to which the facts are viewed by our people differently from the understanding set forth by you.

Your note seems to carry the thought that the loans made by the United States Government represent in their entirety expenditures on destruction; that the payments heretofore made to the United States have been largely responsible for the existing world depression and the concentration of a large amount of gold in the United States; and that complete cancellation of war debts, as indicated in the Balfour note, is essential to world recovery. We cannot agree with these conclusions.

Debts Include After-War Loans.

Many of the loans made before the armistice and substantially all the loans made after the armistice were not for destruction.

Of the amount expended in the United States by our debtors after we entered the war, both before and after the armistice, most of which was borrowed from the United States Government on war and relief loans, less than a third was spent for munitions and remounts.

Very large amounts were spent for food, tobacco, &c., for cotton and exchange, for relief and surplus supplies sold on credit, for repayments of commercial loans and for interest.

Much of the food, tobacco, cotton, relief and other supplies sold on credit were resold by the Governments for use of their own civilian population. In certain cases these supplies were actually resold and the funds turned into the treasury of the debtor Governments.

The amounts used to purchase exchange were in reality loans by the United States to the allied countries which were no doubt expended by them in part at least in countries other than the United States; they served to maintain the value of allied currencies.

Some of the loans made after the armistice were vital to the recovery, and indeed, to the very existence of the borrowing nations.

It does not seem accurate, therefore, to treat all of what are termed in the United States "war debts" as representing sums devoted in their entirety to expenditures on destruction and totally unproductive in so far as the borrowing Governments are concerned.

The United States Government in reaching the settlement with its debtors has combined loans made during the war period and loans made after the armistice, including commercial credits, funding all in the debt agreements.

It is our understanding that a different practice has prevailed in Europe. The figures cited in the note of the British Government covering advances made by the United States of America and advances made by the United Kingdom, as well as receipts to date on these advances, are not therefore strictly comparable.

The note of the British Government also seems to us to over-emphasize the influence which war debt payments may have had in the past on world economy.

With various observations and figures presented by the British Government in that regard the American Government is not in accord, but it does not desire to enter into detailed discussion in the face of the larger immediate issues.

Debts "Relatively Minor Item."

In general it is our view that the causes of this depression lie in much more potent forces than these debt transactions. We notice that similar conclusions have been indicated in the careful study published by the League of Nations entitled "The Course and Phases of the World Economic Depression."

Furthermore, in its inferences as to the difficulties of payment, the British Government treats merely some of the items of the balance of payments leaving out of account service items.

It may be pointed out that the expenditures of American tourists in foreign lands during the period 1924 to 1930 have totaled approximately \$3,900,000,000, and that during that period immigrant remittances have aggregated net \$1,495,000,000.

This is in comparison to the total receipts of \$1,673,000,000 on account of debt settlements during the same period.

Again in measuring the transfer question, account must be taken not only of trade directly with the United States but of the whole area of international dealings. In the total of receipts and outgo arising from the international transactions of both our debtors and ourselves debt payments have been a relatively minor item.

Distribution of Gold.

The argument that the payment of these debts to the United States has drained the gold reserve of other countries to the United States does not seem to us borne out by actual experience.

The gold holdings of the United States at the time these payments upon debts began were about \$4,028,000,000, and they stand now at about \$4,338,000,000. It is true that our gold supply has at times exceeded this sum, but this extra gold was demonstrably temporary deposits by other nations not related to debt payments.

The main fault in the distribution of gold supplies seems to us to have occurred as between the different countries of Europe, as the gold supplies of Europe increased from about \$3,018,000,000 on Jan. 1 1924 to about \$6,963,000,000 at present; the distribution of which as between the countries of Europe cannot be attributed to forces originating in the United States.

Proceedings at Lausanne.

I feel I must also call attention to the misunderstanding which might arise from the following statement in your note:

"The initiative in devising settlement of reparations was taken by the creditor governments of Germany at Lausanne with the cognizance and approval of the United States Government."

The facts in this connection were more accurately set out in a statement issued by the British Treasury on July 14 last:

"Misunderstanding has arisen regarding Mr. Chamberlain's reference in his speech to the House of Commons on Monday, referring to conversations with representatives of the United States.

"He did not suggest, and, of course, had no intention of suggesting, that representatives of the United States had approved, either tacitly or explicitly, what was done at Lausanne. The proceedings there were throughout on the basis that the course was to seek European solution of reparations without involving the United States in the discussion."

Refunding of Debt at 3 3/4%.

In 1923, when the British Government sent a mission to settle the debt of Great Britain to the United States, the United States Treasury held demand obligations of Great Britain calling for interest at the rate of 5%.

As a result of the negotiations these obligations were refunded on an interest basis of 3 3/4%, which was a lower rate of interest than the credit of either country at that time commanded.

The policy adopted by the United States in its settlement was stated by the Debt Funding Commission:

"The Commission in its settlement with Great Britain, made on June 19 1923, and in subsequent negotiations or settlements has adhered to the principle that the adjustments made with each Government must be measured by the ability of the particular government to put aside and transfer

to the United States the payments called for under the funding agreement.

"Nor does the principle of capacity to pay require the foreign debtor to pay to the full limit of its present or future capacity.

"It must be permitted to preserve and improve its economic position to bring its budget into balance, and to place its finances and currency on a sound basis, and to maintain and, if possible, to improve the standard of living of its citizens.

"No settlement which is oppressive and retards the recovery and development of the foreign debtor is to the best interests of the United States or of Europe."

The representatives of no country have set their hands to any agreement which they believed at the time did not fulfill this policy.

While it seems desirable to state these facts from the standpoint of historical accuracy and as necessary to explain the point of view of the American people toward these obligations, the real question raised by the British note is how can the problems which arise from the existence of these obligations best be dealt with under the conditions in the world to-day.

December 15 Payment.

As to the payment due on Dec. 15, I appreciate the cogency of the difficulties which you present as to the transfer of these moneys in the present state of foreign exchange.

In an endeavor to meet this situation, it already has been suggested to you that the President might be willing to recommend to the Congress the acceptance of deposits in sterling in England, to be guaranteed as to dollar value and transferred at such time as would not interfere with the stability of exchange.

This, I understand, your Government has declined in the belief that the existence of a large sum of sterling awaiting transfer would affect the exchange markets almost as seriously as the actual purchase of exchange.

Accordingly, further informal suggestions have been made to your Government of methods of minimizing these difficulties which it has not been able to find acceptable.

Recognizing these difficulties of effecting transfer, I am confident that the Congress will be willing to consider any reasonable suggestion made by your Government which will facilitate payment of the sum due on Dec. 15.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration

HENRY L. STIMSON.

His Excellency, the Honorable Sir Ronald Lindsay, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., C.V.O., British Ambassador.

Committee on Foreign Affairs in French Chamber Votes to Pay Interest on Debt—Committee on Finance Votes Against It.

Associated Press advices from Paris yesterday (Dec. 9) published in the New York "Sun" said:

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Deputies voted tonight to pay the \$20,000,000 war debt interest due the United States Dec. 15. Certain conditions were attached to the approval, which was voted 21 to 3.

The Chamber's Committee on Finance, however, voted against making the December payment. Five members favored paying the installment, 26 were opposed to it and 9 abstained. The vote was taken after a long discussion.

Premier Herriot, appearing before the Senate Foreign Affairs and Finance committees, advocated payment of the December interest with reservations. He did this, however, without definitely announcing the Government's decision in the matter, which will be made final at a council of Ministers on Monday and will be submitted to Parliament for approval.

Great Britain and France Unite for Debt Revision—Said to Plan to Scrap Lausanne Pact and Charge Washington with Responsibility For Future Happenings if United States Refuses Adjustment—Both Likely to Pay December 15.

In a Paris wireless message it was stated that united action by Britain and France to obtain complete revision of their war debt agreements became assured on Dec. 8 as the result of conversations held by Premier Edouard Herriot with Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald and Chancellor of the Exchequer Neville Chamberlain. The "Times" account from Paris (Dec. 8) went on to say:

If they fail in this effort they will throw away the Lausanne agreement settling German reparations and will put the blame for all that happens afterwards on the United States.

It was firmly emphasized that while each country remains free to decide whether it will make the payment to the United States due this month, in the future neither will accept terms of settlement with their creditor which are not acceptable to the other.

Dec. 15 Payment Expected.

It is considered almost certain, however, that M. Herriot, as the result of the conversations, will recommend to the Chamber of Deputies the payment to the United States of the Dec. 15 debt instalment, conditioned by a promise that no other payment will be made until there has been a general revision of the whole debt question, taking the Lausanne agreement into account, and in the event of failure to obtain such a general revision, to make no payment until after a new and effective arrangement has been made with Germany to take the place of the discarded Lausanne agreement.

Only the briefest and most non-committal communique was issued after the meeting of the British and French statesmen. It recounted how representatives of each of the Governments had expounded the state of public opinion in his country and had then "considered their position in regard to the Lausanne agreements and they have examined the difficulties arising out of the payments due Dec. 15.

"While reserving their independence of action in dealing with this matter," the communique continues, "they have affirmed their common determination to continue to act in order to obtain international co-operation in the measures calculated to promote the economic restoration of the world."

There are two very definite statements in that communique. The first is that the two governments could not agree as to whether to act jointly with respect to the Dec. 15 payment. The reason for that is very apparent. Mr. MacDonald is reported to have told the French Premier that British opinion demanded the payment should be made.

Official confirmation of this statement, as flat and unconditional, is not forthcoming, but the manner in which the conversation is reported permits that interpretation.

Herriot Unable to Promise.

M. Herriot, on the other hand, could make no promise. He was willing to go so far as to say he would do his utmost to assure common action but he could not answer for the French Chamber of Deputies and Senate.

Regarding the future, however, the two Premiers and their Finance Ministers were able to agree. They exchanged mutual assurances that they would adhere to the "gentlemen's agreement" made at Lausanne, not only in so far as it applied to the non-ratification of the Lausanne agreement, but with regard to the more important part that they would accept no individual settlements with the United States which were not acceptable to all debtors.

While in British circles there was considerable reserve regarding promises made on this account, a Foreign Office spokesman during the afternoon described the situation in these words:

"The heads of the two Governments agreed on the necessity of doing nothing which might compromise the Franco-British entente. It was for that reason that the London Cabinet refused favorable treatment which was offered for the payment due Dec. 15."

Later in the Chamber M. Herriot said:

"I wish on this occasion to say how magnificent in this negotiation, as in many others, has been the loyalty of Great Britain toward France."

MacDonald Gives Views.

To-day's conversations lasted from 10 A. M. until 2:30 P. M. Mr. MacDonald gave the first full account of the British attitude, emphasizing the dislike of the British people for default and their equal dislike of being perhaps forced to go back on the Lausanne agreement, which was regarded as a great step forward toward better political and business relations. He contended their conversations concerned two separate matters, the December payment and future payments.

Mr. MacDonald emphasized that Europe had done its part to restore world trade. He said Britain was willing to pay now in the hope that a few months hence the United States would realize that the reasons invoked by President Hoover when he proposed his moratorium are more valid than ever.

M. Herriot admitted he had little hope of being able to get the French Parliament to approve payment. He said Deputies were clamoring for an immediate debate. He could make no promise of co-operation in payment. It is believed M. Herriot promised that if Britain's payment adversely affected sterling France would give every possible help to sustain the pound.

He agreed with Mr. MacDonald that there must be constant co-operative action between the two governments to realize the policy begun at Lausanne and if the United States persisted in refusing to discuss revision the Lausanne agreement would end.

"Every one in that case," M. Herriot is reported to have said, "will be obliged to take his liberty of action. We will go back to the position as it was before the Hoover moratorium and Lausanne. And if we go back, how tragic may be the consequences."

Mr. Chamberlain left for London at 5 o'clock, and Mr. MacDonald return to Geneva by the evening train.

Chambers Debate Delayed.

When at the end of the conversations M. Herriot indicated he wished the debts debate to be adjourned until Monday there was a flurry of excitement in the chamber. M. Herriot stressed that the Washington note was on the way and urged that the Chamber wait for fuller information.

Stresses Importance of Debate.

The Premier said another Cabinet meeting would be held to-morrow to consider the issue. In "an affair like this, of utmost importance to the country for generations to come," he demanded time to reflect. When the debate did take place, he said he would take care to introduce no element of interior politics.

"I shall seek," he said, "to raise it to the height of a discussion in which the future of the country is at stake. The country would not pardon a government so light-minded, so little master of itself as to open a debate as grave as this without having taken into account all the elements involved."

The Chamber, after this appeal, agreed to postponement of the debate to Monday.

Ambassador Mellon Discusses War Debt With Stanley Baldwin Acting Prime Minister of Great Britain—London Denies a "Threat"—Informal Assurance to Washington Planned to Allay Fears of Tariff War, Hinted in Press.

The following from London Dec. 3 is from the New York "Times":

Ambassador Mellon visited Downing Street this morning in connection with the debt situation and spent a half-hour with Stanley Baldwin, who is acting as Prime Minister during Prime Minister MacDonald's absence in Geneva.

There is reason to believe this was the "matter of great importance" which Mr. Baldwin mentioned in a speech at Sunderland last night which caused him to hurry back to London instead of spending the week-end in Scotland. Although the utmost secrecy was maintained on both sides, it is understood the Ambassador's visit followed the receipt of a communication from Washington regarding the British note on debts.

It is believed here that Mr. Mellon transmitted some question to the British Government in behalf of President Hoover and then forwarded the answer to guide the President in his message to Congress Monday.

Baldwin Consults Advisers.

Certainly there was nothing perfunctory in to-day's talk between the two men who negotiated the original British debt settlement ten years ago, the one as Secretary of the Treasury of the United States and the other as Chancellor of the Exchequer of Great Britain. Before Mr. Mellon arrived to-day, Mr. Baldwin consulted a number of treasury and Foreign Office officials. Sir Maurice Hankey, Secretary to the Privy Council, remained at 10 Downing Street while the Ambassador was there. The British Government does not expect an answer to its recent debt note until after Mr. Hoover has submitted the document to Congress. For the moment, the British are content to watch the effect of their note on American opinion and to await whatever recommendations the President may make to Congress Monday.

There can be no doubt the British are disappointed with the reception of their note not only by individual Congressmen, but by many newspapers in the United States. In particular, the British Government is unhappy at the fact that the Americans are interpreting one passage of the British note as a threat of tariff reprisals. This "misinterpretation" is troubling officials so much that informal assurances are likely to be given to the Washington administration next week.

In the British view there is not the slightest justification for the use of the word "threat" in describing the British note. The British Government deems the situation far too grave even to consider the possibility of making a "threat" to force American action.

"No Thought" of a Threat.

It was stated to-day that when the British note was drafted there was not the faintest thought of a "threat," but only of the measures which might be necessary to balance the British exports and imports in case the Dec. 15 payment was made.

Nevertheless, British newspapers continue to warn that American exports will be endangered if Congress insists on Great Britain paying.

"Not again," The Observer warns, "shall we comply with a legality that blindly holds every human interest in despite."

Desire to Maintain Lausanne Accord Indicated in Franco-British Communique Issued in Paris.

From the New York "Times" we take the following (Associated Press) from Paris Dec. 8:

An official communique issued to-day after the meeting between Prime Minister MacDonald and Premier Herriot said:

The two Governments have explained to one another the state of public feeling in Great Britain and in France. In a very exhaustive exchange of views they have considered their position in regard to the Lausanne agreements, and they have examined the difficulties arising out of the payments due Dec. 15.

While reserving their independence of action in dealing with this matter, they have affirmed their common determination to continue to act in order to obtain international co-operation in the measures calculated to promote the economic restoration of the world.

An official British spokesman interpreted this communique as expressing the desire of Britain and France to maintain the Lausanne agreements, under which German reparations were virtually eliminated. So long as the Lausanne agreements are maintained, the spokesman said, the situation with reference to France's war debt to Britain will be unchanged. Premier Herriot was represented as being pleased at this result, as it meant that France would not have to make any payments to Britain before the two nations had made a final agreement with the United States.

The same paper also reported the following (Associated Press) from London Dec. 8:

Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in an interview to-night was asked whether the French and British statesmen had decided to maintain the Lausanne agreement.

"The Lausanne agreements provided that they should remain intact until ratified or renounced," Mr. Chamberlain replied.

He was then asked if there were any question of renouncing them.

"Not unless a satisfactory agreement is not made with the United States," he replied.

Mr. Chamberlain was then asked if this meant a satisfactory final settlement or that the Lausanne accords would be renounced if the Dec. 15 payments had to be made.

"It means a final satisfactory settlement," he answered. "The agreements will continue in force irrespective of whether the December payments are made or not."

Note from Belgium to U. S. Further Appealing for Suspension of Debt Payment.

On Dec. 7 a note from the Belgium Government from its Ambassador at Washington, Paul May, was presented to Secretary of State Stimson, in which it is declared that "Belgium would be exposed to grave dangers if she were asked to resume [debt] payments, the suspension of which was considered imperative a year ago." The present note from Belgium is in answer to the one from the United States, the text of which was given in our issue of Dec. 3 (page 3777) and in which Belgium was advised that the President is without authority to grant a suspension of the Dec. 15 debt payment. The letter at the same time indicated that "the President is prepared to recommend to Congress that it constitute . . . an agency to examine the whole subject," of inter-governmental debts. According to the new Belgium note, "the obligation to make the payment due the United States would add a new sacrifice to the loss which the Belgium Treasury already suffered as a result of the moratorium of last year and would raise the total sacrifice which would be required of her to nearly one billion francs. The Belgium Government is not unaware that in the opinion of the United States Government, the problem of war debts is distinct from that of reparations. But it does not see how, if Belgium is to pay her inter-governmental debts, she can avoid turning to her own debtor [Germany], claiming from the latter the payment of the sums due her. The note from Belgium follows:

I. The Belgium Government has been pleased to note that the Government of the United States is disposed to take into consideration the proposal to submit the question of the settlement of the inter-governmental debts to a re-examination. On the other hand, with respect to the suggestion for extending the suspension of the payments due to the United States during this examination, the Government of the United States has observed that no new fact has been brought to its knowledge which might be submitted to Congress in justification of this suggestion. The Belgium Government accordingly believes that it is meeting the desire of the Government of the United States in setting forth its views on this subject.

II. Belgium cannot refrain from recalling in the first place her special situation. Her restoration was one of the 14 points laid down by President Wilson, and it was unanimously accepted by all the belligerents as one of the necessary bases of peace. From this fact she acquired a moral right which she desires hereby to reaffirm. The Belgium Government nevertheless found itself constrained to take account of economic realities. In view of these realities, it consented to the moratorium proposed by the President of the United States in June 1931, and adhered to the Lausanne agreements. These economic realities have been au-

thoritatively set forth by the experts of all countries who have made clear that debtors can, in the long run, meet their obligations with respect to foreign countries only by the exportation of goods or by services.

Obstacles in Way of Exchange.

The present paralysis of the money market hardly permits any other form of payment. But the obstacles in the way of exchange have increased and have resulted in the throttling of exportation. No country has suffered more in this respect than Belgium, whose national economy is principally based on international trade. She has continued to adhere to one of the most liberal tariff policies now in effect and for years she has continued to strive against excessive protectionism. Furthermore, after the failure of the attempts to organize international action to this end, she recently took the initiative in concluding a convention with other States open to the adherence of all countries with a view to the progressive lowering of customs barriers. The American Government was good enough to express the sympathetic interest with which it followed this move. The Belgian Government is, therefore, in no wise responsible for the present paralysis of international commerce and it feels that it has done everything in its power to prevent it.

III. The depression made evident that the transfers necessary for the payment of the inter-governmental debts threatened to throw the balance of payments still further out of adjustment and to aggravate the disorganization in which the world is engulfed. In the hope of contributing thereby to economic recovery the Belgian Government therefore accepted the moratorium which the Government of the United States proposed in June 1931. It abandoned temporarily, in a spirit of international solidarity, a claim which the country considered as sacred, notwithstanding the fact the consequences were certain to fall particularly heavily on Belgium. Before this, at the conferences of London in 1924 and at The Hague in 1929 and 1930, Belgium had, in the same spirit, through her adherence to the Dawes Plan and to the Young Plan, accepted appreciable reductions in reparations.

The payments which were due to Belgium from Germany and of which she was deprived by the moratorium of 1931 amounted to nearly a billion francs, or about 10% of the total budget of Belgium. This was, however, partially compensated for by the fact that, at the same time, Belgium was relieved of the obligation of paying the annuities due from her to the Government of the United States and to the British Government. Nevertheless, the net loss of which the Belgian Treasury was thus deprived remained high, amounting to almost 500,000,000 francs.

IV. During the conference which met at Lausanne in the month of June last—the purpose of which was to seek by united action the final settlement of the financial problems bequeathed by the war, and to obviate the dangers which more and more menace the world—Belgium agreed to extend the suspension of the German reparations payments. In line with the proposal which the President of the United States had made the year before, it was her understanding that this suspension was to be extended to all the inter-governmental debts and was in no case to involve for Belgium more onerous conditions than those which the moratorium of the preceding year had entailed.

This understanding was based on the fact that since the month of June 1931, the economic and financial situation had become more and more disturbing and that consequently the measures which had seemed necessary at the time were, a fortiori, necessary under present conditions. These measures were in conformity with the conclusion submitted by the consultative committee which met at Basle in December 1931, they were in harmony with the suggestions expressed after the interview between the President of the United States and M. Laval in October of that year.

V. The obligation to make the payments due the United States would add a new sacrifice to the loss which the Belgian Treasury already suffered as a result of the moratorium of last year and would raise the total sacrifice which would be required of her to nearly one billion francs. The Belgian Government is not unaware that, in the opinion of the United States Government, the problem of war debts is distinct from that of reparations. But it does not see how, if Belgium is to pay her inter-governmental debts, she can avoid turning to her own debtor, claiming from the latter the payment of the sums due her.

This action would lead to new international complications. In the last analysis it would make it evident that while, on the one hand, it is impossible to bring about the transfer of the funds necessary for the payment of the inter-governmental debts without causing dangerous economic and political complications, it is, on the other hand, impossible to raise internally in Belgium the sums needed for the payment without dangerously increasing the disequilibrium of the budget and the difficulties of the Treasury.

The Belgium Government has already emphasized how deeply the depression has affected the economic life of the nation by paralyzing international trade. Unemployment has increased alarmingly, affecting approximately 40% of the registered laboring population. As a result expenditures for relief have increased, while the receipts of the Treasury have markedly declined. The deficit in the budget has increased considerably during the past two years, notwithstanding stringent measures of economy.

The Belgium Government desires at this point to recall to mind that it did not hesitate to support the proposals made in July by the President of the United States in regard to the reduction of armaments. To cover the deficit, Belgium has had to resort to borrowing, both at home and abroad. New loans for large amounts will be necessary. Belgium could not resume service on her inter-governmental debts by her own resources and would be obliged to appeal to foreign credit. But that would be merely to substitute one creditor for another; and, moreover, the possibilities for a small country to borrow under present conditions are limited.

The Belgium Government is convinced that a careful examination of the situation—for which it is prepared to furnish all necessary information—would show that the depression, by occasioning the collapse of its own debtors, has brought it face to face with serious difficulties and that Belgium would be exposed to grave dangers if she were asked to resume payments, the suspension of which was considered imperative a year ago.

BELGIUM EMBASSY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6 1932.

New Note from Czechoslovakia to United States Reviews Request for Suspension of Dec. 15 Payment on War Debt—Warns of Trade Restrictions in the Event of Refusal.

A new note from Czechoslovakia renewing its request for a suspension of the payment due Dec. 15 on its war debt to the United States was made public at Washington on Dec. 5. The earlier note from Czechoslovakia was referred to in

our issue of Nov. 26, page 3614, and the reply thereto by the United States, indicating that the President is without authority to suspend the payment, was given in our issue of Dec. 3, page 3778. In again addressing the United States, the Government of Czechoslovakia states that that Government "bound herself to repay her original indebtedness of \$91,879,671.03 in the funded sum of \$185,071,023.07 at a time when the favorable trade balance of Czechoslovakia amounted to approximately \$76,000,000, which in this period of expansion of foreign trade did not represent an intolerable burden, as it certainly does to-day when our trade balance became adverse during the first nine months of the current year." "If this request of postponement be not granted," says the note, "the tendency to restrict importation will fatally, spontaneously and immediately be imposed on nations importing from the United States in order to correct and counteract the menacing adverse trade balance, and in this vicious circle the volume of international trade will be again diminished, creating further unemployment, which is the most distressing and ominous phenomenon of the present crisis, and the way to recovery, both economically and psychologically, will be automatically barred." The following is the full text of the note:

The Czechoslovak Government gratefully appreciates that the Government of the United States is not on principle unsympathetic to the idea of re-examination of the debt problem and is at the same time seeking practical ways and means for the carrying out of this rearrangement.

The Czechoslovak Government welcomes also the suggestion implied in the note of Nov. 26 1932, to submit additional facts and reflections which in its opinion tend to corroborate the request for the suspension of the payment due on Dec. 15 1932.

The Czechoslovak Government desires to stress at the beginning that Czechoslovakia has always considered it as her duty to fulfill and meet all her obligations in the fullest measure and without hesitation, and that the present request does not cast the slightest doubt on the legality and validity of the existing agreement.

In the same spirit, Czechoslovakia, guided and moved by gratitude toward the American nation, which came first after the great war to her aid and assistance, immediately and without bargaining accepted and bound herself in the debt settlement of 1925 to pay fully without any reductions or alleviations both the principal and interest as the terms of the settlement were laid before her by the World War Foreign Debt Commission.

Czechoslovakia accepted also to pay the highest interest of all the debtor nations. From the time of the contracting of the debt, Czechoslovakia continued to meet her obligations in gold, although the sums lent to her were entirely spent for goods manufactured and produced in the United States and bought at prices of the highest level in history, and although it was evident that the nature of these purchases, i.e., agricultural products, war material and transport service, will prevent her from repaying in kind and thus enable her to take advantage of the decline in prices.

And all this was done during a time when Czechoslovakia was laboring under the weight of an adverse balance of trade with the United States as a logical sequence to the system of the unconditional most-favored nation clause which worked in favor of the United States trade in regard to Europe.

Thus, in the last years the exports from the United States to Czechoslovakia, including indirect shipments via foreign transit ports, were approximately twice as large as the exports from Czechoslovakia to the United States.

Funding of Original Indebtedness.

In the light of figures, Czechoslovakia bound herself to repay her original indebtedness of \$91,879,671.03 in the funded sum of \$185,071,023.07 at a time when the favorable trade balance of Czechoslovakia amounted to approximately \$76,000,000, which, in this period of expansion of foreign trade, did not represent an intolerable burden, as it certainly does to-day, when our trade balance became adverse during the first nine months of the current year.

This strict fulfillment of assumed obligations under such adverse conditions, a fulfillment which in fact represented with other payments to the United States the exporting of an integral part of the late excesses of favorable trade balances with other European countries to the United States, may be considered a conclusive proof that the Czechoslovakia Government would not lay before the Government of the United States a request for postponement if the situation in which these obligations have been accepted and assumed had not so substantially and fundamentally changed as to entitle it to a reiteration of this request in view of the present insurmountable difficulties.

Moreover, the interpretative statement of the Secretary of the Treasury, made at the time of the settlement, seemed to imply and foresee such a request under basically changed circumstances.

If Czechoslovakia to-day is laying again before the Government of the United States the request that the payment of the December installment, which in the most candid opinion of the Czechoslovak Government could not be effectuated without endangering her present economic and financial structure, be transferred and included in the eventual rearrangement of the debt problem, she is acting in the spirit of this conception and interpretation of the capacity to pay.

Effect of Refusal to Grant Request.

If, however, this request of postponement be not granted, the tendency to restrict importation will fatally, spontaneously and immediately be imposed on nations importing from the United States in order to correct and counteract the menacing adverse trade balance, and in this vicious circle the volume of international trade will be again diminished, creating further unemployment, which is the most distressing and ominous phenomenon of the present crisis, and the way to recovery, both economically and psychologically, will be automatically barred.

This state of affairs would create exceptionally serious repercussions in Central Europe, in the economic structure of which Czechoslovakia assumes an integral part as an industrial, exporting and creditor country.

Being wedged in the bloc of Central European States so heavily hit by the present world's crisis of credit that they were compelled to introduce various exchange restrictions, transfer moratoriums, and agreements concerning postponements, and being geographically and economically so closely connected with Central and Eastern Europe, Czechoslovakia has been

seriously affected by these external influences exceeding the extent of the effects of the general economic crisis.

The economic depression in Central and Eastern Europe deprived Czechoslovakia of approximately \$180,000,000, which includes frozen credits in the neighboring countries and payments on debts abroad.

These two exigencies created by strict fulfillment of our obligations on one side, and the impossibility of collecting our credits abroad on the other side, compelled Czechoslovakia to face these difficulties in order to maintain her sound currency.

The restoration of normal conditions is impossible as long as the Central European States, influenced by monetary and financial fears, see their economic salvation only in the drastic restriction of imports in order to maintain their balance of payments.

It is generally admitted that without the recovery of Central Europe the whole process of economic restoration would be greatly impaired and delayed. Czechoslovakia undertook most drastic measures to reduce her budgetary expenditures and to maintain the soundness and stability of her currency in the interest of this part of Europe and in the interest of international trade.

It is the profound conviction of the Czechoslovak Government that just now, on the eve of the forthcoming world economic conference, it is in the common interest of all nations to maintain and support the stability of those currencies which remain in the present crisis intact and sound, based on the gold standard.

In the face of the foregoing facts and observations, the question occurs whether not only the capacity to pay should be taken into most careful consideration, but also the advisability of receiving large transfers of payments without present consideration or any present equivalent in manufactured goods, raw materials and services, especially in the actual state of the already so dislocated and paralyzed trade relations and world economy.

The Czechoslovak Government, therefore, ventures to hope that the United States Government in this most serious moment will not refuse to grant this present request.

E. R. A. Seligman and Irving Fisher Argue for War Debts Cut—In Radio Symposium, Point Out Most of Money Was Spent in United States—Colonel Carleton Opposes Reduction.

Further reduction of the war debts was advocated by Professor Edwin R. A. Seligman of Columbia University and Professor Irving Fisher of Yale University, in addresses broadcast in a symposium on "The Debt Question" over WOR in New York on Dec. 4.

Colonel William A. Carleton, U.S.A., retired, the third speaker, opposed reduction or cancellation. He suggested that if the European debtors should default the United States ought to carry their accounts "in the red" as a perpetual warning against helping Europe to finance its future wars. The foregoing is from the New York "Times" of Dec. 5, from which we also quote as follows:

Professors Seligman and Fisher pointed out that most of the money lent by the United States to the Allies in the World War had been spent in the United States for war supplies and that the United States had reaped large profits.

"Of the \$10,000,000,000 that we lent our former allies about \$7,000,000,000 was spent in this country," said Professor Seligman. "While our debt grew by \$24,000,000,000 from 1914 to 1919 our social income had risen over \$24,000,000,000. Our entire war debt was more than made up in a single year.

"If we force our debtors to the wall there is a serious danger of default. If the repudiation begins with the Government it may quickly extend to the private debts, thus bringing untold disaster to thousands of our already troubled fellow citizens.

"Any action on our part which would maintain the solvency of Europe, and revive its power to buy American goods, would be a stimulus to our own trade and renewed prosperity at home."

Professor Fisher, after expressing the belief that those advocating cancellation were almost all taxpayers, and those demanding payment almost all non-taxpayers, said:

"If the principle of the debt settlements was sound—the principle, that is, of capacity to pay, by which we virtually cut the debts in two, we ought to-day, now that in terms of real goods they have gone back even beyond the original debts, and nearly to the 1929 value, cut them in two once more.

"When we think in terms of money we want Europe to pay. But when we think in terms of goods we don't want her to pay. To be consistent we ought either to reduce the tariff and let her pay in the only way she can or else if, as seems to be the case, we are bound she shall not pay in goods, the only way she can pay at all, then we ought to let her off from paying.

"A second reason for debt reduction is to regain international goodwill as a business asset if we are to continue to trade with Europe. At any rate, we should try to avoid ill will, with the boycotts and risk of war which that implies.

"One of the chief causes of this depression is too much debt, and to reduce the international debts will help us out of the depression. We need immediate action if great embarrassment is to be avoided when Dec. 15 arrives."

Colonel Carleton had this to say:

"Our Government is to-day paying for these bonds and getting mighty little in return for it, owing to active 'war-debt cancellation' propaganda which has been going on in our midst, coming from foreign sources, as does the 'disarmament propaganda' which has reduced our national defense to a dangerous minimum. By reason of our almost defenceless state we are in no position to 'talk turkey' in international affairs against a Europe united diplomatically, and perhaps in some other ways, against us.

"This cancellation propaganda has at times assumed proportions and phases which would very well warrant the assumption that our late Allies were fully convinced that Uncle Sam is the supreme sap among nations.

"Europeans must be fully advised that the American taxpayer is no longer willing to be bled to keep up their unnecessary armaments."

French Public's View of Debt Controversy—Bankers Concerned Over Trade Balance—Public Insists on Connection with Reparations.

A Paris wireless message Dec. 2 to the New York "Times" said:

Discussion of the war debts is affected by knowledge that the French foreign balance, after showing for a long time a surplus in the country's favor, has now arrived at a point where equilibrium is established with difficulty and where a relatively small influence would suffice to produce an unfavorable position. This is why, from a purely economic viewpoint, uninterrupted payment on future war debt maturities to the United States is considered here impracticable.

As yet, the French people have not adopted this point of view. In popular discussion the unanimous opinion continues to be that close connection exists between the debt owed to France by Germany and the debt owed America by France. This connection, it is held, has been emphasized in the reservations formulated by the Government and Parliament in the original debt negotiations, and it had been supposed that Hoover recognized it when he made his appeal for a moratorium to Germany. The inference here was that he considered it a natural consequence that the United States should grant a similar moratorium to its debtors.

Pierre Laval Desires France to Pay According to Young Plan—Would Restore Pre-Lausanne German Collections So As to Settle with United States—Says President Hoover Did Not Consent to Scale Down Debts.

From the New York "Herald Tribune" we take the following from Paris Dec. 5:

President Hoover made no definite commitment to scale down debts, neither did he nor Pierre Laval expect the Lausanne reparations agreement to annul the Young Plan, which determined the annuities Germany was to pay the Allies, an examination of M. Laval's handwritten report of his 1931 conference with Mr. Hoover revealed to-day.

To the contrary, the text of the Washington communique, to which President Hoover and M. Laval, then Premier of France, devoted hours of earnest effort, states specifically that the United States and France agreed on a return as soon as possible to the Young Plan provisions for a moratorium, rather than on a Hoover moratorium. Thus both M. Laval and President Hoover indicated that they expected the Young Plan to retain its vigor, permitting Germany to make overtures for a moratorium under the plan upon expiration of the Hoover one-year moratorium. Thereafter, it was agreed, the Allied experts would fix Germany's capacity to pay.

Holds Aloof from Negotiations.

M. Laval is holding himself aloof from present negotiations, particularly since Premier Edouard Herriot has not consulted him on the nature of the pledges made by President Hoover. The former Premier, however, intends to produce his verbatim report of the Washington conversations when the debt debate opens in the Senate, and to point out the differences between the two French notes recently sent to Washington and the communique that was issued as a result of the 1931 conference.

M. Laval meets all requests for interviews on the debt question with the same expression: "See the Washington text." He points particularly to that paragraph which reads:

"In so far as inter-governmental obligations are concerned, we recognize that before the year of the Hoover suspension expires, an arrangement concerning the period of economic depression may be necessary, the two governments making all reservations on the terms and conditions of such an arrangement. The initiative for such an arrangement must be taken by the European powers principally interested, within the framework of existing treaties, before July 1 1932."

Favors Payment by France.

M. Laval points out that neither he nor President Hoover expected anything else but a substitution of the Young Plan for the Hoover moratorium. It was after his overthrow that the French Government, under British pressure at Lausanne, scrapped the Young Plan.

The former Premier has not changed his debt theories, and still prefers that France pay her debts to the United States and Great Britain, continuing to draw sufficient payments from Germany to permit settlement of French debts, plus a margin to cover the actual cost of repairing war damage.

Italy to Pay Dec. 15 Instalment on War Debt to United States—New Accord Sought Before June 15 Next.

The Grand Council of Fascism, presided over by Premier Mussolini, recommended on Dec. 5 that Italy pay the entire \$1,245,437 due the United States Dec. 15. Associated Press accounts from Rome on Dec. 5, published in the New York "Herald Tribune" continued:

The Council, Mr. Mussolini's highest consulting body, at the same time recommended that upon payment of this sum the Italian Government initiate negotiations for a new accord before June 15, when Italy's next principal payment is due.

The Italian payment this month represents no principal but merely the interest due on its debts.

The Council said a new accord should be based "on the recent declarations" of President Hoover and President-elect Roosevelt and should take into account Italy's present situation and rights.

Italy had failed to join France, England and other European nations in sending notes to the United States for reconsideration of the payments due this month.

The Council decision came after Il Duce, Finance Minister Jung and former Finance Minister De Stefani addressed the body. This was the third successive night session of the Council at which the debt question was discussed.

The Government preferred to remain silent after the other meetings, leaving Italy's attitude unrevealed, while England, France and other countries moved for postponement.

The Council's decision was expressed in a communique which said payment should be made "as long as nothing interferes." While this appeared as a form of reservation, the wording indicated it was meant only as a safeguard and did not alter the fact that the decision was for payment.

Communique on Debts.

Part of the communique referring to the debts said; "The Council, while other elements do not interfere and so that succeeding discussions of the Italian war debts may take place in an atmosphere of reciprocal understanding, invites the Government to pay the amount falling due Dec. 12, totaling \$1,245,437, equivalent to nearly 24,000,000 lire, and to initiate without delay necessary negotiations, so that before the next payment falls due June 15 1933, a new accord may be reached based on recent declarations of Messrs. Hoover and Roosevelt, which will take into account Italy's situation, its situation of right and fact, which for universal reasons well known to the Government of the United States, no longer

are the same as in the years in which the first accord was concluded, which accord has been until now punctually respected by the Italian Government."

The Council's decision on the war debts is tantamount to a government pronouncement. The Council also reaffirmed the Italian policy of favoring cancellation of both war debts and reparations, which it insists are interdependent.

In reiterating this policy, the communique said the debts were contracted to obtain "a common objective."

The Grand Council, said the communique, "after making a detailed examination during three meetings of the international situation, and particularly the question of payment of the Italian debt to the United States, soon coming due, confirms the Government's viewpoint proclaimed since November 1922 at London and successively by speeches and articles in "Popolo D'Italia" (Mr. Mussolini's newspaper in Milan), in which it has been maintained that for world economic recovery a radical solution of 'wiping-the-slate-clear' type was necessary."

The communique went on to say that the Council reaffirmed, "once again, in the most explicit manner, the connection between reparations and war debts, which constituted for Italy a presupposed fact in all the accords reached in regard to inter-State obligations, an indisputable and indissoluble connection for historical and political reasons, as the debts were contracted to obtain a common objective."

The Council pointed out that "no new source of actual or potential riches in Europe or colonies was obtained by Italy as a result of the war . . . and that monetary equilibrium of the Nation, which Fascist measures have been able to assure and maintain must not in any way be weakened or compromised."

The communique then went on to recommend payment.

London "Economist" Defends Debt Default If Justified by the Prospective Difficulties.

Commenting on what the next British step may be if the United States Congress refuses to comply with the request for debt postponement, The London "Economist" on Dec. 3 stated, according to a wireless message from London to the New York "Times":

"Debtors, in circumstances such as these, have their duties and responsibilities no less than creditors, and if the Government feel that payment would create exchange and other difficulties on an international scale to which they have no right to expose the world, then they should not shrink from whatever odium attaches to default.

"It will be time enough for the Cabinet to reach its considered decision on this particular question next week, when the American reply is received. This, however, we would say now: If it is decided, as a matter of expediency in the hope of facilitating future negotiations, to make one more final payment under the old schedule, then the payment, whether it be in the form of gold shipments or gold earmarked at the Bank of International Settlements in favor of America, or even by establishment of a suspended sterling account, should be accompanied by a clear statement of our policy for the future. The drift of uncertainty, lasting month after month until next June's payment is due, would be disastrous.

"Let us endeavor, as far as lies in our power, to minimize the disturbance caused by even temporary or partial resumption and, in consultation with our own debtors, endeavor as far as possible to keep intact the results achieved at Lausanne. Let us put forward a definite plan of our own for final settlement of all war debt obligations, and let us make it clear we shall expect any payment we now make to the United States to be absorbed into that settlement."

The "Financial News" says:

"We can certainly claim that to any impartial mind the war debts system must stand truly damned by the evidence and arguments of our note. And at the worst it will help to insure that inevitable cessation of payments under the Baldwin schedule will occur, if not with bilateral agreements, at least with dignity."

War Debts Manifesto Issued by Columbia University Professors in 1926 Lauded by Josiah Stamp as "Prescient."

The war debts manifesto issued in 1926 by 42 Columbia University professors was recalled in London on Dec. 2 by Sir Josiah Stamp, who praised it as "a courageous and pioneer effort in the creation of correctly informed public opinion in America." We quote from London advices to the New York "Times" from which we also take the following:

"Perhaps the manifesto was wasted because it was before its time, but it was a singularly prescient document," he went on, speaking at a dinner of Columbia alumni here. "The manifesto warned that a sweeping settlement of reparations and war debts was necessary and its concluding words were:

"The demands of justice are reinforced by the dictates of political expediency and the counsels of economic self-interest in urging us to meet the countries half way in an international debts and reparations conference, which we here propose."

Sir Norman Angell Holds Debts Danger to Us—Says Payment Will Aggravate Economic Distress.

The question whether Great Britain pays her war debts is not so important as the effect of the payment upon prevailing economic conditions here, in the opinion of Sir Norman Angell, British economist, author and former member of Parliament.

The New York "Times" reports that Sir Norman made this statement in reply to a question following his lecture yesterday before the League for Political Education at the Town Hall. The paper quoted went on to say:

"Britain will pay on Dec. 15, unless there is a miracle in Congress," he said, "but the question is whether you can afford to accept it."

He explained that it was only by the export of goods, a low tariff rate throughout the world and international trade that international debts could be paid. "If Britain pays in gold, it won't help you," he declared.

"It won't feed a single unemployed person or relieve a single taxpayer." He added the hope that such affairs could be discussed in the future "like civilized people."

Sir Norman added that "if the competition in armaments is to continue our economic system must ultimately collapse."

In the New York "Herald-Tribune" Sir Norman is reported as saying:

"A world collapse—and I do not use the words lightly—is entirely possible, if in the present phase of general economic disintegration we have another ten years' delay, and if legislators continue to approach the problem like the one who recently asserted that Andrew Jackson, had he been in office to-day, would certainly 'make the foreigner pay.'"

Prime Minister Hertzog of South Africa Says It Is Imperative that War Debt Question Be Solved.

A cablegram, as follows, from Bloemfontein, South Africa, Dec. 2, is taken from the New York "Times":

The virtual cancellation of German reparations has done much toward restoring confidence in world recovery, Prime Minister Hertzog asserted in a speech here to-night. "I am convinced nobody would even consider returning to this foolishness of 1919," he added. "It is imperative that the war debts question should be solved."

In like manner, he said, the world should disarm, but the "present position justifies no other conclusion than that the principal countries have no faith in a European peace of any appreciable duration, much less in permanent world peace." He denied Great Britain, by abandoning the gold standard, was more prosperous than South Africa and declared the Government would have nothing to do with devaluation, which he called "robbery leading to communism."

Stanley Baldwin, British Acting Prime Minister, Holds War Debts Hurt World—Says United States Stands to Suffer Equally from Payments—Tariffs Against this Country Seen.

Stanley Baldwin, Lord President of the Council, addressed a mass meeting in support of the national Government, at Sunderland, Eng., on Dec. 2, reported a wireless message on that date from London to the New York "Times," which indicated in the following account what he had to say:

The present head of the Government, in the absence of Prime Minister MacDonald at Geneva, apparently expects an early reply from President Hoover on whether Great Britain may expect a postponement of the December debt installment.

"I have no doubt," Mr. Baldwin said, "that the Americans will give most careful, and as far as the Government is concerned sympathetic, consideration to the note because they stand as much as we do, if not more, to suffer from a continuance of this form of debt payment."

He said he hoped the forthcoming economic conference would end the payments, which he called "intolerable for the business of the whole world, whether debtor or creditor." "America for years thought she had discovered the secret of the 'spotted prosperity,'" he continued, "but when the blizzard broke it hit her harder than any other country. We have all got to progress together."

Mr. Baldwin indulged in an unusual burst of optimism while discussing Great Britain's prospects for recovery, saying:

"I believe—and I have never been able to say it before—that the tide is turning here. During the regime of the last Government Great Britain dropped down to third place among the great exporting countries of the world. According to the latest figures, we have gone up again to first place.

"During the two years before the last general election the volume of British exports altogether dropped by 26%. During the first nine months of this year they increased, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, by 1%.

"It is very small, but it does show the drop has been checked and that a slight upward turn has come, which is different from any other country. As far as manufactured exports are concerned, the increase for the first nine months of the year has been 3%.

"In the Bank of England we have slightly increased our figures as compared with a year ago, while every other country in the world except Japan, who has less increase than we have, has shown a substantial decrease."

For the reason that "tariff hostilities are the most prolific cause of international ill-will," the Laborite "Daily Herald" believes that it would be a deplorable development if Great Britain applied tariffs to restrict purchases of American goods.

"If dictated by purely debt considerations, any such move would make Great Britain look ridiculous," the paper says. "When the Irish Free State refused to pay Great Britain, the Government put swinging tariffs on imports from Ireland. Now, because Great Britain has to pay the United States, it is suggested that the Government should give a dose of the same corrective medicine to the American exporter. And the British consumer would pay again."

That there is some substance in the talk of higher tariffs may be gathered from a speech by Leslie Hore-Belisha, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, to-night.

"The only way Great Britain can pay America is by having a favorable balance of trade with the United States and there would have to be higher tariffs," he said. "I very much hope the United States will see reason."

Proposal of Representative Somers That Great Britain Be Permitted to Make Debt Payment in Silver Instead of Gold.

A proposal that Great Britain be permitted to pay in silver instead of gold her Dec. 15 instalment on war debt is made by Representative Somers of New York, who in a statement on Dec. 3 said:

Ninety per cent of the world's population is functioning on depreciated currencies. These depreciated currencies have brought commodity prices so low that there is no longer a profit in production. This, of course, accounts for the tremendous amount of unemployment throughout the world.

"India has a reserve of silver amounting to about 300,000,000 ounces. Let us see what would happen if England were to pay her debt in silver at, we will say, 35 cents an ounce.

Such an arrangement would be a good deal for the debtor because the value of silver is now 25 cents an ounce and the suggestion is tantamount to a reduction of the amount due.

But, as soon as we made such an agreement with Great Britain, silver would go to 35 cents an ounce. We would receive payment in full and Great Britain would be relieved of a part of her debt by the increased value of her instrument of payment.

The transfer of the metal from Britain to the United States of America would be a physical and not an exchange operation, so there could be no disturbance.

The utilization of India's reserve stock would reduce the disparity between the dollar, on one hand, and the silver currencies, on the other, and by eliminating one of the greatest instruments of price destruction it would raise the world price level. It would also raise the cost of production in the silver countries, eliminating them as dumpers. This would destroy, to some extent, the necessity of building high tariff walls to protect our home markets.

But what is more important is the fact that through this experiment we would once and for all, at a negligible cost, determine the value of silver as a lever on commodity prices. If it succeeded, we would have the key to the solution of all future depressions. If it failed, the silver advocates would be answered forever.

Canadian Viewpoint on War Debts—Royal Bank of Canada Holds It of Imperative Necessity That United States and Great Britain Be in Accord.

From the Canadian point of view the main emphasis on the war debt question should be neither the arguments advanced by the United States nor those advanced by Great Britain, but rather the imperative necessity that the United States and Great Britain shall be in accord. From an economic, political, social or cultural aspect, as well as from that of ultimate survival, accord between these two countries is of tremendous importance. It is this position which has been most emphasized in an article written for the Monthly Letter of the Royal Bank of Canada, made public Dec. 6. In part, the bank says:

Opposing views covering war debts have been presented by many different authorities, and the mere reiteration of the arguments presented by each side has built up emotional barriers which tend to prevent unbiased consideration of the subject. At the present moment, however, the question has become of such paramount importance that the time seems ripe for a renewed effort toward a dispassionate consideration of the points at issue.

The people of the United States of America are confronted with those adverse conditions which constitute this unprecedented depression. Industrial activity is at a low ebb, unemployment has reached menacing proportions, there are daily demands for a thousand types of aid and relief. Towns, cities, counties, States and the National Government itself have found their ordinary sources of income cut off and their expenditures increased. It is a bad moment in history to make an appeal for generosity. The necessity of meeting a national deficit of more than \$700,000,000 outweighs the considerations which might lead to the remission of any large proportion of payments from abroad. Moreover, they dealt generously with their debtors in the days of their own prosperity. At that time the foreign press indicated to them that there was but little appreciation of the liberal concessions which had been made, and now that the United States Government is in trouble there can be no moral obligation to forego payments from abroad. The man on the street has said that the money was hired, let it be paid for; if the debtors cannot make the payments, let them acknowledge to the world that they are in default. No wholesome result will follow upon an attempt to save the feelings of the debtors at the expense of a further increase in the load upon the heavily burdened shoulders of the taxpayers of the United States.

To the peoples of the debtor countries the question has other aspects. Although the major principles of economics have had but little influence upon governmental policy in any country during the last 10 years, yet economic law exacts its own retribution. The debts are to an amount greater than the amount of gold in outside countries; payments can be made only in goods. In order to receive payments a country must expect to import more than it exports, or else continue to make annual loans to an amount which will offset payments of principal and interest and the excess of her exports. There is no other possibility. This principle is as simple as that implied in the statement that two and two make four. It is a bitter experience for the debtors to be told that these statements are philosophic arguments, that they do not have anything to do with the subject under discussion, that they constitute irrelevant arguments brought forward in order to cloud the issue. The great economists of both the United States and Europe have said that these statements are pertinent and that it was the continued effort to circumvent the working of this natural law which was the factor most directly responsible for the depression. It is impossible for a great creditor country to have an export surplus unless it continues to make new loans on an ever-increasing scale.

At the time of the debt settlements, the agreement made with Great Britain was much less liberal than that made with other countries, and the special arguments which concern the British are also worthy of special consideration.

At the end of the war Great Britain found that the amount due her from her allies was two and one-half times the amount which she in turn owed to the United States. It was the recognition of the potential ill effects which would follow upon attempts to transfer such huge amounts which led to her efforts to cancel all inter-allied debts. When this policy was rejected by her allies, she proclaimed her own belief in the necessity for action in this direction by announcing a policy of collecting only that amount, including also reparations, which she in turn was required to pay to the United States. For a people who are more heavily taxed than any other in the world, this was indeed a dramatic effort toward world rehabilitation. Yet, the loans had been made to win the war. Close bargaining in regard to their collection was unthinkable. After the Lausanne Conference, when German reparation payments were deferred and largely cancelled, Great Britain found herself faced with payments to the United States beyond her utmost capacity. In 1923, when the terms of the debt settlement were made, the annual imports of the United States from Great Britain amounted to \$404,000,000. In 1931 these imports had been reduced to \$77,500,000. In these latter circumstances, payments which amount to about \$160,000,000 annually, or to more than twice the amount of United States imports, become peculiarly difficult.

The British realize that the United States made vast contributions to the war. They include in their thought of these contributions the lives

lost, the direct expenses of the United States during and following the war, and the loans to the Allies. In a certain sense they regard the whole of these monetary costs as a debit against Germany. It is from this viewpoint that they are able to appreciate that magnanimity which led the United States to refuse all share in reparations. It is when all this is taken into consideration that they feel baffled by a demand that payment in full should be made by allied countries whose need is now even more acute than was that of Germany, when Germany, the country frequently represented as responsible for the creation of these debts, is allowed to escape without payment. If the rehabilitation of Germany was a matter of paramount importance, the restoration of Europe is now a matter of at least equal importance to the world.

The Lausanne agreements were made by Great Britain with the expectation that some concessions would in turn be made by the United States. There was no country represented at Lausanne which has as great financial interest in the rehabilitation of Germany as has the United States. Germany's post-war borrowings from the United States amount to a total of more than two billion dollars. A course of action tending to assist Germany to meet those payments was in the interest of the investors of the United States. Excessive efforts to meet war debt payments would mitigate against German reconstruction and thus prevent payments on these private debts.

The final British argument might be that made above—magnanimity to an ally or efforts to assist the recovery of an ally should be no less generous than the concessions which are made to a conquered enemy. At the close of the Napoleonic wars the politicians of the victorious powers were eager to collect reparations and to secure cessions. The Duke of Wellington replied that if it were desired that France be devastated it lay within the power of his armies to do so. He would accept the task, but he would never consent to a policy which was certain to breed another war. . . .

It is neither our purpose to examine the justice of the debts nor to defend the claims put forward by the debtors, but rather to show that the attitude mentioned above as that of the creditors is not good business; it does not constitute effective realism; it will not lead to the recovery of the greatest possible payment upon these loans which the American people have come to regard as bad debts. Both the debtors and creditors have a series of apparently unanswerable arguments. It must be the part of statesmanship to take a view which is detached, unbiased and fair to both sides; it must be realistic and give due weight to the financial condition of both debtors and creditors. It must overcome irreconcilable disagreements by appeal to higher major principles which can compel the co-operation of both opponents. It is only in the impartiality of its efforts to find a basis for agreement that there can be hope for success.

In this, the worst depression in history, lack of confidence in all financial arrangements is the most outstanding difficulty. At this crucial moment there could be no more severe defeat to those forces which are making for reconstruction than to force Great Britain, France and other important countries on Europe into a position which is likely to lead to ultimate default.

To no country more than to the United States is it important that every effort be made to defend the sanctity of contracts. It is the attitude of peoples throughout the world toward the fulfillment of contracts that constitutes the pillars of capitalism. The default of Great Britain and France would be felt as a blow to confidence in all countries. Quite aside from the fact that a reasonable attitude on the part of the United States as a creditor country is likely to lead to a greater effort on the part of debtor countries to meet their obligations than would be probable if the United States placed many of these countries in a position where default becomes inevitable, there is also the necessity for consideration of the influence of such action upon the relationship of debtors and creditors and the subsequent effect upon world trade. It has been estimated that the annual income of the United States has fallen by about 30 billion dollars in the last three years. Any arrangement which would tend to restore a considerable proportion of this lost income is of more importance to the United States, from a realistic viewpoint, than the collection of a few million dollars in debts. It is probable that, in present circumstances, collection of these international debts might produce a loss in 1933 and 1934 much greater than the amount collected. The mechanics of this potential loss are as follows: At a moment when the United States is making every effort to restore a more normal level of prices, it is of the utmost importance to this policy that nothing be done which will tend to weaken the exchange position of Europe, since each new weakness in foreign exchange has an immediate tendency to produce a further weakness in commodity prices in the United States.

It is the necessity then for restoration of confidence which makes it essential to discover a formula which will win the co-operation of both debtors and creditors. There are a number of factors which might be taken into consideration if both parties were agreeable to finding such a formula. In reality, Great Britain borrowed from the United States wheat, meat and munitions, rather than gold. These kinds of goods are those in relation to which there has been the maximum fluctuations in price in the intervening interval. If Great Britain were allowed to repay the debt with shipments of such goods, or with goods of a value equivalent to the present value of the goods obtained with the original loans, there would be no difficulty about coming to an agreement. Unfortunately, the tariff of the United States prevents payments in kind, and no other type of payment in full is possible. When a creditor puts difficulties in the way of receiving payments, it is time to consider the possibilities of a new agreement.

From an international viewpoint, the paramount objection to payment in gold, or its equivalent, is that this kind of payment will further undermine the credit of the debtor countries and thus reduce world trade to new low levels. This would be a disaster to both the creditor and debtor as well as to such neutral countries as those of South America. To persist in the demand for such payment will certainly tend to give fresh ammunition to the school who believe in the possibility of managing currency without reference to gold. With such a plan once well recognized, the countries which have abandoned the gold standard might well afford to pay out the bulk of their gold, and the resulting inflation in gold countries might finally produce the desired equilibrium. From many directions comes news indicating that industry is being stabilized and strengthened. While it is possible to over-emphasize the importance of war debts, the situation is very delicately balanced and success or failure of the war debt negotiations may result in distinct improvement or renewed declines. With political conditions throughout the world as disturbed as they are at the present moment, it is of the utmost importance that every effort be made to keep English-speaking peoples in particularly close accord. The main emphasis should be placed upon the necessity for re-establishing confidence and the desirability of accord of English-speaking peoples rather than upon the justice or abstract rights involved in the contentions of the United States or her foreign debtors. The credit collapse of Germany came before the world recognized the necessity for Lausanne. Is there a necessity for an even more complete disaster before the present perilous position of Europe is generally understood in North America?

Proposal by Bainbridge Colby, Formerly Secretary of State, For Solution of War Debt Problem—Would Form Consortium Through Which Bonds Against War Debts Would Be Issued, the Bonds Maturing in 40 or 50 Years.

A plan for the solution and liquidation of war debts and reparations without the creation of new taxation and while reducing world armaments, was presented in Boston on Dec. 3 by Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State in the Wilson Cabinet, at the 50th annual meeting of the Clover Club.

The Boston "Herald" of Dec. 4, from which we quote, summarizing Mr. Colby's proposal, said:

Under the terms of Mr. Colby's plan, bonds would be issued against the total of the war debts and reparations, the bonds to mature within 40 or 50 years. A sinking fund which would cancel the bonds at maturity would be derived from annual contributions from each nation, the size of the contribution to be based on a percentage of that which it expended for armament in 1932. The fund would be administered by the League of Nations, or a similar agency.

The United States, although a creditor nation, would also annually contribute a percentage of its armament expenditure of 1932. Mr. Colby said, adding that the contributions of debtor nations would probably be 11 or 12% of their present naval and military expenditures.

Annual Contribution.

"The United States," he continued, "although a creditor nation, would agree to make an annual contribution equal to a percentum of its army and navy expenditures for 1932, which would be equal to, or have a just relation to, the sum paid by the principal debtor nations. We would do this as our contribution to an effective and practical reduction in world armament. Furthermore, it would be an act of co-operation with our debtors in liquidating this great mass of debt, and in coping with a situation that is world-embracing."

The same paper gave as follows the text of Mr. Colby's address:

One of the many sayings of Woodrow Wilson which deserves to be forever remembered was his remark to me one day when he looked up from his crowded desk and pushed to one side a batch of war-time orders and commissions that he had been signing.

America's war effort at that time was approaching its peak. Every day brought to the President decisions of the most far-reaching importance. But nothing disturbed the composure and apparent ease with which he met and discharged his manifold responsibilities.

Turning to me as he reached a pause in his work, he said: "You know, I believe that one of the chief duties resting upon a President of the United States is to keep his shirt on."

Often I have recalled that remark as I have watched the steady succession of crises through which we have been passing recently.

The concerted effort of our European debtors to secure a renewal of the moratorium and a revision of the debt settlements is the latest of our public problems to take on an acute aspect.

Bound to Leave Strain.

However the question goes—whether our debtors will pay or repudiate—the form the discussion has taken is regrettable.

It is bound to leave a strain in international feelings, if not relations. And the sad thing is that this need not have been. It could have been avoided by a more rational approach to the problem, which is less difficult, in my humble opinion, than is supposed.

Europe has apparently decided to regard our position as unjust. Of course there is no basis for this opinion.

She has decided that her obligations are inseparably linked with the receipt of German reparations. Again there is no basis for this attitude.

She has further decided—and it was a most unfortunate decision—to present a united front in seeking a remission of her debts.

All these positions were in conflict with the clearly recorded and undisputed circumstances under which the debts were contracted.

Again Europe has attempted somewhat exaggeratedly to dramatize her financial and economic difficulties to the exclusion of any consideration of our own.

It does not seem to be realized in Europe that the public debt of the United States has risen in the last year from \$17,000,000,000 to nearly \$21,000,000,000, and that our national deficit for five months of the current year amounts to \$750,000,000.

The difficulties we are facing in balancing our budget are probably not equalled by any of the debtor countries.

The total increase in revenue as the result of the tax bill adopted at the last session of Congress amounts to \$73,000,000, but as an offset against these new sources of income, our receipts from income taxes have dropped \$155,000,000 in five months.

Tariff Barriers.

With facts such as these staring us in the face, the failure of our debtors to make the payments due on Dec. 15 would be less serious for us than the cancellation in any measure of our rightful claims as a creditor.

With the insuperable tariff barriers erected against our trade—some in very natural retaliation against our own short-sighted tariff policies—it is impossible to reasonably or validly contend that the remission of the war debts would tend in any degree to the expansion of our trade or to our economic betterment in any form or degree.

And there for the moment the problem rests. Everything that is impossible to accomplish has been attempted and naturally such attempts have been attended with failure.

Is it not time to approach this problem in a different temper—by a different method?

May it not have been entirely overlooked, in the insistence upon old and oft-declared positions, that there is a possibility of a more constructive approach to the problem than has hitherto been attempted?

Europe groans under the insupportable strain upon her budgets. The United States has taken the lead in at least the vocal advocacy of disarmament as a means of relieving that strain.

Cannot these two facts be utilized as avenues of approach to a rational discussion of the debt problem?

I am of opinion that they can, and by a device so simple, that I have hesitation in offering it for consideration in connection with a problem that has become so desperately snarled and involved.

But solution sometimes lurks in the simplest of expedients, although the simple formula is often the hardest to find.

I remember a little one-act play by the late Bronson Howard, which many years ago I read. It was called "The Elevator." Four or five

ladies and gentlemen on their way to dinner were caught in an elevator which jammed between floors.

The little play dealt with their predicament. No one could start the elevator. Time was slipping by. They were late for dinner and finally they became nervous about their safety.

Suddenly it occurred to one of the party to see if the elevator would go down, and they found that while it would not go up, it would descend with the utmost ease. This was the end of the play.

Suggested Plan.

Now, with this defence of the simplicity of my suggestion, let me state it to you.

Suppose that the United States, in conjunction with its European debtors and the former central powers, were to form a consortium, by which term is meant merely an agreement between nations to act jointly with reference to some mutual financial undertaking.

Let the amount of all inter-governmental debts be stated, including the debts of our late enemies for reparations.

Then let bonds, maturing in 40 or 50 years, be issued for the total of these debts by an obligor corporation which would be formed for the purpose. This corporation, which might be under the general control of the League of Nations, would embrace representatives of the debtor nations, including former allied nations which owed debts to the United States and former enemy nations which owed reparations.

The new bonds would replace all existing bonds covering the different classes of debt. Provision would be made for redemption from a sinking fund to be formed and maintained by contributions representing the agreed and equitable proportion of each nation.

Each of the debtor nations would agree to pay an annual sum, equivalent to an agreed per cent. of its actual expenditure upon armaments for the year 1932, to be applied to the payment of interest and the redemption of the bonds. It has been estimated that 11 or 12% of the present military and naval expenditures of the debtor nations would suffice.

The United States, although a creditor nation, would agree to make an annual contribution equal to a percentum of its army and navy expenditures for 1932, which would be equal to, or have a just relation to, the sum paid by the principal debtor nations.

We would do this as our contribution to an effective and practical reduction in world armament.

Furthermore, it would be an act of co-operation with our debtors in liquidating this great mass of debt, and in coping with a situation that is world-embracing.

The United States would be the eventual and ultimate recipient of the sums paid in, as obviously in the consolidation of the total inter-governmental debts the final and effective figure would be the net indebtedness.

This plan could hardly be stated more generally, but its details, both legal and mathematical, could readily be worked out.

It would involve no new taxation but only the better application of revenues which, in the darkest year of the depression, it has been found possible to create.

It would mean a forward step toward reduced armaments, when to date no step whatever has been found practicable.

Perhaps as an alternative to repudiation, which is unthinkable; to cancellation or revision, which is impossible—and to the existing scheme of payments which we are assured by the debtor nations cannot be continued, this proposal has something in it worthy of examination.

A. B. Leach Suggests Three-year Moratorium on Inter-governmental Debts.

Due to the present world economic and financial situation, a three-year moratorium on all inter-governmental debts is advisable at this time for the purpose of alleviating the present situation, in the opinion of A. B. Leach, head of the investment banking house of Leach Bros., Inc. Mr. Leach says:

"During this three-year period, we should agree to take the 1932 expenditures of each of the foreign nations for war munitions, equipment and army and navy expenditures as a standard and allow each nation a rebate on their present war debt to the United States equal to 100% of the amount that they shall reduce these war expenditures for each of the three years. This reduction is not to be paid to the United States but to be retained by them. Such a procedure would result in balanced budgets and reduced taxes.

"At the end of this three-year period, a clearer picture may be had of the war debts and disarmament situation, as it will indicate the willingness on the part of foreign nations to curtail war expenditures in a way that would result in a double benefit."

"There should be no further discussion of war debts at the present time," in the opinion of Mr. Leach, "as they have no connection with reparations, so far as the United States is concerned. We have not asked or received any reparations, nor have we asked or received any mandates or spoils of war. Briefly, we have kept the faith." Mr. Leach adds:

"Settlements have already been made with foreign nations at very much lower than the gross amount of their indebtedness to us, and all adjustments made were on terms that were then considered fair and acceptable by all of the foreign nations."

German Reichsbank Pays off \$4,000,000 of \$90,000,000 Credit Granted by Bank of International Settlements, Bank of England, Bank of France and Federal Reserve Banks—Renewal of Credit.

In Associated Press accounts from Basle (Switzerland) Dec. 3 it was stated that the Bank for International Settlements announced that day that Germany intended to refund \$4,000,000 of the \$90,000,000 credit due Monday. It was added:

The banks participating in the loan, including the Federal Reserve, agreed to extend for another three months the \$86,000,000 remaining.

Regarding the \$4,000,000 reduction in the credit, the New York "Times" of Dec. 6 said:

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York yesterday confirmed dispatches that the Reichsbank had paid off \$4,000,000 of the \$90,000,000 credit

which it has outstanding at the Bank for International Settlements, the Bank of England, the Bank of France and the Federal Reserve Banks. The Reserve Banks' share of the repayment, amounting to \$1,000,000, reduces the amount of the credit advanced here to \$21,500,000, which has been renewed for three months.

The credit to the Reichsbank was opened on June 26 1931, in the amount of \$100,000,000. It was to have lasted only three weeks to tide the German central bank over the July 1 demands upon it. It has since been renewed seven times, all recent renewals being for three months. On the occasion of its renewal on March 4 last 10% was repaid, reducing the credit to \$90,000,000. The present repayment reduces the total credit to \$86,000,000.

A previous item regarding the credit appeared in our issue of Nov. 19, p. 3452.

New Set-Up Reported for Credit-Anstalt—Old Stock Interest Wiped Out and New Shares Issued.

In the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 8 it was stated that reorganization plans for the Austrian Credit Anstalt involve the scaling down of old stock from 177,500,000 schillings to 1,000,000 schillings, after which new stock will be issued to the amount of 141,000,000 schillings, it was learned on Dec. 7. The paper indicated went on to say:

The new stock will be divided between the Austrian Government and foreign creditors in the respective amounts of 71,000,000 schillings and 70,000,000 schillings. Foreign creditors on receiving these shares would release the same amount of claims against the bank.

In exchange for their deposit claims which amount to 420,000,000 schillings foreign creditors receive 210,000,000 schillings Austrian Government bonds, 140,000,000 schillings of a new corporation to take over foreign assets of the Credit Anstalt and 70,000,000 schillings stocks of the Credit Anstalt.

The Government bonds will be issued against the Government's own equity in the bank. These bonds will be serviced in domestic exchange which will be subjected to all restrictions in force with regard to exchange transactions. The bonds are to mature up to 25 years.

The realization corporation will be capitalized at 30,000,000 schillings, of which 10,000,000 schillings will go to foreign creditors. In addition it will issue debentures to the amount of 130,000,000 schillings to be turned over to foreign creditors in exchange for deposit claims.

The bank was relieved of its 571,000,000 schilling debt to the National Bank under a recent agreement under which the loss was divided between the National Bank and the Government. The present agreement relieves it of another 420,000,000. Its remaining deposits total about 600,000,000 of which about 25% are still due to the National Bank.

With a stock interest of not quite 50% foreign creditors will be represented in the management of the bank. They will be permitted to review its operating policies through representatives in Austria.

Members of League Loans Committee Confer in London With James Speyer.

Members of the League Loans Committee (London) conferred on Dec. 6 in London with James Speyer of Speyer & Co. An announcement issued by Speyer & Co. also says:

The position of Bondholders of the Loans issued under the auspices of the League of Nations was discussed and the members of the Committee informed Mr. Speyer of the most recent steps taken by the Committee with a view to protecting their interests. It will also be recalled that Mr. Elliot Wadsworth of Boston has, at the request of the American Bankers, been co-opted a member of this Committee as representative of American "League Loan" Bondholders and will take part in the work of the Committee.

From the "Times" of Dec. 7 we quote:

The League of Nations loans, the American portions of which were marketed here by syndicates headed by Speyer & Co., were Kingdom of Hungary 7½% of 1924, Greek Government 7% of 1924, Greek Government 6% of 1928, Kingdom of Bulgaria 7% of 1926 and Kingdom of Bulgaria 7½% of 1928.

Arrangements For Meeting Jan. 1 Payments on Bulgarian Loan.

An announcement issued yesterday (Dec. 9) by Speyer & Co. said:

The Trustees of the Kingdom of Bulgaria 7% Settlement Loan of 1926 are to-day announcing here and in London that the Bulgarian Government has transferred in Sterling and Dollars one-half of the amount required for payment of interest and sinking fund due January 1 1933, on the Loan. The remaining 50% has been paid in Leva to the National Bank of Bulgaria in the name of the League of Nations' Adviser to the Bank, and has been invested by him in Bulgarian Treasury Bills.

Speyer & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation, American Fiscal Agents for the Loan, will pay in full the coupon due January 1 by utilizing the whole of the service monies received, and by drawing upon the Reserve Fund to make good the deficiency.

Purchases on account of the Sinking Fund will be limited to the small sums received as repayments by Refugees during the current half-year.

Eliot Wadsworth, Former Assistant Secretary of Treasury, Named as Member of League of Nations Loans Committee.

Eliot Wadsworth, formerly Assistant Secretary of the Treasury at Washington, has been appointed a member of the League of Nations Loan Committee. Two other new members of the Committee are Dr. D. Crena de Jongh of the Nederlandse Handel-Maatschappij of Amsterdam and Dr. G. Bianchini of the Associazione Tecnica Bancaria Italiana of Milan. In a London cablegram Nov. 20 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" it was pointed out that the committee was originally named last June by Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England. It has been at work recently in seeking to protect interests of investors

in loans now in default which were floated under the auspices of the League.

In the New York "Times" it is noted that the original members of the committee, announced last June, are Sir Austen Chamberlain, Viscount Goschen, A. A. Jamieson, Sir Otto Niemeyer, Cecil Jubbock and Sir Arthur Salter.

\$155,000 of Bonds of Land Mortgage Bank of Warsaw to Be Retired.

John E. Sloane & Co. have been advised that \$155,000 of the Land Mortgage Bank of Warsaw 8% dollar bonds, due in 1941, guaranteed by the Polish Government, will be retired by the sinking fund on Dec. 22 1932. Numbers of such bonds, which were bought in market, as well as numbers of bonds previously drawn but not yet presented, can be had on application.

Polish "Barter" Company Gets Official Support.

Apparently in the belief that "barter," what Polish authorities call "compensation trade," is destined to play an increasingly important part in their foreign business, official support has been given to the establishment recently of a limited liability company for the purpose of aiding Polish exporters and importers in their commercial relations with foreign countries where freedom of trade is restricted by means of artificial barriers, it is made known in a report to the Commerce Department from Assistant Trade Commissioner Gilbert Redfern, Warsaw. The Department, under date of Nov. 17, further said:

In a recent statement to the Polish press, the President of the new company explained its activities as follows:

"Numerous countries have recently adopted exchange restrictions. Owing to these measures, Polish exports to such markets cannot be maintained at their previous level. In order to safeguard our interests, Poland will be compelled to foster compensation trade. It is evident that such 'barter' foreign trade will involve many inconveniences, especially as its technique is not simple.

"The founders of the company are of the opinion that exchange restrictions have created chaos in foreign trade, and that it became necessary to organize an enterprise the purpose of which would consist in arranging compensation transactions. 'Barter' trade constitutes a primitive form of commerce, the realization of this form, however, is extremely complicated. In order that business can be carried on in this way, four partners must be found: An exporter and an importer in Poland, and an exporter and an importer in the foreign country.

"Transactions between these partners must often be approved by competent authorities, the Central banks of certain countries demanding that foreign exchange derived from exports be remitted to them. It is necessary to obtain the exemption from this obligation, and sometimes even to correct the difficulties resulting from the difference in the official and actual exchange rates of foreign currencies.

"The statutes of our company, while safeguarding the liberty of individual merchants, provide that each transaction must be approved by the company's board, which consists of representatives of trade, industry and agriculture. It will, moreover, be the aim of the Board to see that the functioning of the enterprise does not lose its social character, and become too engrossed in profit-making. With this end in view, the company will not undertake any transactions on its own account, and will only assist others."

The full name of the company is: Polskie Tow. Handlu Kompensacyjnego, Czackiego 12, Warsaw, Poland.

Reduction in Interest Rates on Loans of Tucuman and Cordoba Province (Argentina) by American Bankers —Latter Deny Reports of Moratorium.

Associated Press advices from Buenos Aires, Nov. 30 stated:

The city of Tucuman has received a proposal by Rollins & Sons, American bankers, for suspension for three years of principal payments on a \$2,000,000 loan, with payment of interest continuing at 4.2% instead of 7%. The difference in interest would be added to the principal after three years.

The bankers also have proposed to the Province of Cordoba that interest on a \$1,000,000 short-term loan be reduced from 8% to 6.5%. The provincial government will accept.

On Dec. 1 the New York "Times" reported the following from Buenos Aires:

Members of the municipal government of Tucuman in the Province of Cordoba announced to-day that their United States bankers have offered them new arrangements for outstanding loans which will help considerably in solving their financial troubles.

E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc., of New York, holders of an eight-million pesos paying loan, have offered a three-year moratorium, according to the announcement, on the 2% sinking fund payments, with payment of 4.20% instead of 7% interest during the three years, the balance to be paid at 2.80% with interest on instalments after the termination of the three years. This plan would permit the municipality to pay 250,000 pesos semi-annually instead of 600,000, to which the depreciation of exchange has increased the semi-annual payments, which formerly were 360,000 pesos.

Cordoba Province officials report that North American bankers holding a 16,000,000 pesos short-term loan have offered to reduce the interest from 8 to 6½%.

In its issue of Dec. 2 the "Times" said:

E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc., bankers, said yesterday, according to The Associated Press, that they had not agreed to any adjustment in the debt of the city of Tucuman, Argentina, although they had been informed a proposal on the part of the city for an adjustment had been forwarded to the firm.

From the New York "Herald Tribune" of Dec. 2 we take the following:

E. H. Rollins & Sons, investment bankers, are notifying holders of City of Tucuman, Argentina, 6% secured sinking fund bonds that the funds necessary to meet interest due yesterday have not been forwarded. The issue was marketed in 1923 in the amount of \$3,396,000.

Municipal officials of Tucuman have notified the bankers that a sum in Argentine pesos, equivalent to the amounts due in dollars, has been deposited for bondholders in the Banco de la Nacion of Argentina.

This issue is secured by a pledge of certain municipal taxes, which have hitherto been adequate to provide for the debt service. The Board of Exchange of Argentina, however, has not advanced to the municipality funds enough in dollar exchange to enable the payment of the debt service.

Funds Available for Purchase of Argentine Government Bonds Through Sinking Fund.

J. P. Morgan & Co. and The National City Bank of New York, as fiscal agents, are notifying holders of Government of the Argentine Nation external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, issue of June 1, 1925, due June 1 1959, that 366,758 in cash is available for the purchase for the sinking fund of so many of the bonds as shall be tendered and accepted for purchase at prices below par. Tenders should be made, at a flat price below par, before 3 p.m. Jan. 3, 1933, either to the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall Street, or the head office of The National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall Street. If tenders so accepted are not sufficient to exhaust available moneys, additional purchases upon tender, below par, may be made up to March 1 1933.

The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, acting for the Fiscal Agents, is notifying holders of Government of the Argentine Nation External Sinking Fund 6% Gold Bonds of 1924 Series "B" due Dec. 1 1958, that the time for the acceptance of tenders for purchase at prices below par of sufficient of these bonds for the sinking fund to exhaust the sum of \$251,448 has been extended from Dec. 12 1932 to Jan. 4 1933. If tenders accepted are not sufficient to exhaust the entire sum, additional purchases by tender, below par, may be made up to March 1 1933.

Plan New Argentine Tax.

From the New York "Evening Post" we take the following from Buenos Aires Nov. 21:

New taxes and increases in some other taxation now in force are contemplated in connection with Argentina's 1933 budget, now undergoing preparation for submission to Congress, to balance estimated expenditures which will be approximately \$8,000,000 higher than those of the current year, owing to an increased service on Government loans.

It is now likely that the 10% surtax on import duties, which was to be gradually eliminated during 1933, will be maintained. Among the principal new tax measures will be imposts on gramophone records, oil concessions, firearms, beer, wine and alcohol, which are jointly expected to yield about \$4,000,000.

Resolution in Argentine Senate Asks Inquiry into Exchange Control Commission.

The following from Buenos Aires, Nov. 29 is from the New York "Times":

Patron Costa, President of the Senate National Democratic bloc, which is the government party, introduced a resolution at this afternoon's session for a Senate investigation of the Exchange Control Commission.

He made charges of grave irregularities and favoritism which, he said, prejudiced banks and honest business organizations, and alleged there was a direct connection between some member of the commission and widespread bootleg exchange operations.

Favorable Trade Balance Reported in Argentina by First National Bank of Boston.

The First National Bank of Boston announced on Nov. 30 that it has received the following cable report from its branch in Buenos Aires, Argentina:

There was a favorable trade balance for the first 10 months of 416,510,377 paper pesos, against 175,855,282 a year ago. The proposed 1933 budget shows probable expenses of \$65,000,000 paper pesos, or about 24,000,000 greater than 1932. The increase is due entirely to the cost of servicing the public debt, but newspapers, disappointed, are urging further cuts by Congress, which is now in special session. The October combined bank statement shows deposits down 16,000,000 paper pesos, loans down 40,000,000, cash up 12,000,000. Cash reserve is 23.5%.

Argentine Failures Decrease.

Bankruptcies in Argentina in November involved liabilities of 14,913,696 pesos (\$3,838,800), compared with 15,916,436 pesos in October and 21,417,591 pesos in November last year. This was reported in a Buenos Aires Cablegram Nov. 30 to the New York "Times" which also stated:

The total for this year to date is 251,539,950 pesos, compared with 344,905,835 pesos for the corresponding eleven months last year.

Funds Available for Payment of Jan. 1 Coupon on Republic of Colombia Bonds.

Hallgarten & Co. and Kidder, Peabody & Co., fiscal agents for the Republic of Colombia 6% external sinking fund gold bonds, dated July 1 1927, due Jan. 1 1961, announce that they have received funds for the payment of the Jan. 1 1933 coupon interest on all outstanding bonds of said loan.

Payment of Nov. 1 Interest on Bonds of Department of Antioquia (Colombia).

Department of Antioquia, Colombia, is notifying holders of its highway-to-the-sea 20-year 8% internal gold bonds, due 1946, that it is prepared to pay the interest coupons on the bonds, which were due Nov. 1 1932, effecting this payment in Colombian pesos at the offices of the Banco Aleman-Antioqueno, Medellin, as and when the coupons are presented for payment. It is stated that because of exchange restrictions, the Department has found it impossible to transfer foreign exchange in payment of these coupons nor has it been possible at this time to amortize any bonds of this issue.

Republic of Colombia National Defense Loan—Total Subscriptions \$10,225,000.

Regarding the Republic of Colombia National Defense Loan, an announcement Dec. 5 from the office in New York of the Consulate-General of Colombia says:

According to recent information from the Minister of Finance, the total subscriptions to the loan amounted to \$10,225,000. The Bank of the Republic already has commenced to deliver provisional bonds to subscribers to the loan. Information from the Treasury General of the Republic indicates that about \$4,500,000 of the funds obtained from this loan have been expended up to date in public works and other items connected with National defense.

Resume of Provisions of New Law of Colombia—Three-Year Moratorium on Debts to Private Creditors—Provisions Affect Obligations Owed to National or Foreign Banks Not Incorporated.

The Consulate-General of Colombia, in New York, has made available the following resume of the most important sections of the new Colombian Law (No. 37) of Nov. 26, to which reference was made in these columns Nov. 19, page 3454, and Dec. 3, page 3790:

RESUME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SECTIONS OF LAW 37 OF NOVEMBER 26 1932.

"By which certain provisions regarding banking and financial matters are enacted."

(A) The rate of interest on money obligations assumed between private individuals, from Jan. 1 1925 to June 30 1931, is reduced to 6%, in the case of debts secured by pledge or mortgage, and 8% in the case of those secured by personal guaranty, or unsecured debts. This reduction is effected by means of a tax equal to the amount in which the interest rate stipulated exceeds those specified above, imposed on the creditor in behalf of the obligor.

(B) Money obligations assumed between private individuals, from Jan. 1 1925 to June 30 1931, are extended for three years, or until Dec. 31 1935, in accordance with the terms of the law, which forbids the holding of judicial auctions during this period. However, the creditor may demand payment previously and obtain the holding of a judicial auction sale of the security, provided he allows the debtor a reduction of 30% of the debt or agrees to accept payment in mortgage certificates of the Central Mortgage Bank or in bonds of the internal National debt, at the market price, in which case the auction, if in order, may be held 10 months after notification by the creditor to the obligor, advising that he allows the reduction. In the case of obligations the payment of which is stipulated to be made in foreign currency, the loss suffered by the creditor on account of the depreciation of such currency, with respect to Colombian currency, will be charged to the said 30% reduction. In the cases provided for in this section, capitalization of interest due shall not be allowable.

(C) The following kinds of obligations are excluded from the effects of the foregoing provisions: Those derived from court judgments already decreed; amounts lawfully due for sustenance of relatives; contractual pensions; court costs already incurred; and debts owed to banks that have accepted the provisions of Decrees 280, 711, and 945 of 1932 as well as judicial deposits and bank deposits.

The following are excluded from the provisions of Section (B) but not from those of Section (A): obligations of official entities and of savings banks and insurance companies, as well as debts of not over \$4,000 owed to widows, orphans, invalids and unmarried women who are without other means of support, provided such obligation is not derived from cessions or transfers.

(D) The foregoing provisions apply to obligations owed to National or foreign banks that have not incorporated the systems provided for by Decrees 711 and 945 of 1932, unless, within the term of 30 days they agree to make settlements with their obligors, in a general way for all of the amounts owed them, in accordance with the provisions of the Decrees mentioned.

(E) If a conversion of the external mortgage certificates issued by the Mortgage Banks should be carried out by means of concessions by the holders of such certificates to the satisfaction of the Government, the difference derived from such conversion will be divided thus: 80% to the mortgage obligors and 20% to the banks.

(F) The Government is authorized to make contracts with the Central Mortgage Bank and with other mortgage banks, for an arrangement under which they will accept in payment of the amounts owed them, the certificates of the Central Mortgage Bank in the proportion of \$60 of certificates for each \$100 owed. The certificates issued by the Central Mortgage Bank shall bear interest at the rate of not less than 7% per annum and service of the same shall be guaranteed by the Nation, provided that the interest rate charged by the Central Mortgage Bank to its mortgage obligors shall not exceed by more than 1% per annum the interest rate fixed for the certificates.

(G) The Government will endeavor to make an arrangement with the Bank of the Republic, for the latter to fix its rediscount rate at a maximum of 5% and under which such rate shall not be modified without the vote of the Minister of Finance and the majority of the members of the board of directors representing the Government on such board.

(H) The Government and the Bank of the Republic are authorized, jointly or separately, to purchase the shares held by foreign banks in the Bank of the Republic.

(I) The Bank of the Republic is authorized to discount to the Government up to the sum of \$1,200,000, the amount of the financing contract made with the Department of Antioquia, which financing was effectuated by means of drafts drawn by the Compañía de Seguros (insurance company) on the Compañía Colombiana de Tabaco (Colombian Tobacco Co.).

Announcement by R. L. Owen of Independent Bondholders' Committee of Departments and Municipalities of Colombia Regarding Decrees of President of Colombia.

After a meeting of the Independent Bondholders' Committee of the Departments and Municipalities of Colombia at their office, 26 Broadway, New York, N. Y., of which Robert L. Owen of Washington, D. C., is Chairman, the following statement was made by the Chairman on Nov. 30:

That he was advised that the President of Colombia, Dr. Olaya, under the extraordinary powers granted by Congress had signed the decree profoundly affecting the commercial debts of the citizens of Colombia to American houses and was considering signing a decree affecting the bonds of the Mortgage Banks of Colombia sold in the United States.

The recent decree permits the debtor to pay in 40% cash and 60% bonds the internal bonds taken at par and the external bonds at 80%. Against this decree the British Minister protested as it naturally affected the rights of British subjects whose credits would be seriously affected if this decree was interpreted as relating to them. This latter decree will affect Americans who have open commercial accounts with citizens of Colombia. While President Olaya has not as yet signed the decree proposed to apply to the bonds issued by the Mortgage Banks of Colombia he has under advisement such a decree. The bonds of these Mortgage banks except the Agricultural Mortgage Bank guaranteed by Colombia are in default as are the bonds of the various Departments and Municipalities now represented by the Independent Bondholders Committee.

It will be necessary to make the proper representation to the Republic of Colombia through the Department of State of the United States in order that the rights of the American citizens may be adequately safeguarded against any unintended wrong. It should be remembered that Colombia has been as much affected by the depression as the United States and perhaps even more, so that while it is important to protect the interest of the American citizens in these matters it should not be assumed that the authorities of Colombia have any desire to deal unjustly with those who have extended credit in good faith to them. Therefore, it is even more imperative that bondholders should unite behind a strong bondholders protective committee which is able to take the proper steps toward the safeguarding of the interests of the bondholders.

Oil Companies Lend Mexico \$7,000,000—Advances on Taxes to Be Used to Intensify Production, Finance Minister Announces.

Regarding the recent oil tax loan to Mexico, the New York "Times" reported the following from Mexico City, Nov. 11:

The Mexican Government has received \$7,000,000 in advance from three oil companies, it is announced by Finance Minister Pani. The British-controlled Eagle Oil Co. and the Hausteca Oil Co. have loaned \$3,000,000 each and the Pierce Oil Co., an American concern, \$1,000,000.

These loans will stand as credit against the taxes falling due from those companies over a period of 40 months. They bear interest at 4.787%. In the event that the taxes payable by any of the companies over that period do not equal the sum advanced, the Government undertakes to refund the excess paid in.

The \$7,000,000 will be used to intensify production and thus indirectly to enhance the Federal income, according to Senor Pani, rather than to balance the budget.

Replying to the protest by employees of the Mexican National Railways against a reduction of wages, President Rodriguez has appealed to the workers to accept the sacrifice in order that the Government might have the funds to carry out its public welfare program, including a concerted effort to end illiteracy.

We also quote the following Nov. 12 from Mexico City to the "Times":

Mexico will use the \$7,000,000 advanced by three foreign oil companies on petroleum taxes to strengthen the peso and aid agriculture and large and small industries. Alberto Pani, the Finance Minister, announced to-day.

He issued a financial report reviewing the steps taken to rehabilitate credit, offset the economic crisis and balance the budget. He declared that "fantastic estimates" made before he took office might have produced a deficit this year had not drastic steps been taken to curtail expenses and bring them within the limits of income.

"The first effect of the advance on the petroleum taxes will be felt on the monetary situation," the Finance Minister's statement read. "Deposited in the Bank of Mexico in dollars, it will help effect necessary stabilization and will produce manifestly favorable effects on the expansion of credit and thus on the national economic situation.

"Among the investments projected are the first requisites for renewing activity in the institutions of agricultural credit, an activity fundamental to the economic life of Mexico since it concerns the majority of the population. Any economic plan runs the risk of disaster if the encouragement of agricultural production be forgotten.

"The organization of an urban mortgage bank becomes more necessary each day. This would finance the re-establishment or organization of numerous industries that are needed in all the cities of Mexico for the vital welfare of the community.

"The national system of credit will be completed by the establishment of the Popular Bank, which has been hanging fire since 1926." [The Popular Bank will be founded mainly on the idea of aiding small industries.]

Items regarding the proposed loan appeared in these columns Oct. 15, page 2585 and Oct. 22, page 2744.

Mexico Moves to Centralize Power Control—President Rodriguez Asks Congress to Put Industry on Same Basis as Mining.

The following (copyright) from Mexico City, Nov. 19, is from the New York "Herald Tribune":

President Abelardo Rodriguez, in a special message to the Federal Congress, has asked that body to enact legislation placing the electric-power industry under Government control on the same basis under which mining and oil production now operate.

Under present conditions, the President pointed out, the electric-power industry is subjected to widely divergent State laws, a condition harmful to the Nation's ultimate good.

"The increased number of enterprises developing the nation's electrical industry," the President informed Congress, "as well as the increase of territory serving it, and its enormous importance as an indispensable requisite for the acceleration of the future industrialization of the country, demonstrates the necessity of legislation to control the production of electricity. Legislation which will be uniform, co-ordinated under a single and methodic direction, is indispensable to develop a uniform electrification following the economic, social and political ideas of the Nation."

The President's message is seen as a move to supersede the legislative enactments of different States. The State of Vera Cruz, which regards all foreign-owned enterprises with suspicion, has been particularly active in enacting legislation covering power production and only last week fined the American and Foreign Power Co.'s subsidiary there the equivalent of \$45,000 for alleged failure to pay State taxes on power produced within the State, but consumed outside it.

The proposed Federal legislation will affect such foreign power companies as the Mexican Light & Power Co., a Canadian-directed enterprise which generates approximately 60% of the electric power used in Mexico; the American and Foreign Power Co., which furnishes about 30%, and smaller companies which divide the rest of production.

Gold Purchases of Mexican Government.

In its issue of Nov. 28 the "Wall Street Journal" reported the following from Mexico City:

Secretary of Treasury has purchased 22 bars of gold, valued at 750,000 pesos, to go into the gold reserve of the Bank of Mexico. A stock of 5,000,000 pesos has been accumulated over the past three months.

An earlier item from Mexico City was published as follows in the Nov. 16 issue of the same paper:

The Mexican Federal Treasury has formally delivered to the Bank of Mexico one metric ton of bar gold, valued at approximately \$700,000. This represents the purchases of gold by the Treasury during one month as provided under a recently expedited decree which prohibits the exportation of all gold mined within the country. Under the decree, all domestic produced gold is bought by the Treasury Department to create a gold bullion reserve.

The Federal Government, in line with its policy of buying gold for minting purposes and to strengthen metallic guarantees of notes issued by the Bank of Mexico, purchased 5,000,000 pesos (approximately \$1,650,000, American) of yellow metal during August, September and October.

Mexican Silver-Note Exchange.

The "Wall Street Journal" reported the following from Mexico City, Nov. 28:

All banks in the country have agreed to exchange Treasury notes for silver coins at par upon presentation, the Bank of Mexico officially announced. Heretofore, the exchange of bills into metallic currency was voluntary on the part of private banks, but obligatory on the part of the Bank of Mexico and its branches.

With the founding of the reserve system and the attendant closing of the Bank of Mexico branches throughout the country, all banks have agreed to exchange the treasury notes.

Mexican Arbitration Board Acting in Labor Dispute on Southern Pacific RR. of Mexico, Rules Against Pay Cut.

Associated Press advices from Mexico City, Dec. 3, stated:

The Southern Pacific RR. Co. of Mexico lost most of the important points in the labor dispute which caused a strike for more than a month last summer, it was revealed to-day.

The moot points were submitted to a board of arbitration and conciliation after the Government had taken charge of the railroad to terminate the strike.

The board's decision, handed down to-day, refused the railroad the right to make a 10% salary reduction or to dismiss 183 right-of-way workmen from service. The company was not required to pay employees during the strike period, however, and was authorized to use foreigners in directing positions.

American Firms Protest Against Mexican Laws Classing Vegetables as Public Utilities.

A dispatch from Washington to the New York "Times" also cites protests by American firms against the enactment of laws on Nov. 19 by the States of Sinaloa and Sonora, Mexico, declaring all vegetables public utilities, were taken under consideration by the State Department at Washington on Dec. 5, for possible diplomatic representations.

By the same laws the two States appointed the Wells-Fargo Express Co. of Mexico and the Wells-Fargo Express Co. of the United States exclusive representatives of all growers and shippers of vegetables on the west coast of Mexico this season.

Manuel Tellez, Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs Admits Closing of Geneva Office—Implies, However, That Mexico May Not Withdraw from League.

The New York "Times" reported the following from Mexico City Nov. 16:

Manuel Tellez, Minister of Foreign Affairs, confirmed to-night reports from Geneva that Mexico had closed her offices at the League of Nations. He said, however, that the action was only administrative and was not of importance.

Senor Tellez indicated that the step did not imply necessarily that Mexico would withdraw from the League and that this country might direct its activities in Geneva in the future through Paris "as several other countries are doing."

Nicaragua Seeks Continuation of Plan for Part Suspension of Bond Amortization—Interest Will Be Met—High Commissioner Sails for London to Lay Proposal Before the Council There.

While a partial suspension of amortization payments on Nicaraguan bonds will be effected for the coming year, that Central American Republic will continue to meet interest charges and is still several years ahead of schedule in her payments on both external and internal debts, Irving A. Lindberg, Collector General of Customs and High Commissioner of Nicaragua, said on Nov. 3 in the Hotel McAlpin, it was indicated in the New York "Times" of Dec. 1 from which we also quote the following:

He sailed at midnight on the Manhattan of the United States Lines to present formal request for the suspension to the Council of Foreign Bondholders in London, as it will affect European holders in Nicaragua's 1909 bonds. Informal discussions of the suspension by correspondence, he said, had brought a sympathetic reaction on the part of the bondholders.

Mr. Lindberg explained that the moratorium would be only a "partial suspension" of the payments, or rather a continuance of an arrangement whereby payments of principal were partly suspended this year. Despite the suspension, Nicaragua had paid \$150,000 of principal to the holders of the 1909 bonds as well as of the 1918 issue. The latter issue was made to cover internal debt, and about \$400,000 of it was held in this country. The annual interest payments, amounting to \$200,000 on both the 1909 and 1918 issues, would be met, the Jan. 1 payments having already been provided. The suspension had been made necessary by the earthquake in March 1931, and the economic depression in Nicaragua.

"When revenues were high," Mr. Lindberg said, "a larger sum than the minimum amortization was used in purchasing bonds, and the 1909 issue is five or six years and the 1918 issue is about 15 years ahead of schedule in sinking-fund payments, and while the 1909 issue matures in 1942 and the 1918 issue in 1953 it is likely that both loans will be extinguished not later than 1938.

"Coffee, which forms 60% of Nicaragua's export trade, continues at low prices, which seriously affects the economic conditions of the country, but with a large coffee crop now being harvested Nicaragua has hopes of regaining prosperity."

Mr. Lindberg thought Nicaraguans, as a whole, would prefer having United States Marines remain in the country as a matter of security and for economic reasons. Expenditures by the Marines, he said, had aided the tradespeople and the monetary exchange. About 1,000 Marines were now there, but were expected to be withdrawn by Jan. 15.

Philippines to Save 30% in Reorganization—Governor General Roosevelt Says He Will Sign Bill Reducing Cost of Government.

According to Associated Press advices from Manila, P. I., reorganization of the Philippine Government was assured on Nov. 26 when Governor General Theodore Roosevelt announced he would sign the reorganization bill passed by the recent session of the Legislature. The press accounts, as contained in advices to the New York "Times," added:

As a result of the bill, effective Jan. 1, the Governor General estimated Government costs would be 30% lower for the coming year. He held up the action as an example to other lands.

"So far as I know," he said, "no other government in the last two years, despite economy moves, has actually and basically reorganized. Few have really balanced their budgets."

Governor Roosevelt, whose recommendations the bill follows, estimated between 1,000 and 2,000 of the approximately 20,000 government employees would be discharged as a result of the bill. They will receive gratuities. The number of judges and courts of the first instance will be reduced from 66 to 52. Numerous bureaus will be consolidated and others placed under departments according to their logical functions.

Secretary Hurley Still Opposed to Philippine Independence.

Patrick J. Hurley, Secretary of War, still is firmly opposed to Philippine independence legislation pending in Congress, according to Associated Press accounts from Washington Nov. 17, which added:

He said to-day that he regarded the Hawes-Cutting and Hare bills as inadequate measures for the creation of an independent Filipino nation, but should Congress decide, at the short session, to liberate the Islands, and President Hoover approve, he would co-operate in every possible way in the drafting of a bill embodying what he believes essential to such legislation.

Mr. Hurley's annual report to Congress has been prepared and is in the Government Printing Office. The report will say that, under existing conditions, the Philippine Islands are not ready for immediate independence, and the duty of the United States lies in the direction of preparing the Filipino people for the responsibility they eventually must assume in independent nationhood.

"I do not know what Congress intends to do with the Philippines," he said to-day, "nor can I say what the President's attitude will be. But, should a bill be passed while I am Secretary of War, I shall abandon my present opposition to independence legislation and offer to Congress and the President the benefit of knowledge gained in my experience with Philippine affairs in the hope that the final result will be a bill meeting the requirements of the situation."

Senator Smoot Expects Approval by Congress by Christmas of Legislation Providing for Philippine Independence—Chester Gray of American Farm Bureau Federation on Pending Bills.

A belief that Philippine independence would be approved by Congress before or soon after Christmas was expressed on Nov. 25 by Senator Smoot, as opponents of the legisla-

tion began preparations for a finish fight. We quote from Associated Press accounts from Washington Nov. 25, which went on to say:

Although reserving a definite commitment until he sees the bill in its final form, the veteran Utah Senator said he thought he would vote to free the Islands. Other Republicans from the West are expected to join him.

When the Hawley-Smoot tariff bill was pending, he proposed a limit on free-entry sugar from the Islands of 585,000 tons, but failed to get a majority of the Finance Committee to support it.

Meanwhile, Senator Copeland (Dem.) of New York, was understood to be preparing a speech in opposition, and organized groups, such as the American Farm Bureau Federation, are ready to add their voices to a "no" chorus unless the proposed transition period, culminating in full freedom, is shortened.

Independence for the Islands was pledged in the Democratic platform, however, and it is one of the subjects which leadership of the Party will seek to have disposed of in the short session. Prior to to-day, however, there had been no prediction that the time of action would be so soon.

Under an agreement last session, the Senate will take up the Hawes-Cutting measure on Dec. 8, three days after the session convenes.

If this bill, or one similar to it, should be passed, it would go immediately to conference for adjustment of differences with the Hare bill, approved by the House last session, 306 to 47.

No one in authority would predict to-day what action President Hoover might take on an independence bill. Secretary Hurley, who walked out of a Senate committee hearing last session after a verbal clash over independence with Senator King of Utah, reported to the President, after visiting the Islands, that the Filipinos were not ready to assume self-government.

Differences also exist among the proponents of the legislation. For one thing, they have not been able to agree on a time when full economic and political independence should be granted.

The bill passed by the House would grant independence in eight years and, meanwhile, place limitations on free imports. The Senate bill fixes the transition period at 18 years and provides for an island plebiscite at the end of that time on whether the Filipinos themselves want American control relinquished.

Chester Gray's Views.

Chester Gray, legislative representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation said today that neither bill was satisfactory, but that the House bill would be preferred if the transition period were changed to five years instead of eight, to shorten the period of "unsettled economic conditions," and if "a gradual termination of duty-free Philippine imports" were provided.

"It would be better for both, from the standpoint of the Filipinos and American agriculture, to postpone legislation until the next Congress rather than have the Senate bill pass," he said.

"In the new Congress we could completely re-write the bill in committee, while in this Congress it would have to be amended from the floor, and that would be difficult."

Senator Smoot's prediction of a vote on the issue drew favorable response from leaders of the Philippine Legislature, who, since last January, have been working here for a settlement of the problem.

Manuel Roxas, Speaker of the Insular House of Representatives and joint leader with Senator Sergio Osmena of the independence mission, said that the statement represented hopes of Filipino leaders.

Mr. Roxas said that the insular mission would oppose the reported intention of farm organization leaders to have the Hawes-Cutting independence bill recommitted.

Governor Beverley Orders Puerto Rican Cuts—Acts to Prevent Deficit of \$1,000,000.

Advices from San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nov. 25, to the New York "Times" said:

Following the failure of two special sessions of the Legislature to act on his warning of an impending \$1,000,000 deficit for the present fiscal year and to provide funds to balance the budget, Governor Beverley announced to-day that a sum equal to the prospective deficit must be saved from Government appropriations.

He advised department heads to fill no vacancies and that a personnel reduction might be necessary as well as enforced vacations without pay. With the insular auditor, L. A. MacLeod, the Governor spent the day studying departmental appropriations preparatory to allocating savings to each division. He said every division chief must know where economies could be made without disrupting essential services.

New Panama Budget Plan—Financial Dictatorship for President Forecast.

A cablegram from Balboa, Canal Zone, Nov. 25, is taken as follows from the New York "Times":

A financial dictatorship will be granted to the President of Panama by the National Assembly, according to this afternoon's "El Tiempo." It will include the right to reduce salaries, to discharge employees and to revise contracts for the balancing of the budget.

Reports indicate, however, that the deficit for November will not exceed \$10,000, hence it is believed the budget may be balanced without radical extension of economies.

"El Tiempo" also reports a proposal to issue \$750,000 in Panamanian paper currency, subject to retirement of \$50,000 each month, primarily to pay salaries which are now two months in arrears. Panama heretofore has issued only silver token coins. The proposed paper would be legal tender in Panama, but might not be acceptable in the Canal Zone, which accepts silver coinage.

Panama Seeks Data on Paper Currency Issue—Government Consults Banks and Business Houses on Proposal to Issue \$2,500,000.

Under date of Dec. 3, a copyright cablegram from Panama City to the New York "Herald Tribune" said:

The Panama Government is sounding out banks and representative business houses here on the proposal to print and circulate 2,500,000 paper Balboas, the equivalent of the same number of dollars. The bill the Administration prepared asking legislative action has been withheld pending public reaction to the plan.

At present Panama has no paper currency of its own, and United States bank notes are legal tender.

The Arias Administration gave details of the proposed \$2,500,000 issue to the public before introducing the bill providing for it in the National Assembly. "If this paper money cannot be made safe and worth 100 cents on the dollar, in the hands of any one that may hold it, the Government has no intention of issuing it," said an official release to the press.

The Republic's indebtedness is approximately \$3,000,000, and no funds are available to meet payments. Salaries of Government employees remain unpaid for August and September. The emergency currency, the Administration believes, would stimulate business and circulation of money without impairing the nation's credit structure.

If the new notes are issued, it is planned to place them in the hands of trustees other than the Government. By contract with the trustees, the bills will be issued to the Government in the same amounts as the Government pays on debts which existed on Oct. 1. The issue will be gradual so that there will never be more than \$700,000 outstanding at one time, and inasmuch as there is estimated to be \$3,500,000 to \$5,000,000 cash in circulation on the Isthmus the new currency would not displace the old except to that extent.

The Government also agrees to set aside certain revenues whose yield is constant for redemption of the notes, these revenues to be paid to the trustees. At the end of each month \$50,000 of sums thus paid will be taken up and an equivalent amount of the new money destroyed.

R. J. Alfaro, Newly Appointed Minister from Panama to U. S. Presents Credentials to President Hoover.

The newly appointed Minister of Panama, Ricardo J. Alfaro, presented his credentials to President Hoover, Nov. 28. It was noted in the "United States Daily" of Nov. 30 that Senor Alfaro was former Panama Minister in the United States, but returned to Panama in 1930 to become President of that country, from which office he has recently retired. The remarks exchanged between Senor Alfaro and President Hoover, as made public by the Department of State, as given in the "Daily," follow:

The remarks of the Minister of Panama, Senor Dr. Don Ricardo J. Alfaro, upon the occasion of the presentation of his letters of credence, Nov. 28 1932:

"Your Excellency the President: For the second time the Government of the Republic of Panama has done me the honor of appointing me as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary near the Government of the United States of America.

Relations of Two Governments.

In again accepting the diplomatic representation of my country near the Government over which Your Excellency so brilliantly presides, I consider it appropriate to reiterate the sentiments which on numerous occasions and while holding different public positions I have expressed with regard to the special relations existing between Panama and the United States.

"Those sentiments are based on the fundamental idea that as our two countries are united by exceptional ties in international life, those ties should not give rise to antagonisms and differences, but that on the contrary they are destined only to create loyal co-operation and mutual esteem between the two governments and peoples. In the construction and operation of the Inter-oceanic Canal, each of the two nations has interests that deserve respect and consideration. The desideratum of my Government is to harmonize those interests with the supreme dictates of justice and equity.

"Panama, which made in behalf of the opening of the great seaway the greatest sacrifices ever made by any sovereign nation, is prepared to give all the co-operation that is compatible with that character and hopes to enjoy with honor the benefits resulting from an ample and just comprehension of the rights, obligations and legitimate interests of each of the two parties.

Assurances of Friendship.

"I can assure you, Your Excellency, that as a representative of my Government I shall always make earnest and unremitting efforts to promote those ideals and intensify to the fullest possible extent the mutual good understanding, esteem and friendship of our two countries.

"In placing in the hands of Your Excellency the letters of credence which accredit me as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, as well as the letter of recall of my predecessor, I take special pleasure in conveying to you the cordial greeting which His Excellency the President of Panama, Dr. Harmodio Arias, sends you, together with my own most sincere wishes in the name of the Panaman people and Government for the prosperity of the American people and the personal welfare of Your Excellency."

Reply of President Hoover.

The President's reply to the remarks of Senor Dr. Don Ricardo J. Alfaro: "Mr. Minister: It gives me much pleasure to receive from your hands the letters whereby you are accredited as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Panama to the United States. I also accept the letters of recall of your distinguished brother and predecessor who, it is gratifying to know, is now engaged in Washington in another important task of mutual interest to our governments.

"I am happy to welcome you back to Washington where the members of my Government and your many friends have warm and agreeable remembrances of your sojourn of more than eight years in this capital. Your previous residence here, as well as your subsequent illustrious experience in the highest office of your country, make you particularly well qualified to carry out the object of your mission of intensifying the friendship which has always existed between Panama and the United States.

Special Bonds Recognized.

"I am extremely interested in your reference to the special bonds which link our two countries, and I heartily agree with you, Mr. Minister, that they should be a source of inspiration for mutual understanding and close co-operation. I assure you that the officers of my Government will constantly endeavor to facilitate and improve this understanding and co-operation.

"Please be good enough to convey to His Excellency the President of Panama my best wishes for his personal happiness and for the welfare of the Panamanian people."

Chinese National Railways to Accept Goods at Railway Risk—Move Expected to Improve Service.

Regulations recently placed in effect by the Chinese Ministry of Railways provide for the acceptance of freight shipments at the risk of the carrier, a practice heretofore

unknown in that country, it is stated in a report to the Commerce Department from Trade Commissioner John J. Ehrhardt, Shanghai. The Department, in making this known Dec. 3, said:

With certain exceptions, the railroads must assume full responsibility for any loss or damage to goods that might occur in the course of shipment according to the regulation. It is also provided that precedence may be given to "fast" shipments for which the railroad may charge a higher rate.

The new regulations are now in effect on the Nanking-Shanghai, the Shanghai-Hangchow, and the Tientsin-Pukow lines as far north as Hsuechowfu. It is expected that they will be extended to other railways as soon as arrangements can be completed.

As a result of the new rule, Chinese officials believe, that the service will be greatly improved and that many drawbacks encountered formerly will be eliminated, the report states. The railway administration will now have closer control over the activities of the roads it is said, and considerable improvement in service is expected.

China Buys British Tin Plate Through Boxer Refund.

Under date of Dec. 5 an announcement by the Department of Commerce at Washington said:

Recent purchases of large quantities of British tin plate and galvanized sheets by the Chinese Ministry of Railways through credits established by the British Boxer Indemnity Refund Committee has proved detrimental to local private firms by depressing the local market, according to a report to the Commerce Department's Iron and Steel Division from Assistant Trade Commissioner E. W. O'Harrow, Shanghai.

It is estimated that 25,000 boxes of tin plate of approximately 1,000 gross tons have already been sold by the Government and that a similar quantity is available for release. About 15,000 bundles of approximately 1,340 tons of galvanized sheets are said to have been similarly sold.

Prices for tin plate range from \$2.43 to \$2.58 per base box while galvanized sheets sell for from \$1.98 to \$2.04 per 100 pounds, these quotations being about 20% below the Shanghai market value.

As a result of agitation raised by British and other import firms dealing in these products, the British Boxer Indemnity Refund Committee is reported to have taken action to prevent the further disposition in Shanghai of material below replacement cost. As replacement cost is somewhat higher than the local market, this action should be helpful to present holders of stocks and imports who now find themselves in a difficult position.

Total Short Interest on New York Stock Exchange During November.

The New York Stock Exchange issued its compilation showing the short interest on stocks during November, on Dec. 3. Under the ruling of the Exchange made on Sept. 16, calling for weekly instead of daily reports of the short positions of members (as noted in our issue of Sept. 24, page 2083), the figures show the short position existing at the opening of business each Monday during November. The highest total for the month was reported on Nov. 28 at 1,862,804, which compares with the high total for October of 1,884,826 reported on Oct. 24. The Exchange's announcement follows:

The following statistics, which have been compiled from information secured by the New York Stock Exchange from its members, show the total short interest existing at the opening of business on each Monday during November 1932.

Oct. 31 1932	1,839,939	Nov. 21 1932	1,847,078
Nov. 7 1932	1,859,381	Nov. 28 1932	1,862,804
Nov. 14 1932	1,819,947		

† Last published figure.

New York Stock Exchange to Report Daily Volume of Sales to Nearest 10,000 Shares.

The Committee on Publicity of the New York Stock Exchange announced on Dec. 7 that "beginning Thursday, Dec. 8, the volume of stock trading will be shown to the nearest 10,000 shares, instead of to the nearest 100,000 shares as at present."

Market Value of Listed Stocks on New York Stock Exchange Dec. 1 \$22,259,137,174, Compared with \$23,440,661,828 Nov. 1—Classification of Listed Stocks.

As of Dec. 1 1932 there were 1,242 stock issues aggregating 1,312,148,772 shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange, with a total market value of \$22,259,137,174.

This compares with 1,245 stock issues aggregating 1,312,480,819 shares listed on the Exchange Nov. 1 with a total market value of \$23,440,661,828 and with 1,246 stock issues aggregating 1,310,966,486 shares with a total market value of \$26,734,828,668 on Oct. 1. In making public the Dec. 1 figures on Dec. 6, the Exchange said:

As of Dec. 1 1932 New York Stock Exchange member borrowings on security collateral amounted to \$337,612,558. The ratio of security loans to market values of all listed stocks on this date was therefore 1.52%.

As of Nov. 1 1932 New York Stock Exchange member borrowings on security collateral amounted to \$324,702,199. The ratio of security loans to market values of all listed stocks on that date was therefore 1.39%.

In the following table listed stocks are classified by leading industrial groups, with the aggregate market value and average price for each:

	December 1 1932.		November 1 1932.	
	Market Values.	Aver. Price.	Market Values.	Aver. Price.
Autos and accessories.....	1,040,252,538	9.55	1,067,420,697	9.81
Financial.....	702,374,658	12.89	721,158,337	13.25
Chemical.....	1,708,948,737	25.67	1,748,573,007	26.27
Building.....	137,509,808	8.70	154,727,828	9.79
Electrical equipment manufacturing.....	567,035,877	13.88	611,671,134	14.97
Foods.....	1,589,447,195	22.40	1,699,241,895	23.83
Rubber and tires.....	140,361,831	11.37	143,545,819	11.62
Farm machinery.....	204,399,944	18.20	214,050,452	19.06
Amusements.....	80,999,470	4.24	91,196,338	4.82
Land and realty.....	33,177,372	6.61	35,603,792	7.10
Machinery and metals.....	570,813,228	11.95	597,616,115	12.53
Mining (excluding iron).....	589,985,277	9.85	624,846,724	10.43
Petroleum.....	2,269,876,327	12.55	2,374,325,039	13.13
Paper and publishing.....	122,759,546	7.95	131,821,340	8.15
Retail merchandising.....	1,162,388,803	16.34	1,222,279,947	17.19
Railroads and equipments.....	2,306,284,278	20.02	2,497,043,242	21.67
Steel, iron and coke.....	832,366,328	21.23	959,529,405	24.47
Textiles.....	104,489,154	9.42	112,732,824	10.16
Gas and electric (operating).....	2,151,927,046	31.11	2,200,443,642	31.81
Gas and electric (holding).....	1,403,959,871	14.34	1,509,734,036	15.42
Communications (cable, tel. & radio).....	2,270,089,610	60.54	2,304,917,866	61.47
Miscellaneous utilities.....	115,684,297	11.35	122,451,285	12.02
Aviation.....	118,512,728	6.64	131,708,592	7.24
Business and office equipments.....	131,687,788	12.61	144,367,541	13.83
Shipping services.....	5,756,072	2.75	6,884,393	3.29
Ship operating and building.....	9,048,665	2.68	9,213,183	2.73
Miscellaneous business.....	49,145,420	10.96	50,157,439	11.19
Leather and boots.....	141,935,129	20.55	146,980,997	21.26
Tobacco.....	368,632,643	37.20	1,053,100,431	40.45
Garments.....	8,358,765	6.42	9,046,708	6.95
U. S. companies operating abroad.....	335,067,292	9.95	348,628,388	10.36
Foreign companies (incl. Cuba & Can.).....	386,241,477	8.63	396,643,392	8.86
All listed companies.....	22,259,137,174	16.96	23,440,661,828	17.86

Arbitrage Error in Bonds Costly—Traders in B. & O. Issue Overlook Stock Exchange Rule on "Stamped" Securities—Price of 55 Paid Meant 55% of \$900, Making Deficit on Deal Instead of Expected Profit.

Through the overlooking of a rule of the New York Stock Exchange, in which mistake both brokers and their clients apparently participated, arbitragers in a Baltimore & Ohio R.R. bond issue became entangled in transactions which may involve losses of thousands of dollars, it was disclosed on Dec. 5 as the result of inquiries made to the Stock Exchange and to the railroad. Noting this the New York "Times" of Dec. 6 added:

The error arose although the New York Stock Exchange called attention on last Wednesday to the ruling affecting the bonds. The rule, which was adopted on March 12, deals with "stamped" bonds in a way which precluded arbitraging in the form subsequently practiced by traders in the bonds.

Inducement for Early Deposit.

The Baltimore & Ohio is meeting, one-half with cash, one-half with new bonds, the maturity of \$63,250,000 of convertible 4½% bonds on March 1. As inducement to deposit under the offer, 10% is paid in cash immediately on bonds deposited before Dec. 22. This inducement has resulted in deposits which last night equaled 36% of the amount of the bonds outstanding and promises of deposits to bring the total to 40%.

Bonds on which the 10% cash payment is made are stamped with a notation which, in effect, makes their face value \$900 instead of \$1,000. In the case of a \$1,000 bond, with corresponding adjustments in the case of bonds of smaller denominations. Trading in the stamped bonds began on Thursday, with transactions in the plain bonds continuing as usual.

The difference in quotations between the stamped and plain bonds caused on Thursday [Dec. 1] and Friday [Dec. 2], and, it is reported, to a lesser degree on Saturday, arbitrage trading which, it is estimated, accounted for about \$200,000 face value of the securities changing hands. Quotations on Thursday [Dec. 1] ranged around 55 for the stamped and 61 for the plain bonds, the figure of 61 making the cost of 10 plain bonds \$6,100. When presented under the exchange offer, these bonds yield \$1,000 in cash, making their net cost \$5,100. At this point, the erroneous interpretation of the stamped bonds' quotation led the arbitragers into a mistake, which consisted in believing that the 10 stamped bonds were worth \$5,500 at the market price of 55 for the stamped issue. If this reasoning had been correct there would have been a profit of \$400 in the transaction.

Loss Instead of Profit.

These arbitragers, however, did not realize that the applicable Stock Exchange rule meant that a price of 55 for the stamped bonds meant 55% of \$900, their face value after deposit. The rule decrees that bonds partly repaid or redeemed shall be considered as representing the sum unredeemed. Hence, a price of 55 for the stamped bonds meant 55% of \$9,000 or \$4,950. Compared with the cost of \$5,100 for 10 plain bonds, this meant a loss \$150 instead of a profit of \$400 in the arbitrage transaction.

Arbitraging, which consists in simultaneous buying and selling in securities which are changing hands in the markets in two forms or on different exchanges, is generally considered the prerogative of the most nimble of traders. Some years ago the Stock Exchange put into effect rules which curbed much arbitraging formerly carried on.

Total of \$600,000,000 in Government Securities Offered in December Financing of Treasury—Books Closed—Offerings Consist of \$350,000,000 2¾% Four-Year Treasury Notes and \$250,000,000 ¾% One-Year Treasury Certificates—New Low Interest Rate.

In the December financing of the Treasury Department, announced Dec. 6, a total of \$600,000,000 of Government securities was offered—\$350,000,000 or thereabouts of 2¾% Treasury Notes (Series B-1936), dated and bearing interest from Dec. 15 1932 and due Dec. 15 1936, and \$250,000,000 or thereabouts of ¾% Treasury Certificates (Series TD-1933), dated and bearing interest from Dec. 15 1932 and due Dec. 15 1933. The announcement of the

offering by Secretary Mills (Dec. 6) stated that "about \$600,446,200 of Treasury Notes and about \$100,000,000 in interest payments on the public debt become due and payable on Dec. 15 1932." Announcement of the closing of the books was made by Secretary Mills in the following statement on Dec. 7:

Secretary Mills to-day announced that the subscription books for the current offering of 4-year 2¾% Treasury notes, series B-1936, maturing Dec. 15 1936, and 1-year ¾% Treasury certificates of indebtedness, series TD-1933, maturing Dec. 15 1933, closed at the close of business, Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Subscriptions placed in the mail before 12 o'clock mid-night, Dec. 7, as shown by the post office cancellation, will be considered as having been entered before the close of the subscription books.

Announcement of the amount of subscriptions and the basis of allotment will be made on or about Dec. 12.

With regard to the heavy over-subscription indicated, the New York "Times" of Dec. 8 stated:

Treasury Issues Over-subscribed.

The heavy volume of orders for the new Treasury 1-year ¾s and 4-year 2¾s, which poured into banks here yesterday, indicated long before the business day ended that the issues would be heavily over-subscribed. In view of the low percentage of cash allotments expected, some attempt was made to establish a "when-issued" market, but at best it was sketchy, with much heavier bids than offerings. At any rate, quotations of 100 5-32 and 100 12-32 were named on the ¾s and 2¾s, respectively, indicating the popular preference for the longer-term issue.

On Dec. 6 the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:

In issuing 1-year paper at ¾ of 1%, the Treasury has set up a new post-war record for cost of borrowing. Officials said that they knew of no lower rate at any time for 1-year paper. On 90-day bills the Treasury recently has been paying extremely low rates, the last issue having been at the equivalent of a 0.13% interest on an annual basis.

The last issue of Treasury notes, offered in October to the amount of \$450,000,000 or thereabouts, bore 3% interest; they are to run for 4½ years. Items regarding that offering appeared in these columns Oct. 8, page 2420, and Oct. 15, page 2593. In September, the Treasury Department offered simultaneously \$750,000,000 3¼% 5-year Treasury notes and \$400,000,000 1¼% 1-year Treasury certificates. References thereto will be found in our issues of Sept. 10, page 1754 and Sept. 17, page 1919. The new 4-year Treasury notes offered this week will not be subject to call before the maturity date, Dec. 15 1936. Secretary Mills' announcement of Dec. 6 follows:

The Treasury is to-day offering for subscription at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve banks, \$350,000,000, or thereabouts, 4-year 2¾% Treasury notes of Series B-1936, and \$250,000,000, or thereabouts, 1-year ¾% Treasury certificates of indebtedness of series TD-1933. The Treasury notes will be dated Dec. 15 1932, and will bear interest from that date at the rate of 2¾% per annum, payable semi-annually. They will mature on Dec. 15 1936, and will not be subject to call for redemption prior to that date.

The certificates of indebtedness will be dated Dec. 15 1932, and will bear interest from that date at the rate of ¾% per annum, payable semi-annually. They will mature on Dec. 15 1933.

The principal and interest of the Treasury notes and Treasury certificates of indebtedness will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of value.

The Treasury notes and Treasury certificates of indebtedness will be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation (except estate or inheritance taxes) now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve banks. The Treasury will accept in payment for the new Treasury notes and certificates of indebtedness, at par, Treasury notes of Series 1932, maturing Dec. 15 1932.

Subscriptions for the 4-year 2¾% Treasury notes, in payment of which Treasury notes of Series 1932 are tendered, will be given preferred allotment up to not less than \$210,000,000, and subscriptions for the 1-year ¾% Treasury certificates of indebtedness, in payment of which Treasury notes of Series 1932 are tendered, will be given preferred allotment up to not less than \$150,000,000.

The Treasury notes will be issued in bearer form only, in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000, with interest coupons attached, payable semi-annually on June 15 and Dec. 15 in each year. The certificates of indebtedness will be issued in bearer form only, in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000, with two interest coupons attached, payable June 15 1933 and Dec. 15 1933.

About \$600,446,200 of Treasury notes and about \$100,000,000 in interest payments on the public debt become due and payable on Dec. 15 1932.

The Treasury circular's detailing the offerings, follow:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

2¾% TREASURY NOTES, SERIES B-1936.

Dated and bearing interest from Dec. 15 1932. Due Dec. 15 1936.

The Secretary of the Treasury offers for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve banks, \$350,000,000, or thereabouts, 2¾% Treasury notes of series B-1936, of an issue of gold notes of the United States authorized by the Act of Congress approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended.

Description of Notes.

The notes will be dated Dec. 15 1932, and will bear interest from that date at the rate of 2¾% per annum, payable semi-annually on June 15 and Dec. 15 in each year. They will mature Dec. 15 1936, and will not be subject to call for redemption prior to maturity.

The principal and interest of the notes will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of value.

Bearer notes with interest coupons attached will be issued in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$100,000. The notes will not be issued in registered form.

The notes shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation (except estate or inheritance taxes) now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority.

The notes will be accepted at par, during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in payment of income and profits taxes payable at the maturity of the notes.

The notes will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, but will not bear the circulation privilege.

Application and Allotment.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve banks.

Subscriptions for which payment is to be tendered in Treasury notes of series 1932, maturing Dec. 15 1932, will be given preferred allotment up to not less than \$210,000,000.

The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to reject any subscription, in whole or in part, and to allot less than the amount of notes applied for and to close the subscriptions at any time without notice; the Secretary of the Treasury also reserves the right to make allotment in full upon applications for smaller amounts, to make reduced allotments upon, or to reject, applications for larger amounts, and to make classified allotments and allotments upon a graduated scale; and his action in these respects shall be final. Allotment notices will be sent out promptly upon allotment, and the basis of the allotment will be publicly announced.

Payment.

Payment at par and accrued interest for notes allotted must be made on or before Dec. 15 1932, or on later allotment. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for notes allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve bank of its district. Treasury notes of series 1932, maturing Dec. 15 1932, will be accepted at par in payment for any notes of the series now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted, with an adjustment of the interest accrued, if any, on the notes so paid for.

General Provisions.

As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions and to make allotments on the basis and up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve banks of the respective districts. After allotment and upon payment Federal Reserve banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive notes.

OGDEN L. MILLS,
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

TREASURY CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.

$\frac{3}{4}$ %, Series TD-1933.

Dated and bearing interest from Dec. 15 1932. Due Dec. 15 1933.

The Secretary of the Treasury, under the authority of the Act approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended, offers for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve banks, \$250,000,000, or thereabouts, Treasury certificates of indebtedness of series TD-1933.

Description of Certificates.

The certificates of this series will be dated Dec. 15 1932, and will bear interest from that date at the rate of $\frac{3}{4}$ % per annum, payable semi-annually. They will be payable on Dec. 15 1933.

The principal and interest of the certificates will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of value.

Bearer certificates will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$100,000. The certificates will have two interest coupons attached, payable on June 15 1933, and Dec. 15 1933.

The certificates of this series shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation (except estate and inheritance taxes) now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority.

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Opening of Seventy-Second Congress, Second Session— Senate in Session on Opening Day Only 20 Minutes —House at First Day's Session Rejects Garner Resolution for Repeal of Eighteenth Amendment —New Members of Senate and House Sworn in, House Bills Number Less Than Fifty.

The convening of the Seventy-second Congress, second session, on Monday Dec. 5 was marked by the exceptionally small number of bills introduced in the House—less than 50 it is stated. A year ago, with the opening of the first session of the Seventy-second Congress, a flood of 5,000 bills poured into the House. A further feature of the present—or “lame-duck session”—was the injection of the prohibition issue in the proceedings of the House on the first day, when the Garner resolution, calling for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment was pressed for action by its author, and rejected by the House on the same day (Dec. 5) by a vote of 272 ayes and 144 nays—its adoption requiring a two-thirds vote. According to the “Times”, the vote recorded was the largest ever polled in behalf of an anti-prohibition proposal in the House. A further reference to the Garner resolution appears elsewhere in our issue to-day. On the opening day the Senate was in session only 20 minutes, its proceedings being indicated in the following from Washington Dec. 5, which we quote from the New York “Herald Tribune”:

Seventy-nine Answer Roll Call.

Promptly at 12 Vice-President Curtis called the Senate to order and prayer was offered by the chaplain, the Rev. Z. Barney T. Phillips.

Call of the roll disclosed 79 Senators present. Senator William E. Borah announced that his colleague, Senator John Thomas, of Idaho, was absent because of illness. A number of other absences were announced, among them that of Senator James Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, who is recuperating from illness.

Another absentee was Senator James J. Davis, Republican, of Pennsylvania, who is awaiting trial on an indictment against him arising out of lottery charges.

Senator Edward P. Costigan, of Colorado, officially announced the death of his colleague, Senator Charles W. Waterman, who died last summer, paid a brief tribute to him and offered the usual resolution of regret, which was adopted.

Similarly, Senator Clarence O. Dill, Democrat, of Washington, announced the death of Senator Wesley L. Jones, Republican, who died a few days after the election, in which he met defeat. A resolution of regret was offered and adopted.

Three Admitted to Membership.

The credentials of Robert R. Reynolds, of North Carolina, Walter Walker, of Colorado, and E. S. Grammer, of Washington, were presented and they were sworn in. Senator Reynolds is elected for the short term. Senator Walker, Democrat, was appointed temporarily to fill the place of Senator Waterman, a Republican. Karl C. Schuyler, Republican, was elected to fill the place, but because of delay by the canvassing board the credentials of Mr. Schuyler will not reach here until the middle of the week. Meantime, Senator Walker raced here by plane in order to take the oath and serve until Mr. Schuyler arrives.

With Senator Walker sworn in, the Senate stood at 48 Democrats, 47 Republicans and one Farmer-Labor.

In some quarters there has been talk the Democrats would attempt to seize control of the organization, but Republican leaders do not anticipate this. Absence of Senator Davis on the Republican side, however, might throw the Republicans into an embarrassing situation if the Democrats should make a sudden maneuver for control before Mr. Schuyler reaches Washington.

After swearing in new Senators the Senate passed the usual formal resolutions. One by Senator Watson provided for a committee of two Senators to meet with a committee from the House and advise the President that a quorum of each House is assembled and ready to receive any communications. Senators Watson and Robinson, of Arkansas, were named on the committee.

Another resolution, by Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, directed the Secretary of the Senate to notify the House of the assembling of the Senate.

Another, by Senator Charles L. McNary, fixed the daily hour of meeting at 12 o'clock.

After these formalities the Senate adjourned at 12:20 on motion of Senator Dill out of respect to the memory of Senators Jones and Waterman. This was done after Senator Watson, through force of habit, moved to adjourn until to-morrow at 12, but withdrew the motion to allow adjournment in tribute to the late colleagues.

Six new Representatives were sworn in on Dec. 5 before the House swung into the prohibition debate, it was noted in the Washington advices (Dec. 5) to the New York "Times" which stated:

These were B. T. Castellow, Democrat, of Georgia; Ambrose J. Kennedy, Democrat, of Maryland; Robert L. Davis, Republican, of Pennsylvania; Joseph F. Biddle, Republican, of Pennsylvania; Willa B. Eslick, Democrat, of Tennessee, and Joel B. Flood, Democrat, of Virginia. Speaker Garner announced the resignations of Representatives Charles R. Crisp of Georgia and John Q. Tilson of Connecticut.

Outside the action on the repeal resolution, the business of the House was brief and formal.

About 45 bills were introduced. Measures to reduce the letter postage rate from 3 to 2 cents were introduced by Representatives Almon, Lamneck and Kurtz, while Representatives Romjue and Almon urged repeal of the bank check tax.

Representative Brunner, introduced a bill to create an additional Federal Judgeship in the Eastern District of New York, to name this the North-eastern District, and to confine the present Eastern District to Kings and Richmond Counties.

Bills to aid the farmer in various ways were sponsored by Representatives Sinclair, Leavitt, Lankford, Almon, Warren, Briggs, McKeown and Patman. Representative Jenkins proposed paying adjusted compensation certificates immediately and Representative Rankin introduced his "liberty note" currency expansion plan.

Representative Pittenger recommended that wounded veterans on government rolls be classified in the civil service with automatic preference for positions.

As to the House bills, Associated Press accounts from Washington, Dec. 5, said:

Reflecting subjects that are weighing on members' minds, many of the surprisingly few bills introduced in the House on the first day of the session dealt with farm relief and prohibition. Among the latter was a measure by Representative John J. O'Connor, Democrat, of New York, leader of the House wet bloc, calling for the modification of the Volstead act to permit the sale of beer. That bill probably will be considered by the House Ways and Means Committee if it takes up beer legislation Wednesday.

Mr. O'Connor would permit the brew to contain 3.2% alcohol by weight. A tax of \$7.50 would be levied on each 31 gallons. House Democratic leaders are hoping that revenue from a beer tax will help stave off a special session after March 4.

One of the farm relief bills, sponsored by Wright Patman, Democrat, of Texas, would refinance farm indebtedness and reduce the interest rate to 1½%.

Representative Tom D. McKeown, Democrat, of Oklahoma, proposed the creation of a Federal farm and farm home loan corporation, composed of seven members, to accomplish the purpose Mr. Patman has in mind.

Moratoriums for hard-pressed farmers who owe the Government money on seed and crop-production loans were proposed by Representative Scott Leavitt, Republican, of Montana.

Two Democrats, Lindsay C. Warren, of North Carolina, and Clay Stone Briggs, of Texas, introduced measures calling for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make \$50,000,000 available to farmers for crop production.

Representative William C. Lankford, Democrat, of Georgia, sponsored a measure under which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation would furnish funds to help persons dispossessed through tax sales to get back their property.

The O'Connor beer bill was a companion piece to one by Representative William E. Hull, Republican, of Illinois. William F. Brunner, Democrat, New York, introduced a beer measure to make the alcoholic content 2.75% by weight and the tax four cents a pint.

Mr. O'Connor also sponsored a resolution calling for repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. It was almost identical with the resolution which the House voted down. Mr. Brunner had a bill for repeal, too. His would let the states handle their liquor problem once the amendment is scrapped.

A bill to legalize the sale of light wines was introduced by Representative Clarence F. Lea, Democrat, of California.

There was one measure calling for payment of the bonus. It was put forward by Representative Thomas A. Jenkins, Republican, of Ohio, who would make an exception of veterans in Federal, state or municipal employ, and those who pay Federal income taxes. Others would get one-half of the remainder due on the adjusted compensation certificate after Jan. 1, and the other half a year later.

There were several measures to change the three-cent rate on first class mail back to the old two-cent rate, one by James M. Mead, Democrat, of New York, Chairman of the House Post Office Committee, and several to repeal the tax on bank checks.

Representative James W. Collier, Democrat, of Mississippi, introduced a bill which would give the President power to bar virtually all Soviet products and other products that are government monopolies.

On Dec. 7 Karl C. Schuyler, a Republican, took the oath as Senator from Colorado, succeeding Walter Walker, Democrat, who served by appointment for two days, Associated Press advices from Washington on Dec. 7 also said:

Mr. Walker also was on the floor, having told reporters earlier that "just as he welcomed me when I took the oath, I welcome him."

Mr. Walker's two days as Senator by appointment have been spent in giving attention to reclamation and farm questions affecting his State and the Far West in general. He said to-day he would visit New York for a few days before returning home.

While in New York Mr. Walker will call on President-elect Roosevelt. Senator Barbour (Rep., N. J.) also took the oath of office to-day to fill the unexpired term of the late Dwight W. Morrow—four and one-half years. Senator Kean (Rep., N. J.) presented Barbour's certificate of election.

Mr. Barbour was appointed to fill Mr. Morrow's seat in the Senate on Dec. 1, 1931, and served until his election to succeed himself.

The Republicans now have 48 to the Democrats 47 and Farmer-Laborite one. It was just the reverse Monday as to the major parties.

It was stated in the New York "Times" of Dec. 6 that about 125 broadcasting stations allied with two major networks radioed the proceedings of the opening of Congress on Dec. 5. So far as listeners were concerned, however, it was House day, their interest centering on the vote on prohibition repeal.

House Rejects Garner Resolution for Repeal of Eighteenth Amendment—Hearings Scheduled on Beer Legislation—Speaker Garner States House Will Have Opportunity to Consider Repeal Resolution Later if Voted by Senate.

The Garner resolution providing for a flat repeal of the Eighteenth (Prohibition) Amendment to the Federal Constitution to be submitted to the people through State conventions was defeated in the House Dec. 5 (with the opening of the new or "lame duck" session of Congress) by a vote of 272 ayes to 144 nays, lacking the necessary two-thirds by a margin of six votes.

Immediately afterwards, said the "United States Daily" of Dec. 6, the sponsor of the repeal proposal, Speaker Garner (Dem.) of Uvalde, Tex., announced orally that if a straightout repeal measure is passed by the Senate, an opportunity for its consideration in the House would be accorded and that the chances for beer legislation are strengthened by the action of the House on repeal. From the "Daily" we quote further as follows:

Presented by Mr. Rainey.

The repeal resolution was presented to the House by Majority Leader Rainey (Dem.) of Carrollton, Ill., in a speech in which he first outlined the proposal of the respective political parties regarding prohibition. "In compliance with the provisions of those platforms this amendment has been prepared," the majority leader said, "and I have presented it as majority leader for adoption."

The resolution (H. J. Res. 480) was as follows:

"Joint resolution, proposing an amendment to the Constitution to repeal the Eighteenth Amendment. Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each house concurring therein), that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the Constitution when ratified by conventions in three-fourths of the several States:

"Article —. Section 1. The 18th article of amendment is hereby repealed.

"Section 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by conventions in three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission."

Motion to Suspend Rules.

The first vote came on the expected parliamentary demand for "a second" to the motion to suspend the rule and a second was ordered by a teller vote of 245 ayes to 121 nays, upon which came the immediate consideration of the resolution. The House occupied 40 minutes in the debate on the resolution, equally divided between those favoring and those opposed to the resolution.

Both floor leaders and other members on both sides of the chamber made speeches. The debate did not follow party lines, and several fruitless attempts were made to extend the time of discussion in view of the importance of the subject.

Majority Leader Rainey spoke for the resolution and Minority Leader Snell (Rep.) of Potsdam, N. Y., while saying he favors returning control of the liquor traffic to the States, said he wanted this done in an orderly way and not rushed through in disrespect to the President, whose message to Congress has not yet been read. Representative Summers (Dem.) of Dallas, Tex., Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary, which last week had refused to instruct for the repeal resolution, declared that this is the last opportunity in a decade for the friends of temperance to submit this question.

The House Committee on Ways and Means on Dec. 7 will begin hearings on proposed legislation for legalization of beer and a beer tax.

The 272 votes in favor of the resolution were cast by 168 Democrats, 103 Republicans, and one Farmer-Laborite; those in opposition (144) were 100 Republicans and 44 Democrats.

On Dec. 2 (prior to the convening of Congress on Dec. 5) the Garner proposal for a vote on prohibition repeal Dec. 5 suffered a setback at the hands of the House Judiciary Committee, which voted 13 to six against sponsoring the resolution on the floor.

The Washington advices Dec. 2 to the New York "Times" noting this, also said in part:

Speaker Garner, however, promptly announced his determination "to keep faith with the American people" and force a vote, any way.

When informed by Chairman Summers that he had failed to obtain committee consent, largely because of Democratic votes, to move for suspension of the rules and adoption of the Garner resolution, the Speaker made known that his procedure Monday would be as follows:

"I will recognize Mr. Summers if he desires to be recognized to make the motion to suspend the rules and adopt my resolution. If he does not care to, I will recognize Mr. Rainey, the Democratic leader."

Mr. Garner expressed the view that "several of those" who voted against the resolution would vote on the other side "when they have to step up and be counted."

Garner Counting on Republicans.

The Speaker reiterated that "the final outcome of the vote depends largely upon the Republican action Monday," and added that "a good many Republicans will have to vote with the Democrats to put it over." He went on:

"It is marvelous the number of Democrats who have told me they are going to vote for my resolution. Just go out and poll the Georgia delegation, the Texas delegation, the Missouri and Maryland delegations, and you'll be surprised how many have changed.

"I am going through with this thing. My plans have not been altered in the least. I am going to keep faith with the American people. No man living can say I haven't kept faith with my constituency for these many years, and this time it is the entire American people."

Seven Democrats, all from Southern States, were among the thirteen who voted against the Judiciary Committee sponsoring the Garner resolution. The negative vote included also six "lame ducks." The affirmative vote came from four Democrats and two Republicans. The line-up was as follows:

For Sponsoring Resolution.

Democrats—Condon, Rhode Island; Dieterich, Illinois, and Celler and Oliver, New York.

Republicans—Dyer, Missouri, and La Guardia, New York.

Against.

Democrats—McKeown, Oklahoma; Browning, Tennessee; Gregory, Kentucky; Weaver, North Carolina; Tarver, Georgia; Dominick, South Carolina, and Montague, Virginia.

Republicans—Christopherson, South Dakota; Yates, Illinois; Michener, Michigan; Moore, Ohio; Sparks, Kansas, and Kurtz, Pennsylvania.

Some committee members were quick to announce that their vote to-day did not mean necessarily that they would vote against the resolution Monday. Representatives Michener and Montague indicated they would vote yes Monday, and Chairman Sumners, who did not vote in committee, said that he would stand for the Garner resolution.

President Hoover's Message to Congress Detailing Program for Reorganization of Government Departments—58 Executive Agencies Grouped or Consolidated—Number of Independent Agencies Reduced by 15.

A special message embodying recommendations for the reorganization of Government Departments was sent to Congress by President Hoover yesterday (Dec. 9). With his message, detailing his program the President transmitted Executive orders, issued yesterday, "transferring and grouping a large number of executive agencies." His message said "a total of 58 executive agencies and parts of agencies have been grouped or consolidated. One effect is to reduce by about 15 the number of independent agencies and Commissions. United Press advices from Washington in the New York "World-Telegram" last night said:

President Hoover . . . ordered a Division of Public Works set up in the Department of the Interior to take over much of the river and harbor and flood control work now in the hands of the War Department's board of army engineers.

Several minor boards and commissions were abolished or relegated to advisory capacities pending action by Congress. . . .

The orders become effective February 8 unless rejected within that time by Congress.

The President's reorganization, striking at outworn bureaus, would create four new Assistant Secretaries in three departments to handle work done by overlapping bureaus and agencies. These are:

1. Assistant Secretary of Interior for Public Works.
2. Assistant Secretary of Interior for Education, Health and Recreation.
3. Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Land Utilization.
4. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Merchant Marine.

The Merchant Marine Division would be established in the Department of Commerce. The United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation would be transferred to this division.

The Federal Oil Conservation Board would be abolished. The Bureau of Mines in the Commerce Department would take over its functions.

The program, the President explained. . . .

To the Senate and House of Representatives.

The Congress, on June 30 1932, enacted provisions for the reorganization of the executive departments, which subject I have from time to time laid before the Congress.

The declared policy of the Congress, as set out in Section 401 of Title 4, Part 2, of this act follows:

"Sec. 401. In order to further reduce expenditures and increase efficiency in government it is declared to be the policy of Congress—

"(a) To group, co-ordinate and consolidate executive and administrative agencies of the Government, as nearly as may be, according to major purposes;

"(b) To reduce the number of such agencies by consolidating those having similar functions under a single head;

"(c) To eliminate overlapping and duplication of effort; and

"(d) To segregate regulatory agencies and functions from those of an administrative and executive character."

To accomplish these purposes, the President was authorized by executive order to transfer executive agencies to and from departments and independent executive agencies and to designate titles and duties of officials connected therewith.

The act provides that such executive orders must be transmitted to the Congress while in session and that they shall not become effective until the expiration of 60 calendar days, unless the Congress shall in the meantime approve them. In accordance with this authorization, I am transmitting herewith to the Congress executive orders which have been issued to-day, transferring and grouping a large number of executive agencies.

A further limitation was placed upon executive action in the provision that statutory functions may not be abolished by executive orders, the effect of which renders it necessary to retain many commissions, but, under the orders issued, their administrative functions are placed under various departments, the commissions retaining their advisory functions only. A total of 58 executive agencies and parts of agencies have been grouped or consolidated. One effect is to reduce by about 15 the number of independent agencies and commissions.

I have made no estimate of the extent of the economies which will eventually result from this reorganization program. The total appropriations for the present fiscal year to these agencies is approximately \$700,000,000.

These orders constitute the necessary initial action required in carrying out the policy which the Congress has proclaimed in connection with reorganization of the executive branch of the Federal Government. They undertake to group certain executive agencies and activities in logical and orderly relation to each other as determined by their major functions and purposes, and to vest in the head of each department, subject to executive approval the authority and responsibility to develop and put into effect the ultimate details of better organization, elimination of overlap, duplication, and unnecessary expenditure. These results can only be worked out progressively by the executive officers placed in charge of the different divisions.

An example of the value of such grouping and administrative economies is well shown in the increased efficiency and administrative economies through the consolidation of agencies relating to veterans service and likewise of enforcement activities which were authorized some time ago.

I have under consideration further consolidations and grouping in the different departments, including certain functions of the Army and Navy, which I hope to be able to transmit to the Congress at a later date.

Public Works.

I have established a division of public works in the Department of the Interior and designated that the title of one of the present assistant secretaries shall be "Interior for Public Works," under whose direction I have grouped the following organizations and functions:

1. The Bureau of Reclamation, now in the Department of the Interior.
2. The Geological Survey, now in the Department of the Interior.
3. The office of the supervising architect, which is transferred from the Treasury Department to the Department of the Interior.
4. The non-military activities (except the survey of northern and northwestern lakes and the supervisor of New York Harbor) administered under the direction of or supervision of the chief of engineers, United States Army, including rivers and harbors and flood control work, and the duties, powers and functions of the Mississippi River Commission, the California Debris Commission, the Joint Board of Engineers for the St. Lawrence River Waterway, the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors and the Inter-oceanic Canal Board, which are transferred from the War Department to the Department of the Interior, and the said commissions and boards shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Interior.
5. The activities and duties relating to the construction, repair and maintenance of roads, tramways, ferries, bridges and trails in the Territory of Alaska, now in the Department of the Interior.
6. The Bureau of Public Roads, which is transferred from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of the Interior.
7. The office of Public Buildings and Public Parks, which is transferred from its status as an independent establishment to the Department of the Interior.
8. The administrative duties, powers and functions of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, which are transferred to the Department of the Interior, and the commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Interior.
9. The administration duties, powers and functions of the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway Commission, which are transferred to the Department of the Interior, and the commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Interior.
10. The administrative duties, powers and functions of the Arlington Memorial Bridge Commission, which are transferred to the Department of the Interior, and the Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Interior.
11. The administrative duties, powers and functions of the Commission of Fine Arts, which are transferred to the Department of the Interior, and the Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Interior.
12. The administrative duties, powers and functions of the George Rogers Clark Sesquicentennial Commission, which are transferred to the Department of the Interior, and the Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Interior.
13. The administrative duties, powers and functions of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Commission, which are transferred to the Department of the Interior, and the Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Interior.
14. The administrative duties, powers and functions of the General Supply Committee, Treasury Department, which are transferred to the Department of the Interior, and the Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Interior.
15. The Government fuel yards, which are transferred from the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, to the Department of the Interior.

Education, Health and Recreation.

I have established a division of education, health and recreation in the Department of the Interior and have designated that one of the assistant secretaries shall be called "Assistant Secretary of Interior for Education, Health and Recreation" and have transferred to that division the following organizations and functions:

1. The office of education, now in the Department of the Interior.
2. Howard University, now in the Department of the Interior.
3. The Columbia Institution for the Deaf, now in the Department of the Interior.
4. The American Printing House for the Blind, which is transferred from the Treasury Department to the office of education.
5. The administrative duties, powers and functions of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, which are transferred to the office of education, and the board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Interior.
6. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, now in the Department of the Interior.
7. The Public Health Service, which is transferred from the Treasury Department to the Department of the Interior.
8. The Division of Vital Statistics, which is transferred from the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, to the Public Health Service in the Department of the Interior.
9. St. Elizabeth's Hospital, now in the Department of the Interior.
10. Freedman's Hospital, now in the Department of the Interior.
11. The National Park Service, now in the Department of the Interior.
12. The national parks, monuments and cemeteries, which are transferred from the War Department to the Department of the Interior.

Land Utilization.

I have established a division for land utilization of the Department of Agriculture to include functions whose major purpose relates to the protection and utilization of land and its inherent natural resources, and have designated a change in the title of the Assistant Secretary to "Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and Land Utilization" and have transferred to that division the following organizations and functions:

1. The forest service, now in the Department of Agriculture.
2. The general land office, which is transferred from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Agriculture.
3. The administrative duties, power, and functions of the committee on the conservation and administration of the public domain, which are transferred to the Department of Agriculture, and the committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of Agriculture.

National Arboretum.

4. The Advisory Council of the National Arboretum, now in the Department of Agriculture.
5. The Bureau of Biological Survey, now in the Department of Agriculture.
6. The Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, now in the Department of Agriculture.
7. Various fractions of bureaus already in the Department of Agriculture dealing with this major purpose will be subsequently added to this general division.

Merchant Marine Division.

I have established a merchant marine division in the Department of Commerce and an Assistant Secretary of Commerce for merchant marine, and have transferred to that division the following organizations and functions.

1. The Coast and Geodetic Survey, now in the Department of Commerce.
2. The hydrographic office of the Bureau of Navigation of the Navy Department to the Coast and Geodetic Survey.
3. The survey of Northern and Northwestern Lakes of the office of the Chief of Engineers of the War Department to the Coast and Geodetic Survey.
4. The Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection, now in the Department of Commerce.
5. The Supervisor of New York Harbor of the office of the Chief of Engineers of the War Department and the powers and duties of said supervisor to the Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection.
6. The Naval Observatory of the Bureau of Navigation of the Navy Department, with the exception of those activities that have to do with the development, maintenance and repair of instruments for the Navy, to the Department of Commerce.
7. The United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation to the Department of Commerce.
8. The Inland Waterways Corporation of the War Department to the Department of Commerce.
9. The Bureau of Lighthouses, now in the Department of Commerce.

Commerce and Industry.

I have transferred to the Department of Commerce or the Bureaus thereof, as indicated, the following organizations and functions which involve services in the interest of commerce and industry:

1. The powers and duties of the Federal Oil Conservation Board to the Bureau of Mines, and the said Board is abolished.
2. The administrative duties, powers, and authority of the National Screw Thread Commission to the Bureau of Standards, and the Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of Commerce.
3. The administrative duties, powers, and functions of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics to the Bureau of Standards, and the committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of Commerce.
4. The Weather Bureau of the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Commerce.

Department of Justice.

I have transferred to and consolidated with the Department of Justice the powers, duties and functions of the Alien Property Custodian and the powers and duties now exercised by the Veterans Administration which relate to the defense in court of cases involving litigation arising under Section 19 of the World War Veterans Act of 1924, as amended.

Department of Labor.

I have transferred to and consolidated with the Department of Labor the powers and duties now exercised by the Employees Compensation Commission which relate to the administration of the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' act of March 4, 1927, and the act of May 17, 1928, extending the provisions of the 1927 act to private employers and their employees in the District of Columbia.

Civil Service Commission.

I have transferred to and consolidated with the Civil Service Commission the powers and duties of the Employees Compensation Commission which relate to the administration of the act of Sept. 7, 1916, and amendments thereto, providing compensation on account of injuries sustained by civilian employees of the Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia, leaving the Employees Compensation Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the Civil Service Commission pending its abolition by legislative action.

Border Patrol.

I have transferred to and consolidated with the Coast Guard in the Treasury Department the following services:

1. The border patrol from the immigration service to the Department of Labor, and—
2. The border patrol from the customs service to the Treasury Department.

Bureau of the Budget.

I have transferred and consolidated the following activities in the Bureau of the Budget:

1. The powers and duties now exercised by the general accounting office which relate to the designing, prescribing and installation of accounting forms, systems and procedure to the several executive departments and independent establishments. Except that the controller-general shall retain the power and duty to prescribe the form and manner in which accounts shall be submitted to his office for audit.
2. The powers and duties now exercised by the general accounting office which relate to the administrative examination of fiscal officers' accounts and claims against the United States, and the adequacy and effectiveness of the administrative examination of accounts and claims in the respective departments and establishments and the adequacy and effectiveness of departmental inspection of the officers and fiscal officers.
3. The powers and duties of the Bureau of Efficiency.

Legislative Recommendations.

I recommend that legislation be enacted to accomplish the following additional changes in organization which the law does not confer upon me authority to make:

1. Abolish the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway Commission, whose powers and duties are transferred to the Department of the Interior. This commission has accomplished the purpose for which it was created and need no longer be retained as a separate entity.
2. Transfer jurisdiction over the operation, protection and maintenance of the parks, parkways, playgrounds and recreational activities of the District of Columbia from the office of Public Buildings and Public Parks to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, making it possible to consolidate and co-ordinate these activities with similar functions now performed by the municipal government of the District and relieving the Federal Government of the control of activities which are purely local in character and which are paid for out of District of Columbia funds.
3. Abolish the Employees' Compensation Commission. I have transferred those duties and activities of the commission which involve relations between private employers and their employees to the Department of Labor, and the remainder of its duties and activities, involving relations of the Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia, with their own employees, to the Civil Service Commission. This leaves no justification for the retention of the Employees' Compensation Commission.

4. Abolish the board of trustees of the National Training School for Boys, and transfer the powers, duties and functions of that board to the Board of Public Welfare of the District of Columbia.

The practice of committing delinquent boys to this institution from jurisdictions outside of the District of Columbia has been generally discontinued. This will automatically convert it into a local reform school, the management of which should be entrusted to local authorities. A similar change in jurisdiction over the National Training School for Girls was made by an act approved March 16, 1926.

Executive Orders.

I am submitting herewith not only executive orders but also a brief discussion prepared by the Bureau of the Budget of the proposed transfers and the basis on which they are predicated.

Proclamation By President Hoover Extends Time Within Which Reconstruction Finance Corporation May Make Loans—Period Extended to January 22 1934.

A proclamation extending for one year, to Jan. 22 1934, the time within which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation may make loans, was issued as follows by President Hoover on Dec. 8:

By the President of the United States of America;

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, An Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide emergency financing facilities for financial institutions, to aid in financing agriculture, commerce and industry, and for other purposes," approved by the President on the twenty-second day of January, 1932, as amended by an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to relieve destitution, to broaden the lending powers of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and to create employment by providing for and expediting a public works program," approved by the President on July 21 1932, contains in Section 5 thereof the following provision concerning the powers of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation: "The Corporation may make loans under this section at any time prior to the expiration of one year from the date of the enactment hereof; and the President may from time to time postpone such date of expiration for such additional period or periods as he may deem necessary, not to exceed two years from the date of the enactment hereof."

And whereas I, Herbert Hoover, President of the United States of America, deem it necessary that the date of expiration of the power of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make loans under the provisions of Section 5 of said Act to be postponed—

Now, therefore, I, Herbert Hoover, President of the United States of America, acting under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by Section 5 of said Act of Congress, do hereby declare and proclaim that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation may make loans under the provisions of Section 5 of said Act at any time prior to the twenty-second day of January 1934.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this eighth day of December in the year of Our Lord Nineteen hundred and thirty-two, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-seventh.

HERBERT HOOVER.

By the President,
HENRY L. STIMSON,
Secretary of State.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation Announces Terms on Which Sale of Wheat to China Might Be Effected.

In a Washington dispatch Dec. 8 to the New York "Times" it was stated that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation announced on that day that its Board of Directors had agreed on the terms and conditions under which they are willing to undertake the financing of a sale of 6,000,000 bushels of wheat to the Chinese Government. From the dispatch we quote:

The terms were immediately dispatched to the North Pacific Grain Growers Association and the Farmers National Grain Corporation, controllers of the wheat proposed to be sold, and interest in the transaction was revived after it was believed for more than a month to have discarded it.

The Corporation's announcement regarding the Chinese wheat loan read: "Directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to-day agreed on the terms and conditions upon which they would be willing to entertain an application from the North Pacific Grain Growers Association for a loan to finance the exportation of six million bushels of American wheat to China. These terms and conditions have been sent to officials of the Grain Growers Association and the Farmers National Grain Corporation for their consideration. Up to date no formal application has been received by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for an export wheat loan."

No further information on the terms was made available by the Corporation, but it was understood on good authority that a four-page memorandum sent to the two grain organizations covered the following main conditions:

1. The loan, tentatively set at about \$3,000,000 would be made direct to the North Pacific Grain Growers Association to pay for the 6,000,000 bushels of wheat it now holds or would acquire from its farmer co-operative members.

Chinese Bonds for Security.

2. It would be secured by bonds of the Chinese Government, and these would be in turn secured by funds to be derived from an import tax of 5% levied by the Chinese Government and placed into a sinking fund for that purpose.

3. The collateral security would be delivered to the Grain Growers Association and turned over to the Federal Reserve Bank of that district to the credit of the Reconstruction Corporation.

4. The wheat must be shipped from Pacific Coast ports in American bottoms.

5. It must be agreed on the part of China that no part of the wheat financed by the Corporation be resold by that country but must be consumed in China.

Another condition which lacks official confirmation is that at least a third of the wheat going to China be in the form of flour milled in the United States.

It was originally planned that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation finance the sale of 15,000,000 bushels of wheat to China, the transaction

to involve a loan of about \$8,000,000. This plan grew out of a conference at the White House late in September between President Hoover and officials of the Department of Agriculture, the Farm Board and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

On Dec. 7 Associated Press advices from Washington stated:

Senator Dill of Washington said to-day that renewed negotiations for the sale of Farm Board wheat to China involve a "much smaller amount" than the 15,000,000 bushels previously discussed.

Resumption of the negotiations was revealed by Dill yesterday in a telegram to friends in his home State in which he predicted early consummation of the deal.

Stock Subscriptions to Federal Home Loan Banks— Five Banks in Position to Make Advances.

Franklin W. Fort, Chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, announced at Washington, on Dec. 2, that the total of unconditional and conditional stock subscriptions in the Federal Loan Bank System amounted to \$11,795,081. At the same time it was stated:

The unconditional subscriptions, those by institutions where State law does not prevent their participation in the Home Loan System, amounted to \$9,259,081. The conditional subscriptions, which cannot be accepted until Legislatures amend the State law to permit participation, amounted to \$2,536,000.

Chairman Fort later stated (Dec. 6) that unconditional stock subscriptions to the Home Loan Bank System had been increased \$280,500, bringing the total to \$9,539,581, and the Home Loan Board has authorized loans up to "several millions of dollars" by district banks. On Dec. 7 the "United States Daily" said:

Five of the 12 regional banks have been authorized to make loans on 12 lines of credit, but the total amount of credit that has been made available to members of the System has not been computed, Mr. Fort said. The lines of credit range from \$18,000 to \$720,000.

To Establish New Credit Lines.

"We have in the office and will pass on 25 to 30 additional lines of credit recommended by the regional banks, but it is difficult to say how fast we shall act on them," the Chairman said.

Delaware Concerns Eligible.

Forty Delaware building and loan associations with assets of more than \$17,000,000 have just become eligible for membership in the Home Loan Bank System, the Board has been advised. Eligibility was made possible by the passage of necessary legislation by the Delaware legislature and approval of Governor C. D. Buck.

Specific legislation was necessary to permit these institutions, eligible under the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, to subscribe to stock in the regional bank at Pittsburgh and pledge their mortgages as collateral for loans from the reservoir provided under the System.

Legislation Enacted.

Seven of the Delaware associations had previously applied for membership in the System, conditional on the enactment of the enabling legislation, and many other associations are arranging to participate in and become members of the Pittsburgh bank, according to Mr. Fort.

Associated Press accounts from Washington, Dec. 2 said:

The minimum capital stock of the 12 regional Home Loan banks was set at \$134,000,000, and the remainder not covered by the subscriptions will be subscribed by the Treasury and drawn as needed. Fort said that when any bank used up the money it had received from subscriptions the System would then call on the Treasury for the amount needed.

Stock Subscriptions.

The stock subscriptions, by districts, included:
Third District, Pittsburgh, Pa., \$1,353,700.
Fourth District, Winston-Salem, N. C., \$791,833.
Fifth District, Cincinnati, \$2,224,300.
Sixth District, Indianapolis, \$1,422,600.
Seventh District, Evanston, Ill., \$826,100.
Eighth District, Des Moines, \$105,100.
Ninth District, Little Rock, Ark., \$1,227,600.
Tenth District, Topeka, Kan., \$166,400.
Eleventh District, Portland, Ore., \$40,000.
Twelfth District, Los Angeles, \$32,100.

The approval of the first application for a loan by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board was noted in our issue of Dec. 3, page 3795.

Federal Home Loan Bank in New York Federal Reserve District Reported Active—Recommends Five of 165 Institutions Applying for Admission.

In its issue of Dec. 3, the New York "Times" stated that applications for membership in the Federal Home Loan Bank System were received up to that date from 165 institutions in the Second Federal Home Loan Bank District, it was announced at the office of the regional bank in Newark, N. J. The "Times" added:

The Second District comprises the States of New York and New Jersey, and also Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Total resources of the institutions that have applied aggregate \$268,892,797.

To date the admission of five applicants has been recommended to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board at Washington. The examination of the remainder is progressing rapidly.

Officers of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Newark emphasized that careful scrutiny is being exercised so that only sound and well-managed institutions shall be accepted into membership.

It was also announced, following a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bank, that advances to member institutions, secured by a rediscount

of their present mortgage holdings, will be made at an early date. As soon as institutions are admitted they may apply for advances.

The Board of Directors indicated that preference in advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank System will be given to member institutions that agree to re-lend the money they receive to home owners who desire to repair or remodel their homes, or who desire to increase present mortgages in order to pay taxes, or whose mortgages are in good standing but have been called by the present holder, or who in any other fashion present sound security and proper evidence of ability to pay the carrying charges on a mortgage.

Officers of the bank are confident that as funds are advanced to eligible institutions throughout the district a general relaxation of mortgage credits in the various localities will result.

Institutions eligible to affiliate with the Federal Home Loan Bank System are building and loan associations, insurance companies, savings and loan associations and savings banks. It is estimated that the institutions that have so far applied are serving some 80,000 home owners in the States of New Jersey and New York.

Direct Loans Sought For Home Owners—House Bill Would Require Federal Home Loan Banks to Lend Up to 80%.

Amendment of the Home Loan Bank Act to make it mandatory for home loan banks to loan to individual home owners not exceeding 80% of the present appraisal value of the property are proposed in a bill introduced in the House Dec. 6 by Representative Cochran (Dem.), of St. Louis, Mo. From the "United States Daily" we also quote:

Mr. Cochran explained the measure would afford relief to tens of thousands now facing foreclosure for want of refinancing opportunity.

His statement follows in full text:

"I have to-day introduced in the House a bill providing for amendments to the Home Loan Bank Act which would make it mandatory for the banks to loan to individual home owners an amount not in excess of 80% of the present appraisal value of the property. If this amendment is adopted it would afford some relief to the tens of thousands of unfortunate citizens who are facing foreclosure owing to their failure to refinance existing loans.

Aid for Home Owners.

"The Government is taking care of the great corporations such as the railroads, insurance companies, banks, &c., and it has set up various institutions for relief of the home owners of farm lands, but it has done nothing to help the individual to save his home.

"It was always questionable in my mind as to whether this Loan Act should have been enacted, but it was held out to us as a measure that would save the homes for the individuals. We find, however, that it is of no value to the individual as it is now worked and being administered, because no loans have been made to the individual, and if a loan is made in the future it will not be for more than 30 or 40% of the present appraised value. No one would find it necessary to appeal to the Government for a loan of 80 to 40% of the present appraised value.

"The building and loan associations that are subscribing for stock in the bank do not do business with individuals other than their members. Therefore, some provision must be made for the home owner who is not a member of a building and loan association. Then, again, in many States, my own Missouri included, building and loan associations cannot participate in the Federal Act because of restrictions placed upon them by State laws. I will urge the Chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency to grant me a hearing at the earliest date possible upon my bill."

Text of Cochran Bill.

The Cochran bill follows in full text:

To amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to provide for the making of loans by the banks to home owners.

Be it enacted, that Section 2 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act be amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(10) The term home owner means any individual or group of individuals (other than a partnership, association, or corporation) owning real estate in fee simple or leasehold under a renewable lease for not less than 99 years upon which there is located a dwelling for not more than three families but does not include any individual, group of individuals, partnership, associations, or corporations engaged in the business of dealing in or renting real estate."

Section 2, Section 4 (d) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act is amended to read as follows:

"(d) Each Federal Home Loan Bank shall, on the application of any home owner, lend to such home owner on the security of a first mortgage or other first lien of the class commonly given in the State in which the real estate is located on real estate of the kind described in Section 2 (10) owned by such home owner. The making of such loans shall be subject to the following limitations:

Security Required.

"(1) Loans shall be made only on the security of real estate located in the district in which the bank is located; (2) loans shall be made only to such home owners as are unable, after reasonable effort, to obtain such loans from any other source on reasonable terms; (3) no loan shall be made for an amount in excess of 80% of the value, at the time the loan is made, of the real estate securing such loan; but the amount of the loan applied for shall be loaned to the home owner if such amount does not exceed such 80 percentum; (4) no loan shall be made on the security of real estate valued at the time the loan is made, at more than \$20,000; (5) in the case of a loan made on the amortization plan, there shall not be required in any one year as combined principle and interest payments an amount in excess of 10 percentum of the amount of the loan;

"(6) The interest rate on loans made shall not exceed 6 percentum annually; (7) no indorsement or other signature shall be required on any note creating the obligation between the bank and the home owner except the indorsement or signature of the owner or owners of the real estate; and (8) no fee for making such loan shall be charged except for examination of the title through the real estate, and such fee shall not be in excess of the fee customarily charged for such service in the locality in which the real estate is situated."

Section 3. Section 11 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection: "(k) For the purposes of subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this Section, the note of a home owner borrower to whom a loan has been made under Section 4 (d) and the mortgage given to secure such note shall be considered a home mortgage, and if any such note and mortgage is deposited as security for bonds and debentures, for the purpose of determining the value of deposits securing bonds or d

sum of such note shall be added to the aggregate unpaid principle of the home mortgage loans secured by home mortgages deposited."

Senator Borah's Proposal to Repeal Federal Home Loan Bank Act Criticized by H. S. Kissell of Fifth District Home Loan Bank.

Senator William Borah's proposal to repeal the Home Loan Bank Act drew criticism on Dec. 7 from Harry S. Kissell of Springfield, Chairman of the Board of the Fifth District Home Loan Bank of Ohio, Tennessee and Kentucky, and co-author of the Home Loan Bank bill, according to Associated Press advices from Springfield, Ohio, Dec. 7, which quoted him as follows:

At the start there were selfish interests that fought the passage of this bill which created the Home Loan banks, he said. They are going to continue to fight. Therefore this attack of Senator Borah is nothing we did not expect.

If the citizens will have patience with what we are trying to do for the small homeowners and refuse to listen to attacks of selfish interests the banks will produce results.

Senator Borah Offers Measure for Repeal of Federal Home Loan Bank Act—Senator Copeland Asks Time for Test of Operations of System, in Reply to Criticism in the Senate—Senator Borah Would Retain Provision Granting Circulation Privilege to National Banks.

Contending that the Federal Home Loan Bank System is without merit and that it holds no hope of material benefits for home owners, Senator Borah (Rep.) of Idaho, introduced a bill (S. 5076) in the Senate Dec. 7, providing for repeal of the Home Loan Bank Act, excepting the section providing for currency expansion. The "United States Daily" of Dec. 8, indicating this, added:

Senator Copeland (Dem.) of New York, replying to Senator Borah's criticism in the Senate, said that the System "ought to have a chance to demonstrate its value." There should not be too much criticism directed at the theory, said Senator Copeland, when it had had no time to show what it could do. The rules and regulations were not such as to cause enthusiasm, he added, but he felt this condition was not attributable to theory of the law.

Other Senators Critize Board.

Senator Glass (Dem.) of Virginia, also criticized the Board. Senator Couzens (Rep.), of Michigan, who recalled his opposition to the "whole thing" when the bill creating the System was before the Senate last session, said he thought criticism should be directed at both the Board and the System, explaining, however, that such criticism should be directed at all members and not any single member of the Board.

Franklin W. Fort, Chairman of the Board, had been singled out by several Senators, who blamed him for being absent from his office during the political campaigns. Senator Couzens declared that was not the chief basis of his criticism; other members of the Board had participated with the Chairman in drafting policies under which the System is being administered, and, "besides that, they are trying to administer a law which is not going anywhere," he said.

Plan Called "Innocuous Instrumentality."

Senator Glass described Mr. Fort as "a smart and capable business man." "But no matter how smart," he continued, "no business man, Mr. Fort or any other one, can administer an innocuous instrumentality. I voted against enactment of the law; and unless I am shown otherwise, I shall vote for its repeal."

When he offered the bill, Senator Borah said he was presenting the measure "with a sincere desire to call attention of Congress to the condition arising from the law." He asserted it had not been of benefit to a single home owner and that, in his opinion, it never would reach "down that far."

Need of Amendment or Repeal.

"The rules and regulations the Board has adopted," said Senator Borah, "make me feel that the law has to be repealed or drastically amended. My own opinion is that it can not be amended in a worth-while fashion. I feel very certain that we are going to build up a tremendous institution at great expense to the Government and without any benefit to the people we want to help."

Senator Copeland argued that it would be a mistake to repeal the law at a time when so many States had laws prohibiting their chartered institutions from affiliating with the National system. Efforts are being made in most of them, including his own State of New York, to amend the statute of inhibition, and he felt time should be allowed for these institutions to join the system. Otherwise, he declared, no test had been given the law in the true sense.

Sluggishness of Operation.

Attention was called by Senator Fletcher (Dem.) of Florida, to the fact that the law had been passed more than six months ago, and he understood that only a few laws had been made. He inquired how long "a patient public" must wait.

"I am aware of the shortcomings of the Board" said Senator Copeland. "I know that Mr. Fort should have been in his office and not out campaigning, but I insist there ought to be time allowed in which to demonstrate the value of the system."

House Owner Not Benefitted.

Senator Couzens declared there was "about one change in 1,000,000" of money loaned by the system banks reaching individual home owners where there is necessity for such funds to prevent foreclosure.

Exemption of the currency expansion provision from the scope of the repeal was provided, Senator Borah explained, because he felt this part of the bill, added as a Senate amendment when the act was passed, had been of service.

The currency expansion section provides that all government bonds or notes bearing interest up to 3½% are eligible for use by National banks for deposit with the Treasury as collateral behind issues of National bank notes. It was calculated when the Act was passed that about \$995,000,000 in government bonds and notes would be accorded circulation privilege under the terms of the provision, which has been commonly called the Glass-Borah amendment.

American Exporters Send Plan to Reconstruction Finance Corporation on Foreign Exchange—Joint Committee Five-Point Program Suggests Aid of Corporation in Releasing Funds.

From the New York "Times" of Dec. 4 we take the following:

A five-point program, designed to assist American exporters through the elimination of present exchange barriers which restrict the flow of currency in approximately thirty-five countries, was completed yesterday by the Joint Committee on Foreign Exchange Relations and submitted to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The program suggests the aid of the corporation in releasing frozen assets abroad of American companies, in financing new exports and in facilitating an adjustment of debts that jeopardize existing American investments of a commercial character in foreign countries.

Asserting that "prevailing economic distress is due principally to the paralysis of foreign commerce," the joint committee, which is composed of twenty foreign trade groups and chambers of commerce, declared that "nations everywhere are endeavoring to create instrumentalities designed to further trade at home and abroad" and that the United States cannot afford to stand by idly while this process is going on.

In terming the elimination of the present exchange barriers as the first factor necessary for a revival of foreign trade, the committee said that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is an agency which might be of assistance in the present situation, and proposed five steps for the consideration of that body. They are:

1. Appointment of a special commission, composed of not more than five men thoroughly versed in international finance, economics and practical exporting, to examine Section 5A of the Reconstruction Finance Act and to suggest to the corporation, as a result of such study, the creation of any departments which would put into effect whatever suggestions the first committee may make.

2. Establishment of credit and extension of advances against so-called frozen assets of American corporations engaged in foreign trade, provided such corporations are responsible and worthy.

3. Creation of an exchange or exchanges to finance new exports. Such an exchange clearing house would make possible the utilization of funds of American exporters and manufacturers tied up in foreign countries, for without this home organization to counteract the exchange restrictions in foreign countries any loans for future business to exporters by the corporation would simply be an accumulation of assets frozen abroad.

4. Use of the corporation's influence to induce the Federal Government to help realize these suggestions, by acquainting through dignified propaganda the various foreign governments with the fallacy of exchange restrictions.

5. Establishment of a department to study existing American investments in foreign countries of a purely commercial character, with a view to facilitating the adjustment of debts which may be in default in whole or in part and making possible the transfer of funds which may be held by debtor governments.

The report was signed by George P. Reinberg, Chairman; Ray C. Schlotterer, Secretary, and Max Winkler, economist.

Stanley Reed Named General Counsel of Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Stanley Reed, for the last two years General Counsel of the Federal Farm Board, has been named General Counsel of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, succeeding Morton G. Bogue, who has resigned to resume the practice of law in New York City. A newly created position of general solicitor will be filled by Francis T. P. Plimpton of the Corporation's legal staff, the Corporation also announced on Dec. 1.

Bondholders Sue Missourians Owning Stock in St. Louis Joint Stock Land Bank.

According to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Nov. 20, 196 Missourians, who owned stock in the St. Louis Joint Stock Land Bank, were named on Nov. 19 as defendants in a suit filed in Federal Court by a Bondholders' Protective Committee to enforce collection of 100% liability alleged due from stockholders on their shares as a result of the bank going into receivership last June. The paper quoted also said:

In addition, the suit names approximately 200 non-resident stockholders of the bank who are not in the Missouri jurisdiction and asks that a receiver-trustee be appointed to file proceedings against them in the various jurisdictions in which they live.

Edward M. Flish has been acting as receiver-trustee to enforce collection of \$1,430,000 liability under a previous suit filed in United States District Court, but his appointment is being questioned in an appeal action on the ground it was premature. The suit yesterday brought into court for the first time names of all of the stockholders. Only a few, mostly officers and directors were named in the previous suit.

Committee Formed.

Members of the Bondholders' Protective Committee formed last March 31, who brought the suit through the law firm of Holland, Lashly & Donnell, are Frank C. Ball, David Biggs, George F. Hardie, Reeve Schley, G. A. Tomlinson and Arthur W. Brady. E. D. Nims, who resigned as a member of the committee on Nov. 2 is included among the defendants.

They say they represent a total of \$10,158,000 of bonds of the Land banks of Cape Girardeau, Mo., Greenville, Ill., and St. Louis, and that there has been a default in payment of \$264,192 interest on these holdings deposited by bondholders. The Greenville and Cape Girardeau banks were merged with the St. Louis institution.

S. L. Cantley, former State Finance Commissioner, has been acting as receiver under appointment of the Federal Farm Board since last June, when defaults occurred. He, as well as the bank and the Land Securities Co., holding concern for stock, also are named as defendants.

Attack Stock Transfers.

The petition asks the Federal Court declare as void the transfer of their stock holdings by some of the defendants to the Land Securities Co. after it was organized as a part of the plan to change the holding company, in-

corporated in Delaware, operated illegally in Missouri because it did not have a license to do business as a foreign corporation in the State.

When some of the transfers were made, apparently with intent to avoid liability on the stock, the suit continues, some of the shareholders had reason to believe the bank was declining and was insolvent.

The suit says it cannot estimate what the deficiency between liabilities and assets of the bank will be, but asks the appointment of a special Master to determine the percentage of liability the stockholders must pay for each \$100 par value of stock. The law provides a maximum assessment of double the value of the stock.

In the previous suit, C. E. Partridge, a bondholder of Kansas, estimated liabilities at \$18,000,000 and assets of \$10,000,000, a deficiency of \$8,000,000, due to the decline in farm land values on which loans were made by the bank.

The naming of a receiver for the St. Louis Joint Stock Land Bank was noted in our issue of June 11 1932, page 4247.

Plan for Readjustment of Affairs of Des Moines Joint Stock Land Bank.

A plan for the readjustment of the affairs of the Des Moines Joint Stock Land Bank of Des Moines, Iowa, was issued under date of Dec. 1 by J. C. Morrow, Vice-President and Manager of the bank. Mr. Morrow states that it is the belief of the management that the plan, if it becomes effective, "will enable the bank to continue to function as a going concern, and will permit its slow assets to be liquidated in an orderly, economical manner, and without the necessity of having to force its real estate on an unwilling market at cruelly ruinous prices."

The plan calls for the sale to the bank by each holder of the bank's bonds, of one-half of the face amount of his holdings at a price equal to 35% of the face amount, plus accrued interest. The proposal is set out as follows:

DES MOINES JOINT STOCK LAND BANK OF DES MOINES.
Urgent.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 1 1932.

To the Holders of Bonds Issued by the Des Moines Joint Stock Land Bank of Des Moines, Iowa,
and

To the Holders of Bonds of the Central Iowa Joint Stock Land Bank of Des Moines, the Obligations of Which Have Been Assumed by the Des Moines Joint Stock Land Bank of Des Moines:

In April 1932 J. C. Morrow (formerly assistant to the receiver of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank of Kansas City) was elected Vice-President and Manager of the Des Moines Joint Stock Land Bank, and since that time has been the active Manager in charge of the affairs of the bank.

Although every effort has been made to improve the condition of the bank, many economies made and many of the non-earning assets sold, the bank has made no appreciable progress. In fact the deficit in its capital structure has increased.

As disclosed in the statement of condition as of Nov. 30 1932, which appears on the last page of this letter, the bank had outstanding bonds in the amount of \$9,324,000. As of the same date it had unpaid net mortgage loans of \$6,628,592.85. Of the latter amount \$3,892,991.90 of these mortgages were delinquent in the payment of principal and interest. In view of the disparity between the bond interest which must be paid and the income derived from non-delinquent loans, it is evident that the bank cannot continue to pay interest on the amount of bonds now outstanding, without the forced sale of its real estate at ruinous prices.

A careful survey has been made of the difficult problems with which the bank is confronted because of the long continued economic and agricultural depression. The officers and directors have reached the conclusion that if the bank is to continue to function as a going concern and the maximum recovery is to be realized upon its slow assets, it will be necessary to put into effect a plan, fair to all concerned, which provides for the negotiation of a loan in order to enable the bank to reduce its bond obligations to an amount more nearly commensurate with the earning power of the assets of the bank, and which takes into consideration the losses which have been and will be sustained in connection with the orderly liquidation of the slow assets of the bank.

In order to assist in accomplishing this result, A. O. Stewart, who controls a substantial block of the stock and bonds of the bank, agrees that if the bondholders of this bank will co-operate with him to the extent set out in the following plan, he will obtain a loan for the bank which will enable it to purchase and retire the amount of bonds of the bank provided in the plan.

Mr. Stewart is President of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of San Francisco, Vice-President of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Salt Lake City and President of the Phoenix Joint Stock Land Bank of Kansas City. It was largely through the efforts of Mr. Stewart that the properties and affairs of the defunct Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank were successfully reorganized in 1931.

If the plan becomes effective, and in order to add strength to the bank, it is contemplated that Mr. Stewart will serve as President of the bank (without salary), additions will be made to the board of directors and the present policy of rigid economy will be adhered to.

To the end that a prompt improvement in the condition of the bank's affairs may be effected, the following plan is offered to all bondholders:

The Plan.

1. Each holder of bonds shall sell to the bank one-half of the face amount of his present holdings of bonds issued or assumed by the Des Moines Joint Stock Land Bank at a price equal to 35% of the face amount of such bonds so sold, plus accrued interest thereon to date of sale (operative date of plan). (As of Nov. 30 the market quotation on bonds of this bank was 20 bid and 24 asked.)

2. The bank will purchase and pay for bonds at the price aforesaid, to wit: 35% of the face amount of such bonds so sold, plus accrued interest thereon to date of sale (operative date of plan), provided that bonds in the aggregate face amount of approximately one-half of the outstanding bonds of the bank are offered for sale in the manner and within the time and under the conditions herein specified.

3. On or before Dec. 31 1932 each bondholder desiring to take advantage of this plan shall execute the enclosed agreement and letter of transmittal and forward by registered mail or otherwise deliver the same, together with

the one-half of his bonds which he wishes to sell, to the Iowa-Des Moines National Bank & Trust Co. of Des Moines, Iowa (herein referred to as the depository), with all unmatured interest coupons attached. In the case of registered bonds, the owner thereof should execute the assignment thereon in blank and have his signature properly acknowledged in accordance with the instructions printed on the back of the bonds. The bank reserves the right to extend the time within which bonds offered for sale under the plan may be deposited with the depository to not later than Jan. 31 1933.

4. In the event that one-half of the face amount of the outstanding bonds (or such lesser amount as the bank may elect to accept) are offered for sale under this plan and received by and deposited with the depository within the time and under the conditions as herein specified, the bank will immediately declare the plan operative by written notice to the depository and will cause to be paid to the depository for immediate delivery to the respective depositing bondholders the purchase price for said bonds as herein provided, without any deduction for expenses.

5. In the event that bonds are not offered as herein provided within the time herein specified in a sufficient amount in order to make the plan possible of consummation, the bank reserves the right to declare the plan inoperative by notice in writing to the depository. In the event that the plan is declared inoperative, or in the event that the plan fails to become operative on or before Jan. 31 1933, the bank will cause all bonds which have been offered for sale and deposited with the depository as herein provided to be returned to the owner thereof as shown by the records of the depository, without expense to the owner of the bonds.

6. In no event does the bank obligate itself to purchase more than one-half of the face amount of bonds held by any bondholder.

If one-half of the bonds now outstanding are sold to the bank under this plan, the bond obligations of the bank will be reduced to approximately \$4,662,000, which is more nearly commensurate with the earning power of the assets of the bank. While the consummation of this plan obviously will not solve all of the problems with which the bank is confronted under present depressed economic and agricultural conditions, it is the belief of the management that if the plan can be carried through promptly it will afford the basis, with careful management and improvement in business and agricultural conditions, for the ultimate solution of the bank's problems.

This plan has been discussed with a number of holders of substantial amounts of the bonds of the bank, and they have indicated their willingness to co-operate in the carrying out of the plan, provided that a sufficient number of other bondholders of the bank join in the plan, so as to make its consummation possible.

It is essential that all bondholders shall act promptly and within the time specified if the benefits of this plan are to be realized.

Respectfully submitted,

DES MOINES JOINT STOCK LAND BANK OF DES MOINES,

By J. C. MORROW, Vice-President.

Note.—The original of the foregoing letter has been deposited with the depository, Iowa-Des Moines National Bank & Trust Co.

Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Baltimore Reduces Discount Rate from 3½ to 2½%.

The Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Baltimore has reduced its discount rate from 3½ to 2½%, Hugh S. Mackey, Manager of the bank, announced on Dec. 1 according to the Baltimore "Sun" of Dec. 2, which also said:

This rate applies alike to loans to co-operative marketing associations and to loans rediscounted with the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank by banks and agricultural credit corporations in the five States of its District.

This means that the credit is available to individual farmers at not more than 5½% because of the fact that institutions discounting with the Intermediate Credit Bank are not permitted to charge more than 3% above the bank's established rate.

The local Federal Intermediate Credit Bank is located in the building of the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore. Its district comprises Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Railroads Earn at the Rate of Only 1.16% Per Annum in the Eleven Months to Nov. 30.

Class I railroads of the United States for the first 10 months of 1932 had a net railway operating income of \$266,295,438, which was at the annual rate of return of 1.16% on their property investment, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the Bureau of Railway Economics and made public to-day. In the first 10 months of 1931, their net railway operating income was \$473,539,394 or 2.06% on their property investment. Property investment is the value of road and equipment as shown by the books of the railways, including materials, supplies and cash. The net railway operating income is what is left after the payment of operating expenses, taxes and equipment rentals, but before interest and other fixed charges are paid. The statement goes on to say:

This compilation as to earnings for the first 10 months of 1932 is based on reports from 167 Class I railroads representing a total of 242,178 miles.

Gross operating revenues for the first 10 months of 1932 totaled \$2,662,291,594, compared with \$3,642,401,711 for the same period in 1931, or a decrease of 26.9%. Operating expenses for the first 10 months of 1932 amounted to \$2,051,513,280, compared with \$2,785,591,472 for the same period one year ago, or a decrease of 26.4%.

Class I railroads in the first 10 months of 1932 paid \$244,822,377 in taxes, compared with \$271,916,674 for the same period in 1931, or a decrease of 10%. For the month of October alone, the tax bill of the Class I railroads amounted to \$23,608,634, a decrease of \$2,725,585 under October the previous year.

Sixty-one Class I railroads failed to earn expenses and taxes in the first 10 months of 1932, of which 17 were in the Eastern, 16 in the Southern and 28 in the Western District.

Class I railroads for the month of October alone had a net railway operating income of \$63,839,317, which, for that month, was at the annual rate of return of 1.88% on their property investment. In October, 1931, their net railway operating income was \$64,202,245, or 1.88%.

Gross operating revenues for the month of October amounted to \$298,461,506, compared with \$363,185,762 in October, 1931, a decrease of

17.8%. Operating expenses in October totaled \$200,146,789, compared with \$261,225,234 in the same month in 1931, or a decrease of 23.4%.

Eastern District.

Class I railroads in the Eastern District for the first 10 months in 1932 had a net railway operating income of \$179,125,352, which was at the annual rate of return of 1.67% on their property investment. For the same period in 1931 their net railway operating income was \$246,378,715, or 2.31% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in the Eastern District for the first 10 months in 1932 totaled \$1,360,171,374, a decrease of 25.4% below the corresponding period the year before, while operating expenses totaled \$1,010,629,117, a decrease of 27.5% under the same period in 1931.

Class I railroads in the Eastern District in the month of October had a net railway operating income of \$33,354,580, compared with \$30,853,652 in October 1931.

Southern District.

Class I railroads in the Southern District for the first 10 months of 1932 had a net railway operating income of \$17,144,500, which was at the annual rate of return of 0.61% on their property investment. For the same period in 1931 their net railway operating income amounted to \$37,672,115, which was at the annual rate of return of 1.34% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in the Southern District for the first 10 months in 1932 amounted to \$317,993,221, a decrease of 28.4% under the same period in 1931, while operating expenses totaled \$265,378,825, a decrease of 27.1%.

Class I railroads in the Southern District for the month of October had a net railway operating income of \$5,570,892, compared with \$3,787,860 in October last year.

Western District.

Class I railroads in the Western District for the first 10 months in 1932 had a net railway operating income of \$70,025,586, which was at the annual rate of return of 0.74% on their property investment. For the same 10 months in 1931 the railroads in that District had a net railway operating income of \$180,488,564, which was at the annual rate of return of 1.99% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in the Western District for the first 10-months' period this year amounted to \$984,126,999, a decrease of 28.4% under the same period in 1931, while operating expenses totaled \$775,505,338, a decrease of 24.6% compared with the same period in 1931.

For the month of October alone, the net railway operating income of the Class I railroads in the Western District amounted to \$24,913,845. The net railway operating income of the same roads in October, 1931, amounted to \$29,560,733.

CLASS I RAILROADS—UNITED STATES.

Month of October.

	1932.	1931.	Per Cent Decline.
Total operating revenues.....	\$298,461,506	\$363,185,762	17.8
Total operating expenses.....	200,146,789	261,225,234	23.4
Taxes.....	23,608,634	26,334,219	10.3
Net railway operating income.....	63,839,317	64,202,245	0.6
Operating ratio—per cent.....	67.06	71.93	---
Rate of return on property invest....	1.88%	1.88%	---

Ten Months Ended October 31.

	1932.	1931.	Per Cent Decline.
Total operating revenues.....	\$2,662,291,594	\$3,642,401,711	26.9
Total operating expenses.....	2,051,513,280	2,785,591,472	26.4
Taxes.....	244,822,377	271,916,674	10.0
Net railway operating income.....	266,295,438	473,539,394	43.8
Operating ratio—per cent.....	77.06	76.48	---
Rate of return on property invest....	1.16%	2.06%	---

Position of Railroad Investors on Waterway Transportation—Report on Development of Inland Intercoastal and Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Waterways.

Supplementing the opposing statement of counsel for railroad investors at the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee hearing upon St. Lawrence waterways treaty, Milton W. Harrison, President of the Security Owners Association, announced in New York on Nov. 28 the completion of a study of transportation by waterway as related to competition with rail carriers.

The report, a volume of 200 pages, covering many phases of the history and development of the inland, intercoastal and Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterways, registers the opposition of investors against the continuing development with public funds of competitive transportation service to hamper the railroads. The report claims that despite the investment of billions of dollars in waterways development, obtained by taxation, the public had derived no commensurate benefit either through cheaper rates or greater efficiency of service.

"Such reductions in rates as have been effected," Mr. Harrison contended, "have been converted into added profit by the special interests using free the rights-of-way, locks and other facilities of the waterways. No charges are levied upon the users of the waterways to pay even a part of the carrying charges of the capital invested by the Government; furthermore, maintenance charges are paid by the Government. What do the nation's taxpayers receive to justify this outlay?" Mr. Harrison continued:

It is true that rates on the waterways are cheaper, no allowance for taxes or maintenance being included. Could this benefit be passed on to the public in the form of lower prices, or to the farmer so often cited as the major excuse for waterways development, there might be some slight basis for continuing to develop the waterways program during normally prosperous times. The deliberate weakening of public credit and the nation's railroad transportation system for such purpose, however, is hardly in keeping with sound economic procedure. It seems manifest, therefore, that for the present at least expenditures for inland waterways, except for flood control and those that are economically justified, should be discontinued entirely.

As to the St. Lawrence waterway, Mr. Harrison denied the claim that the railroads were unable to handle the peak movement of wheat ten years ago. "And it has no basis of fact to-day," he said, "because the railroads of the United States and Canada have a capacity far in excess of traffic estimates of the St. Lawrence waterway; but in view of the failure of traffic estimates upon the New York barge canal these predictions as to the St. Lawrence scarcely seem to be accurate." He further said:

Far from producing substantial new traffic or opening up new territories excluded from national or international markets, the traffic borne by the waterways largely represents diversion from the rail carriers, artificial duplication of facilities and unjustified economic waste, since in the peak traffic year 1929 the railroads were equipped to handle 50% more traffic than was offered.

Lifting the ban against the railroads participating in waterways transportation through the Panama Canal is urged, it being contended that it is against the best interests of transportation that the railroads remain rail companies exclusively. They must be allowed to become national transportation agencies, co-ordinating other services with their own in order that economic waste may be eliminated, transportation credit and financial stability enhanced and that all shippers may be given the benefit of through routing at lowest cost. Alluding to the more favorable competitive factors enjoyed by the waterways and to the serious inroads made by highway competitors upon the railways, Mr. Harrison urges Congress and the Inter-State Commerce Commission to "unshackle the railways and give a free hand to all, or to place all transportation agencies upon a reasonable parity."

The report reminded Congress that the Inland Waterways Corporation was projected as an act which stipulated that it was a temporary experiment to be conducted only until it could be determined whether or not its operations would attract private capital. If so, it was to be sold to private interests. It states:

Specifically, investors recommend amending the Panama Canal Act to permit the railroads to engage in intercoastal transportation and in the coastwise and inland waterway business, even though competition might be lessened. The public would be protected by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. We likewise recommend amending the Denison Act requiring extension of the Inland Waterways Corporation and prohibiting carriers from purchasing the assets of the corporation.

We urge defeat of the Shipstead-Mansfield bill, calling for an issue of \$500,000,000 of waterway bonds, in so far as it relates to further extension and improvement of inland waterways for navigation purposes; likewise the discontinuance of the Inland Waterways Corporation through its sale to private interests or through junking of its equipment if necessary; also extension of the jurisdiction of the Inter-State Commerce Commission over the waterways to the same extent that it is now in effect for the railroads.

The investors urge upon Congress the withholding of approval of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway treaty with Canada inasmuch as this waterway not only would involve unnecessary and wasteful capital expenditures, but it would divert traffic from the United States railroads and from our Atlantic ports.

Reviewing canal and river development before the railroads were built, the report fixes as the date of revival of interest in an enlarged waterways system the convention of international waterways held in Cleveland in 1895 followed by the first Rivers and Harbors Act. In 1903 New York State voted \$101,000,000 to improve the Erie Canal. The waterways convention in St. Louis in 1906 was responsible for the real revival of interest through the creation of the Lakes to Gulf Deep Waterway Association, while the Inland Waterways Commission grew out of a meeting that year of the Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington. In 1909 Congress created the National Waterways Commission. In 1917 the Council of National Defense appointed a committee to study methods to utilize the inland waterway systems to relieve congestion of freight traffic incident to wartime activity. This was the first important step taken by the Government in the development program culminating in the St. Lawrence treaty.

Mr. Harrison cited that \$1,780,000,000 of public funds have been invested in the national waterway system to date, that an additional \$136,000,000 is available and that \$477,000,000 will be required to complete the projects authorized, ultimately a total of \$2,393,000,000. Many additional millions have been spent by States, New York having led with \$270,000,000 upon its barge canal since 1905. "Every dollar spent by the Government," said Mr. Harrison, "to provide inland waterway facilities where interest and amortization are not included in costs tends to stifle railways and must reflect itself in higher railway costs or in diminished return upon investment."

Mr. Harrison pointed out that about 82% of the country's traffic is handled by class I railroads, the waterways handling 18%. The value of the tonnage handled by the railroads is three and one-half times the value of water-borne traffic.

The volume of tonnage on the waterways, however, has increased while tonnage on the railroads has decreased. Dividends declared per dollar invested in waterways are 3.1% to 1.8% upon railway investment. Average yearly wage compensation is \$1,083 for all waterways and \$1,685 for railways. The comment by Senator Shipstead was quoted by Mr. Harrison to show that the public pays the waterways bill and that there has been "almost criminal waste of public funds." The Senator cited that \$470,000,000 had been expended in 40 years to improve the Mississippi between St. Louis and New Orleans, while upon the Ohio River \$103,000,000 had been spent in 20 years, notwithstanding representations made to Congress that the project would cost only \$60,000,000 and that it would require only 10 years to complete it.

The report terms the New York barge canal a "white elephant" for which taxpayers pay \$6,000,000 interest annually and eventually they must meet the \$150,000,000 bonded debt of the canal. Prior to the elimination of tolls the barge canal was self-sustaining. A large percentage of its traffic being inter-State, the people of New York stand a heavy tax burden to provide facilities for general use. The record shows that traffic on the barge canal has decreased steadily since 1883. The barge canal handled its lowest volume during the World War, which refutes the claim that the country's transportation facilities have been inadequate during the last 10 years.

James Brown, President New York Chamber of Commerce, Names Committee of Five to Consider Creation of Non-Partisan Citizens Organization to Act to Curb Extravagances of City Government.

James Brown, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, on Dec. 1 appointed the following Committee of Five to consider the creation of a non-partisan citizens' organization to fight corruption and to eliminate waste and extravagance in the city government:

J. Barstow Smull, Chairman,
R. Fulton Cutting,
William Fellowes Morgan,
James Speyer,
Colonel Franklin Q. Brown.

Mr. Smull, who preceded Mr. Brown as President of the Chamber, and is a member of the shipping brokerage firm of J. H. Winchester & Co., said that his committee would meet early next week to organize. "Among other matters," said President Brown, "the invitation received by the Chamber from William Jay Schieffelin, Chairman of the New York Committee of 1,000, to join in the City party's fusion movement will be referred to our Committee of Five for consideration."

The appointment of the committee, following the adoption of a report and resolution from the Executive Committee, was enthusiastically received by the several hundred members of the chamber who attended the meeting which was held in the great hall at 65 Liberty Street. The resolution, which was adopted without a dissenting vote or any discussion, follows:

Whereas, A crisis exists in the affairs of the government of the City of New York which is vital to the business and commerce of this city as well as the welfare of all its inhabitants; and

Whereas, It is the opinion of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York to-day, as it was on Jan. 3 1895, that municipal administration is purely a business and not a political problem; and that, "the economical, honest and business-like management of municipal affairs has nothing to do with questions of national or State politics"; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York hereby authorizes its President to appoint a Committee of Five to consider the creation of a non-partisan citizens' organization whose efforts shall be devoted to correcting the evils of waste and extravagance and the elimination of the many corrupting influences which exist in the municipal government of the City of New York; and, be it further

Resolved, That the above committee is hereby authorized in its discretion to add to its numbers additional members of the Chamber and other citizens of this city and to co-operate with other civic organizations in sympathy with the preamble and resolution.

The report, after referring to Acting Mayor Joseph V. McKee's challenge to the Chamber at its annual dinner to lead the movement for better government in New York, said in part:

"There may be those who think that the Chamber, being a commercial, non-political and non-partisan organization, should take no part in what is often referred to as 'the politics of city government.' During the long history of the Chamber, however, there have been a number of occasions when the welfare of the city, or, indeed, of the nation, has demanded that this organization take action and exert its influence in favor of or against conditions which vitally affected commerce, finance and the welfare of the city, even though such a movement happened to be in the arena of politics."

Reference was then made to the organization of the first Committee of Seventy by the Chamber in 1871 which resulted

in the overthrow of the Tweed Ring. In 1894, the report said, the Chamber again took the lead in a movement which uncovered misconduct in the administration of city affairs particularly in the Police Department, with the result that Tammany was overthrown in the following election. In 1900 another Committee of Seventy was organized under the Chamber's auspices to fight existing political conditions.

Following the appointment of the Committee of Five, on Dec. 1, another resolution, presented by Lawrence B. Elliman, as Chairman of the Committee on Taxation, was unanimously adopted, demanding that the Board of Aldermen drastically reduce the operating expenses of city government as outlined in the budget.

A resolution, presented jointly by the Committee on Taxation and Committee on Public Service in the Metropolitan District, of which Jacob H. Haffner is Chairman, opposed giving the Board of Estimate jurisdiction over the granting of permits for tax exemption housing projects, notably in the elimination of slum districts. It was adopted after a proposed amendment offered by E. A. MacDougall had been defeated.

A resolution urging priority for appropriations for health and sanitation work, offered by Chairman George A. Soper, of the Committee on Sanitation, was also adopted.

Sir Frederick Whyte, former political adviser to the Chinese Government, spoke on "Manchukuo and the Lytton Report." He said that the United States and England or the United States and France, by acting together, could have checked Japan's aggression in Manchuria. "By lifting the little finger of the left hand they could have done what it would take the strength of both hands to do to-day," he said.

New Jersey Building & Loan Act of 1932 Upheld by State Supreme Court—Holds Associations May Delay Payment on Their Matured Shares—

Interpreting a law passed this year, the New Jersey Supreme Court held on Nov. 28 that building and loan associations in New Jersey may delay payment on matured shares as long as funds are not available to meet all the demands of shareholders. The Court also declared that the 1932 law prohibits a suit as long as the association applies its funds according to the State statutes. A Trenton (N. J.) account Nov. 28 to the New York "Times" further reported:

Under an act of 1925 a shareholder could begin suit after six months of the withdrawal expiration date, after giving the association notice, but this was changed this year to preserve the assets of the many associations in the State and prevent their going into receivership.

"It seems apparent," the Court declared "that all the Legislature ever guaranteed to plaintiffs as shareholders was that they should have the right of withdrawal and that they should on withdrawal be paid sums that were certain, and not that they should be paid at a certain fixed time irrespective of any change of conditions that might occur in the financial world between the time of their initial membership and the time of their attempt to withdraw."

"What the Legislature did by the amendment of 1932, it seems to me, was to bolster up the ultimate result—that is, assured more nearly that there would be an ultimate payment of withdrawals without jeopardizing the very life of the association, and thereby secured to the member the payment of his withdrawal in such manner that the payment thereof might not destroy mutuality and equal participation in assets and losses."

The Court stated, in commenting upon the financial situation, that building and loan associations had in the main "weathered the storms," but that it was apparent they could not meet all the demands of the "panicky public" if obliged to continue under the act of 1925.

The suits were brought by Thomas Fornataro and Louis Romano against the Atlantic Coast Building and Loan Association. The plaintiffs gave notice of withdrawal on Jan. 4 and made a written demand on July 5. The association sought to strike out the action because the complaint set forth no ground for action.

Licensing System for Banks Asked in New Jersey—Legislation to Prohibit Banking Without Authorization Urged by State's Assistant Attorney General.

The following from Trenton, Nov. 26, is from the "United States Daily":

Legislation prohibiting persons or companies from engaging in the banking business without a license is needed in New Jersey, Assistant Attorney General Richard C. Plumer, declared in his quarterly report Nov. 25, dealing with activities against fraudulent promotions.

Unauthorized banking operations have become a favorite medium through which attempts are made to relieve unsophisticated and inexperienced persons of their savings, Mr. Plumer said.

No Penalties Provided.

As an illustration, an instance was cited of a group which organized and began conducting a banking business in Newark without authority. A savings fund was begun to which depositors, many of whom were laborers of small means, were induced to make weekly payments under the impression that they were placing their money in a bank. When the matter came to the attention of the State Banking Department, it was ordered that the practice be stopped and the money returned, but there was no action against the group in the absence of a penalty for unauthorized banking.

Through manipulations, continued the report, the treasury of the corporation was depleted to such an extent that the money could not be returned. Instead, the depositors were offered stock in the corporation in

an amount equal to the balance to their credit. Many of the depositors knew nothing of securities transactions and had never intended to buy stock.

A complaint filed in the Court of Chancery under the securities act eventually put the corporation out of business through the issuance of an injunction and the appointment of a receiver.

Statute Is Needed.

"The Department of Banking and Insurance co-operated in our investigation, but much extra work would have been avoided and better protection given if there had been a statute on the books through which the department could have initiated appropriate proceedings to enforce its order and bring about the imposition of a penalty for noncompliance," said Mr. Plumer.

"This case happened to develop in such a way that it eventually became a violation of the securities act, but if this had not taken place effective action by any State agency would have been most difficult. Section 207 of the Crimes Act makes it a misdemeanor to conduct a fire insurance business in this State without proper authorization and there appears to be no reason why there should not also be a similar law relating to carrying on a banking business without a license."

During the quarter ended Sept. 30, a total of 26 bills were filed in the Court of Chancery against 47 defendants under the securities act, according to the report. These actions brought the aggregate for the first nine months of the current year to 93 suits involving 134 defendants, an increase of 28 bills and 27 defendants, compared with the corresponding period of 1931.

Reduction in Interest on County Funds Sought by Westchester County, N. Y., Clearing House Association.

The newly-organized Westchester County (N. Y.) Clearing House Association, comprising 29 Westchester banking institutions, to-day petitioned the Westchester Board of Supervisors, at White Plains, N. Y., on Nov. 7, to reduce the interest on county deposits in county banks from 2% to 1%. We quote from White Plains advices to the New York "Times," from which the following is also taken:

"Interest at 2%," said the communication from Loren S. Spoor, Secretary of the Association, "is out of line with the general run of interest rates, and we ask that the rate be fixed at 1% for the coming year."

The request was referred to the County Treasurer, Charles M. Miller.

The State Department of Taxation notified the supervisors that Westchester's State Armory and court tax for the year commencing last July 1 will be \$301,644. The town of Bedford was authorized to take up \$189,000 in certificates of indebtedness with a bond issue.

Dayton Banks to Reduce Interest on Savings Deposits.

Effective Jan. 1, Dayton (Ohio) banks will reduce the interest rate on savings deposits to 3% from 4%, according to Dayton advices to the "Wall Street Journal." It is further stated that the rate on time deposits over 60 days will be cut to 3% from 4%, but rates on time deposits will remain unchanged at 2% for 30 days and 3% for 60 days.

Baltimore Banks to Reduce Interest Rate on Savings Deposits Jan. 1.

From the Baltimore "Sun" of Dec. 2 we take the following:

All the national banks and some of the trust companies in Baltimore are posting notices that, effective next Jan. 1, the rate of interest on savings deposits will be 3%, instead of 3½% as at present. This action follows similar steps taken previously by other local banks in isolated instances.

The action now being taken will put the lower interest rate in effect at most of the banks of the city, and in line with those established in other cities.

The 3% savings rate here will be the same as is now in effect at Washington, Richmond, Philadelphia and New York, by clearing-house action. Detroit banks have just reduced the rate to 2½%, effective Jan. 1.

The new rate provides for bringing the interest on time deposits into proper relationship with the rates on demand deposits, it was explained.

Every Active Mutual Savings Bank Has Paid Its Dividends not Only This Year, but Throughout the Period Since the Summer of 1922—Not One in New York State Has Passed a Dividend Since the First Payment.

An article in the "Bankers' Magazine," jointly written by Lindley A. Bond, Assistant Treasurer of the Home Savings Bank, Boston, and William G. Sutcliffe, Professor of Economics at Boston University, points out that the records of the mutuals during the past year have proved more conclusively than ever the merit and soundness of mutuality in savings banking. The article says, in part:

Every active mutual savings bank has paid its dividends, not only this year but throughout the period since midsummer 1929. Many of these banks have been paying dividends for a hundred years—some of them even longer. The Bank for Savings in the City of New York early this summer paid its 246th consecutive dividend, and the Bowery Savings Bank its 216th. A bank in Albany recently paid its 235th dividend. Another in Schenectady has a record of 202 consecutive dividends. Not one of the 146 mutual savings banks in the State of New York has "passed" a dividend since the first payment. Other States show equally interesting records.

The stability of these institutions is due in no small measure to surplus accounts which have been built up through generations of prudent management. No rule of thumb has been devised nor adopted as a standard ratio of surplus to deposits, yet savings bank trustees were prompted from the very beginning to lay by, in those years of plenty, the strong reserves which, when the needs of the present time came, proved more than adequate to meet the adverse conditions of a long depression.

In June of this year the mutuals were in the highly satisfactory position of having \$1.11½ of resources for each \$1 of deposits. This achievement

is a splendid tribute to the wisdom and foresight of these officers and trustees who have faithfully adhered to these principles of safety, thereby guaranteeing to depositors one hundred cents on the dollar, besides uninterrupted dividends.

Mutual Savings Banks Christmas Clubs to Pay \$35,453,830 Among 650,000 Depositors.

Mutual savings banks of the country are busily filling in checks for their Christmas Club depositors, who will receive not less than \$35,453,830, with some banks yet to be heard from. This considerable sum will be distributed among more than 650,000 depositors, it was announced on Nov. 10 by the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks, which said that the number of Christmas savers who dropped out in 1932 was smaller than usual, indicating that everybody who possibly could do so had laid away a tidy sum for Santa Claus. A number of the banks will begin paying Christmas depositors at the end of the month, and the whole of the sum will be in their hands by the middle of December. The Association's announcement likewise said:

Of the 18 States in which mutual savings banks operate New York had the largest increase of Christmas funds, indicated to-day as \$100,630 more than last year, a total for 1932 of \$14,696,705, with nine banks yet to be heard from. Not less than \$9,876,202 will be paid out by the banks of the City of New York to 221,968 depositors.

In Philadelphia the savings banks' holiday club depositors will total \$2,109,550; in Maine, \$962,999; in Rhode Island, \$1,220,000; in New Jersey, \$2,206,050; in Connecticut, \$2,919,368, and \$8,164,500 in Massachusetts.

Number of New Savers Increases in New York Savings Banks.

Savings banks transactions in the State of New York for the month of October resulted in a gain in new accounts of 14,144 and a net decline in deposits of \$12,302,111. These figures follow closely the trend established for the month of October during the eight years on record, according to the Savings Banks Association of the State of New York. "Both the increase in new savers and the excess of outgoing over incoming money is a customary occurrence during October," said Henry R. Kinsey, President of the State Association, on Nov. 14. Mr. Kinsey further said:

During the eight years that we have been keeping these figures the average gain in new accounts for October was 13,400. The figures for October 1922, of course, exceed this by near 1,000. This gain is particularly important, for this year's figures have not, because of the depression, followed closely the usual seasonal trends. For instance, during September we had our first gain in number of depositors since the spring, which is in itself unusual.

One may safely offer the thought that many of the thousands of persons who during October obtained work for the first time in months decided to start saving even in a small way to forestall any resumption of a period of such acute distress.

During every October on record the withdrawals in our banks have exceeded new deposits. This is due to several factors, namely, the fact that the second installment on taxes is due Nov. 1, and withdrawals always take place during October to meet this demand. Furthermore, the buying for the winter season customarily takes place in October, primarily for personal and household expenditures. The final factor is that many people who need their savings for specific purposes will defer withdrawing their funds until after the Oct. 1 dividend payment.

The average amount of excess withdrawals during October during the eight-year period is approximately \$19,300,000. This October's figure of \$12,302,111 compares favorably with that average.

Last year \$45,000,000 more savings were withdrawn by our depositors than was necessary during October of this year. The withdrawals of this October were \$145,356,030 as compared with \$191,079,096 of October 1931.

November Bank Stock Market.

New York City bank stocks exhibited comparative steadiness in a narrow trading range during November, Hoit, Rose & Troster report. The firm's weighted average of 17 representative stocks advanced from a low of 53.78 on Nov. 3 to the month's high of 61.95 on Nov. 12, a gain of over 8 points. From Nov. 12 on, however, bank stocks settled downward gradually, finally closing Nov. 30 at 55.00. Calculated on closing bid prices, the range for the month follows:

	Month's High Nov. 3.	Month's Low Nov. 12.	Close Nov. 30.
Bankers Trust.....	60½	70	62½
Brooklyn Trust.....	158	185	160
Central Hanover.....	128	144½	126
Chase.....	33½	39	33½
Continental.....	16	19½	18
Chemical.....	33	36½	35½
City.....	40	49½	41½
Commercial.....	160	170	150
Corn Exchange.....	68	74	68½
Empire Trust.....	22½	27	23½
First National.....	1485	1630	1455
Guaranty Trust.....	300	333	302
Irving Trust.....	21½	25½	23½
Manhattan.....	28½	33½	27½
Manufacturers Trust.....	25½	31	27½
New York Trust.....	88½	95½	94½
Public National.....	27½	30½	27½
Weighted average.....	53.78	61.95	55.00

1932 Range.

High, Sept. 7.....70.76
Low, May 31.....31.34

November Insurance Stock Market.

Insurance stocks in the New York City market eased off in reflection of lower security prices during November, Hoyt, Rose & Troster report. According to the firm's weighted average, 20 representative insurance stocks opened Nov. 1 at 24.28, reached the month's high of 26.39 on Nov. 12, but from then on declined to finally close Nov. 30 at the month's low of 23.01. Based on closing bid prices, the month's range as reported by the firm follows:

	Open Nov. 1.	Month's High Nov. 12.	Low and Close Nov. 30.
Aetna Casualty & Surety	29	35	33
Aetna (Fire)	27½	32	27
Aetna Life	13	16	12½
Continental Casualty	7	7	7
Firemen's (Newark)	6¾	6¾	5¾
Globe & Rutgers	92	100	80
Great American Insurance	13¾	15	12½
Hallifax Fire	8¾	9¾	9
Hanover	21	23	22½
Harmonia	8	8½	7½
Hartford Fire	36	36¾	35½
Home Insurance	14½	16½	12½
National Casualty	6	6	6
National Fire	35½	37	34½
National Liberty	3¾	3¾	2¾
Provident Washington	15½	16½	14½
Phoenix	44½	47	43½
Travelers	345	370	330
U. S. Fire	17½	17½	17½
Westchester	13½	14	12½
Weighted averages	24.28	26.39	23.01

1932 Range.

High, March 8.....38.32
Low, July 11.....12.62

Lower Rate Urged on First-Class Mail—Subcommittee of House Seeks Return to Former Rate of Two Cents.

The House Post Offices and Post Roads subcommittee at a meeting Dec. 2 completed recommendations which include reduction in first-class postage rates from 3 to 2 cents, and Federal ownership of postal buildings where the annual rental is \$6,000 or more, the Chairman, Representative Mead (Dem.), of Buffalo, N. Y., announced orally after the meeting. The subcommittee has been investigating problems under a resolution by Representative Sabath (Dem.), of Chicago, Ill., said the "United States Daily" of Dec. 5, which gave as follows Chairman Mead's statement:

The subcommittee of the House Post Offices and Post Roads Committee, which is preparing its report in keeping with the Sabath Resolution, completed its recommendations to-day in connection with postal leases and recommends Government ownership of all postal buildings where the annual rental charge is more than \$6,000 per annum.

This will entail a building program which will include the construction of post offices, branches, garages and substations. Under existing law, the Federal Building Commission has no authority to construct buildings within this category.

The subcommittee cites the leases in connection with the St. Paul commercial station and the Quincy station in Chicago. In the former case, the Government is paying a rental which amounts to 25% of the valuation of the property, and in the latter case it approximates 30%.

Legislation authorizing the Government to construct and purchase these postal facilities would result in great savings during the next 25 years. The projects would be self-liquidating and would likewise prove an aid in stimulating employment.

Up to the present time, the subcommittee preparing a report in connection with the Sabath resolution has recommended a reduction in first class postage from 3 to 2 cents; second, they have agreed to recommend Federal ownership of postal buildings where the annual rental is \$6,000 or over.

They also favor the application of the reduction applied by the Economy Act to Government employees and general appropriations so that it shall include all Government subsidies. The subcommittee has in preparation its report on air mail, ocean mail, the Seatrain contract and other similar matters.

Annual Meeting of Executive Council of American Bankers' Association to Be Held at Augusta, Ga., April 10-12.

The annual meeting for 1933 of the Executive Council of the American Bankers' Association will be held at the Bon Air-Vanderbilt Hotel, Augusta, Ga., April 10-12, it is announced by F. N. Shepherd, Executive Manager of the Association. The Council consists of 114 members representative of the geographical distribution of the membership in the general organization and of its major functional subdivisions. Detailed reports on all the activities of the association are received and passed on by the Council and matters of policy determined.

Bank Management Studies Prepared by Bank Management Commission of American Bankers' Association Published in Volume Form.

The commercial bank management studies prepared by the Bank Management Commission of the American Bankers' Association, constituting a complete treatise on all the various phases of scientific bank administration, have been issued by the commission in bound volume form. It is announced that a limited number of these volumes are avail-

able at \$3.80 a copy. The book covers the following topics: Loan Administration Policies; Profit and Loss Operations; Secondary Reserves and Security Buying; Unprofitable Practices and the Remedy; Does the Account Pay?; Duties and Qualifications of Executive Bank Officers; Credit Department Organization; Man Power in Banking Institutions; Measured Service Charges; Budget and Accrual; Investment Policies; Operating Ratios; City and Regional Clearing House Associations.

Proceedings of Clearing House Round Table Conference Held at Recent Convention of American Bankers' Association Available in Pamphlet Form.

The proceedings of the clearing house round table conference held at the recent convention of the American Bankers' Association at Los Angeles, have been issued in pamphlet form by its Bank Management Commission. The publication covers the following topics:

Wisdom of a Federal Statute Making It a Felony for Any Individual or Any Publication to Make Unwarranted Statements Derogatory to Any Financial Institution.

What Is Being Done to Revive Confidence in Banks in Communities Where Bank Failures Have Occurred?

What Kind of Copy Should Banks Employ for Their Newspaper and Direct-by-Mail Advertising in the Approaching Days of Reconstruction?

Measured Service Charges—Practical Results.

How Has the Tax on Bank Checks Affected Banks?

The Increasing Cost of Bank Insurance.

Should Not the Practice of Creating Preferred Depositors Either by Pledging Collateral or Filing a Bond Be Discontinued?

The Public Funds Problem.

Copies can be obtained from the Bank Management Commission, American Bankers' Association headquarters, 22 East 40th Street, New York City, at 10c. each.

American Savings, Building and Loan Institute.

The United States Building and Loan League stated on Nov. 26 that the American Savings, Building and Loan Institute, national educational organization of the \$8,500,000 building and loan business, reports that 150 associations are now enrolled as sustaining members. The Institute conducts night schools for building and loan workers in more than forty cities, according to Clarence T. Rice, Kansas City, Kan., President.

Chapters of the Institute have been organized for the first time in three new cities, and study clubs, under the Institute's educational and research administration, have been established in five new cities during the past month, Mr. Rice reports. New chapter cities are Louisville, Indianapolis and Washington, D. C., and study club cities include Waco, Tex.; Detroit, Jackson, Lansing and Kalamazoo, Mich.

Annual Eastern Regional Savings Conference to Be Held in New York City Jan. 26-27.

The annual Eastern regional savings conference, sponsored by the Savings Division, American Bankers' Association, will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, Jan. 26 and 27 1933, it was announced in New York on Dec. 1. On the evening of the first day the annual banquet will be held.

"The theme selected for the conference, 'How to Strengthen Municipal and State Credit,' is of particular importance because the portfolios of many banks contain bonds issued by States and municipalities," W. Espey Albright, who is in charge of the Savings Division, said. "The weakening of the credit structure in any city or State is reflected in the lower price of their securities."

Henry R. Kinsey, Vice-President Williamsburg Savings Bank, Brooklyn, New York, President of the Savings Banks Association of the State of New York, is Chairman of the Conference Committee, and Henry Bruere, President Bowery Savings Bank, New York City, of the Banquet Committee, it was announced. The President of the Division is Gilbert L. Daane, President Grand Rapids Savings Bank, Grand Rapids, Mich. The conference area comprises the States of Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.

Payment of 10% Dividend to Depositors of Closed Bank of United States Expected by Dec. 31—Disbursement of Dividend Before Christmas Delayed by Clerical Difficulties—Will Bring Total Payment to Depositors to 55%.

Announcement was made on Dec. 1 by Joseph A. Broderick, Superintendent of Banks of New York State, that he

would apply in the near future to the Supreme Court for permission to pay a 10% dividend to the 408,000 Bank of United States depositors on Dec. 31. It has been planned to pay the dividend by Christmas, as noted in our issue of Nov. 26, page 3586, but unexpected delays were encountered. According to the New York "Times" of Dec. 2 this dividend will bring the total payments on deposits since the institution closed, Dec. 11 1930, to 55%. A 30% dividend was paid in September 1931 and 15% more in December of the same year. The "Times" also said:

The dividend will amount to more than \$13,000,000 and will bring the payments to depositors up to nearly \$75,000,000, exclusive of payments of preferred claims. It will wipe out the loans of up to 50% of their deposits in the closed bank made to some 109,000 depositors by the Clearing House banks of the city at 5%, and will leave a small margin left over for direct payment to the borrowers. Because of clerical difficulties the small payments this class of depositors will receive may be delayed several days beyond Dec. 31.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

A New York Stock Exchange membership was sold, Dec. 6, at \$103,000, a decline of \$3,000 from the last sale, Dec. 2.

John Kutch sold one of his New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange memberships, Dec. 8, to William G. Daub for \$4,000, an increase of \$200 over the last previous sale.

A National Raw Silk Exchange membership was bought by Jerome Lewine, for another, for \$1,000, an increase of \$150 over the last sale.

At a meeting of the executive committee of The National City Bank of New York held Dec. 6, Downing A. Reinbrecht was appointed an assistant cashier.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Harriman National Bank and Trust Co., of New York, held Dec. 1, Leslie T. Pidwell and Lawrence N. Woodward were appointed Trust Officers. Mr. Pidwell will be in charge of corporate trust matters at the 59 Liberty Street office, while Mr. Woodward will be in charge of personal trusts at the Fifth Avenue and 44th Street office.

At the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of the Manhattan Co. of New York, held Dec. 6, the following directors were elected for the ensuing year:

J. Stewart Baker	George McNeil
Stephen Baker	John C. Moore
Walter H. Bennett	Morgan J. O'Brien
Bertram H. Borden	James A. O'Gorman
John S. Burke	George S. Patterson
Harry I. Caesar	P. A. Rowley
F. W. Charske	L. H. Shearman
George W. Fennell	George M. Shriver
Marshall Field	Charles A. Stone
B. D. Forster	Felix M. Warburg
F. Abbot Goodhue	James P. Warburg
William V. Griffin	H. Pushae Williams
W. A. Harriman	John L. Wilkie
Alanson B. Houghton	Daniel G. Wing
Raymond E. Jones	Bronson Winthrop
Harry A. Kahler	

In reporting on the election the New York "Herald Tribune" of Dec. 7 said in part:

The additions to the bank's board included four men who previously had been directors of International Acceptance Bank, which was merged with the bank ten days ago. These were L. H. Shearman, Charles A. Stone, John L. Wilkie and Bronson Winthrop. Among those who formerly were directors of the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co., who do not appear on the new list as directors of the Bank of the Manhattan Co., are George T. Mortimer, Joseph Huber, D. H. Knott, James Speyer and Carl F. Sturnahan.

Carl E. Ward, 57 years old, associated with the brokerage firm of H. L. Horton & Co., 1 Wall Street, for the last ten years, died on Nov. 26 of a heart attack. During the past few years Mr. Ward held the position of associate manager of the firm's branch at 1 East 35th Street.

George B. Thurnauer, a retired stockbroker and a former governor of the New York Stock Exchange, died on Dec. 3. Mr. Thurnauer, who was 60 years old, was a former partner of the brokerage firm of J. S. Bache & Co., 42 Broadway. He retired from the New York Stock Exchange about five years ago after having been a member since 1898.

It is learnt from the Buffalo "Courier" of Dec. 1 that Clifford L. Strang has been appointed Vice-President of the First Trust Co. of Tonawanda, N. Y., and the State Trust Co. of North Tonawanda, both members of the Marine Midland Group of Banks, Buffalo, N. Y. The paper mentioned went on to say:

Mr. Strang, as an executive officer of these institutions, will have an active part in their affairs. He has served as an Assistant Secretary in the branch executive department of the Marine Trust Co. (Buffalo) since 1928. He began his business career with the Citizens' Trust Co. in 1916. He was Assistant Manager of the West Side branch of the Marine Trust Co. for

some years, and following that, Manager of the Genesee Street branch.

Mr. Strang is a graduate of Lafayette High School and an alumnus of the University of Buffalo. He served in the Air Service during the war.

The 2,000 depositors of the closed Bank of Spencerport, at Spencerport, N. Y., which was taken over by the New York State Banking Department in December 1931, are receiving a second dividend, amounting to 15%, as a result of an order granted on Nov. 30 by Supreme Court Justice Marsh N. Taylor, according to the Rochester "Democrat" of Dec. 1, which, continuing, said:

The disbursements amount to \$87,942.93. A first 80% dividend, totaling \$182,664.74, was paid last June. Justice Taylor empowered the State Superintendent of Banks to pay the dividend on motion of the Superintendent's attorneys, Hubbell, Taylor, Goodwin, Nixon & Hargrave, represented by Edward I. Cristy.

Liquidation of the bank is in charge of Stuart C. Dew as Special Deputy Superintendent of Banks. Motion for a further disbursement is expected to be made later.

Advices received Thursday, Dec. 8, by the New York Agency of Barclays Bank (Dominion, Colonial and Overseas—head office, London) indicate that the Board of Directors of the institution recommend a final dividend for the year ended Sept. 30 1932 at the rate of 8% per annum on the cumulative preference shares and a final dividend on the "A" and "B" shares at the rate of 5% per annum. With the interim dividend paid in July last the rate for the year on the "A" and "B" shares therefore amounts to 4¾% and is identical with the dividend paid for the year ended Sept. 30 1931.

That the Haverhill Trust Co. of Haverhill, Mass. (which was taken over by the Massachusetts State Bank Commissioner on Dec. 26 1931, as noted in our Jan. 2 issue, page 78), will probably be reorganized and reopened in the near future, is indicated in the following taken from the Boston "Transcript" of Dec. 5:

Stoughton Bell, counsel for the reorganization committee of the closed Haverhill Trust Co. to-day (Dec. 5) announced plans for reopening the bank.

The Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. selected to receive and hold subscriptions to capital stock in the new bank until a charter is secured, is to-day sending out a call for immediate payment of the subscriptions. It is expected that the subscriptions for stock will be paid to the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. next week. Bank Commissioner Guy is notifying all shareholders in the old bank of a 100% assessment on their stock.

The depositors' committee of the Haverhill bank to-day filed with the State Board of Bank Incorporation an application for a charter for the new bank, which will take over assets of the old bank and will be entirely in the interests of the present depositors of the Haverhill Trust Co.

A large number of depositors have already signed agreements, but the committee is anxious to have assent of as many of them as possible to present to the Supreme Court with the petition of the Commissioner for approval of the plan.

In its issue of Dec. 3, the Hartford "Courant" stated that a report on the condition of the East Hartford Trust Co., Hartford, Conn., which is expected to reopen next month, showing that nearly \$1,000,000 worth of the assets has been liquidated since it went into receivership last January, was made to Judge P. B. O'Sullivan of the Superior Court on Dec. 2 by Ray L. Makin, trust officer of the Phoenix State Bank & Trust Co., the receiver, and Attorney Wallace W. Brown of Gross, Hyde & Williams, counsel for the receiver. The paper mentioned furthermore said:

Judge O'Sullivan continued the temporary receivership until Jan. 16, after Mr. Brown told him that while it had been planned to reopen the bank this month, Bank Commissioner George J. Bassett, believed the reorganization ought to wait until after the first of the year.

In approving the delay, Judge O'Sullivan pointed out that by waiting until after the first of the year the bank would escape the franchise tax for 1933, amounting to about \$3,000. Because the bank was in operation the first part of 1932, the receiver will have to pay this year's tax.

Mr. Brown said the financial condition of the bank is better than when it closed. Mr. Makin reported that of the \$2,500,000 in assets, a total of \$900,163.12 has been liquidated and the balance is nearly all in good mortgages. The earned income for the year is about \$80,000, which will be increased to about \$90,000 in another month. Compared with the \$44,000 annual expense formerly required to operate the bank it has been conducted by the receiver at a cost of \$18,000, exclusive of compensation for receiver and counsel. A motion for compensation for the receiver and counsel was continued until next month.

The closing in January last of the East Hartford Trust Co. was noted in our issue of Jan. 9, page 247, and reference was made to its affairs in the "Chronicle" of May 14, page 3582.

Following a meeting of the directors of the Marine National Bank of Wildwood, N. J., Dec. 5 announcement was made that the institution had purchased the Fidelity Trust Co. of Wildwood, the merger to be effected immediately. A dispatch from Wildwood, printed in the Philadelphia "Ledger," reporting the matter, went on to say:

Reuben Reynolds, President of the Marine National Bank, said assets of the Fidelity Trust Co. are \$460,000 and liabilities \$240,000. The Marine bank was established in 1902 and the Fidelity Trust Co. in 1926.

The Pennsylvania State Banking Department, following settlement of litigation, has authorized a liquidating dividend of 25% to depositors of the Dollar Title & Trust Co. of Sharon, which closed its doors in 1930, according to a Sharon dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" on Dec. 6, which added:

A disbursement of \$114,028 likely will be made within 15 days.

Beginning Monday of this week, Dec. 5, the 26,000 depositors of the County Trust Co. of Philadelphia are receiving 10% of the funds due them, amounting to \$497,225, according to an announcement made Nov. 25 by Dr. William D. Gordon, State Secretary of Banking for Pennsylvania, as reported in the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Nov. 26. The "Ledger" went on to say:

It will mark the third distribution to depositors, dividends of 10% each having been paid Dec. 22 1931 and April 25 1932. The bank closed Oct. 9 1931, with total deposits of \$4,977,106.

Advance payments to depositors during December by eight other closed Pennsylvania banks were also announced on Nov. 25 by Dr. Gordon, according to the paper mentioned, which listed the institutions as follows:

A 10% payment, amounting to \$161,337, will be made to depositors of the Richmond Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Dec. 20. The bank closed Oct. 3 1931, with deposits of \$1,613,371, had 9,500 accounts. The first disbursement of 15% was made May 5 1932.

Bangor (Pa.) Trust Co., 10% on Dec. 10, amounting to \$65,398, to 4,300 accounts.

The Bank of Auburn, Auburn, 7½% on Dec. 15, amounting to \$42,717, to 1,100 accounts.

Farmers' & Mechanics Bank, Northumberland, 15% on Dec. 15, amounting to \$25,639, to 1,200 accounts.

Hamilton State Bank, Pittsburgh, 20% on Dec. 12, amounting to \$42,213, to 2,200 accounts.

McKean County Trust Co., Bradford, 10% on Dec. 15, amounting to \$233,472, to 8,200 accounts.

Smicksburg State Bank, Smicksburg, 15% on Dec. 15, amounting to \$126,885, to 500 accounts.

Archbald State Bank, Scranton, 5% on Dec. 15, amounting to \$42,085, to 2,800 accounts.

Again, under date of Dec. 2, Dr. Gordon announced that eight more closed banks, including the Girard Avenue Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, would pay dividends to their depositors during December, according to the "Ledger" of Dec. 3. The institutions, as named in the paper mentioned, follow:

Five thousand depositors in the Girard Avenue Title & Trust Co. will receive a 5% payment on account Dec. 20. The bank closed its doors Oct. 8 1931, with a total deposit liability of \$2,446,083. A first payment of 5% was made Sept. 13 1932.

Bosak State Bank, Scranton, 5%, amounting to \$199,018, on Dec. 15.

Bank of Secured Savings, Pittsburgh, 15%, amounting to \$194,313, on Dec. 15.

Pennsylvania Bank & Trust Co., Pittsburgh, 10%, amounting to \$265,936, on Dec. 15.

Perry State Bank, Pittsburgh, 15%, amounting to \$81,539, on Dec. 20.

Tarentum Savings & Trust Co., Tarentum, 10%, amounting to \$151,026, on Dec. 15.

Farmers' & Merchants' Bank, West Newton, 7½%, amounting to \$69,834, on Dec. 19.

Ickesburg State Bank, Ickesburg, 20%, amounting to \$19,376, on Dec. 21. This will mark the fourth distribution made to the 680 depositors of this institution, which closed Oct. 22 1931, with a deposit liability of \$96,882, and will bring the total advance payments to 75%.

Concerning the affairs of the defunct Citizens' Trust Co. of Bellevue, Pa., closed since Oct. 24 1932, the Pittsburgh "Post Gazette" of Nov. 30 stated that dividend checks, amounting to approximately \$50,000 (5%) were mailed the previous day to depositors of the institution under terms of an order entered by Judge James H. Gray. The paper mentioned, continuing, said:

This 5% distribution brings the total paid out by the institution to 20%, George F. Taylor Jr., Deputy State Banking Secretary, told the Court.

At the receiver's request, a hearing on charges of improper expenditures, brought by three Citizens' Trust depositors against State banking officials, was set for Dec. 14.

According to the Pittsburgh "Post Gazette" of Nov. 30, Judge James H. Gray recently approved a first and the final accounting of the Pittsburgh Building & Loan Association of Pittsburgh, Pa., closed July 17 1930, and authorized immediate mailing of checks comprising a dividend of 18½%, totaling about \$10,000.

The First National Bank & Trust Co. of Bethlehem, Pa., capital \$300,000, and the Bethlehem Trust Co. of that city, capital \$260,940, were consolidated on Nov. 28 1932, under the title of The First National Bank & Trust Co. of Bethlehem. The enlarged institution is capitalized at \$500,000 and has a surplus of \$400,000.

Albert H. Dudley, heretofore Executive Vice-President of the Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore, Md., was recently appointed President of the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of that city, succeeding Albert C. Towers, who resigned the office.

The new President, who is well known in financial circles in Baltimore, is a native of Virginia and received his education in the public and in private schools of that State. He began his banking career in 1904, when he entered the employ of the Farmers' Bank (subsequently the First National Bank) of Martinsville, Va. Two years later, 1906, he joined the National Exchange Bank of Roanoke, Va., as bookkeeper and teller, and continued with the institution until 1918, in the meanwhile (1913) having been promoted to an Assistant Cashier. In 1918 Mr. Dudley became Assistant Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank, Richmond, Va., and served in that capacity until 1922, when he was advanced to Managing Director of the Baltimore branch of the Federal Reserve Bank. This office he continued to hold until 1931, when he joined the Baltimore Trust Co. as Executive Vice-President. Among numerous other interests Mr. Dudley is a director of the Baltimore Trust Co., a member of the Board of Governors of the Virginians of Maryland, of the Maryland General Hospital, and of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. His clubs include the Chesapeake, Maryland, Baltimore Country, Baltimore, and Commonwealth of Richmond, Va.

From the Baltimore "Sun" of Dec. 1 it is learnt that the committee of depositors of the Pikesville National Bank at Pikesville, Md. (a Baltimore suburb), has abandoned its efforts to reorganize the institution and has decided to ask the receiver to liquidate the assets of the institution at the earliest possible moment. We quote from the "Sun" as follows:

The decision was reached at a meeting Monday after a subcommittee, accompanied by Thomas C. Hill, receiver of the bank, had visited the Comptroller of Currency, John W. Pole, at Washington. It was planned to reorganize the bank with a capital and surplus of at least \$75,000 with the assent of 85% of the depositors.

The consent of only 79% was obtained and, while the Comptroller said the committee could proceed on a basis of 79%, he indicated that liquidation by the receiver was, in his opinion, advisable. He further pointed out to the committee that there was strong probability of a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which would enable the receiver to pay a dividend of approximately 40%.

The committee reported that it felt to effect reorganization with a smaller percentage of depositors than planned would increase the difficulty of making the bank profitable. Mr. Hill said the delay in final liquidation had not diminished the ultimate dividend and probably has enhanced the bank's assets.

The reorganization plan was to convert into stock part of the dividends due depositors of the closed bank and to raise an additional \$25,000 by new subscriptions.

The closing of the Pikesville National Bank on Feb. 3 last was indicated in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 13, page 1148.

A small Ohio banking institution, the Bank of Ottawa County, at Ottawa, failed to open for business on Nov. 29, and its affairs were turned over to the Ohio State Banking Department. L. G. Tatman, liquidator of the People's Exchange Bank at Columbus Grove, Ohio, took temporary charge of the institution. A dispatch from Ottawa on Nov. 30 to the Toledo "Blade," authority for the foregoing, went on to say:

Directors of the bank said they decided to close at a meeting Monday night. Earlier in the day they had attended the funeral services for George W. Kahle, President of the bank, who died last Friday (Nov. 25). The bank was founded by Kahle's father, Ignatius Kahle.

The George D. Harter Bank, of Canton, Ohio, on Nov. 23 released \$750,000 to all depositors holding certificates of deposit, making a total of \$1,400,000 released since the bank opened Aug. 23, according to Canton advices on Nov. 23, printed in the Cleveland "Plain Dealer."

The First-Central Trust Co. of Akron, Ohio, announces the death on Nov. 26 1932 of George D. Bates, Vice-Chairman of the Board of the institution.

Federal Judge Paul Jones on Nov. 29 sentenced Thomas A. Sheets, former Cashier of the closed People's National Bank of Wellsville, Ohio, and Ralph C. Merriam, former Assistant Cashier of the institution, to serve five years and two and one-half years, respectively, in the Atlanta penitentiary, according to the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" of Nov. 30, which continuing said in part:

"I do not share the popular philosophy that society is responsible for the criminal," said Judge Jones. "That is a philosophy of negation. The individual is responsible for his own acts. We must go down if society hasn't the courage to enforce its own rules. If punishment is certain, sure and inevitable, the example of your sentence will be a deterrent to others."

Attorney R. C. Wheeler said that Sheets committed all his illegal acts in the hope of saving the bank and attributed the collapse of the institution to the depression. Judge Jones said that he could not believe all bank failures were due to the depression; that the depression precipitated many failures by showing up faulty bank methods. The total loss attributed to Sheets was \$23,000.

Assistant United States Attorney William J. McDermott told the Court that the bank receiver reported depositors would recover about 60 cents on the dollar. The bank was closed Jan. 25.

Reference was made to the closing of the People's National Bank in our issue of Jan. 30 1932, page 790.

Youngstown, Ohio, advices on Dec. 6 to the "Wall Street Journal" reported that depositors of the Kinsman Banking Co. at Kinsman, Ohio, would receive a liquidating dividend of 15%, or \$30,000, to-day, Dec. 10.

George F. Kem was recently appointed a Trust Officer of The Winters National Bank & Trust Co. of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Kem will serve the department along with Jay Leach, the Vice-President and Trust Officer of the Institution. As a part of the purchase agreement under which The Winters National Bank & Trust Co. in June last acquired the assets of the defunct Union Trust Co. of Dayton, The Winters National Bank & Trust Co. is now offering the services of its trust department to the persons who have heretofore had trusts with The Union Trust Co. and has agreed to pay into the liquidating fund of The Union Trust Co. a certain percentage of the profits realized from the trust business acquired through the transfer of trusts from that company.

Elihu B. McGuire, President of the First National Bank of Sparta, Ill., died on Dec. 4 after a prolonged illness. Mr. McGuire, who was 88 years old on Dec. 2, besides being President of the bank, was Vice-President of the Randolph County Fair Association.

Announcement was made on Dec. 1 that checking-savings accounts will be abolished by the City National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, Ill., on Jan. 1. The Chicago "Journal of Commerce," authority for this, went on to say:

This move is in line with the general policy of Chicago banks to eliminate unprofitable divisions of their business. There will be no change in City National's policy in regard to commercial checking accounts and to savings accounts.

George M. Reynolds, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, on Dec. 1 celebrated the fifty-second anniversary of his entering the banking field and the thirty-fifth anniversary of his going to Chicago. We quote from the Chicago "News" of Dec. 1, as follows:

In 1880 the 15-year-old George Reynolds, fresh from school, went to work as a clerk in the Guthrie County National Bank, at Panora, Iowa. Eight years later he was Cashier and Manager of the bank, and by 1895 was President of the Des Moines National Bank.

In 1897, at the age of 32, Mr. Reynolds gave up the leadership of the Iowa institution to become Cashier of the Continental National Bank at Chicago. Nine years later he was President. A series of mergers with other Chicago banks followed, until Mr. Reynolds is now Chairman of the Board of the largest bank in the Middle West.

The following changes in the personnel of the First National Bank of Detroit were announced recently by Wilson W. Mills, Chairman of the Board, as reported in the "Michigan Investor" of Dec. 3:

Ray H. Murray, former Bond Officer, has been appointed to the office of Assistant Vice-President, and will continue in charge of the bond department.

Herbert W. Boyes, of the Fort-Shelby office, has been appointed Assistant Vice-President, and will continue in charge of the loan group which he formerly supervised as Assistant Cashier.

Ralph H. Gaines, Vice-President in charge of the Fisher Building office, has had his authority extended to include the Woodward-Boulevard office. He will be assisted in the supervision of both offices by William E. Griswold, who has been appointed Assistant Cashier.

Ray D. Young, Chief Clerk of the bank, has been appointed Assistant Cashier.

A press dispatch from Oxford, Mich., on Dec. 4, printed in the Detroit "Free Press," stated that reopening of the Farmers' State Bank of Oxford within a few weeks is expected following an announcement by officials that the required number of depositors have signed agreements under which they pledge themselves to limit withdrawals for specified periods. The dispatch added:

Officers of the bank are now seeking collection of stock assessments after which an opening date for the bank will be announced.

The State Bank of Cedar at Cedar, Mich., reopened for business on Dec. 3 after having been closed a few months. The reorganized bank is capitalized at \$20,000 and has total deposits of \$263,220, of which \$124,572 are trust deposits, and total resources of \$347,851. The officers are as follows: J. C. Vlack, President; S. R. Burke, First Vice-President; Frank Ruthardt, Second Vice-President; F. E. Sbonek, Cashier and G. A. Mason, Auditor.

The State Savings Bank of Frankfort, Mich., was closed last week, according to the "Michigan Investor" of Dec. 3, which said:

The Frankfort bank was the only one in the village. The closing followed a directors meeting at which this step was decided upon to conserve the bank's assets. A reorganization is contemplated.

The Milan State Bank, at Milan, Wis., has been taken over by the Bank of Athens, at Athens, Wis., and since Nov. 22 last has been operated as a receiving and disbursing station for the latter, with Charles F. Schmidt as Acting Manager.

A dispatch by the Associated Press from Pierre, S. D., on Nov. 26 1932 stated that the South Dakota Banking Department had been informed that the Bank of Ipswich at Ipswich, Edmunds County, S. D., is taking a holiday while agreements with clients are being arranged to "tie up" a portion of the deposits.

The Fulton State Bank, Fulton, Iowa, which had been closed for several months, reopened for business on Dec. 3 in the same building and with the same officials, according to the "Commercial West" of Dec. 3.

Advices to the Des Moines "Register" Nov. 23 1932 from Burlington, Iowa, reported that three officials of the closed American Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Burlington, T. W. Kriechbaum, President; A. F. Andersen, Cashier, and E. W. Wischmeier, Assistant Cashier, were jointly indicted by the Grand Jury for the November term of the District Court on Nov. 22, on a charge of "receiving deposits when insolvent." Those accused made emphatic denials of guilt, it was stated.

Deposits of the First National Bank of Hastings, Neb., which closed Oct. 6 of last year, commencing Dec. 6 are receiving a 10% dividend, amounting to \$124,000, according to Associated Press advices from Hastings on Dec. 5, which stated that an announcement to that effect was made Dec. 5 by George G. Cronkleton, receiver for the institution.

Lincoln, Neb., advices by the Associated Press on Nov. 30 stated that depositors in the Farmers' State Bank of Sutherland, Neb., on that day received checks for a first dividend of 30, or \$27,980. The same dispatch also reported that depositors in the failed Farmers' State Bank of Newport, Neb., had received a 5% dividend, bringing the total returned to them to 15%.

A small Nebraska bank, the State Bank of Filley at Filley, was closed by its officers last week and turned over to the State Trade & Commerce Department for liquidation, according to Associated Press advices from Lincoln, Neb., on Dec. 1, which added:

Examiner Richard Hadley is in charge. The bank had capital and surplus of \$18,000 and \$90,000 in deposits. The officers were B. M. Raynor, President, and W. E. Erickson, Cashier.

The closing on Nov. 28 1932 of the State Bank of Lanham, at Lanham, Neb., was reported in a dispatch by the Associated Press from Lincoln, Neb., on Nov. 30. Richard Hadley, State Bank Examiner, was placed in charge. The bank was capitalized at \$10,000 and had deposits of about \$50,000, it was said.

With reference to the affairs of the American Exchange Trust Co. of Little Rock, Ark., which closed its doors in November 1930, Associated Press advices from Little Rock on Dec. 2 contained the following:

With the \$760,000 loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation now reduced to \$134,000, Sam J. Wilson, liquidating agent of the closed American Exchange Trust Co., announced to-day (Dec. 2) he planned to apply for a new loan of \$780,000 to make possible the payment of another 10% dividend to the bank's depositors before Christmas.

Mr. Wilson said he was advised by Harvey C. Couch of Pine Bluff, a director of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, in a long distance telephone conversation from Washington to-day that because of the rapid repayment of the first loan, the Board would give favorable consideration to an application for another one.

A 10% dividend payment to depositors requires \$780,000. The first loan of \$760,000 was supplemented by cash on hand for a 10% payment.

The Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis, Mo., on Dec. 1 announced the establishment of a bond department. With the opening of the new department, the Mississippi Valley Co.—an affiliate of the trust company—discontinued the distribution of investment securities. The bond department is under the supervision of the same directors and the same officers as the Mississippi Valley Trust Co.

Referring once more to the closed First National Bank of Durham, N. C., a dispatch from that place on Nov. 24, printed in the Raleigh "News and Observer," contained the following:

Tuesday, Dec. 20, has been set as the tentative date for opening the new bank to replace the old First National, the Reorganization Committee announced yesterday (Nov. 23), as they signified intention of setting about this week to recover the ground lost by the recent setback caused by failure to wind up the reorganization within the time allotted originally by the Comptroller of the Currency.

The Committee yesterday expressed gratification at the Comptroller's action in extending the time for opening and stated that the work of resigning the depositors to agreements would be speeded up as much as possible.

The newly organized Bank of Wayne at Goldsboro, N. C., successor to the Wayne National Bank, which closed its doors the latter part of December 1931, was formally opened on Dec. 1 by Gurney P. Hood, State Commissioner of Banks for North Carolina. The new bank is capitalized at \$200,000 and has the following officers: Frank B. Daniels, President; Herman Weil, Vice-President; F. B. Crowson, Cashier, and W. Borden Cobb, Assistant Cashier. Goldsboro advices on Dec. 1, printed in the Raleigh "News & Observer," from which the above information is obtained, furthermore said in part:

Official figures were not given for the total amount paid in dividends but it was understood that the sum was slightly in excess of \$470,000. Of this amount approximately \$80,000 was paid to the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond on secured claims, approximately \$243,000 to the Wayne Corp. for claims assigned to it and the remaining sum of about \$147,000 to the 1,100 odd persons who did not assign their claims to the Wayne Corp.

The dividends were made available from funds acquired by the receiver in the ordinary process of liquidation and through sale of the bank building to the Wayne Corp., a subsidiary of the new bank, for \$100,000 supplemented by a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Mr. Fagan stated that the loan received from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is secured by the remaining assets of the Wayne National Bank and must of course be repaid before further dividend disbursements can be made to the depositors by the receiver. The loan simply liquidified some of the assets of the bank, thus making it possible to pay a dividend without waiting for the regular process of liquidation through the collection of accounts due the closed bank.

At the opening of the Bank of Wayne. . . F. B. Crowson, Cashier of the bank, stated that the receiver has paid to the Wayne Corp. approximately \$243,000 of which amount about \$160,000 was placed in the Bank of Wayne to cover the cost of stock subscribed for those people making a bank possible and the remaining \$83,000 paid to those who assigned only a part of their dividend for payment for stock in the Wayne Corp. This \$83,000 plus the \$147,000 paid by the receiver to those not assigning their claims to the Wayne Corp. brought the amount of money actually available to depositors to \$230,000. The \$160,000 was capital stock and not counted on deposit.

According to a dispatch from Thomasville, Ga., Nov. 28, printed in the Atlanta "Constitution," depositors of the closed Bank of Thomasville on that day received checks representing the first dividend payment on their deposits. The Bank of Thomasville closed its doors 10 months ago (Jan. 28). The dividend paid Nov. 28 was derived from cash received by the State Banking Department on 100% assessments made against the stockholders of the failed institution, it was stated.

The Ensley National Bank of Birmingham, P. O. Ensley, Ala., was placed in voluntary liquidation on Nov. 10 1932. The institution, which was capitalized at \$200,000, was absorbed by the Ensley Bank & Trust Co. of Ensley.

The reorganized Bank of Pontotoc, Miss. (which reopened Nov. 19 1932 after having been closed since Jan. 2 1931), is capitalized at \$25,000 with surplus of \$10,000. Its officers are as follows: O. J. Knox, President; Dr. R. P. Donaldson, Vice-President and H. V. Parker, Cashier.

The Corinth Bank & Trust Co., Corinth, Miss., closed since Nov. 28 1930, reopened on Nov. 19 1932. The bank's statement of condition at the close of business Nov. 22 1932 showed combined capital and surplus of \$70,000; total deposits of \$383,720, and total resources of \$517,516. Officers of the institution are as follows: R. E. Perry, Active Vice-President; J. H. Moffett, Vice-President; Abe Turner, Cashier, and R. E. Price, Assistant Cashier.

The Bank of Yazoo City, Yazoo City, Miss. (reorganized and reopened on May 10 1932, after having been closed since the previous Dec. 9), announced on Nov. 28 that depositors of the old bank would receive 10% "of frozen assets" on Dec. 12, amounting to approximately \$35,000, according to Associated Press advices from Yazoo City on Nov. 28. Re-opening of the institution, with capital of \$100,000, was noted in our May 21 issue, page 3771.

Announcement was made in Shreveport, La., on Dec. 4, that the assets of the Commercial National Bank of that city had been acquired by the Commercial National Bank in Shreveport, a new organization chartered a few days previously by the Comptroller of the Currency. The new institution, which has a fully subscribed and paid in capital of \$1,000,000, takes over all the deposits, it was stated, of the old institution and assumes full liability to its depositors. Associated Press advices from Shreveport, on Dec. 5, from which the above information is obtained, furthermore said in part:

The new bank is the result of the efforts of 14 of Shreveport's . . . business men. The Chairman of the new bank is F. D. Lee, well known in business and banking circles. The President is Val H. Murrell, one of the outstanding bankers of the city.

Mr. Lee and Mr. Murrell, in accepting positions in the management of the new bank, will continue their same positions (Chairman and President, respectively) in the active management of the Continental-American Bank & Trust Co. of Shreveport.

Jacob Embry will occupy the position of Executive Vice-President in the official family of the new bank, S. G. Sample will continue as Vice-President in the new institution.

The closing of the Yampa Valley Bank at Hayden, Colo. a small institution, was announced on Nov. 30 by the Colorado State Bank Commissioner, according to the "Rocky Mountain News" of Dec. 1, which went on to say:

The bank, of which Alva Jones is President and L. E. Fitzgerald, Cashier, had deposits of approximately \$45,000 and capital of \$30,000.

R. H. Hubbard, Special Deputy, will be placed in charge of the bank's affairs, it was announced.

Depositors of the Merchants' Bank of Livingston, Mont., on Nov. 17 received a 15% dividend amounting to more than \$45,000, according to the "Commercial West" of Dec. 3, which furthermore said:

This is the first dividend it had liquidated since the bank closed last July 1. The State Banking Department said it had liquidated \$71,383.00, or approximately 30%, of the bank's assets, except real estate.

The Decker-Jewett Bank at Marysville, Calif., said to be the oldest State Bank in California, established in 1854, was closed on Nov. 28 1932 by order of the State Superintendent of Banks. Associated Press dispatches from Marysville, reporting the failure, went on to say:

It was the first bank failure in Marysville's history. The cause given for the closing by officers was the steady withdrawal of deposits over a period of several months and the inability to realize on "frozen" assets.

Effective Nov. 22 last, the First National Bank of Vacaville, Calif., with capital of \$50,000, went into voluntary liquidation. The institution was taken over by the Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association with headquarters at San Francisco, Calif.

On Nov. 29 1932, the Commercial National Bank of Bellflower, Calif., capitalized at \$25,000, went into voluntary liquidation. The institution was absorbed by the First National Bank of the same place.

The National Bank of Commerce of Los Angeles, Calif., was placed in voluntary liquidation on Nov. 1 1932. The institution, which was capitalized at \$500,000, has no successor institution.

The First National Bank of Woodlake, Cal., has closed its doors and gone into voluntary liquidation, according to the following Associated Press dispatch from that place under date of Nov. 26:

The First National Bank here closed its doors in conformity with decision of the directors to voluntarily liquidate the holdings of the institution and retire from the banking business.

The bank had operated here for 20 years. The report of Oct. 1 showed capital stock of \$25,000, surplus of \$3,000, undivided profits of \$1,727, and deposits of \$100,000.

Myles J. Ferriek, liquidating agent of the Medford Trust Co. of Medford, Mass., in a letter sent to the depositors on Dec. 3 notifying them of a second savings department dividend of 10% to be paid Dec. 15 (the previous dividend to savings depositors was 15%), "gives an illuminating picture of the situation in which he found the company's assets when he took them over and how things have been handled since." Mr. Ferriek's letter, as printed in the Boston "Transcript" of Dec. 3, from which the foregoing is also obtained, said in part:

. . . I take this occasion to acquaint depositors with some matters of importance concerning the bank's affairs while closed.

The total collections, including principal and income for the one year since closing, ended Oct. 10 1932, were \$752,069.61. The sum of \$525,000, representing a dividend of 15% has been already paid to depositors of the savings department. An additional \$350,000 will be represented in the additional dividend of 10% to be paid as hereinbefore set forth.

At the time of closing the bank carried on its books \$2,639,778.18 in mortgages on real estate, and \$419,053.16 in real estate in possession. On Oct. 10 1932 there was in possession over \$2,500,000 in real estate, consisting of 109 parcels having 244 tenants. . . .

In operating this real estate, all rents are collected and repairs are made and supervised directly from the bank, eliminating the usual 6% management and supervision charges. In a closed bank, the affairs must be administered according to law, and for this reason a multitude of legal problems arise. Depositors are perhaps familiar with the fact that the suit for \$1,000,000 against the former directors is almost finished, and that a suit against the stockholders for their unpaid liability is marked up for an early hearing. A \$200,000 suit has been commenced against the surety company on the bond covering the former officers and employees of the bank. In addition to the foregoing, 86 major suits and bills in equity and other suits have been commenced against various persons who have failed to meet their obligation to the bank. These suits involve more than \$600,000. There has also been commenced 50 other suits of more or less importance against parties upon collection and sundry other matters. It has also been necessary to defend the bank against suits brought against it for various reasons.

In connection with the above legal matters, the sum of \$13,039.98 has been expended for attorneys' fees up to Oct. 10 1932, and \$10,416.04 for agents' fees and expenses. The sum of \$17,377.98 has been expended during that period for salaries of clerks, bookkeepers, &c., in the administration of the affairs of the bank.

At present there are only eight employees besides the agent. Of this number four are employed in the real estate department of the bank, which is collecting monthly over \$10,000 in rents. Aside from the income of the real estate, additional income representing interest on outstanding mortgages and other loans has been received in an amount of more than \$75,000.

It will be seen that the total expenses of liquidation represents an amount far less than the income received since the bank has been closed, so that accordingly not one dollar of the principal of the depositors' money has been used for the expense of liquidation. . . .

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Quiet and irregular price movements have characterized the dealings on the New York stock market this week and the trading has, at times, been extremely dull. On Tuesday and again on Wednesday the trend was strongly upward, and the rest of the week prices have been firmly held. Short covering has been in evidence on frequent occasions during the week. Call money renewed at 1% on Monday and remained unchanged at that rate on each and every day of the week.

Considerable irregularity was apparent in the stock market on Saturday, and while the undertone was fairly steady there was comparatively little change in the price level. Most stocks beat back and forth within a narrow range showing good resistance to pressure and working up a modest rally in the middle of the second hour. Railroad stocks attracted the bulk of the attention, but the changes were very small. At the close most of the stocks were moving on the side of the decline, the changes including among others, American Smelting 3rd pref., 1 3/4 points to 31; American Water Works 1st pref., 2 points to 52; Atlantic Coast Line, 1 1/2 points down to 16; Bethlehem Steel pref., 2 points to 30; J. I. Case Co. pref., 3 points to 55 1/4; Curtis Publishing pref., 4 points to 52; General Gas & Electric pref., 3 points to 12; Union Pacific pref., 1 point to 61 1/2; Ward Baking pref., 1 1/4 points to 16; Brooklyn Union Gas, 1 point to 73 3/8; Commonwealth & Southern pref., 1 1/2 points to 41, and General Motors pref. 1 point to 74 1/2.

Pivotal shares were slightly lower on Monday, and while there were some gains in the early trading most of these were lost before the close. The announcement from Washington that the repeal measure had failed in the House of Representatives brought the setback and many stocks that had been up from 1 to 3 or more points in the early trading cancelled most of their gains. The principal losses were American Car & Foundry pref. 2 points to 18, American Water Works 1st pref. 2 points to 50, Bush Terminal pref. 3 3/4 points to 27 1/4, Glidden pref. 2 points to 63, Ingersoll Rand 1 1/4 points to 25, Armour of Delaware 1 1/4 points to 41, Cannon Mills 2 1/4 points to 16, Crown Cork & Seal 1 1/2 points to 20 and Pacific Lighting 1 point to 35.

Prices were slightly higher on Tuesday, though considerable profit taking was in evidence during a part of the session. Practically all of the pivotal issues participated in the recovery and while trading was dull and without noteworthy change, the gains ranged from fractions to two or more points. In the final hour a part of the advance was cancelled, but the market closed slightly higher than Monday's final prices. The changes on the side of the advance included Air Reduction, 2 1/2 points to 54 1/2; Allied Chemical & Dye, 4 7/8 points to 76 3/8; American Tobacco "B", 2 1/2 points to 59; Aetehison, 3 3/4 points to 40 3/4; Atlantic Coast Line, 3 3/4 points to 40 3/4; Am. Tel. & Tel., 4 5/8 points to 107 1/8; Auburn Auto, 5 points to 46; J. I. Case, 3 1/2 points to 40; Checker Cab, 3 points to 21; Consolidated Gas, 2 5/8 points to 57 5/8; Corn Products, 2 points to 50; Delaware & Hudson, 6 points to 55; Delaware Lackawanna & Western, 2 1/2 points to 25 1/4; Electric Auto

Lite pref., 2 3/4 points to 87 3/4; Johns-Manville, 2 points to 21 1/4; Louisville & Nashville, 3 1/2 points to 19 3/4; National Biscuit, 3 1/2 points to 39 1/2; New York Central, 2 1/4 points to 22 3/4; Norfolk & Western, 4 points to 110; Northern Pacific, 2 1/8 points to 13 3/8; Peoples Gas, 2 1/2 points to 70; Southern Pacific, 2 points to 17 1/2; Union Pacific, 5 3/8 points to 69 7/8; United States Steel, 2 3/4 points to 33 1/4; Western Union Telegraph, 2 1/8 points to 29, and Westinghouse, 2 1/8 points to 26 7/8.

The list was somewhat irregular on Wednesday, profit-taking slowing down the recovery of the previous day. In the early dealings prices moved ahead from 1 to 2 or more points, and while the close was generally on the upside, the net changes were very small. Some of the market leaders that were strong on Tuesday met with a setback and closed with net losses. The outstanding gains for the day were Air Reduction, 1 point to 55 1/2; American Tobacco, 2 1/4 points to 57 1/4; Crucible Steel pref., 2 points to 20; General Cigar pref., 3 points to 105; Norfolk & Western, 1 1/2 points to 111 1/2; Studebaker, pref., 3 1/2 points to 34; American Water Works 1st pref., 2 points to 52; Baldwin Locomotive pref., 2 1/8 points to 16; Bethlehem Steel pref., 1 1/4 points to 31 3/4; Coca Cola, 1 5/8 points to 73 7/8; Commonwealth & Southern pref., 3 points to 44 1/2; G. W. Helme, 4 1/2 points to 72 1/2, and United Fruit, 1 5/8 points to 22 7/8.

Stocks slipped back on Thursday following the modest advances of the preceding three days. Toward the close the tone was slightly firmer, but the improvement was not sufficient to register very much progress on the side of the advance. Pivotal issues were generally off during the morning, but rallied late in the session. The turnover was much smaller than the preceding day, the total sales reaching approximately 705,000 shares. Among the stocks closing on the side of the decline were J. I. Case pref. 4 1/2 points to 50, American Can pref. 1 point to 117, Ingersoll Rand 1 point to 27, Radio Corp. pref. A 2 1/2 points to 18 1/2, Sloss Sheffield Steel 5 points to 7, General Cigar 1 point to 29, Curtis Publishing Co. pref. 2 points to 50, General Motors pref. 3 1/4 points to 72 and Liggett & Myers 1 point to 52 1/2.

The market was slow and without noteworthy movement on Friday until around the final hour, when stocks moved upward in gradually increasing volume. The leader of the upward surge was Allied Chemical & Dye, which shot upward above 80 at its peak for the day, followed by such prominent market leaders as American Can, Union Pacific, Aetehison, United Aircraft and Continental Can. Among the stocks prominent on the side of the advance were Allied Chemical & Dye, 3 3/4 points to 81 3/8; Auburn Auto, 1 1/2 points to 47; Brooklyn Union Gas, 5 1/4 points to 79; J. I. Case, 2 points to 43 1/4; Consolidated Gas, 1 7/8 points to 59 1/2; Eastman Kodak, 2 points to 54 3/4; Homestake Mining Co., 4 7/8 points to 153 1/8; Norfolk & Western, 1 1/2 points to 113; Peoples Gas, 2 1/2 points to 72 1/2; Union Pacific, 3 1/8 points to 72 7/8, and United States Tobacco, 2 3/4 points to 58. The close was strong and near the best prices of the day.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Dec. 9 1932.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad and Miscell Bonds.	State, Municipal & For'n Bonds.	United States Bonds.	Total Bond Sales.
Saturday	399,550	\$2,851,000	\$1,703,000	\$303,000	\$4,857,000
Monday	725,219	4,085,000	2,069,000	640,500	6,794,500
Tuesday	1,108,658	4,932,000	2,209,000	1,346,000	8,487,000
Wednesday	1,193,869	5,468,000	2,520,000	1,439,000	9,427,000
Thursday	704,921	4,822,000	2,416,000	2,677,000	9,915,000
Friday	1,174,930	5,525,000	2,305,000	474,500	8,304,500
Total	5,307,147	\$27,683,000	\$13,222,000	\$6,880,000	\$47,785,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Dec. 9.		Jan. 1 to Dec. 9.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Stocks—No. of shares.	5,307,147	11,208,430	408,689,344	545,509,901
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$6,880,000	\$11,323,000	\$541,262,050	\$254,340,700
State & foreign bonds	13,222,000	19,475,000	705,617,200	850,438,100
Railroad & misc. bonds	27,683,000	34,167,500	1,535,281,000	1,728,134,900
Total	\$47,785,000	\$64,965,500	\$2,782,170,150	\$2,832,913,700

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Dec. 9 1932.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	9,727	\$5,000	5,216	---	363	\$5,000
Monday	15,834	1,550	13,584	1,400	476	5,200
Tuesday	21,300	8,000	18,180	2,000	1,478	4,100
Wednesday	20,451	---	17,880	2,600	1,190	13,000
Thursday	12,927	5,250	11,093	2,000	858	22,400
Friday	7,212	---	5,400	---	627	20,000
Total	87,451	\$19,800	71,362	\$8,000	4,990	\$69,700
Prev. week revised	85,554	\$35,000	64,972	\$21,000	6,608	\$72,800

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

The curb market has been fairly steady this week, though trading has been quiet and the turnover down to the minimum. Short covering cropped out occasionally and there has been some realizing but the list, on the whole, has been firm and the changes, as a rule, have been generally fractional. Oil shares have attracted some speculative attention and the power stocks have held their own. Industrial issues, on the other hand, have made little progress either way. On Saturday the trading was quiet and small price changes were the rule. During the first hour the market was off and a number of the leaders yielded a point or more while most of the active list moved within a comparatively narrow range. Electric Bond & Share, for instance, moved around within a radius of $\frac{1}{2}$ -point. Other power stocks were quiet, shares like Niagara Hudson, Cities Service, American Gas & Electric and United Light & Power pref. being down fractionally. Utilities were under pressure and industrials showed little or no movement of importance. Oils were steady and so were the investment shares. The tone of the curb market was somewhat improved on Monday, though the session was comparatively inactive and price changes were small. Buying was mostly covering for short accounts. One of the interesting incidents of the day was the buying of American Superpower, which advanced a full point at its top for the day. Public utilities were somewhat mixed. Electric Bond & Share, selling ex-dividend, showed a point or more advance at its best for the day, while fractional advances were registered by American Gas and United Light pref. Some of the so-called "wet stocks" were in fair demand, Hiram Walker showing a modest gain at the close. Aluminum Co. of America opened about 2 points up and then reacted to a level slightly higher than the preceding close. Mining stocks were in moderate demand and oil shares moved within a narrow range.

Prices on the Curb showed a slightly rising tendency on Tuesday, the early dealings indicating moderate covering in the public utilities and specialties, though a good part of the gains were cancelled in the later transactions. Public utilities were firm, but quiet. American Gas & Electric was somewhat higher, Niagara Hudson registering a fractional advance and so did a number of the lower priced power stocks. Industrial shares were active most of the day, Aluminum Co. of America leading the activity in this group with a 4-point gain during the early trading, though most of this advance was cancelled later in the day. Lake Shore Mining forged ahead to a new top before meeting selling. Other mining shares were dull and oil issues were quiet and moved back and forth within a comparatively narrow range. The volume of transactions was somewhat larger on Wednesday as the upward swing of the preceding day extended to the morning trading. The public utility stocks moved upward under the leadership of Electric Bond & Share which crossed 20 and reacted. Gains of a point or more were recorded by such active issues as Columbia Gas pref., Consolidated Gas of Baltimore, Montreal Light, Heat & Power and American Gas. Commonwealth Edison closed with a net gain of 2 points. The industrial section continued to move ahead under the guidance of Aluminum Co. of America which gained 3 points at 51 and dropped back to 50 with a net gain of 2 points. Tobacco shares were under pressure and so was Parker Rust Proof. Oil shares were in good demand and moved forward to higher levels. Investment issues and mining shares were fairly steady. The undertone was firm though prices moved within a narrow range on Thursday. Scattered profit taking was in evidence during the morning trading, but this was quickly absorbed as the day progressed. Public utilities were fairly firm with most of the demand centering around Electric Bond & Share, American Can, American Light & Power, Columbia Gas pref. and American Superpower 1st pref. Industrial shares attracted some attention, particularly Celanese prior pref. which gained about 3 points. Mining stocks were irregular and oil shares were neglected.

Prices were steady during most of the session on Friday, but there was very little change until the last half hour when the market suddenly rallied and continued its forward movement until the close. Electric Bond & Share and American Gas were the strong features and led the upward swing. Preferred stocks also were in good demand and a number of substantial gains were recorded in this group before the close. The changes for the week were largely on the side of the advance and included among others American Beverage $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{3}{8}$, Aluminum Co. of America 46 to $49\frac{3}{4}$, American Gas & Electric $24\frac{1}{8}$ to $28\frac{5}{8}$, American Light & Traction

16 to 17, American Superpower 4 to 5, Associated Gas & Electric A 2 to $2\frac{5}{8}$, Atlas Corp. $6\frac{3}{4}$ to $7\frac{1}{4}$, Brazil Traction & Light $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{3}{4}$, Central States Electric $2\frac{1}{8}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$, Cities Service $2\frac{7}{8}$ to 3, Commonwealth Edison $69\frac{1}{4}$ to 72, Consolidated Gas of Baltimore $60\frac{1}{8}$ to 63, Cord Corp. 4 to 5, Deere & Co. $8\frac{1}{8}$ to $9\frac{1}{4}$, Electric Bond & Share $16\frac{3}{4}$ to $20\frac{1}{2}$, Gulf Oil of Pennsylvania 28 to $29\frac{3}{4}$, International Petroleum $9\frac{7}{8}$ to $10\frac{3}{8}$, New York Telephone pref. $114\frac{1}{2}$ to $115\frac{5}{8}$, Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. $51\frac{5}{8}$ to 53, Standard Oil of Indiana $22\frac{1}{4}$ to $23\frac{1}{2}$, Teck Hughes $3\frac{1}{8}$ to $3\frac{1}{4}$, United Gas Corp. $1\frac{3}{4}$ to 2, United Light & Power A $3\frac{5}{8}$ to $4\frac{1}{4}$, and Utility Power $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{5}{8}$.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended Dec. 9 1932.	Stocks (Number of Shares).	Bonds (Par Value).			
		Domestic.	Foreign Government.	Foreign Corporate.	Total.
Saturday	66,230	\$1,354,000	\$75,000	\$72,000	\$1,501,000
Monday	134,165	2,217,000	83,000	133,000	2,433,000
Tuesday	170,325	2,932,000	130,000	108,000	3,170,000
Wednesday	173,359	2,919,000	195,000	206,000	3,320,000
Thursday	118,625	2,732,000	172,000	309,000	3,213,000
Friday	164,750	3,027,000	181,000	169,000	3,377,000
Total	827,454	\$15,181,000	\$836,000	\$997,000	\$17,014,000

Sales at New York Curb Exchange.	Week Ended Dec. 9.		Jan. 1 to Dec. 9.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Stocks—No. of shares.	827,454	1,959,875	53,555,955	103,169,532
Bonds.				
Domestic	\$15,181,000	\$15,047,000	\$804,124,100	\$855,101,000
Foreign Government	836,000	755,000	30,389,000	30,391,000
Foreign corporate	997,000	960,000	56,159,000	38,325,000
Total	\$17,014,000	\$16,762,000	\$890,672,100	\$923,727,000

Course of Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings this week will again show a decrease as compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ended to-day (Saturday Dec. 10), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 22.1% below those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$4,301,821,832, against \$5,525,255,571 for the same week in 1931. At this center there is a loss for the five days ended Friday of 19.8%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ending Dec. 10.	1932.	1931.	Per Cent.
New York	\$2,262,463,642	\$2,819,509,903	-19.8
Chicago	130,031,932	213,014,197	-39.0
Philadelphia	220,000,000	226,000,000	-2.7
Boston	134,000,000	200,000,000	-33.0
Kansas City	42,155,621	57,839,519	-27.1
St. Louis	42,000,000	56,900,000	-26.2
San Francisco	72,952,312	100,612,000	-27.5
Los Angeles	No longer will report clearings		
Pittsburgh	57,741,291	74,876,989	-22.9
Detroit	41,687,319	65,077,005	-35.9
Cleveland	41,453,046	56,763,647	-27.0
Baltimore	39,456,042	50,819,892	-22.4
New Orleans	26,770,628	32,410,685	-17.4
Twelve cities, five days	\$3,110,711,833	\$3,953,823,840	-21.6
Other cities, five days	474,139,694	595,489,010	-18.2
Total all cities, five days	\$3,584,851,527	\$4,549,312,850	-21.2
All cities, one day	716,970,305	975,942,721	-26.5
Total all cities for week	\$4,301,821,832	\$5,525,255,571	-22.1

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has to be in all cases estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous, the week ended Dec. 3. For that week there is a decrease of 24.2%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$5,067,036,947, against \$6,684,435,486 in the same week in 1931. Outside of this city there is a decrease of 28.2%, the bank clearings at this center recording a loss of 21.8%. We group the cities according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District, including this city, the totals show a loss of 21.8%, in the Boston Reserve District of 36.3% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 9.5%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are smaller by 25.0% in the Richmond Reserve District by 24.1% and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 27.1%. The Chicago Reserve District suffers a contraction of 39.5%, in the St. Louis Reserve District of 30.0% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District of 23.2%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the decrease is 30.2%, in the Dallas Reserve District 18.4% and in the San Francisco Reserve District 31.9%

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week Ended Dec. 3 1932.	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec.	1930.	1929.
Federal Reserve Dists.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston.....12 cities	245,713,651	385,881,043	-36.3	483,929,938	651,322,390
2nd New York.....12 "	3,369,091,470	4,309,853,894	-21.3	6,253,307,907	9,293,935,414
3rd Philadelphia 10 "	327,319,257	361,829,823	-9.5	497,885,417	759,801,123
4th Cleveland.....6 "	133,752,524	258,335,206	-25.0	384,295,437	425,594,373
5th Richmond.....6 "	110,601,704	145,815,025	-24.1	198,178,211	197,261,408
6th Atlanta.....11 "	82,968,657	113,781,157	-27.1	149,058,703	188,159,265
7th Chicago.....20 "	288,641,701	477,100,377	-39.5	783,030,024	1,073,580,871
8th St. Louis.....5 "	85,071,412	121,583,815	-30.0	156,449,472	201,667,436
9th Minneapolis 7 "	68,429,324	89,076,057	-23.2	112,702,084	143,030,542
10th Kansas City 10 "	84,973,938	121,760,853	-30.2	177,485,254	210,641,674
11th Dallas.....5 "	38,772,623	47,534,016	-18.4	59,258,293	87,134,877
12th San Fran.....13 "	171,700,556	252,084,330	-31.9	315,772,472	380,976,846
Total.....117 cities	5,067,036,947	6,684,435,486	-24.2	9,571,343,712	13,613,105,829
Outside N. Y. City.....	1,798,065,226	2,505,246,424	-28.2	3,488,348,392	4,520,165,256
Canada.....32 cities	238,984,849	416,407,799	-42.6	437,965,962	520,391,309

We also furnish to-day a summary of Federal Reserve districts of the clearings for the month of November. For that month there is a decrease for the entire body of clearing houses of 24.8%, the 1932 aggregate of clearings being \$18,117,720,593 and the 1931 aggregate \$24,108,445,961. In the New York Reserve District the totals show a decline of 24.5%, in the Boston Reserve District of 28.5% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 11.2%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals record a diminution of 23.5%, in the Richmond Reserve District of 18.3% and in the Atlanta Reserve District of 25.8%. In the Chicago Reserve District the falling off is 37.7%, in the St. Louis Reserve District 20.1% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District 21.3%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the totals record a diminution of 28.0% in the Dallas Reserve District of 19.0% and in the San Francisco Reserve District of 27.2%.

	November 1932.	November 1931.	Inc. or Dec.	November 1930.	November 1929.
Federal Reserve Dists.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston.....14 cities	945,945,566	1,323,201,895	-28.5	1,806,235,012	3,327,800,067
2nd New York.....13 "	11,255,265,560	14,909,990,812	-24.5	22,774,430,594	43,862,313,132
3rd Philadelphia 14 "	1,167,539,513	1,315,474,786	-11.2	1,911,492,157	3,411,706,069
4th Cleveland.....13 "	756,954,936	989,941,284	-23.5	1,569,387,116	1,972,875,858
5th Richmond.....19 "	423,651,750	518,397,489	-18.3	724,232,007	857,222,147
6th Atlanta.....16 "	346,596,392	467,378,994	-25.8	608,230,636	848,324,366
7th Chicago.....27 "	1,147,049,176	1,840,178,635	-37.7	2,995,594,040	4,779,484,459
8th St. Louis.....7 "	379,771,953	475,367,159	-20.1	654,257,742	992,001,869
9th Minneapolis 13 "	294,770,762	374,552,868	-21.3	490,325,952	616,306,357
10th Kansas City 14 "	460,137,523	639,590,231	-28.0	902,222,955	1,098,519,134
11th Dallas.....20 "	265,802,676	329,549,937	-19.0	408,549,501	590,284,698
12th San Fran.....12 "	673,230,786	924,821,871	-27.2	1,140,085,441	1,785,062,813
Total.....172 cities	18,117,720,593	24,108,445,961	-24.8	36,092,744,422	64,844,900,994
Outside N. Y. City.....	7,215,904,734	9,657,042,617	-25.3	13,909,448,437	21,155,197,756
Canada.....32 cities	1,130,077,993	1,516,484,233	-25.5	1,578,347,860	2,352,558,631

We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the eleven months for each year back to 1929:

	11 Months 1932.	11 Months 1931.	Inc. or Dec.	11 Months 1930.	11 Months 1929.
Federal Reserve Dists.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston.....14 cities	11,282,005,317	19,233,624,224	-41.3	23,910,811,411	28,710,452,079
2nd New York.....13 "	151,497,067,557	251,200,487,808	-39.7	327,825,307,685	453,506,966,082
3rd Philadelphia 14 "	13,485,215,750	19,630,643,791	-31.3	25,938,311,479	39,891,600,875
4th Cleveland.....13 "	9,440,730,220	14,637,316,471	-35.5	19,145,609,492	20,125,923,508
5th Richmond.....19 "	5,055,557,574	6,755,549,290	-25.2	8,373,183,380	9,978,879,268
6th Atlanta.....16 "	4,197,739,609	5,855,503,970	-28.3	7,507,009,991	9,188,961,387
7th Chicago.....27 "	16,065,375,945	28,395,315,484	-43.4	40,550,431,515	50,915,522,648
8th St. Louis.....7 "	4,279,570,240	6,005,758,390	-28.3	8,443,043,683	10,534,285,379
9th Minneapolis 13 "	3,392,840,347	4,521,809,283	-25.0	6,535,157,000	8,654,039,181
10th Kansas City 14 "	5,721,617,552	8,100,748,552	-28.5	11,608,262,253	12,849,023,755
11th Dallas.....20 "	2,877,417,846	3,973,313,477	-27.6	4,908,465,756	6,301,547,132
12th San Fran.....12 "	8,491,428,295	12,209,080,630	-30.4	15,837,442,404	18,566,837,274
Total.....172 cities	235,988,740,569	380,521,131,365	-38.0	499,241,736,417	657,234,159,568
Outside N. Y. City.....	89,033,543,471	135,649,162,258	-34.3	179,092,798,547	213,092,100,170
Canada.....32 cities	11,848,011,949	15,473,077,467	-23.4	18,485,774,446	23,132,322,384

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for November and the 11 months of 1932 and 1931 are given below:

Description.	Month of November.		Eleven Months.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Stock, number of shares.....	23,054,483	37,355,208	402,039,147	526,659,541
Bonds.....				
Railroad & misc. bonds.....	\$97,304,000	\$123,604,000	\$1,386,746,800	\$1,666,333,400
State, foreign, &c., bonds.....	46,042,500	69,970,000	608,299,600	816,823,600
U. S. Government bonds.....	16,072,800	37,320,000	466,368,950	234,992,900
Total bonds.....	\$159,419,350	\$230,894,000	\$2,461,415,350	\$2,718,149,900

CLEARINGS FOR NOVEMBER, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 3.

Clearings at—	Month of November.			Eleven Months.			Week Ended Dec. 3.				
	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec.	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec.	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec.	1930.	1929.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
First Federal Reserve District—											
Maine—Bangor.....	1,079,828	1,874,412	-42.4	19,792,299	28,932,432	-31.6	466,998	621,325	-24.8	841,153	782,351
Portland.....	7,595,813	11,006,057	-31.0	103,766,430	144,346,647	-28.1	2,215,950	5,568,913	-60.2	4,638,331	4,473,252
Mass.—Boston.....	826,315,332	1,156,261,129	-28.5	9,741,787,124	17,089,108,589	-43.0	214,382,615	341,575,098	-37.2	425,648,493	570,000,000
Fall River.....	3,050,224	3,443,026	-11.2	32,831,538	44,961,715	-27.0	615,796	915,400	-32.7	1,056,242	1,572,680
Holyoke.....	2,074,459	2,426,689	-14.5	18,889,980	24,855,008	-24.0	—	—	—	—	—
Lowell.....	1,532,006	2,443,876	-37.3	14,753,370	22,726,378	-35.1	303,269	547,157	-44.6	551,118	1,313,181
New Bedford.....	2,743,196	3,961,296	-30.8	25,661,409	42,305,824	-32.3	574,068	849,857	-32.5	993,135	1,088,424
Springfield.....	12,970,950	17,069,345	-24.0	147,494,525	206,310,723	-28.5	3,573,386	4,295,175	-16.8	6,067,305	6,138,086
Worcester.....	7,216,356	9,748,256	-26.0	55,391,731	133,924,206	-28.8	1,890,855	3,200,343	-40.9	30,539,791	4,190,407
Conn.—Hartford.....	28,727,924	39,250,638	-26.8	386,111,413	539,329,260	-28.4	7,424,573	10,699,836	-30.6	18,387,983	15,366,445
New Haven.....	14,567,463	24,967,815	-41.7	226,959,921	319,621,494	-29.0	3,802,249	6,805,557	-44.1	7,171,459	8,111,222
Waterbury.....	4,785,700	7,283,100	-34.3	51,893,300	85,158,900	-39.1	—	—	—	—	—
R. I.—Providence.....	31,612,600	41,259,600	-23.4	392,848,700	525,387,400	-25.2	9,166,400	11,150,200	-17.8	12,681,000	16,614,200
N. H.—Manchester.....	1,663,595	2,201,656	-24.4	20,823,574	26,655,648	-21.9	1,297,492	1,651,152	-21.4	2,353,828	1,677,142
Total (14 cities).....	945,945,566	1,323,201,895	-28.5	11,282,005,317	19,233,624,224	-41.3	245,713,651	385,881,043	-36.3	483,929,938	651,322,390

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange each month since Jan. 1 for the years 1929 to 1932 is indicated in the following:

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Month of January.....	34,362,383	42,503,382	62,308,290	110,805,940
February.....	31,716,267	64,181,836	67,834,100	77,968,780
March.....	33,031,499	65,658,034	96,552,040	105,661,570
First quarter.....	99,110,149	172,343,252	226,694,430	294,436,240
Month of April.....	31,470,916	54,346,836	111,041,000	82,600,470
May.....	23,136,913	46,659,525	78,340,030	91,283,550
June.....	23,000,594	58,643,847	76,593,250	69,546,400
Second quarter.....	77,608,423	159,650,208	265,974,280	243,430,060
Six months.....	176,718,572	331,993,460	492,668,710	537,866,310
Month of July.....	23,057,334	33,545,650	47,746,090	93,378,690
August.....	82,625,795	24,828,600	39,869,500	95,704,890
September.....	67,381,004	51,040,166	53,645,145	100,056,120
Third quarter.....	173,064,133	109,414,318	141,160,735	289,139,700
Nine months.....	349,782,705	441,407,800	633,829,445	827,006,010
Month of October.....	29,201,959	47,896,533	65,497,479	141,668,410
November.....	23,054,483	37,355,208	51,946,840	72,455,420

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 1932 and 1931:

Month.	Clearings, Total All.			Clearings Outside New York.		
	1932.	1931.	%	1932.	1931.	%
	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Jan.....	26,459,172,081	39,646,102,252	-33.2	9,774,837,952	14,343,642,075	-31.8
Feb.....	21,342,636,650	32,913,173,209	-35.1	8,124,110,922	11,689,899,707	-30.5
Mar.....	24,494,970,785	39,273,001,285	-37.6	8,885,526,375	13,104,616,303	-32.2
1st quarter.....	72,296,779,466	111,832,276,836	-35.3	26,784,475,249	39,138,158,085	-31.5
April.....	22,836,936,960	39,821,065,051	-42.6	8,868,112,867	13,440,256,887	-34.0
May.....	20,677,279,924	37,850,183,190	-45.4	7,938,011,145	12,906,574,807	-38.5
June.....	21,927,108,541	39,219,954,507	-44.1	8,025,241,640	13,159,743,475	-39.0
2d quarter.....	65,441,325,425	116,891,102,838	-44.0	24,831,365,652	39,506,574,669	-37.1
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CLEARINGS—(Continued.)

Clearings at—	Month of November.			Eleven Months.			Week Ended Dec. 3.					
	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec. %	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec. %	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec. %	1930.	1929.	
Second Federal Reserve District—New York—												
N. Y.—Albany	17,945,907	23,374,166	-23.2	246,401,706	301,555,024	-18.3	5,374,585	7,315,783	-26.5	7,800,470	7,492,788	
Binghamton	3,002,380	3,754,287	-20.0	38,708,203	52,719,861	-26.6	967,802	963,616	+0.4	1,204,764	1,679,566	
Buffalo	97,066,052	125,752,065	-22.8	1,198,261,841	1,788,014,619	-33.0	25,594,756	34,895,653	-26.7	45,881,657	54,266,747	
Elmira	2,351,081	3,107,040	-24.3	33,039,234	47,018,511	-29.7	718,820	1,044,943	-31.2	1,362,126	1,031,914	
Jamestown	2,019,183	2,713,488	-25.6	26,945,650	42,112,559	-36.0	551,530	829,739	-33.5	1,100,368	1,381,770	
New York	10,901,815,859	14,451,403,344	-24.6	146,905,197,098	241,871,969,107	-39.3	3,268,971,721	4,179,189,062	-21.8	6,082,995,320	9,092,940,573	
Rochester	24,831,134	32,519,496	-23.7	331,883,194	453,089,459	-26.8	8,210,364	11,814,488	-30.5	14,108,753	16,543,681	
Syracuse	15,252,839	16,497,485	-7.5	177,634,541	229,709,278	-22.7	3,351,566	4,435,339	-24.4	6,559,559	7,539,629	
Conn.—Stamford	10,569,569	11,728,134	-9.9	122,778,031	154,584,129	-20.6	1,842,812	2,721,676	-32.3	4,086,089	4,000,000	
N. J.—Montclair	1,998,334	2,311,634	-13.6	25,231,047	33,267,071	-24.2	951,392	1,359,773	-30.0	1,564,258	1,564,839	
Newark	74,325,988	108,503,303	-31.4	1,003,477,804	1,415,151,721	-29.1	23,738,248	34,773,839	-31.7	40,321,328	43,636,417	
Northern New Jersey	99,938,649	121,995,712	-18.1	1,331,506,868	1,737,244,012	-23.4	28,817,874	37,310,073	-22.8	46,328,215	61,857,490	
Oranges	4,148,585	6,330,658	-34.5	56,004,340	74,051,557	-24.4	---	---	---	---	---	
Total (13 cities)	11,255,265,560	14,909,990,812	-24.5	151,497,067,557	251,200,487,808	-39.7	3,369,091,470	4,309,653,984	-21.8	6,253,307,907	9,293,935,414	
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia—												
Pa.—Altoona	1,228,401	2,187,443	-43.9	19,051,817	33,973,303	-43.9	290,254	492,900	-41.1	1,222,194	1,413,481	
Bethlehem	*1,500,000	2,729,760	-45.1	23,509,727	39,327,864	-40.2	342,417	537,622	-36.3	789,821	1,012,696	
Chester	1,217,080	2,982,158	-59.2	18,677,981	42,272,398	-55.8	395,598	948,888	-58.3	1,341,861	1,312,964	
Harrisburg	8,287,963	10,499,881	-21.1	110,403,051	158,573,144	-30.4	---	---	---	---	---	
Lancaster	4,072,827	8,343,510	-51.2	55,241,612	111,251,488	-50.3	1,157,036	2,133,434	-45.8	1,713,873	2,022,932	
Lebanon	1,117,565	1,928,671	-42.1	16,473,753	26,068,903	-36.8	---	---	---	---	---	
Norristown	1,828,676	2,345,333	-22.0	21,109,274	30,696,454	-31.2	---	---	---	---	---	
Philadelphia	1,105,000,000	1,222,400,000	-9.6	12,671,000,000	18,356,000,000	-31.0	314,000,000	344,000,000	-8.7	475,000,000	733,000,000	
Reading	7,309,320	11,233,249	-35.0	101,911,603	138,950,554	-26.7	1,998,801	3,106,646	-35.7	3,701,807	3,879,627	
Scranton	9,328,470	15,283,062	-39.0	139,300,911	198,401,792	-43.4	2,572,450	3,012,334	-14.6	4,870,845	5,824,428	
Wilkes-Barre	6,385,235	8,770,293	-27.4	81,874,477	137,527,499	-40.5	2,030,430	2,724,633	-25.5	3,622,615	3,985,168	
York	4,042,976	6,051,426	-33.2	54,227,344	81,304,792	-33.3	1,065,301	1,411,366	-24.5	1,974,401	1,821,289	
N. J.—Camden	4,236,000	5,732,000	-25.2	49,346,000	78,258,000	-36.9	---	---	---	---	---	
Trenton	11,958,000	14,988,000	-20.2	150,087,700	197,537,600	-24.0	3,467,000	3,462,000	+0.1	3,648,000	5,528,528	
Total (14 cities)	1,167,539,513	1,315,474,786	-11.2	13,485,215,750	19,630,643,791	-31.3	327,319,287	361,829,823	-9.5	497,885,417	759,801,123	
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland—												
Ohio—Akron	1,370,000	2,675,000	-48.7	18,681,000	141,319,000	-86.8	523,000	421,000	+24.2	4,130,000	4,710,000	
Canton	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	
Cincinnati	148,977,441	196,705,480	-24.3	1,922,083,167	2,621,358,082	-26.7	38,255,244	51,462,991	-25.7	58,469,718	66,731,350	
Cleveland	251,716,526	332,816,389	-24.4	3,091,887,676	4,759,958,112	-35.0	61,268,197	86,542,451	-29.2	112,583,881	144,916,951	
Columbus	26,913,800	35,166,800	-23.5	356,963,200	562,565,600	-36.5	7,133,700	9,418,400	-24.3	15,544,500	16,790,100	
Hamilton	1,637,901	1,932,977	-14.2	21,113,652	34,409,621	-38.6	---	---	---	---	---	
Lorain	339,843	690,102	-47.9	5,781,568	13,201,146	-56.4	---	---	---	---	---	
Mansfield	3,319,898	5,000,000	-33.6	37,693,375	68,516,115	-45.1	---	---	---	---	---	
Youngstown	b	b	b	b	b	b	671,172	1,000,000	-32.9	1,512,656	2,030,106	
Pa.—Beaver County	699,692	864,799	-19.1	9,458,749	15,509,272	-39.0	---	---	---	---	---	
Franklin	310,853	474,025	-34.4	4,541,441	6,611,354	-31.3	---	---	---	---	---	
Greensburg	911,297	1,222,186	-25.4	13,085,933	37,318,147	-64.9	---	---	---	---	---	
Pittsburgh	310,365,640	398,867,446	-22.2	3,834,632,166	6,188,806,000	-38.0	85,901,311	109,490,364	-21.5	192,044,682	190,416,866	
Ky.—Lexington	3,654,269	4,287,655	-14.8	47,212,288	54,724,132	-13.7	---	---	---	---	---	
W. Va.—Wheeling	6,697,776	9,238,425	-27.5	77,706,005	133,019,890	-41.6	---	---	---	---	---	
Total (13 cities)	756,954,936	989,941,284	-23.5	9,440,730,220	14,637,316,471	-35.5	193,752,624	258,335,206	-25.0	384,285,437	425,594,373	
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond—												
W. Va.—Huntington	1,493,712	2,109,622	-29.2	17,784,828	28,190,016	-36.9	410,929	685,451	-40.0	1,458,901	1,774,129	
Va.—Norfolk	10,158,000	13,316,456	-23.7	122,220,783	162,376,700	-24.7	3,807,000	4,603,699	-17.3	5,912,829	7,050,296	
Richmond	119,023,020	135,407,685	-12.1	1,240,783,274	1,605,992,165	-22.7	29,481,712	36,370,371	-18.9	18,146,000	51,536,000	
N. C.—Raleigh	3,105,308	6,945,164	-55.3	32,247,928	79,096,811	-59.4	---	---	---	---	---	
S. C.—Charleston	3,101,193	6,228,267	-50.2	6,740,832	17,959,108	-61.7	833,722	1,625,273	-48.7	2,160,765	2,734,705	
Columbia	3,009,774	7,135,367	-57.8	40,091,029	92,225,731	-56.5	---	---	---	---	---	
Md.—Baltimore	213,895,096	254,646,060	-16.0	2,673,058,209	3,562,037,837	-25.0	56,962,456	75,990,284	-25.0	111,027,535	104,129,760	
Frederick	832,493	1,061,651	-21.6	11,091,319	17,704,519	-37.4	---	---	---	---	---	
Hagerstown	b	b	b	b	b	b	---	---	---	---	---	
D. C.—Washington	69,033,154	91,546,847	-24.6	880,639,372	1,131,596,403	-22.2	19,105,885	26,539,497	-28.0	29,472,181	30,036,518	
Total (9 cities)	423,651,750	518,397,489	-18.3	5,055,557,574	6,756,549,290	-12.2	110,601,704	145,815,025	-24.1	198,178,211	197,261,408	
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta—												
Tenn.—Knoxville	*9,000,000	14,530,802	-38.1	117,843,454	129,445,834	-9.0	1,954,441	3,596,000	-45.6	2,000,000	2,938,980	
Nashville	36,987,369	43,409,549	-14.8	422,225,178	581,338,590	-27.4	8,776,945	10,666,154	-17.7	17,736,753	21,335,967	
Ga.—Atlanta	108,200,000	138,878,044	-22.1	1,300,575,000	1,687,767,510	-22.9	26,800,000	34,500,000	-22.3	41,146,044	50,588,067	
Augusta	3,083,576	5,066,208	-39.1	20,859,881	62,693,633	-36.3	643,413	1,201,878	-46.4	1,857,635	2,200,508	
Columbus	1,775,646	2,445,049	-27.4	9,835,553	33,334,802	-37.6	---	---	---	---	---	
Macon	1,713,257	2,633,199	-34.9	22,997,500	35,716,115	-35.6	446,632	707,296	-36.9	1,187,282	1,670,859	
Fla.—Jacksonville	32,187,220	38,601,920	-16.6	393,526,714	540,668,377	-27.2	8,043,799	10,556,466	-23.8	13,287,770	15,141,533	
Tampa	3,558,017	5,199,058	-31.6	49,129,744	67,702,229	-27.4	---	---	---	---	---	
Ala.—Birmingham	35,688,988	48,367,498	-26.2	419,306,935	619,907,497	-32.4	8,866,156	11,400,229	-22.2	17,511,150	26,360,083	
Mobile	3,290,060	4,959,579	-33.7	40,387,453	62,557,617	-35.4	821,112	1,355,274	-39.4	2,134,564	2,654,155	
Montgomery	1,839,048	3,024,259	-39.2	22,592,236	33,609,345	-32.8	---	---	---	---	---	
Miss.—Hattiesburg	2,430,000	3,152,000	-22.9	32,716,000	51,038,000	-35.9	---	---	---	---	---	
Jackson	4,087,949	6,821,000	-40.1	44,400,856	67,041,158	-33.8	1,330,000	1,685,000	-21.1	2,786,000	2,148,903	
Meridian	972,866	1,318,544	-26.2	13,107,745	17,137,831	-23.5	---	---	---	---	---	
Vicksburg	451,256	574,700	-21.5	5,381,585	6,544,336	-17.8	90,317	228,848	-60.5	223,989	313,431	
La.—New Orleans	101,333,140	148,397,585	-31.7	1,252,853,765	1,860,091,096	-32.6	25,195,842	37,884,012	-33.5	49,187,516	62,806,779	
Total (16 cities)	346,596,392	467,378,994	-25.8	<								

CLEARINGS—(Concluded.)

Clearings at—	Month of November.			Eleven Months.			Week Ended Dec. 3.				
	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec.	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec.	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec.	1930.	1929.
Ninth Federal Reserve District—Indianapolis—											
Minn.—Duluth.....	14,897,520	19,877,031	-25.1	113,768,701	189,615,295	-40.0	1,904,558	3,342,165	-43.0	4,714,319	6,164,839
Minn.—St. Paul.....	192,703,963	238,897,822	-19.3	2,241,497,821	2,920,357,055	-23.2	46,462,645	54,960,149	-15.5	76,812,281	98,049,593
St. Paul.....	853,624	926,279	-7.8	10,995,075	15,185,536	-27.6	15,135,274	19,941,727	-24.1	23,549,118	29,966,304
No. Dak.—Fargo.....	59,759,155	77,235,079	-23.4	703,796,037	932,985,306	-24.6	1,821,732	2,192,353	-12.9	2,120,458	2,322,611
Grand Forks.....	3,651,000	5,716,000	-36.1	45,443,000	66,589,000	-27.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Minot.....	594,299	903,379	-34.2	8,350,597	13,020,892	-35.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
S. D.—Aberdeen.....	2,021,706	2,798,135	-27.7	27,500,269	37,789,179	-27.2	509,270	676,317	-24.7	1,159,856	1,261,401
Sioux Falls.....	2,869,101	5,466,407	-47.5	37,323,544	72,482,012	-48.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Mont.—Billings.....	1,470,906	2,267,166	-35.1	15,543,498	24,818,417	-37.4	358,559	639,243	-43.9	730,552	1,004,603
Great Falls.....	1,915,938	2,946,992	-35.0	23,577,589	37,100,195	-36.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Helena.....	7,222,207	9,053,778	-14.7	80,110,062	119,107,373	-32.7	2,237,286	2,424,103	-7.7	3,615,500	4,261,191
Lewistown.....	185,047	263,830	-29.9	1,993,754	2,815,100	-29.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total (13 cities)....	294,770,762	374,552,868	-21.3	3,392,840,347	4,521,809,288	-25.0	68,429,324	89,076,057	-23.2	112,702,084	143,030,542
Tenth Federal Reserve District—Kansas City—											
Neb.—Fremont.....	448,818	829,744	-45.9	7,568,714	12,095,882	-37.4	105,660	254,846	-58.5	346,986	421,849
Hastings.....	451,595	800,000	-43.6	6,662,227	15,616,180	-57.3	106,735	220,980	-51.7	512,400	523,419
Lincoln.....	6,224,524	10,466,942	-40.5	87,349,768	136,646,449	-36.1	1,662,423	2,847,097	-41.6	3,669,645	4,328,456
Omaha.....	79,327,881	119,798,465	-33.8	1,023,517,017	1,605,330,162	-36.2	19,783,986	29,207,162	-32.3	40,346,103	45,532,325
Kan.—Kansas City.....	5,829,295	8,661,729	-32.7	80,579,624	109,367,810	-26.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Topeka.....	5,821,513	8,655,111	-32.7	80,870,933	123,540,653	-34.5	1,352,671	2,224,736	-39.2	3,235,960	3,993,222
Wichita.....	13,853,634	17,110,200	-19.0	186,261,799	239,483,919	-22.2	3,489,630	4,771,412	-26.8	6,792,002	8,719,876
Missouri—Joplin.....	1,107,759	1,895,099	-41.5	14,833,965	23,096,113	-35.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Kansas City.....	235,849,190	322,990,850	-27.0	2,948,866,345	4,069,369,140	-27.5	55,606,397	76,592,287	-27.4	114,197,908	136,883,484
St. Joseph.....	9,231,257	13,272,494	-30.4	123,218,013	189,068,891	-34.8	1,873,637	3,468,316	-46.0	5,421,685	7,070,464
Okl.—Tulsa.....	17,723,968	20,863,045	-15.0	210,582,227	280,196,118	-24.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Colo.—Colo. Springs.....	2,225,212	3,749,614	-40.7	32,018,230	47,025,615	-31.9	418,820	1,040,537	-59.7	1,376,219	1,801,691
Denver.....	79,609,765	106,459,819	-25.2	885,445,674	1,192,487,248	-25.7	573,979	1,140,280	-49.7	1,586,946	1,866,694
Pueblo.....	2,436,112	4,037,119	-39.7	33,843,046	57,524,378	-41.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total (14 cities)....	460,137,523	639,590,231	-28.0	5,721,617,582	8,100,748,552	-28.5	84,973,938	121,760,653	-30.2	177,485,854	210,641,474
Eleventh Federal Reserve District—Dallas—											
Texas—Austin.....	2,721,000	4,754,038	-42.8	39,092,180	69,479,227	-43.7	641,330	1,177,074	-45.5	1,561,302	2,011,918
Beaumont.....	2,253,613	5,685,634	-60.4	36,918,321	69,822,390	-47.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Dallas.....	122,709,215	144,072,224	-14.8	1,264,142,917	1,659,694,446	-23.8	29,771,767	33,490,674	-11.1	39,509,437	56,101,277
El Paso.....	9,949,564	11,503,802	-13.5	111,932,488	194,478,408	-42.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Fort Worth.....	24,699,587	33,704,792	-26.7	256,719,866	349,607,035	-26.6	4,000,000	7,122,037	-43.8	10,697,187	16,805,973
Galveston.....	10,499,000	12,576,000	-16.5	101,906,000	119,814,000	-15.4	2,389,000	2,961,000	-19.3	3,743,000	6,265,000
Houston.....	82,500,896	100,943,715	-18.3	920,541,206	1,280,431,864	-28.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Port Arthur.....	871,167	1,710,867	-49.1	11,821,652	21,617,039	-45.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Wichita Falls.....	2,080,000	2,935,000	-29.1	25,523,000	49,792,000	-48.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
La.—Shreveport.....	5,522,634	11,663,865	-26.9	109,420,216	158,587,667	-31.0	1,970,526	2,783,231	-29.2	3,747,367	5,950,619
Total (10 cities)....	266,806,676	329,549,937	-19.0	2,877,417,846	3,973,313,477	-27.6	38,772,623	47,534,016	-18.4	59,258,293	87,134,687
Twelfth Federal Reserve District—San Francisco—											
Wash.—Bellingham.....	*1,500,000	2,500,000	-40.0	18,947,540	31,112,486	-39.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Seattle.....	80,722,830	105,656,380	-23.6	1,053,603,911	1,448,356,471	-27.3	21,767,093	28,867,525	-24.6	37,120,654	44,888,207
Spokane.....	20,594,000	34,777,000	-40.8	264,957,000	427,308,000	-38.0	4,927,000	8,484,000	-41.9	11,708,000	13,817,000
Yakima.....	2,022,711	3,398,829	-40.5	21,326,461	40,026,277	-46.7	462,638	897,214	-49.4	1,611,911	2,261,987
Idaho—Boise.....	2,385,107	5,405,874	-55.9	39,615,805	61,718,770	-36.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Ore.—Eugene.....	894,000	1,111,000	-24.5	6,448,676	11,982,000	-45.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Portland.....	72,968,042	113,406,723	-35.7	830,401,731	1,286,617,467	-35.5	15,553,708	24,249,477	-35.9	33,639,439	43,463,878
Utah—Ogden.....	2,085,816	2,706,640	-23.3	21,695,439	45,425,030	-52.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Salt Lake City.....	40,571,326	55,192,878	-26.5	434,837,902	651,095,960	-33.2	11,993,535	18,550,131	-35.3	24,077,976	26,479,635
Ariz.—Phoenix.....	7,149,542	13,198,643	-45.8	92,488,609	145,224,113	-36.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Calif.—Bakersfield.....	3,248,434	3,815,423	-14.9	32,579,269	44,557,675	-26.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Berkeley.....	11,404,017	15,423,401	-26.1	150,621,260	182,769,519	-17.6	2,830,503	5,022,369	-43.6	7,928,631	9,041,453
Long Beach.....	11,173,890	17,855,163	-37.4	143,467,724	252,130,885	-43.1	2,830,503	5,022,369	-43.6	7,928,631	9,041,453
Los Angeles.....	No longer will report clearings.	No longer will report clearings.		No longer will report clearings.	No longer will report clearings.		No longer will report clearings.	No longer will report clearings.		No longer will report clearings.	No longer will report clearings.
Modesto.....	1,494,739	2,417,545	-38.2	19,120,664	28,337,618	-32.5	2,883,788	4,563,235	-36.8	5,953,701	7,353,990
Pasadena.....	10,535,012	16,082,693	-34.5	148,236,692	220,245,584	-32.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Riverside.....	2,290,485	3,011,374	-23.9	34,906,926	38,017,880	-8.2	6,198,641	7,348,872	-15.7	8,629,773	9,869,951
Sacramento.....	23,552,003	30,238,186	-22.1	295,052,411	354,103,007	-16.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
San Diego.....	361,154,805	472,837,746	-23.6	4,656,747,377	6,587,598,927	-29.3	100,675,439	146,521,086	-31.3	174,794,601	211,266,267
San Francisco.....	6,292,471	9,947,326	-36.7	76,335,054	121,533,978	-37.2	1,562,952	2,441,641	-36.0	3,561,972	5,068,789
San Jose.....	3,852,539	5,810,929	-33.7	51,801,504	79,455,473	-34.8	964,906	1,833,454	-47.4	2,428,774	2,685,115
Santa Barbara.....	3,171,817	5,376,118	-41.0	42,788,369	75,967,810	-43.7	835,897	1,601,494	-47.8	2,132,340	2,213,244
Santa Monica.....	4,664,200	5,662,000	-16.1	55,448,072	74,475,700	-25.5	1,044,466	1,703,834	-38.7	2,184,700	3,128,200
Total (22 cities)....	673,230,786	924,821,871	-27.2	8,491,428,295	12,209,060,630	-30.4	171,700,556	252,084,330	-31.9	315,772,472	380,976,846
Grand total (172 cities)....	18,117,720,593	24,108,445,961	-24.8	235,988,740,569	380,521,131,365	-38.0	5,067,036,947	6,684,435,486	-24.2	9,571,343,712	13,613,105,829
Outside New York....	7,215,904,734	9,657,042,617	-25.3	89,083,543,471	135,649,162,258	-34.3	1,798,065,226	2,505,246,424	-28.2	3,488,348,392	4,520,165,256

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR NOVEMBER, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 1.

Clearings at—	Month of November.			Eleven Months.			Week Ended Dec. 1.				
	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec.	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec.	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec.	1930.	1929.
Canada—											
Montreal.....	347,070,550	450,549,650	-23.0	3,656,930,705	5,318,452,568	-31.2	79,609,884	147,723,464	-46.1	167,457,164	180,133,142
Toronto.....	360,867,463	379,854,789	-5.0	3,725,642,570	4,747,925,564	-21.5	77,472,653	114,782,377	-32.5	128,816,126	138,700,031
Winnipeg.....	180,677,183	379,728,									

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Nov. 23 1932:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £139,422,094 on the 16th inst. and shows no change as compared with the previous Wednesday.

The amounts of gold offered in the open market during the week have been large. Only comparatively small purchases have been made on Continental account, as the bulk of the available supplies were secured for a destination not disclosed.

Prices have fluctuated owing to the erratic movements of the exchanges, but as a result of the weakness of sterling yesterday, the price was fixed at 126s. 1d. per fine ounce, which, so far, is the highest quotation this year.

Quotations during the week:

	Per Fine Ounce.	£ Sterling.
Nov. 17	124s. 10½d.	13s. 7.3d.
Nov. 18	125s. 7d.	13s. 6.3d.
Nov. 19	125s. 0d.	13s. 7.1d.
Nov. 21	125s. 6d.	13s. 6.5d.
Nov. 22	126s. 1d.	13s. 5.7d.
Nov. 23	125s. 10½d.	13s. 6.0d.
Average	125s. 5.8d.	13s. 6.5d.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 14th inst. to midday on the 21st inst.:

Imports.		Exports.	
British South Africa	£1,309,587	France	£697,061
British West Africa	68,194	Netherlands	371,444
British India	1,182,617	Switzerland	8,093
Brazil	113,400	Other countries	3,632
Australia	47,390		
New Zealand	50,958		
Straits Settlements and dependencies	66,625		
Egypt	60,198		
Iraq	27,845		
Other countries	17,721		
	£2,944,535		£1,080,250

Gold shipments from Bombay last week were about £1,300,000. The S. S. "Rajputana" has £602,000 consigned to London and £10,000 to Holland and the S. S. "Clan McVicar" £176,000 also consigned to London. The S. S. "President Adams" carries £516,000 consigned to New York.

SILVER.

Prices have shown very little fluctuation during the past week, the market having been rather quiet. Both the Indian Bazaars and China have resold but further purchases for shipment to the latter quarter were also made. America was inclined to give support on occasion but buyers have not pressed.

As will be seen, the fluctuations in exchanges did not affect prices to any extent, but at the same time the movements lent uncertainty to the market and seemed to deter operators; consequently, there is little indication as to tendency.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from midday on the 14th inst. to midday on the 21st inst.:

Imports.		Exports.	
Japan	£73,311	Portugal	£33,312
Australia	24,614	New Zealand	19,500
New Zealand	4,013	China	10,100
Canada	7,486	Southern Rhodesia	13,450
British West Africa	13,183	Poland	24,315
British South Africa	4,466	Germany	2,570
Poland	23,242	French possessions in India	2,500
Germany	18,518	Other countries	4,440
Netherlands	13,050		
France	5,827		
Other countries	3,705		
	£191,415		£110,187

Quotations during the week:

IN LONDON.

Bar Silver per Oz. Standard.

	Cash.	2 Mos.
Nov. 17	18½d.	18 3-16d.
Nov. 18	18½d.	18 3-16d.
Nov. 19	18 1-16d.	18½d.
Nov. 21	18 1-16d.	18½d.
Nov. 22	18½d.	18½d.
Nov. 23	18½d.	18 3-16d.
Average	18.104d.	18.177d.

IN NEW YORK.

(Cents per Ounce, .999 Fine)

Nov. 16	27½
Nov. 17	27 1-16
Nov. 18	27
Nov. 19	26½
Nov. 21	26 15-16
Nov. 22	26½

The highest rate of exchange on New York recorded during the period from the 17th inst. to the 23rd inst. was \$3.30¼ and the lowest \$3.25¼.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees.)	Nov. 15.	Nov. 7.	Oct. 31.
Notes in circulation	17563	17551	17585
Silver coin and bullion in India	11354	11400	11492
Gold coin and bullion in India	1163	1153	1153
Securities (Indian Government)	5046	4998	4940

The stocks in Shanghai on the 19th inst. consisted of about 128,600,000 n. sycee, 235,000,000 dollars and 3,420 silver bars, as compared with about 128,600,000 ounces in sycee, 240,000,000 dollars and 3,640 silver bars on the 12th inst.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

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

	Sat. Dec. 3.	Mon. Dec. 5.	Tues. Dec. 6.	Wed. Dec. 7.	Thurs. Dec. 8.	Fri. Dec. 9.
Silver, p. oz.	17½d.	17 9-16d.	17 11-16d.	17½d.	17½d.	17½d.
Gold, p. fine oz.	129s. 4½d.	130s. 1½d.	129s. 2d.	128s. 1d.	126s. 8d.	127s. 11d.
Consols, 2½%	73½	73	73½	73½	73½	74
Brit. 3½% W.L.	97½	97	98	98	98	98½
Brit. 4% 1960-90	107½	108	108½	108½	108½	108½
French Rentes (in Paris) 3% fr.	76.08	76.30	77.00	77.30	76.40	75.80
French War L'n (in Paris) 1920 amort.	117.45	117.30	117.50	117.70	116.80	116.40

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.)	24½	25½	25¼	25¼	25¼	25¼
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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:

	Dec. 3. 1932.	Dec. 5. 1932.	Dec. 6. 1932.	Dec. 7. 1932.	Dec. 8. 1932.	Dec. 9. 1932.
Bank of France	11,000	11,100	11,200	11,200	11,300	11,300
Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas	1,490	1,510	1,550	1,550	1,570	1,540
Banque d'Union Parisienne	396	404	409	410	414	414
Canadlan Pacific	328	328	335	347	339	336
Canal de Suez	15,905	16,090	16,400	16,450	16,450	16,450
Cie Distr d'Electricite	2,080	2,120	2,135	2,130	2,145	2,150
Cie Generale d'Electricite	2,100	2,120	2,140	2,160	2,180	2,180
Cie Generale Transatlantique	52	51	54	55	57	57
Citroen B	514	522	520	520	516	516
Comptoir Nationale d'Escompte	1,130	1,120	1,140	1,160	1,170	1,150
Coty Inc	180	170	180	180	180	170
Courrieres	346	347	351	352	353	353
Credit Commercial de France	665	670	681	681	681	681
Credit Foncier de France	4,520	4,560	4,650	4,690	4,670	4,640
Credit Lyonnais	2,010	2,010	2,040	2,060	2,060	2,010
Distribution d'Electricite La Par	2,070	2,010	2,140	2,140	2,150	2,120
Eaux Lyonnais	2,210	2,200	2,230	2,250	2,260	2,240
Energie Electrique du Nord	655	630	626	627	633	633
Energie Electrique du Littoral	95	97	965	960	972	972
French Line	52	51	51	51	56	57
Galeries Lafayette	95	95	95	95	95	95
Gas Le Bon	740	740	750	760	760	760
Kuhlmann	490	510	520	510	520	510
L'Air Liquide	770	810	820	820	830	810
Lyon (S. L. M.)	981	975	982	980	978	978
Mines de Courrieres	350	350	350	350	350	350
Mines des Lens	460	460	460	460	460	470
Nord Ry	1,420	1,400	1,420	1,430	1,450	1,430
Orians Ry	955	947	929	930	931	931
Paris, France	1,090	1,060	1,070	1,030	1,100	1,110
Pathe Capital	128	128	126	127	123	123
Pechiney	170	1,190	1,210	1,220	1,250	1,220
Rentes 3%	76.80	76.30	77.00	77.30	76.40	75.80
Rentes 5% 1920	117.40	117.30	117.50	117.70	116.80	116.40
Rentes 4% 1917	89.60	89.40	90.20	90.40	89.10	88.70
Rentes 4½% 1932 A	93.40	93.20	93.50	93.50	93.10	92.60
Royal Dutch	1,330	1,450	1,480	1,490	1,430	1,470
Saint Goban C. & C.	1,328	1,340	1,325	1,325	1,330	1,330
Schneider & Cie	1,328	1,335	1,340	1,445	1,349	1,349
Societe Andre Citroen	510	530	530	520	520	510
Societe Francaise Ford	101	101	102	105	104	103
Societe Generale Fonciere	171	168	168	167	166	168
Societe Lyonnaise	2,225	2,215	2,260	2,265	2,270	2,270
Societe Marseillaise	604	604	605	605	605	605
Suez	15,900	16,000	16,200	16,200	16,400	16,400
Tubize Artificial Silk pref.	170	170	181	181	183	183
Union d'Electricite	770	770	770	780	780	780
Union des Mines	200	210	210	210	210	210
Wagon-Lits	79	80	81	80	80	80

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 1931. Closing prices of representative stocks as received by cable each day of the past week have been as follows:

	Dec. 3.	Dec. 5.	Dec. 6.	Dec. 7.	Dec. 8.	Dec. 9.
Reichsbank (12%)	130	128	129	130	129	130
Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft (4%)	89	89	89	89	89	89
Commerz-und Privat-Bank A. G.	53	53	53	53	53	53
Deutsche Bank und Disconto-Gesellschaft	75	75	75	75	75	75
Dresdner Bank	62	62	62	62	62	62
Deutsche Reichsbahn (Ger. Rys.) pf. (7%)	91	91	91	91	91	91
Altreimeine Elektrizitaets-Gesell. (A.E.G.)	34	33	33	34	33	34
Berliner Kraft u. Licht (10%)	110	109	109	110	110	110
Bessener Gas (7%)	97	97	97	97	98	98
Gesfuhrer (4%)	75	72	73	74	72	72
Hamburg. Electr.-Werke (8½%)	105	104	104	103	102	102
Stemens & Halske (9%)	123	121	121	123	121	122
L. G. Farbenindustrie (7%)	98	96	96	97	96	98
Salzdetfurth (9%)	173	170	170	171	171	171
Rheinische Braunkohle (10%)	178	174	176	176	179	178
Deutsche Erdoel (4%)	81	80	80	81	81	81
Mannesmann Roehren	59	57	59	60	59	60
Hapag	18	18	18	19	19	19
Norddeutscher Lloyd	19	18	20	20	20	19

In the following we also give New York quotations for German and other foreign unlisted dollar bonds as of Dec. 9 1932:

	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask
Anhalt 7s to 1946	39	42		
Argentine 5%, 1945, \$100-pieces	45		42½	44½
Antioquia 8%, 1946	23	26	54	59
Bank of Colombia, 7%, '47	18	21	56	58
Bank of Colombia, 7%, '48	18	21	43	46
Bavaria 6% to 1945	43	46	43	45
Bavarian Palatinate Cons.	39	42	53	55
Cit. 7% to 1945	39	42	50½	52½
Bogota (Colombia) 6½, '47	15	18	40	41
Bolivia 6%, 1940	14			
Brandenburg Elec. 6s, 1953	54	54½	41½	43½
Brasil Funding 5%, '31-'51	30	32	60	61½
British Hungarian Bank 7½s, 1962	33	35		
Brown Coal Ind. Corp. 6½s, 1953	55	55½	39	42
Call (Colombia) 7%, 1947	16	8	43½	44½
Callao (Peru) 7½%, 1944	16	7	25	35
Ceara (Brazil) 8%, 1947	13		45	48
City Savings Bank, Budapest, 7s, 1953	28½	30½	39	42
Deutsche Bk 6% unstd	78½	87½	43½	44½
Dortmund Mun. Utl 6s, '48	37	33	75	77
Dulsberg 7% to 1945	34	38	42½	44½
Dusseldorf 7s to 1945	38	42	61	63
East Prussian Pr. 6s, 1953	43	45	68	60½
European Mortgage & Investment 7½s, 1966	37	38	75	77
French Govt. 5½s, 1937	104	106	41½	43
French Nat. Mail 8s, '62	105½	107	57½	58½
Frankfurt 7s to 1945	37	41	70	73
German At. Cable 7s, 1945	62			

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.
GOLD.

Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Gold coin.....	966,074,648.70	Gold cts. outstanding.....	1,335,622,049.00
Gold bullion.....	2,105,378,048.09	Gold coin, Fed. Res'v Board (Act of Dec. 23 1913, as amended June 21 1917).....	1,496,969,467.37
		Gold reserve.....	156,039,088.03
		Gold in general fund.....	82,822,092.39
Total.....	3,071,452,696.79	Total.....	3,071,452,696.79

Note.—Reserve against \$346,681,016 of U. S. notes and \$1,217,400 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding. Treasury notes of 1890 are also secured by silver dollars in the Treasury.

SILVER DOLLARS.

Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Silver dollars.....	501,283,496.00	Silver cts. outstanding.....	491,333,550.00
		Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding.....	1,217,400.00
		Silver dolls. in gen. fund.....	8,730,546.00
Total.....	501,283,496.00	Total.....	501,283,496.00

GENERAL FUND.

Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Gold (see above).....	82,822,092.39	Treasurer's checks outstanding.....	243,083.64
Silver dollars (see above).....	8,730,546.00	Depos. of Gov't officers: Post Office Dept.....	5,958,085.89
United States notes.....	2,859,811.00	Board of Trustees, Postal Savings System.....	
Federal Reserve notes.....	5,314,175.00	5% reserve, lawful money.....	23,036,077.05
Fed. Res. bank notes.....	25,744.00	Other deposits.....	15,445,243.14
National bank notes.....	16,060,345.00	Postmasters, clerks of courts, disbursing officers, &c.....	42,279,571.92
Subsidiary silver coin.....	12,578,144.11	Deposits for: Redemption of Fed. Res. notes (5% fund, gold).....	39,825,496.32
Minor coin.....	5,151,954.15	Redemption of Nat. bank notes (5% fund, lawful money).....	36,711,822.45
Silver bullion.....	17,922,637.07	Retirement of add'l circulating notes, Act May 30 1903.....	1,350.00
Unclassified.....		Uncollected items, exchanges, &c.....	2,889,807.64
Deposits in: Federal Res'v banks, Special depositaries, acc't sales of Treas. bonds, Treas. notes and cts. of indebt. Nat. and other bank depositaries.....	36,946,736.70	Net balance.....	166,390,538.05
To credit of Treasurer of U. S.....	6,884,682.93		589,729,503.99
To credit of other Gov't officers.....	19,199,608.99		
Foreign depositaries.....			
To credit of Treasurer of U. S.....	224,336.95		
To credit of other Gov't officers.....	1,023,045.56		
Philippine treasury.....			
To credit of Treasurer of U. S.....	1,184,969.91		
Total.....	756,120,042.04	Total.....	756,120,042.04

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$342,746,972.27.

Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913, deposits of lawful money for the redemption of outstanding National bank and Federal Reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made, under the Acts mentioned, a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$81,953,084.50.

\$1,194,210 in Federal Reserve notes and \$16,016,387 in National bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

Government Receipts and Expenditures.

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for November 1932 and 1931 and the five months of the fiscal years 1932-1933 and 1931-1932:

General Funds.	—Month of November—		—July 1 to Nov. 30—	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Receipts—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Internal revenue—				
Income tax.....	14,712,180	18,792,886	202,480,542	357,914,509
Miscell. internal revenue.....	66,585,028	41,071,300	314,320,196	230,732,671
Total.....	81,297,208	59,864,186	516,800,738	588,647,180
Customs.....	24,050,875	27,445,018	117,722,232	170,840,390
Miscellaneous receipts—				
Proceeds of Govt.-owned securities.....				
Principal—for'n obliga's.....				
Interest—for'n obliga's.....				
Railroad securities.....	6,435	8,262	197,533	905,932
All others.....	233,262	6,595,455	9,298,633	11,054,356
Panama Canal tolls, &c.....	1,785,352	1,613,609	8,008,812	9,982,408
Other miscellaneous.....	5,265,923	2,641,801	19,969,482	20,367,739
Total.....	112,639,053	98,168,331	671,997,430	801,798,005
Expenditures—				
General.....	190,258,422	202,383,635	977,919,896	1,166,115,810
Public debt.....				
Interest.....	19,407,163	15,110,878	232,023,237	195,710,857
Sinking fund.....		25,700,000		25,700,000
Refunds of receipts—				
Customs.....	1,030,035	1,504,041	4,687,670	7,269,851
Internal revenue.....	5,919,022	5,848,153	28,637,926	34,444,259
Postal deficiency.....	5,000,000	20,000,000	45,078,598	85,000,000
Panama Canal.....	558,360	705,860	4,482,315	4,813,867
Subscription to stock of Federal Land banks.....			a100,880	
Agricultural marketing fund (net).....	3,913,211	6,202,956	66,678,950	92,586,403
Distribution of wheat and cotton for relief.....	3,568,713		4,385,501	
Adjusted service ctf. fund.....			100,000,000	
Civil service retirement f'd.....			20,850,000	20,850,000
Foreign service retirement f'd.....			416,000	215,000
Dist. of Col. (see Note 1).....			7,775,000	9,500,000
Total.....	229,654,926	277,455,523	1,419,476,313	1,642,206,047
Excess of receipts.....	117,015,873	179,287,192	747,478,883	840,408,042
Special Funds.				
Receipts—				
Applicable to public debt retirements.....				
Principal—foreign obliga's.....				
Interest—foreign obliga's.....				
From estate taxes.....				
From franchise tax receipts (Fed. Res. banks & Fed. Intermed. Credit banks).....		18,500	7,000	18,500
From forfeitures, gifts, &c.....		483,009	8,889,722	11,772,076
Other.....	1,371,331	501,509	8,896,722	11,790,576
Total.....	1,371,331	501,509	8,896,722	11,790,576
Expenditures—				
Public debt retirements.....		18,500	7,000	18,500
Other.....	5,777,808	5,363,032	12,722,282	30,107,209
Total.....	5,777,808	5,381,532	12,729,282	30,125,709
Excess of receipts.....	4,406,477	4,880,023	3,832,560	18,335,133
Excess of expenditures.....	4,406,477	4,880,023	3,832,560	18,335,133

Summary of General and Special Funds.	—Month of November—		—July 1 to Nov. 30—	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Total general fund receipts.....	112,639,052	98,168,331	671,997,429	801,798,005
Total special fund receipts.....	1,371,331	501,509	8,896,722	11,790,575
Total.....	114,010,384	98,669,840	680,894,151	813,588,580
Total general fund expenditures.....	229,654,925	277,455,523	1,419,476,312	1,642,206,047
Total special fund expenditures.....	5,777,808	5,381,531	12,729,282	30,125,708
Total.....	235,432,733	282,837,054	1,432,205,594	1,672,331,755
Excess of receipts.....	121,422,349	184,167,214	751,311,443	858,743,175
Excess of expenditures.....	121,422,349	184,167,214	751,311,443	858,743,175

Trust Funds.

Receipts—				
District of Columbia.....	1,818,887	1,802,125	14,771,714	16,166,057
Govt. life insurance fund.....	4,877,674	5,197,543	30,266,266	30,773,084
Other.....	3,799,675	634,097	18,320,917	3,063,511
Total.....	10,496,236	7,633,765	63,358,897	50,002,652
Expenditures—				
Dist. of Col. (see Note 1).....	3,298,832	4,130,347	8,453,539	10,320,141
Govt. life insurance fund.....	1,729,605	1,764,572	9,935,288	10,175,374
Policy losses, &c.....	3,401,301	3,375,539	19,744,580	22,414,129
Investments.....	2,296,178	544,915	19,726,037	5,012,903
Other.....				
Total.....	10,725,916	9,815,373	57,859,444	47,922,547
Excess of receipts or credits.....	229,650	2,181,608	5,499,453	2,080,105
Excess of expenditures.....	229,650	2,181,608	5,499,453	2,080,105

Receipts and expenditures for June reaching the Treasury in July are included. A Excess of credits (deduct).

Note 1.—Expenditures for the District of Columbia representing the share of the United States are charged against the amount to be advanced from the general fund until the authorized amount is expended. After that they are charged against the revenues of the District under trust funds. For total expenditures the items for District of Columbia under general fund and under trust funds should be added.

Preliminary Debt Statement of the United States
Nov. 30 1932.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States Nov. 30 1932, as made upon the basis of the daily Treasury statement, is as follows:

Bonds—		\$599,724,050.00	
2% Consols of 1930.....		48,954,180.00	
2% Panama Canal Loan of 1916-36.....		25,947,400.00	
2% Panama Canal Loan of 1918-35.....		49,800,000.00	
3% Panama Canal Loan of 1961.....		28,894,500.00	
3% Conversion bonds of 1946-47.....		43,453,360.00	
2½% Postal Savings bonds (4th to 43d Series).....			\$796,773,490.00
First Liberty Loan of 1932-47—			
3½% bonds.....	\$1,392,227,850.00		
4% bonds (converted).....	5,002,450.00		
4½% bonds (converted).....	535,983,300.00		
		1,933,213,600.00	
4¼% Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-38.....		6,268,099,450.00	\$8,201,313,050.00
Treasury bonds—			
4¼% bonds of 1947-52.....		758,983,300.00	
4% bonds of 1944-54.....		1,036,834,500.00	
3¾% bonds of 1946-56.....		489,087,100.00	
3¾% bonds of 1943-47.....		454,135,200.00	
3¾% bonds of 1940-43.....		352,994,450.00	
3¾% bonds of 1941-43.....		544,916,050.00	
3½% bonds of 1946-49.....		821,402,000.00	
3% bonds of 1951-55.....		800,418,000.00	
		5,258,770,600.00	
Total bonds.....			\$14,256,857,140.00
Treasury Notes—			
3¼% Series 1932, maturing Dec. 15 1932.....		600,446,200.00	
3% Series A-1934, maturing May 2 1934.....		244,234,600.00	
2½% Series B-1934, maturing Aug. 1 1934.....		345,292,000.00	
3% Series A-1935, maturing June 15 1935.....		416,602,800.00	
3¼% Series A-1936, maturing Aug. 1 1936.....		365,138,000.00	
3¼% Series A-1937, maturing Sept. 15 1937.....		834,401,500.00	
3% Series B-1937, maturing Apr. 15 1937.....		508,328,900.00	
		3,314,444,600.00	
4% Civil Service Retirement Fund, Series 1933 to 1937.....		220,300,000.00	
4% Foreign Service Retirement Fund, Series 1933 to 1937.....		2,140,000.00	
4% Canal Zone Retirement Fund, Series 1936 and 1937.....		2,115,000.00	3,538,999,600.00
Certificates of Indebtedness—			
3¼% Series A-1933, maturing Feb. 1 1933.....		144,372,000.00	
3¼% Series TM-1933, maturing Mar. 15 1933.....		660,715,500.00	
2% First Series, maturing Mar. 15 1933.....		33,629,450.00	
2% Series B-1933, maturing May 2 1933.....		239,197,000.00	
1½% Series TJ-1933, maturing June 15 1933.....		373,856,500.00	
1¼% Series TS-1933, maturing Sept. 15 1933.....		451,447,000.00	
		1,903,217,450.00	
4% Adjusted Service Ctf. Fund, Series maturing Jan. 1 1933.....		134,400,000.00	2,037,617,450.00
Treasury Bills (Maturity Value)—			
Series maturing Dec. 28 1932.....		100,665,000.00	
Series maturing Jan. 11 1933.....		75,954,000.00	
Series maturing Jan. 18 1933.....		75,110,000.00	
Series maturing Jan. 25 1933.....		80,295,000.00	
Series maturing Feb. 8 1933.....		75,056,000.00	
Series maturing Feb. 15 1933.....		75,480,000.00	
Series maturing Feb. 23 1933.....		60,000,000.00	
Series maturing Mar. 1 1933.....		100,000,000.00	
		642,560,000.00	
Total interest-bearing debt outstanding.....			\$20,476,034,190.00
Matured Debt on Which Int. Has Ceased—			
Old debt matured—issued prior to Apr. 1 1917.....		1,600,370.26	
4% and 4½% Second Liberty Loan bonds of 1927-42.....		2,862,750.00	
4¼% Third Liberty Loan bonds of 1928.....		4,623,300.00	
3¼% Victory notes of 1922-23.....		19,200.00	
4¼% Victory notes of 1922-23.....		1,038,850.00	
Treasury notes, at various interest rates.....		4,195,100.00	
Ctfs. of indebtedness, at various rates of int.....		25,935,000.00	
Treasury bills.....		11,030,000.00	
Treasury savings certificates.....	</		

COMPARATIVE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.
(On the basis of daily Treasury statements.)

	March 31 1917	Aug. 31 1919	Nov. 30 1931
	Pre-War Debt.	When War Debt	A Year Ago.
Gross debt	\$1,282,044,346.28	\$26,596,701,648.01	\$17,310,026,954.75
Net balance in gen. fund	74,216,460.05	1,118,109,534.76	149,744,876.34
Gross debt less net balance in general fund	\$1,207,827,886.23	\$25,478,592,113.25	\$17,160,282,078.41
	Oct. 31 1932	Nov. 30 1932.	
	Last Month.		
Gross debt	\$20,812,541,385.01	\$20,806,013,836.26	
Net balance in general fund	754,730,499.30	589,729,503.99	
Gross debt less net bal. in general fund	\$20,057,810,885.71	\$20,216,284,332.27	

Treasury Money Holdings.

The following compilation, made up from the daily Government statements, shows the money holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of September, October, November and December, 1932:

Holdings in U. S. Treasury	Sept. 1 1932.	Oct. 1 1932.	Nov. 1 1932.	Dec. 1 1932.
Net gold coin and bullion	\$ 252,589,296	\$ 257,122,351	\$ 234,323,980	\$ 238,861,180
Net silver coin and bullion	29,872,495	28,930,939	28,662,977	26,653,183
Net United States notes	2,014,443	2,726,989	3,250,176	2,859,811
Net National bank notes	14,707,448	17,193,335	17,641,189	16,000,345
Net Federal Reserve notes	5,840,845	5,802,600	4,857,655	5,314,175
Net Fed. Res. bank notes	71,121	3,455	15,854	25,744
Net subsidiary silver	10,078,936	10,991,763	12,206,548	12,578,144
Minor coin, &c.	5,981,310	6,133,321	5,959,058	6,264,166
Total cash in Treasury	321,155,894	328,904,753	306,917,467	\$308,616,748
Less gold reserve fund	156,039,088	156,039,088	156,039,088	156,039,088
Cash balance in Treas'y Dep. in spec'l depositories	165,116,806	172,865,665	150,878,379	152,577,660
Dep. in spec'l depositories account Treas'y bonds, Treasury notes and certificates of indebtedness	242,794,000	762,981,000	687,912,000	538,079,000
Dep. in Fed. Res. bank—	63,408,982	55,512,223	44,986,005	36,946,737
Dep. in National banks—	7,469,823	7,529,709	7,586,692	6,884,683
To credit Treas. U. S.	17,458,216	18,886,978	19,500,980	19,199,609
To credit disb. officers	71,121	3,455	15,854	25,744
Cash in Philippine Islands	928,853	1,217,099	1,321,507	1,184,970
Deposits in foreign depts.	1,588,368	1,204,049	1,369,471	1,247,383
Dep. in Fed. Land banks.				
Net cash in Treasury and in banks	498,763,042	1,020,286,723	913,555,034	756,120,042
Deduct current liabilities	160,031,798	158,167,500	158,824,533	166,390,538
Available cash balance	338,731,250	862,119,223	754,730,501	589,729,504

* Includes Dec. 1, \$17,922,637 silver bullion and \$5,151,954 minor, &c., coin not included in statement "Stock of Money."

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

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.	
230	Overseas Railway, Inc., pref.; 230 common	\$1,200 lot	
20,000	Pinto Valley Co., par \$1	\$45 lot	
12 1/2	Montreal Aircraft Industries, Ltd., no par	50c	
100	Associated Security Investors, common, no par	\$4 lot	
500	Estates Security Corp., 6% pref., par \$50; 750 common, par \$1	\$4 lot	
United Textile Corporation	Stock Trust Receipts covering 24 shares the Queen City Silk Co. and 24 shares the Lecha Silk Co.	\$10 lot	
100	Sterling Securities Corp., class B, Common, no par	\$13 lot	
1,700	Madeira Hill & Co., class A common, par \$100	\$1,000 lot	
200	Crown Lock, class A, par \$100	\$3 lot	
1,500	California Ridge, Inc., par \$100	\$1,000 lot	
94	First Mortgage Guaranty & Title Co., par \$100	\$900 lot	
6	Huguenot Trust Co. of New Rochelle, par \$100	105	
30	North Avenue Securities Corp., par \$100	\$300 lot	
54	First Mortgage Guaranty & Title Co., par \$100	\$540 lot	
40	Wykagyl Supply Corp., par \$100	\$400 lot	
35	North Avenue Securities Corp., par \$100	\$350 lot	
2,000	American Commonwealth Power Corp., common, class B, no par	\$25 lot	
250	Copco Trading Co., no par	\$5 lot	
32	Fifty-Fourth & Fifty-Fifth Street Corp. (N. Y.), common, no par; 320 pref. par \$100	\$25 lot	
27	455 West 34th Street Corp. (N. Y.), class A, par \$1; sundry notes made by 455 West 34th Street Corp., aggregating approximately \$20,500, dated from Nov. 19 1928 to Oct. 30 1931	\$20 lot	
35	Ideal Royalty Co., par \$100	\$6 lot	
10,000	Mackinnon Oil & Drilling Co. (2,000 shares v.t.c.), par \$1	\$15 lot	
100	Continental Candy Corp., temp. cdfs., no par; 25 Carlisle Tire Corp., common, no par; 25 Carlisle Tire Corp., 8% cum. pref., par \$25; 1 unit No. 60, Block No. 5, Section B, part of the subdivision of the Coffman-Kemper leases, on lost run in Sardis District of Doddridge and Harrison Counties, W. Va.; Assignment of lease—T. H. F. Russell-Howland to Charles H. Wiers covering property in Acadia Parish, La., dated Feb. 28 1918	\$2 lot	
791	The Wilson Realty Co., par \$100; 100 Little Picture House, Inc., com. no par; 100 Little Picture House, Inc., 7% pref., par \$100	\$23 lot	
50	The Electric Carriage Call Co., par \$100; 100 Victory Gold Mines, Ltd., par \$1	\$1 lot	
4,204 1/2	Participation certificates for common stock in assets formerly of Simpson Creek Coal Company (a West Virginia corporation)	1	
	Bonds.	Per Cent.	
\$5,255.63	face amount non-interest-bearing certificates of indebtedness of Simpson Creek Collieries Co. (an Ohio corporation), due Feb. 1 1938	\$130 lot	
\$5,000	Lake Worth Drainage District, Palm Beach County, Fla., 6s, \$3,000 due Dec. 1 1929; \$2,000 due Dec. 1 1932. registered C-Ds	\$175 lot	
\$5,000	North St. Lucie River Drainage District, St. Lucie County, Fla., 6s, due Nov. 1 1933. Registered C-Ds	\$625 lot	
\$15,000	Greater Tonawanda Properties, Inc., 5-yr. 6% closed 2d mtge. gold bonds, due Feb. 1 1933	\$25 lot	
\$3,000	Bon Air Vanderbilts of 1943	\$105 lot	
\$40,000	Kentucky Natural Gas Co., 2 year 6% mtge. gold bonds, due 1933	\$550 lot	
	Bond and mortgage, principal amount of \$5,000, covering lots Nos. 30-37 both inclusive, in Westchester County, N. Y.	\$500 lot	
	Bond and mortgage, principal amount \$1,800, covering property in Town of Eastchester, N. Y.	\$25 lot	
	Bond and mortgage, principal amount of \$2,800, covering property in Town of Eastchester, N. Y.	\$25 lot	
	Bond and mortgage, principal amount of \$3,700, covering property in Town of Eastchester, N. Y.	\$25 lot	
	Bond and mortgage, principal amount of \$4,900, covering property in Town of Eastchester, N. Y.	\$25 lot	
	Bond and mortgage, principal amount of \$4,500, covering property in Town of Eastchester, N. Y.	\$25 lot	
	Bond and mortgage, principal amount of \$8,500, covering property in Town of Eastchester, N. Y.	\$50 lot	
\$10,861.67	Participating interest in 2d mtge. made by Rande Realty Corp. covering premises No. 250 West 54th St., N. Y. City	\$25 lot	
	\$100 The Rocklyn Club, Inc., Lynbrook and East Rockaway, 4% registered mortgage bonds	\$5 lot	
By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:			
	Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per Sh.
100	Hydrogenating Products Corp., no par		\$1 lot
10	The Como Mines par \$1		22c

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per Sh.
1	Merchants National Bank, Boston, par \$100	280
3	Hamilton Woolen Co., ex-dividend, par \$100	19 1/2
3	Farr Alpaca Co., par \$100	13 1/2
4	Ludlow Manufacturing Associates	53
48	Union Cotton Manufacturing Co., par \$100	\$100 lot
50	Ludlow Manufacturing Associates	53
25	Associated Textile Companies, pref.; 50 Eastern Manufacturing Co., com.; 25 Eastern Manufacturing Co., pref.	\$65 lot
50	Merrimack Manufacturing Co., com., par \$100	2
80	Boston & Maine R.R., prior pref.	20
52	Aitchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co., com., par \$100	41 1/2
20	Draper Corporation, ex-dividend	24 1/2
3	Boston Wharf Co., ex-dividend, par \$100	45
200	Wood Fibre Board Co., pref.; 200 Wood Fibre Board Co., com.; 10 South-ern Holding & Securities Corp.	\$5 lot
20	Chapman Valve Manufacturing Co., pref., par \$100	35
250	National Protective Companies	1
20	Abbott & Fernald Co., com., par \$100	\$10 lot
47	New England Power Co., pref., par \$100	92 1/2
41	W. L. Douglas Shoe Co., pref., par \$100	6 1/2
20	Palace Stores Co., 7% pref., par \$100	\$1 lot
50	Essex Co., par \$50	60
25	Jessup & Moore Paper Co., 1st pref., par \$100; 10 Union Street Ry. Co., New Bedford, par \$100; 25 Connecticut Mills, 1st pref., par \$100; 2 6-8 West Boylston Manufacturing Co., common	\$30 lot
33	Fall River Electric Light Co., par \$25	33-30 1/2
67	Aripeka Saw Mills, 2d pref., par \$100	1
1	Boston Athenaeum, par \$300	401
4	Chapman Valve Manufacturing Co., pref., par \$100	35
100	Keyes Fibre Co., common v. t. c.	50c.
50	Veedor-Root Inc., common	6
11	Hotel Trust (trustee's certificate), par \$100	15 1/2
10	Elm House, Inc., par \$100	\$1 lot
20	Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance Co., par \$25	16
200	New England Public Service, 7% preferred	7 1/2
100	Thomas Products, Inc., com. A; 200 Thomas Products, Inc., pref., par \$25 \$1 lot	\$7 lot
20	North Attleboro Hotel, pref., par \$100; 10 North Attleboro Hotel, com.	\$7 lot
\$1,000	Univesty Club Badminton Assn., Inc., deb. class C, reg.; \$3,000 New University Club of Boston real estate trust 2d mtge. 6s, Sept. 1941, series B; 50 Industrial Clearing Corp., com.; 10 Audio Cinema, Inc., pref., par \$100; 25 Audio Cinema, Inc., common	\$20 lot
	Bonds	Per Cent.
\$10,000	Consolidation Coal 5s, Dec. 1950 ctf. dep.	5% flat
\$10,000	Eastern Cuba Sugar Corp., 1st mtge. 7 1/2s, Sept. 1937	4 1/2% flat
\$1,000	Wisconsin Power & Light 6s, May 1952, series H	9 1/2%
\$1,000	Utica & Mohawk Valley Ry. Co. 1st 4 1/2s, Sept. 1941	2% flat

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per Sh.
400	Philadelphia Traction Co.	21 1/2
1	Kensington National Bank, par \$50	50
10	Philadelphia National Bank, par \$20	64
10	City National Bank of Philadelphia, par \$100	24
5	Elkins Park National Bank, Elkins Park, Pa., par \$100	10
200	Delaware County National Bank, Chester, Pa., par \$10	12 1/2
5	Chase National Bank, New York, par \$20	35 1/2
25	Corn Exchange National Bank & Trust Co., par \$20	41 1/2
100	Citizens National Bank & Trust Co., Lehigh, Pa.	20
25	Pennsylvania Co. of Insur. on Lives & Granting Annuities, par \$10	45
40	Integrity Trust Co., par \$10	13 1/2
25	Real Estate-Land Title & Trust Co., par \$10	10
10	Girard Trust Co., par \$10	82
1	Provident Trust Co., par \$100	380
47	Camden Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Camden, N. J., par \$25	85 1/2
10	Counties Title & Trust Co., Ardmore, Pa.	\$2 lot
100	The Bayshore Co., preferred, par \$100	\$15 lot
85	The Bayshore Co., common, no par	\$5 lot
11	Frankford & Southwark Passenger Ry. Co., par \$50	110 1/2
7	Second & Third Streets Passenger Ry. Co., par \$50	2 at 75 1/2 & 5 at 75
12	Minehill & Schuylkill Haven R.R. Co., par \$50	44 1/2
3	Catawissa R.R. Co., preferred, par \$50	37
4	Scott Paper Co., series A, preferred	100 1/2
110	Skinner Organ Co.	1 1/2
15	Philadelphia Life Insurance Co., par \$10	3 1/2
100	Victory Insurance Co., par \$10	5 1/2
1	Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, par \$100	5 1/2
10	Proscio Oils Corp., preferred, par \$100	\$1 lot
10	Proscio Oils Corp., common, no par	\$1 lot
	Bonds.	Per Cent.
\$17,000	Manhattan Ry. Co. 4% 1st mtge., due April 1990	\$26 flat
\$7,000	New York Tys. Corp., 5% adjustment income. Due Jan. 1942	\$25 lot
\$2,000	New York Rys. Corp., 4% 1st real estate & refunding. Due Jan. 1942	42
\$31,500	St. Charles Hot. Co., Atlantic City, N. J., 6% gen. mtge. Ser. 1929-33 \$13 lot	97
\$1,000	Lehigh Valley R.R. Co., 6% perpetual annuity	\$2 lot
\$250	Rittenhouse Sq. Corp. 6% 20-yr. inc. interim receipt. Dated Jan. 1 1926	\$2 lot
\$1,000	Oak Lane Manor Apts., 6% 1st mtge. s. f. Due July 16 1935	16 1/2
\$1,000	Phila. & Suburban Water Co., 1st 5s 1955	100 1/2

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

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Date	Bank Name	Capital
Nov. 21	The First National Bank of Altona, Ill.	50,000
	Effective Nov. 5 1932. Liquidating agent, Ralph S. Bacon, care of the liquidating bank. Succeeded by the Altona National Bank, Altona, Ill., Charter No. 13625.	
Nov. 23	The First National Bank of Hindsboro, Ill.	35,000
	Effective Nov. 22 1932. Liquidating agent, Willard Van Auker, Hindsboro, Ill. Absorbed by the Oakland National Bank, Oakland, Ill., No. 2212.	
Nov. 28	The National Bank of Commerce of Los Angeles, Calif.	\$500,000
	Effective Nov. 1 1932. Liquidating agent: J. W. Westerfield, care of the liquidating bank. Liquidating committee: Max E. Socha, John S. Horn, S. Jack Hellman, Walter Rolapp, and Erle M. Leaf, care of the liquidating bank. Liquidating bank not absorbed or succeeded by any other association.	
Nov. 29	The First National Bank of Vacaville, Calif.	50,000
	Effective Nov. 22 1932. Liquidating agent, M. W. Brazelton, care of Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association, Vacaville, Calif. Absorbed by Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association, San Francisco, Calif., No. 13044.	
Nov. 30	The Ensley National Bank of Birmingham, P. O. Ensley, Ala.	200,000
	Effective Nov. 10 1932. Liquidating agent, Ensley Bank & Trust Co., Ensley, Ala. Absorbed by Ensley Bank & Trust Co., Ensley, Ala.	
Dec. 3	The Commercial National Bank of Bellflower, Calif.	25,000
	Effective Nov. 29 1932. Liquidating agents, C. S. Thompson and F. L. Lake, both of Bellflower, Calif. Absorbed by the First National Bank of Bellflower, Charter No. 12323.	

CONSOLIDATION.

Nov. 28	The First National Bank & Trust Co. of Bethlehem, Pa. and Bethlehem Trust Co., Bethlehem, Pa.	300,000
	Consolidated under the Act of Nov. 7 1918 as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter and corporate title of "The First National Bank & Trust Co. of Bethlehem" No. 135, with capital stock of \$500,000 and surplus of \$400,000.	260,940

BRANCHES AUTHORIZED UNDER ACT OF FEB. 25 1927.

Nov. 28	The National Shawmut Bank of Boston, Mass.	
	Locations of branches: 901 Cummings Highway, Mattapan Square, Dorchester District, Certificate No. 761A. 474 West Broadway, South Boston District, Certificate No. 762A.	

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Albany & Susquehanna, special.	\$2	Jan. 7	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, pref. (s.-a.)	\$2½	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Greene RR. Co. (s.-a.)	\$3	Dec. 19	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Little Schuylkill Navigation RR. & Coal Co. (s.-a.)	\$1.10	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Public Utilities.			
Amer. Dist. Teleg. (N. J.), com. (qu.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (qu.)	\$1¼	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Gas & Elec., com. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 13
Common (s. a.)	1-50	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 13
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1½	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
American Power & Lt. Co., \$6 pref. (qu.)	75c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
\$5 preferred (quar.)	62½c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
American Superpower, 1st pref. (quar.)	\$1½	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Amer. Water Work & Elec., com. (qu.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 6
Calgary Power Co., Ltd., com. (quar.)	\$1½	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Calif. Elec. & Generating, 6% pf. (qu.)	\$1½	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Canadian Cannery, Ltd., 1st pf. (qu.)	10c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
2d preferred (quar.)	10c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Central Illinois Pub. Serv., 6% pf. (qu.)	1¼	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Central Main Power, 7% pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
6% preferred (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1½	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Cincinnati & Suburban Bell Tel. (quar.)	\$1.12	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Clinton Water Works, 7% pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Commonw. Water & Light, 7% pf. (qu.)	1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1½	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Consumers Gas (Tor.), (quar.)	\$2½	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Consumers Power Co., \$6 pref. (quar.)	1¼	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
6% preferred (quar.)	1¼	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
6.6 preferred (quar.)	1.65	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
7% preferred (monthly)	1¼	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Continental Passenger Ry. (s.-a.)	\$2½	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Eastern N. J. Power, 6% pref.	1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Elec. Power & Lt. Corp., \$7 pref. (qu.)	\$8-1-3c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
\$6 preferred (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Fall River Elec. Light Co. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Federal Lt. & Tract. Co., com. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
Common (quar.)	1	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
Foreign Lt. & Pow. Co., 1st pref. (qu.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
6.60% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1½	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
General Gas & Elec. Corp., \$6 pf. A.&B.	\$81¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
\$7 preferred A (quar.)	\$81¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
\$8 preferred A (quar.)	\$82	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Great West. Power (Calif.), 7% pf. (qu.)	1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
6% preferred (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Guardian Public Utilities Invest. Trust—			
Preferred I (quar.)	15c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Joplin Water Works, 6% pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Keystone Public Service Co.—			
\$2.50 preferred (quar.)	70c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Minnesota Power & Light, 7% pf. (qu.)	1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1½	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Monongahela Valley Water, pref. (qu.)	\$1¼	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
New England Power Assoc., com. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1½	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 9a
\$2 preferred (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 9a
North Shore Gas Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
Northwestern Teleg. Co. (s.-a.)	\$1½	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Ohio Public Service, 7% pref. (monthly)	\$8-1-3c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
5% preferred (monthly)	41-2-3c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Ohio Teleg. Service, pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Otter Tail Power Co. (Del.), \$6 pf. (qu.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
\$5½ preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Pacific & Atlantic Teleg. (s.-a.)	50c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 3
Pub. Serv. Co. of Colo., 7% pf. (mthly.)	\$8-1-3c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
5% preferred (monthly)	41-2-3c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Pub. Serv. Co. of N. H., \$6 pf. (quar.)	\$1½	Dec. 5	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
\$5 preferred (quar.)	\$1½	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Pub. Serv. Co. of Okla., 7% pr. lien (qu.)	1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
6% prior lien (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Richmond Water Works, 6% pref. (qu.)	1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
South Pitts. Water Co. 7% pf. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
6% preferred (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
5% preferred (s.-a.)	1¼	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
South. Light & Pow., pref. (quar.)	\$1½	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Springf'd Gas & Elec. Co., pref. ser. A (qu.)	\$1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Superior Wat. Lt. & Pow. 7% pref. (qu.)	1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Toledo Edison Co., 7% pref. (mthly.)	\$8-1-3c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
5% preferred (monthly)	41-2-3c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Tri-Continental Corp., \$6 pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Union Passenger Ry. Co. (s.-a.)	\$4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Utilities Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 27
Vermont Lighting, pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 27
West Penn Elect., pref. A (quar.)	\$1¼	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
West Penn Power, 7% pref. (quar.)	1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
6% preferred (quar.)	1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
West Phila. Passenger Ry. Co. (s.-a.)	\$4¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
West Texas Util., \$6 pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Wichita Water, 7% pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Banks and Trust Cos.			
Bankers Trust (quar.)	7½	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Central Hanover Bk. & Tr. (quar.)	\$1½	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Extra	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Chase National Bank, (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Cont. Bk. & Tr. Co., cap. stk. (quar.)	30c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Guaranty Trust (quar.)	5	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Manufacturers Trust (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
National City Bank of N. Y. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Fire Insurance.			
Phoenix Fire Ins. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Miscellaneous.			
Abbott Laboratories, com. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Alles & Fisher, Inc., com. (quar.)	10c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Aluminum Goods Mfg. Co., com. (qu.)	40c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
American Express Co. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
American Mfg. Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Ship Building (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
American Snuff, com. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Extra	25c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Anchor Cap Corp., com. (quar.)	15c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Anglo-Persian Oil Co., Ltd.			
Amer. dep. rec. 1st pf. stk. reg. (s.-a.)	2¼	Feb. 7	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Amer. dep. rec. 2d pf. stk. reg. (s.-a.)	2¼	Feb. 7	Holders of rec. Dec. 16

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Apponaug Co., com. (quar.) p	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Assoc. Brew. of Can., Ltd. com. (qu.)	15c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Associated Oil, com. (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Bigelow Co., pref. (s.-a.)	\$3	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Biltmore Hats, 7% pref. (quar.)	1¼	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Boots Pure Drug, Ltd.	206		
Boston Investment, (s.-a.)	\$1½	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Building Prods., Ltd., A & B (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Bush Terminal Bldg., pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Busy Bee Hosiery, 7% pref. (s.-a.)	\$3½	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Byers (A. M.) Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
California Ink, A & B (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Can. Fire & Cable, Ltd., 6½% pf. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Canadian Car & Foundry, pref. (quar.)	4c.	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 27
Can. Celanese, Ltd., 7% pf. (quar.)	1¼	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
7% preferred (quar.)	½1	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Canadian Westinghouse Ltd. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Canfield Oil Co. div. omitted.			
Celanese Corp. of Am. 7% cum. pf. (qu.)	1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
7% cum. pref. (quar.)	750c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Central Aguirre Assoc., com. (quar.)	37½c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Cherry-Burrell, pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Claude Neon Elec. Prod. Corp., com. (qu.)	25c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	35c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., 5% pref. (qu.)	5c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Cleveland Worsted Mills (quar.)	5c.	Dec. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Clorox Chemical, class A (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Cluett, Peabody & Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Connecticut Gen. Life Ins. Co. (quar.)	20c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Com. River Banking (s.-a.)	\$1½	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 6
Extra	\$1¼	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 6
Continental Baking Corp., pref. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Creameries of America, Inc., (quar.)	15c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Davenport Hosiery Mills, com. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of r c. Dec. 19
Duplan Silk, preferred (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 1	Holders of r c. Dec. 20
Ecuadorian Corp., Ltd., pref. (s.-a.)	3¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Electric Controller & Mfg., com. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Emerson Bromo Seltzer, A. & B. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Endicott Johnson Corp., com. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Farmers & Traders Life Ins. (Syracuse)			
(Quarterly)	\$2½	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
(Quarterly)	\$2½	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 11
Fear (Fred & Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Federated Metals Corp., com. liquidatg.	\$14	Dec. 12	
Finance Co. of Amer., cl A & B com. (qu.)	10c.	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
7% preferred (quar.)	43¼c.	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
CI A preferred (quar.)	8¼c.	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
Finance Co. of Pennsylvania (quar.)	\$3	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
First National Stores, 8% pref. (quar.)	20c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
1st preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Furness, Withy & Co., com. Interim	202		
Gannett Co., Inc., \$6 pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
General American Invest., \$6 pref. (qu.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Gen'l Amer. Tank Car Corp., com. (s.-a.)	50c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
General Baking Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Preferred (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
General Elec. Co., com. (quar.)	10c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Special stock (quar.)	15c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
General Printing Ink, (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Gerard Court, Inc., \$7 pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Globe Discount & Finance, pref. (quar.)	87½c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Grant (W. F.) Co., common (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Great Western Electro-Chemical—			
1st preferred (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Guardian Rail Shares Investment Trust			
Preferred (quar.)	18¼c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	20c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Hamilton United Theatres, Ltd.—			
7% preferred (quar.)	1¼	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Heath (D. C.) & Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Hanger Consol. Gold Mines, Ltd.—			
(Monthly)	5c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Homestake Mining (monthly)	75c.	Dec. 24	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Horn & Hardart Baking Co., pref. (qu.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
International Carriers, Ltd.—			
Capital stock (quar.)	5c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
International Nickel Co. of Canada—			
7% preferred (quar.)	48¼c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 3
International Shoe, common (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (monthly)	50c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (monthly)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred (monthly)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Preferred (monthly)	50c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred (monthly)	50c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Smith Alsop Paint & Var. Co. 7% pf. (qu.)	87 1/2c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 26
Spartan Mills (s.-a.)	\$4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Staley (A. E.) Mfg. Co., 7% pref. (s.-a.)	3 1/2	Dec. 19	Holders of rec. Dec. 8
Standard Steel Construction, Ltd.—			
1st A (quar.)	75c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Starrett (L. S.) pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Sunshine Biscuits, 1st pf. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 19a
Sunshine Mining (quar.)	3c	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Tamblyn (G.) Ltd., pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Thompson (John R.), com. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Thompson's Spa, Inc., pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Tide Water Assoc. Oil Co. pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Tide Water Oil Co., com. (quar.)	25c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Toronto Mtge. Co., cap. stk. (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Torrington Co. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Towle Mfg. Co. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Trumbull Cliffs Furnace, pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
1226 Sherman Ave., Inc., \$7 pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
United Gold Mines	1c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
United Guaranty, pref. (s.-a.)	\$2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
United N. Y. Bank Trust Shares—			
Series C-3	9.148c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Series C-3, coupon	9.48c	Jan. 1	
United States Gauge Co. (s.-a.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (s.-a.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
United States Tobacco, Com. (quar.)	\$1.10	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Universal Leaf Tobacco Co., com (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Walgreen Co., preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Waukesha Motor Co., com. (quar.)	30c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
West Coast Oil, preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Western Grocer Co. of Iowa 7% pref.—	vidend	omitted	
Young (L. A.) Spring & Wire Corp.—			
Common (quar.)	25c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Zinke Renew Shoe Corp. 7% pref.—	vidend	omitted	

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Alabama Great Southern, pref.	\$1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6
Albany & Susquehanna (semi-annual)	\$4 1/2	Jan. 7	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Alleghany & Western (s.-a.)	\$3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Atlanta Birm. & Coast, 5% pf. (s.-a.)	2 1/2	Jan. 1	
Augusta & Savannah RR. (s.-a.)	2 1/2	Jan. 5	
Extra	25c	Jan. 5	
Avon Genesee & Mt. Morris (s.-a.)	\$1.58	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Bangor & Aroostook, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a
Beech Creek (quar.)	50c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Boston & Albany	\$2 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a
Boston & Providence (quar.)	\$2 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Burlington Cedar Rapids & Nor. (s.-a.)	\$3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Canada Southern (s.-a.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio, com. (qu.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Guaranteed certificates (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Cayuga & Susquehanna (s.-a.)	\$1.20	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Chesapeake Corp., common (quar.)	50c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 8
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. common (quar.)	62 1/2c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 8a
Preferred s.-a.	3 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 8a
Cincinnati Inter-Term. 1st pf. (s.-a.)	\$2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 26
Cincinnati Union Term. 5% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Cleveland Clinchfield & St. Louis (s.-a.)	\$5	Jan. 31	
5% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 31	
Columbus & Xenia	\$1	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Extra	5c	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Dayton & Michigan, pref. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Delaware & Hudson Co. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 26
Delaware RR. Co. (s.-a.)	\$1	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Detroit Hillsdale & South Western (s.-a.)	\$2	Jan. 5	Holders of rec. Dec. 19a
Erie & Pittsburgh	\$7 1/2c	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Georgia RR. & Banking Co. (quar.)	\$2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry. (s.-a.)	\$2	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Illinois Central leased line cfs. (s.-a.)	\$2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Lacka RR. of N. J., 4% gtd. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Michigan Central (s.-a.)	\$25	Jan. 30	
Mill Creek & Mine Hill Nav. & RR. (s.-a.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 12	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Mine Hill & Schuylkill Haven (s.-a.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Mobile & Birmingham pref. (s.-a.)	\$2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Morris & Essex	\$2.12 1/2c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 7
Nashville & Decatur 7 1/2% gtd. (s.-a.)	93 1/2c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
New York & Harlem (semi-annual)	\$2 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (semi-annual)	\$2 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
N. Y., Lack. & West., 5% gtd. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Norfolk & Western Ry., com. (quar.)	\$2	Dec. 19	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Northern Central (s.-a.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 17a
Old Colony (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Philadelphia Balt. & Washington (s.-a.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Plattsburg Ft. Wayne & Chic., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Pitts. McKeesport & Younghaven (s.-a.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Reading Co., second pref. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 12	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Rensselaer & Saratoga (s.-a.)	\$4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Sbamokin Valley & Pottsville (s.-a.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Southern RR. of Georgia (s.-a.)	\$2 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Union Pacific, common	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 3a
United New Jersey RR. & Canal Co. (qu.)	\$2 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Valley RR. of N. Y. (s.-a.)	\$2 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
West Jersey & Seashore, semi-annual	\$1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Public Utilities.			
Alabama Power Co. \$7 pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
\$8 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
\$5 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Tel. & Tel. Co. (quar.)	\$2 1/2	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
American Water Works & Elec. Co., Inc. of Del. \$6 1st preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Appalachian Elec. Pow. \$7 pf. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Arkansas P. & Lt. Co., \$7 pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Bangor Hydro Electric, 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Bell Telephone Co. of Can. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Bell Tel. of Pa., 6 1/2% cum. pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 14	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Birmingham Water Works, 6% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Boston Elevated Ry. Co. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
Brazilian Trac., Light & Power, Ltd.—			
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Bridgport Gas Light Co. (quar.)	60c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Bridgport Hydraulic Co., com. (quar.)	40c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
British Columbia Pow., el A (quar.)	45c	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Brooklyn & Queens Transit Corp.—			
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Brooklyn Union Gas Co. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Buff. Niagara & East Pt. Corp., pf. (qu.)	40c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
\$5 1st preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Butler Water Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Can. Nor. Pow. Corp., Ltd. com. (qu.)	20c	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
7% cum. preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Central Illinois Light Co. 6% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Citizens Water Co. (Pa.) (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Cleveland Ry. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 26

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Public Utilities (Continued).			
Coast Counties Gas & El. 6% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Commonwealth & South. Corp. \$6 pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Commonwealth Utilities, pref. A (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred B (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred C (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Conn. Elec. Serv. Co., com. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Connecticut Passenger Ry. (s.-a.)	\$2 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Consol. Gas Co. (N. Y.) \$5 pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Consolidated Gas of N. Y., com. (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 9
Consolidated Gas Elec. Lt. & Pow. Co. of Balt. common (quar.)	90c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
"A" 5% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
"D" 6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
"E" 5 1/2% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Consumers Power Co. \$5 pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6.6% preferred (quar.)	1.65	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6.6% preferred (monthly)	50c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Continental Gas & Electric Corp.—			
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a
Common	\$2.90	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a
Cuban Telep., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Dayton Power & Light, 6% pf. (mthly)	50c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Detroit Edison Co., capital stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Diamond State Tel. Co., 6 1/2% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 14	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Duke Power Co., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Eastern Gas & Fuel Assoc., 6% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Prior preferred (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
El Paso Gas Co., 7% pref. A (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Electric Bond & Share Co., com. (quar.)	71 1/2c	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 6
\$5 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 6
Empire Pow. Corp., \$6 cum. pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Engineers Public Service Co., Inc.—			
\$5 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
\$5 1/2 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
Frankl. & Southw. Phila. City Pass. Ry. (Quarterly)	\$4 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Georgia Power Co., \$6 pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
\$5 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Gold & Stock Telegraph (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	
Greenwich Wat. & Gas Syst. 6% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Gulf Power Co., \$6 pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Gulf State Utilities Co., \$6 pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
\$5 1/2 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Hackensack Water Co., pref. A (quar.)	43 1/2c	Dec. 31	
Home Tel. & Tel., 7% pref. (s.-a.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Honolulu Gas Co. (monthly)	15c	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Illinois Bell Telep. (quar.)	\$2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Illinois Power Co. 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Indiana Gen. Service, 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Indiana Hydro-Elec. Pr. Co., 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Indiana & Mich. Elec. 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Indianapolis Power & Light Corp.—			
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Indianapolis Water Co., 5% pf. A (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a
International Ocean Telep. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Internat. Power Secur. \$6 pref. A (s.-a.)	\$3	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Jersey Cent. Pow. & Lt. Corp. 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
5 1/2% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Kansas City Power & Lt. Co.—			
First pref. class B (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Kansas Elec. Pow. 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Kansas Gas & Elec. Co. 7% pf. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
\$8 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Kansas Pow. & Lt. Co. 7% pref. (quar.)	1		

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Public Utilities (Concluded).			
Pac. Northw. Pub. Serv., 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	-----
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	-----
Pacific Tel. & Tel., com. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Peoria Water Works, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Peninsular Telephone com. (quar.)	35c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Penn Central Light & Power Corp.—			
\$2. 0 preferred (quar.)	70c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
\$5 cum. pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Pennsylvania Water & Pow. Co. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Philadelphia Co., \$6 cum. pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
\$5 cum. preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Philadelphia Electric Power Co.—			
8% preferred (quar.)	50c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Phila. & Grays Ferry Pass. Ry. (s.-a.)	\$2	Jan. 7	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Public Service Corp. of N. J., com. (qu.)	80c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
8% preferred (quar.)	2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
\$5 preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
6% preferred (monthly)	50c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Public Service El. & Gas 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
\$5 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Queensboro Gas & Elec., 6% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Rhine-Westphalia Elec. Pow. Amer. shares.	us		
Rochester Telep Corp. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
6 1/2% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Savannah Elec. & Pow., class A (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 2	-----
Class B (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	-----
Class C (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	-----
Class D (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	-----
Scranton Elect., \$6 pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Second & Third Sts. Pass. Ry. (quar.)	\$3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Shawmut Water & Power Co. com. (qu.)	13c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
South Carolina Power Co., \$6 pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Southern California Edison Co., Ltd.—			
7% preferred A (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 19
6% preferred B (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 19
Original preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
5 1/2% series C pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd.—			
6% cum. preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Sou. Colorado Power Co., 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Southwestern Gas & Elec. Co., 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
8% preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Standard Gas & Electric Co.—			
\$4 cumulative pref. (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Tennessee Electric Power Co.—			
5% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
7.2% preferred (quar.)	\$1.80	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6% preferred (monthly)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
7.2% preferred (monthly)	60c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Union Elec. Co. (Paris)—			
Amer. dep. rec. "O" bearer shares	w12.50	Dec. 7	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Union Traction of Phila (s. a.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
United Gas, common (quar.)	10c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
\$3 cum. preferred (quar.)	75c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
United El. Lt. & Pow. (Mo.), 6% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
United El. Lt. & Pow. (Mo.), 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
United Gas & Electric Corp. (Conn.)—			
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
United Gas Improvement Co., com. (qu.)	30c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
United Light & Ry. (Del.)—			
7% preferred (monthly)	58 1/2c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6.36% preferred (monthly)	53c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (monthly)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Utah Power & Light Co., \$7 pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Virginia Elec. & Pow. Co. \$6 pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/2	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Virginia P. S. Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Westmoreland Water Co., \$6 pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Wise. Michigan Pow. Co., 6% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Wisconsin Pub. Serv. Corp., 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
6 1/2% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Banks and Trust Cos.			
Bank of the Manhattan Co., cap. stk. (qu.)	\$50c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 8
Brooklyn Trust Co. (s.-a.)	\$4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Commercial Nat. Bank & Trust (qu.)	\$2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
County Trust Co., new cap. stock	60c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Irving Trust Co., capital stock (quar.)	40c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 6
Public National Bank & Trust Co., (qu.)	50c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
United States Trust (quar.)	\$15	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Fire Insurance Companies.			
Halfax Fire Ins. Co., cap. stock (qu.)	45c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Home Fire & Marine Ins. (quar.)	50c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
North River Insurance Co. (quar.)	15c	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Pacific Indemnity (quar.)	25c	Jan. 1	-----
Springfield Fire & Marine Ins. Co. (qu.)	\$1.12	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Miscellaneous.			
Abraham & Straus, Inc., com. (quar.)	30c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Adams Express Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Affiliated Products, Inc., com. (mthly.)	13 1/2c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Akron-Surpass Shoe Stores, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Alpha Portland Cement, 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Aluminum Co. of America, pref. (quar.)	75c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Aluminum Manufacturers, com. (qu.)	50c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Aluminum Mfg. Co., com. (quar.)	50c	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Bakeries Co., 7% pref. (s.-a.)	\$3 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
American Bakeries Corp., 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Bank Note, pref. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
American Can Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
American Chicle Co., (quar.)	50c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Extra	25c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
American Cigar Co., com. (quar.)	\$2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 3
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Amer. Coal Co. of Alleghany County	\$1	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
American Fork & Axe Co., 6% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
American Hardware Co., common (qu.)	50c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
American Hawaiian Steamship Co. (qu.)	25c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Home Products (monthly)	35c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Amer. Natl. Co. (Toledo), pref. A (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred B (quarterly)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
American Mfg. Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Amer. National Finance pref. (s.-a.)	60c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
American Office Bldg., pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
American Paper Goods, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
American Safety Razor (quar.)	75c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Amer. Steel Foundries, pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Stores (s. a.)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 13
American Sugar Refg. Co. common (qu.)	50c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
American Thread, pref. (s.-a.)	12 1/2c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
American Tobacco Co., Inc., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
American Wringer Co., com. (quar.)	37 1/2c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Anchor Cap Corp., \$6 1/2 pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Andian National Corp., Ltd.—			
Capital stock (s.-a.)	us1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Bearer shares (s.-a.)	us1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Armour & Co. of Del., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10

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Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Associated Investments Co. com. (qu.)	\$1	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Atlantic Refining Co., com. (quar.)	\$25c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 21
Auburn Auto, common (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Quarterly	e2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Babcock & Wilcox, (quar.)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Balaban & Katz, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Baldwin Co., pref. A (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Bankers Invest. Trust of Amer. (quar.)	15c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Beatrice Creamery Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Beech-Nut Packing Co., com. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Beaton & Cadwell Mfg. (monthly)	12 1/2c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Belding, Corticelli, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Bibb Mfg. Co. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Block Bros. Tobacco, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Blumenthal (Sidney) & Co., Inc., pf. (qu.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Bon Ami Co., cl. A extra	\$1	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Class B extra	50c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Borg-Warner Corp., pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Boston & Ely Consol. Min. (liquidation)	15c	-----	-----
Boston Wharf Co. (s.-a.)	\$2 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., Preferred (semi-annual)	\$3	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Briggs & Stratton Corp., cap. stk. (qu.)	25c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Brillo Mfg. Co., Inc., class A (quar.)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common (quar.)	15c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Brit. Amer. Oil, Ltd., Coup. No. 11 (qu.)	120c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Registered	120c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	75c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 18
Bucyrus Moulshon Co., cl. A (quar.)	45c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Canada Bread, 7% 1st pref. A (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Canada Sugar Estates, com. (quar.)	40c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	35c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
California Sugar Estate 7% pref. (qu.)	35c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Canada Maltng Co., Ltd., com. (quar.)	37 1/2c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Canada Permanent Mtdg. (quar.)	\$3	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Canadian Cottons, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 4	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Can. Gen. El. Co., Ltd. 7% pf. (qu.)	\$7 1/2c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Canadian Oil Co., Ltd., pref. (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Canfield Oil Co., 7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Carter (Wm.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Carreras, Ltd., ord. (final)	20	-----	-----
Ordinary A (final)	20	-----	-----
Case (J. I.) Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Champion Fibre Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Chatham Mfg. Co. (N. C.) 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	-----
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	-----
Chesbrough Mfg. Co. (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Extra	\$1	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Chicago Jct. Ry. & Union Skyd. (qu.)	\$2 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Chicago Transfer & Clearing, pf. (qu.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Christiana Secur. Co. 7% pf. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Chrysler Corp., com. (quar.)	25c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Churchill House Corp. (annual)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Clark Equip., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Coats (J. P.), Ltd.—			
Amer. dep. rec. ord. reg.	us6d	Jan. 9	Holders of rec. Nov. 18
Coca-Cola Co., common (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Coca-Cola (semi-ann.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Coca-Cola International Corp., com. (quar.)	\$3 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Class A (s.-a.)	\$3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co.—			
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Colt's Pat. Fire Arms Mfg. Co. com. (qu.)	25c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Commercial Credit Co., 6 1/2% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
7% preferred (quar.)	43 1/2c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
8% cl. B, preferred (quar.)	50c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
\$3 cl. A, conv., pref. (quar.)	75c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Comm. Invest Trust Corp., com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
7% 1st preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
6 1/2% 1st preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Conv. preferred (quar.)	o	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Commonwealth Royalties (monthly)	3c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Community St. Corp. cl. A (quar.)	12 1/2c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 27
Compagnie Generale d'Electricite—			
Amer. dep. rec. for A bearer shares	40.892	Dec. 16	Holders of rec.

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Miscellaneous (Continued).				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
German Amer. Bldg. Loan Corp. (s.-a.)	\$3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 29	National Distillers, pref. (quar.)	62½c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 24a
Gildden Co., preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 18	National Gypsum Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Goldblatt Bros., Inc., com. (quar.)	37½c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	National Lead, com. (quar.)	\$1¼	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Gold Dust Corp., \$8 pref. (quar.)	\$1½	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17	Preferred A (quar.)	\$1¼	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 2
Golden Cycle Co., com. (quar.)	\$10c	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Preferred B (quar.)	\$1½	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Goodman Mfg. Co., com. (quar.)	50c	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 30	National Oil Products (s.-a.)	\$1	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Goodyear T. & R. Co., \$7 1st pf. (qu.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Extra	\$1	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Gorton-Pew Fish, Ltd. (quar.)	50c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	\$7 preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Gottfried Baking Co., Inc., cl. A (quar.)	75c	Jan 133	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	National Refining Co., pref. (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Class A (quar.)	75c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20	National Sewer Pipe Co., Ltd., cl. A (qu.)	60c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Class A (quar.)	75c	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20	Common (quar.)	15c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Class A (quar.)	75c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	National Standards Co., com. (quar.)	30c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Nat. Sugar Refg. of N. J., cap. stock	50c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Grace (W. R.) & Co., 6% pref. (s.-a.)	3	Dec. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 28	New England Grain Prod., \$7 pref. (qu.)	\$1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred A and B (quar.)	2	Dec. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 28	\$6 preferred A (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan 133
Grand Rapids Varnish Corp. (quar.)	7½c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	New York Trap Rock, \$7 pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Granite City Steel (quar.)	25c	Dec. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Newberry (J. J.) Co., common (qu.)	25c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Gt. West. El. Chem. Co., 6% pref. (qu.)	1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Niagara shares Corp. (M.G.)			
Great Western Sugar Co., 7% pf. (qu.)	15c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Class A preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Group No. 1 Oil Co. (quar.)	\$100	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Class A preferred (quar.)	\$60c	Dec. 21	Holders of rec. Dec. 3
Extra	\$200	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Noranda Mines, Ltd.	35c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Halold Co., com. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	North American Creameries, A (quar.)	35c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Extra	25c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	North Central Texas Oil Co., Inc. pref. (qu.)	\$1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
7% preferred (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Northern Pipe Line Co., cap. stk. (s.-a.)	25c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Hammermill Paper Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Norwalk Tire & Rubber, pref. (quar.)	\$7½c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Hanes (P. H.) Knitting Co., pref. (qu.)	13c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Oahu Ry. & Land Co. (monthly)	15c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Hanna (M. A.) Co., cum. pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 5	Oahu Sugar Co., Ltd. (monthly)	5c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 6
Hawaiian Sugar Co. (monthly)	20c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Extra	20c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 6
Hazel-Atlas Glass Co. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Ohio Oil Co., common (quar.)	10c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 19
Extra	25c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	6% preferred (quar.)	1¼	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 3
Hearst Consolidated Publishers (quar.)	43½c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Old Line Life Ins. of Amer. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Class A preferred (quar.)	43½c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Omnibus Corp., pref. (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Helme (Geo. W.) Co., com. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Omnia Sugar Co. (monthly)	20c	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Extra	\$1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Owens Illinois Glass Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1½	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Pacific Southwest Discount Corp.			
Hercules Powder Co., com. (quar.)	37½c	Dec. 24	Holders of rec. Dec. 13	Class A and B (quar.)	10c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Hershey Creamery 7% pref. (s.-a.)	\$3¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Pan American Petroleum & Transp. Co.	20c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 16
Hewitt Bros. Soap, preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Parke Davis & Co., common (quar.)	25c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Heyden Chemical, pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 2	Paris Medicine (quar.)	100	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co. (mthly)	10c	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 23	Penlek & Ford, com. (quar.)	25c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Hiram Walker-Good & Worts pf. (qu.)	125c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 26	Extra	*1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Hobart Mfg. Co., com. (quar.)	25c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18	Penney (J. C.) Co., common (quar.)	45c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Holland Furnace, preferred (s.-a.)	\$3¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Honolulu Plantation (monthly)	25c	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Peoples Drug Stores, Inc., com. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 8
Hoskins Mfg. Co., common (quar.)	25c	Dec. 26	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	6½% preferred (quar.)	1¼	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Humble Oil & Refining Co. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 2	Perfection Stove Co., com. (quar.)	30c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Huron & Erie Mgtg. Corp. (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Personal Banking Serv., Inc., cl. A (qu.)	15c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Hygrade Sylvania, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a	Pet Milk Co., preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Preferred (quar.)	12½c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Petrol Oil & Gas Co., Ltd.	1c	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Ideal Finance Assoc. A (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Petroleum Exploitation (quar.)	25c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 2
\$3 preferred (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Extra	12½c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 2
\$2 conv. preferred (quar.)	50c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Phillips-Jones Corp., pref. (quar.)	1¼	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Imperial Tobacco Co. of Can., ord. (qu.)	1¼	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Piedmont Hotel	120	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Industrial Cotton Mills, pref. (quar.)	1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Piedmont Mfg. Co. (s.-a.)	\$3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Ind. Cot. Mills, Inc. (S.C.) 7% pf. (qu.)	1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Pioneer Gold Mines (quar.)	16c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Industrial Rayon Corp. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., com. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Ingersoll-Rand Co., pref. (s.-a.)	\$3	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 7	Plimpton Mfg. Co. (extra)	\$1¼	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 24
Inter-Island Steam Navigation (mthly)	10c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 24	Plymouth Oil Co., com. (quar.)	25c	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
International Business Mach. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a	Pollock Paper & Box, pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
International Harvester, com. (quar.)	30c	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Ponce Electric pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
International Petroleum Co., Ltd.	225c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Procter & Gamble Co. 5% pref. (quar.)	1¼	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 25a
Internat. Proprietaries, Ltd. cl. A (qu.)	65c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 25	Publication Corp., original pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
International Salt Co., cap. stk. (quar.)	37½c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	7% 1st preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
International Silver Co., pref. (quar.)	1	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 14a	Pure Oil Co., 8% pref. (quar.)	1½	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Internat. Tea Co. Boreas Ltd., ord. reg.	21012	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	6% preferred (quar.)	1½	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
American det. rts. ord. reg.	21012	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	5½% preferred (quar.)	1½	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Inv. Corp. of R. I. \$8 1st pf. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Quaker Oats Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Johns-Manville Corp., pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Jones & Laughlin Steel, pref. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 13	Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. (quar.)	15c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment (quar.)	15c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Reeves (Daniel), Inc., common (quar.)	37½c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Katz Drug Co., common (quar.)	50c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Preferred (quar.)	1¼	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Reliance Grain Co., Ltd., pref. (qu.)	\$1¼	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Kaufmann Dept. Stores, Inc., pref. (qu.)	\$1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Reynolds (A. J.) Tobacco Co. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Kemper-Thomas Co., com. (quar.)	12½c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Rich's, Inc. 6½% preferred (quar.)	1¼	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Kimberly-Clark Corp. pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Royal Baking Powder Co.—6% pf. (qu.)	1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Klein (Emil D.) Co. common (quar.)	25c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Common (quar.)	25c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Kresge (S. S.) com. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Royalite Oil (Montreal), com. (special)	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Ruberoil Co. (quar.)	25c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Kroger Grocery & Baking 6% pref. (qu.)	1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	St. Louis Car Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 7
7% preferred (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	San Carlos Mining Co., Ltd. (monthly)	20c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 7
Lake Shore Gold Mines (quar.)	50c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Schiff Co., com. (quar.)	25c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Extra	50c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Lake View & Star Co. (London), Interim zw	12½c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Scott Paper Co., common (quar.)	35c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Landers, Frary & Clark (quar.)	62½c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Seovill Mfg. Co., capital stock (quar.)	25c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Landis Machine Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1¼	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Seaboard Oil Co., of Del. (quar.)	10c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Leggett (F. H.) & Co., pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Second Custodian Shares, com.	15c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Lehigh Portland Cement Co.—				Shattuck (F. G.) (quar.)	12½c	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
7% preferred (quar.)	87½c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 14	Sheriff T. Market & Storage Co.	\$1	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Leland Elec. Co., special	15c	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Sherwin-Williams of Can., pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Leslie-California Salt (quar.)	20c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Slate Gold Mines, Ltd. cap. stock	3c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Lessing, Inc. (quar.)	25c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Slattery (E. J.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Liggett & Myers Tob., pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Preferred (quar.)	1¼	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Lily-Tulip Cup, com. (quar.)	37½c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Socony-Vacuum Corp., cap. stk. (qu.)	25c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 18a
Lindsay Light Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	17½c	Dec. 17	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	South Penn Oil Co., com. (quar.)	25c	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Link Belt Co., 6½% pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Southern Porto Rico Sugar Co., com. (qu.)	40c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Lock Joint Pipe Co., com. (monthly)	66c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Preferred (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 1	South West Pa. Pipe Lines (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Loew's Inc., com. (quar.)	75c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 14	Sparks Wiltngton Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 8
Loew's London Th., Ltd. 7% pf. (qu.)	552¼c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 19	Spencer Kellogg & Sons, Inc. (quar.)	15c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Lord & Taylor, com. (quar.)	2¼c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Stafford, pref. (initial liquidating)	\$18	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Extra	\$5	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Standard Brands, Inc., com. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Lorillard (P.) Co., com. (quar.)	30c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Preferred (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Stand. Coosa Thatcher Co. 7% pf. (qu.)	1¼	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Loudon Packing	25c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Standard Oil Co., Inc., N. J.—			
Lunkenheimer Co., pref. (quar.)	1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22	Capital (\$25 par) (quar.)	25c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Maey (R. H.) & Co., com. (quar.)	50c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Capital stock (\$25 par) (extra)	25c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Mani Agriculture Co. Ltd.	251	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Capital stock (\$100 par) (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Manischewitz (B.) & Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Capital stock (\$100 par) (extra)	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Mapes Consolidated Mfg. Co. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Standard Oil Co. of Calif. (quar.)	50c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Margay Oil Corp., com. (quar.)	25c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a	Standard Oil of Ind. (quar.)	25c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Marine Midland Corp., com. (quar.)	37½c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a	Standard Oil Co. of Ky., com. (quar.)	30c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Matheson Alkali Works, com. (quar.)	\$1¼	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a	Standard Oil Co. of Nebraska (quar.)	25c	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 26
Preferred (quar.)	50c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Standard Oil Co. of Ohio com. (quar.)	37½c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Mayflower Assoc., Inc. (quar.)	15c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Preferred (quar.)	\$1		

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Underwood Elliott Fisher Co., com. (qu.)	12 3/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a
Union Carbide & Carbon, cap. stk. (qu.)	30c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 2
United Amusement Corp.— Class A and B (quar.)	40c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
United Aircraft & Transport Corp.— Preferred, A (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
United Dyewood Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
United Elastic Corp. (quar.)	10c.	Dec. 24	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
United Fruit Co., capital stock (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 5a
United Piece Dye Works, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
United States Foll Co.— Class A and B common (quar.)	7 1/2	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
U. S. Gypsum Co., common (quar.)	40c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
United States Leather Co., v.t.c. pf. (qu.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
U. S. Pipe & Fdy., com. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
First preferred (quar.)	30c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
United States Playing Card (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
United States Shares Corp., ser. U reg.	\$2.98	-----	-----
United States Steel pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Nov. 29	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
United Stores Corp. pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Uppress Metal Cap Corp., 8% pf. (qu.)	-----	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Venezuelan Oil Co., Ltd., interim	2 1/2	-----	-----
Victor-Monaghan Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Viking Pump, pref. (quar.)	60c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Vortex Cup Co., com. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Vulcan Detinning pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a
Wagner Electric Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Waldorf System, Inc., common (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Ward Baking, pref. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Wellington Oil (quar.)	2c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Wesson Oil & Snowdrift Co., Inc.— Common (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Western Canada Flour Mills Co., Ltd.— Preferred (quar.)	11 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Western Tablet & Stationery Corp.— Common (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Westmoreland, Inc. (quar.)	20c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Westvaco Chlorine Prod. Corp., pt. (qu.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
White Motor Security Corp., 7% pt. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec. 31	-----
White Rock Min. Spr. Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
1st preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
2d preferred (quar.)	2 1/4	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Whitman (Wm.) Co., Inc., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Wilcox Rich Corp., class A	62 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Wiser Oil Co. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Extra	25c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Wrigley (Wm.) Jr. Co. (monthly)	25c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Monthly	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.	25c.	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Dec. 10

The New York "Times" publishes regularly each week returns of a number of banks and trust companies which are not members of the New York Clearing House. The Public National Bank & Trust Co. and Manufacturers Trust Co., having been admitted to membership in the New York Clearing House Association on Dec. 11 1930, now report weekly to the Association and the returns of these two banks are therefore no longer shown below. The following are the figures for the week ending Dec. 2:

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN THE CLEARING HOUSE WITH THE CLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDED FRIDAY, DEC. 2 1932.

NATIONAL BANKS—AVERAGE FIGURES.

	Loans, Disc. and Investments.	Gold.	Other Cash, Including N. Y. and Bank Notes	Res. Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—	\$ 18,754,600	\$ 1,500	\$ 75,700	\$ 1,399,200	\$ 1,284,200	\$ 16,881,800
Grace National.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Brooklyn—	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Peoples Nat'l.	5,637,000	5,000	71,000	358,000	34,000	5,200,000

TRUST COMPANIES—AVERAGE FIGURES.

	Loans, Discount & Investments.	Cash.	Reserve Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Empire	49,471,900	*1,327,400	13,002,900	2,114,200	55,732,000
Federation	5,565,505	29,924	436,085	1,161,637	5,635,632
Fulton	17,930,000	*2,193,800	441,400	346,400	16,326,300
United States	68,654,840	5,392,459	20,047,795	-----	66,282,450
Brooklyn—	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Brooklyn	97,296,000	3,068,000	31,416,000	386,000	112,229,000
Kings County	23,958,552	1,796,923	8,725,798	-----	27,790,490

* Includes amount with Federal Reserve as follows: Empire, \$937,800; Fulton, \$2,054,500.

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

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

	Week Ended Dec. 7 1932.	Changes from Previous Week.	Week Ended Nov. 30. 1932.	Week Ended Nov. 23. 1932.
Capital	\$ 79,900,000	Unchanged	\$ 79,900,000	\$ 79,900,000
Surplus and profits	67,518,000	Unchanged	67,518,000	67,518,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest'ts.	818,607,000	-12,368,000	830,975,000	839,175,000
Individual deposits	556,554,000	+3,328,000	553,225,000	570,620,000
Due to banks	166,471,000	+3,525,000	162,946,000	164,829,000
Time deposits	193,560,000	-9,989,000	203,549,000	203,456,000
United States deposits	13,735,000	-1,589,000	15,324,000	15,895,000
Exchanges for Clg. House	11,947,000	+1,526,000	10,421,000	10,707,000
Due from other banks	156,036,000	+2,443,000	153,593,000	161,786,000
Res've in legal deposit'les	77,988,000	+2,047,000	75,939,000	81,409,000
Cash in bank	8,194,000	-135,000	8,329,000	7,998,000
Res. in excess in F. R. Bk.	6,090,000	+1,860,000	4,230,000	8,001,000

Philadelphia Banks.—Beginning with the return for the week ended Oct. 11 1930, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association began issuing its weekly statement in a new form. The trust companies that are not members of the Federal Reserve System are no longer shown separately, but are included with the rest. In addition, the companies recently admitted to membership in the Association are included. One other change has been made. Instead of showing "Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank" and "Cash in Vault" as separate items, the two are combined under designation "Legal Reserve and Cash."

Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in Vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with Legal Depositaries" and "Cash in Vaults."

Beginning with the return for the week ended May 14 1928, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association discontinued showing the reserve required and whether reserves held are above or below requirements. This practice is continued.

	Week Ended Dec. 3. 1932.	Changes from Previous Week.	Week Ended Nov. 26. 1932.	Week Ended Nov. 19. 1932.
Capital	\$ 77,011,000	Unchanged	\$ 77,011,000	\$ 77,011,000
Surplus and profits	200,378,000	Unchanged	200,378,000	200,378,000
Loans, disc'ts. and invest.	1,139,864,000	-19,791,000	1,159,655,000	1,164,322,000
Exch. for Clearing House	16,138,000	+1,861,000	14,277,000	15,586,000
Due from banks	150,617,000	+2,340,000	148,135,000	152,198,000
Bank deposits	201,186,000	+6,467,000	194,719,000	199,695,000
Individual deposits	632,414,000	+1,303,000	631,101,000	633,940,000
Time deposits	272,327,000	-2,115,000	274,442,000	275,016,000
Total deposits	1,105,927,000	-5,665,000	1,100,262,000	1,108,651,000
Res've with F. R. Bank	112,295,000	+18,146,000	94,149,000	93,544,000

Weekly Return of New York City Clearing House.—Beginning with March 31 1928, the New York City Clearing House Association discontinued giving out all statements previously issued and now makes only the barest kind of a report. The new returns show nothing but the deposits, along with the capital and surplus. The Public National Bank & Trust Co. and Manufacturers Trust Co. are now members of the New York Clearing House Association, having been admitted on Dec. 11 1930. See "Financial Chronicle" of Dec. 31 1930, pages 3812-13. We give the statement below in full:

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION FOR THE WEEK ENDED SATURDAY, DEC. 3 1932.

Clearing House Members.	* Capital.	* Surplus and Undivided Profits.	Net Demand Deposits, Average.	Time Deposits, Average.
Bank of N. Y. & Tr. Co.	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 9,134,200	\$ 77,204,000	\$ 12,644,000
Bank of Manhat. Co.	*20,000,000	†36,816,500	236,564,000	43,502,000
National City Bank	124,000,000	82,028,100	a1,005,052,000	189,219,000
Chemical Bk. & Tr. Co.	21,000,000	45,640,900	238,369,000	31,008,000
Guaranty Trust Co.	90,000,000	180,830,200	b875,046,000	76,422,000
Manufacturers Tr. Co.	32,935,000	22,125,700	242,004,000	91,264,000
Central Hanover Bk. & Tr.	21,000,000	70,119,500	476,293,000	61,840,000
Corn Exch. Bk. Tr. Co.	15,000,000	22,740,800	176,352,000	21,967,000
First National Bank	10,000,000	85,527,300	351,117,000	31,233,000
Irving Trust Co.	50,000,000	75,148,000	303,644,000	43,894,000
Continental Bk. & Tr. Co.	4,000,000	6,754,900	20,968,000	2,991,000
Chase National Bank	148,000,000	118,336,500	c1,210,307,000	151,830,000
Fifth Avenue Bank	500,000	3,608,900	39,332,000	3,388,000
Bankers Trust Co.	25,000,000	77,007,600	d510,639,000	51,492,000
Title Guar. & Trust Co.	10,000,000	21,218,400	25,138,000	1,276,000
Marine Midland Tr. Co.	10,000,000	7,075,800	40,415,000	5,422,000
Lawyers Trust Co.	3,000,000	2,597,700	9,684,000	1,055,000
New York Trust Co.	12,500,000	22,093,500	201,028,000	24,118,000
Com'l Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co.	7,000,000	8,583,900	41,515,000	3,373,000
Harriman N. B. & Tr. Co.	2,000,000	848,400	22,600,000	5,892,000
Public N. B. & Tr. Co.	8,250,000	4,355,300	35,532,000	28,102,000
Totals	620,185,000	902,622,100	6,138,823,000	881,842,000

* As per official reports: National, Sept. 30 1932; State, Sept. 30 1932; trust companies, Sept. 30 1932. † As of Nov. 26 1932. Includes deposits in foreign branches: (a) \$196,867,000; (b) \$49,759,000; (c) \$54,200,000; (d) \$24,013,000.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Dec. 8, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the System as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. The Reserve Board's comment upon the returns for the latest week appears on page 3952, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DEC. 7 1932.

	Dec. 7 1932.	Nov. 30 1932.	Nov. 23 1932.	Nov. 16 1932.	Nov. 9 1932.	Nov. 2 1932.	Oct. 26 1932.	Oct. 19 1932.	Dec. 9 1931.
RESOURCES.									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents.....	\$ 2,281,059,000	\$ 2,242,398,000	\$ 2,230,351,000	\$ 2,241,169,000	\$ 2,228,469,000	\$ 2,207,934,000	\$ 2,204,064,000	\$ 2,211,864,000	\$ 1,808,396,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.....	39,087,000	40,048,000	40,018,000	42,106,000	42,040,000	43,102,000	43,746,000	47,573,000	64,322,000
Gold held exclusively argst. F. R. notes	2,320,146,000	2,282,446,000	2,270,369,000	2,283,275,000	2,270,509,000	2,251,036,000	2,247,810,000	2,259,437,000	1,872,718,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board.....	367,276,000	339,926,000	339,487,000	321,867,000	319,906,000	335,268,000	315,031,000	304,922,000	397,296,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks.....	390,641,000	426,952,000	443,296,000	421,927,000	419,230,000	417,343,000	429,782,000	391,246,000	699,104,000
Total gold reserves.....	3,078,063,000	3,049,324,000	3,053,152,000	3,027,069,000	3,009,645,000	3,003,647,000	2,992,623,000	2,955,605,000	2,969,118,000
Reserves other than gold.....	185,054,000	192,635,000	188,871,000	192,382,000	185,967,000	196,582,000	198,809,000	196,523,000	167,855,000
Total reserves.....	3,263,117,000	3,241,959,000	3,242,023,000	3,219,451,000	3,195,612,000	3,200,229,000	3,191,432,000	3,152,128,000	3,136,973,000
Non-reserve cash.....	73,324,000	77,071,000	74,001,000	75,817,000	73,220,000	74,459,000	85,171,000	80,879,000	67,483,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	95,513,000	103,253,000	105,304,000	101,293,000	100,992,000	107,622,000	111,544,000	98,127,000	377,525,000
Other bills discounted.....	203,105,000	205,720,000	202,216,000	205,879,000	209,961,000	218,422,000	210,778,000	215,412,000	377,657,000
Total bills discounted.....	298,618,000	308,973,000	307,520,000	307,172,000	310,953,000	326,044,000	322,322,000	313,539,000	725,182,000
Bills bought in open market.....	33,717,000	34,880,000	34,646,000	34,524,000	34,002,000	34,053,000	33,695,000	33,583,000	389,219,000
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds.....	420,637,000	420,714,000	420,713,000	420,693,000	420,665,000	420,651,000	420,811,000	420,863,000	317,686,000
Treasury notes.....	379,175,000	377,687,000	368,677,000	368,384,000	362,872,000	362,874,000	363,881,000	352,086,000	19,950,000
Special Treasury certificates.....	1,050,865,000	1,052,365,000	1,061,359,000	1,061,657,000	1,067,160,000	1,067,258,000	1,066,257,000	1,078,050,000	379,557,000
Certificates and bills.....	1,850,677,000	1,850,766,000	1,850,749,000	1,850,734,000	1,850,697,000	1,850,783,000	1,850,949,000	1,850,999,000	717,193,000
Total U. S. Government securities.....	5,337,000	5,411,000	5,350,000	5,569,000	5,427,000	5,425,000	5,425,000	5,437,000	29,972,000
Foreign loans on gold.....	2,188,349,000	2,200,030,000	2,198,265,000	2,197,999,000	2,201,079,000	2,216,305,000	2,212,391,000	2,203,558,000	1,861,566,000
Total bills and securities.....	2,854,000	2,861,000	2,781,000	2,749,000	2,749,000	2,873,000	2,868,000	2,698,000	8,725,000
Due from foreign banks.....	14,436,000	12,256,000	14,110,000	14,310,000	12,219,000	13,140,000	18,321,000	15,900,000	15,828,000
Federal Reserve notes of other banks.....	323,983,000	353,468,000	333,500,000	439,203,000	317,906,000	361,411,000	332,923,000	404,398,000	410,732,000
Uncollected items.....	58,211,000	58,169,000	58,169,000	58,169,000	58,169,000	58,137,000	58,137,000	58,135,000	59,501,000
Bank premises.....	40,351,000	39,880,000	39,259,000	38,157,000	36,994,000	36,824,000	38,872,000	38,012,000	39,674,000
All other resources.....	5,964,625,000	5,985,694,000	5,962,108,000	6,045,855,000	5,897,967,000	5,963,378,000	5,940,115,000	5,955,708,000	5,600,482,000
Total resources.....	2,723,666,000	2,692,286,000	2,694,428,000	2,699,747,000	2,715,299,000	2,700,818,000	2,688,871,000	2,717,430,000	2,484,892,000
LIABILITIES.									
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	2,395,484,000	2,410,594,000	2,400,351,000	2,399,722,000	2,342,333,000	2,384,097,000	2,411,946,000	2,325,546,000	2,086,008,000
Deposits:									
Member banks—reserve account.....	30,837,000	23,535,000	25,942,000	26,036,000	28,322,000	31,305,000	28,078,000	27,164,000	28,595,000
Government.....	14,010,000	25,947,000	29,869,000	10,922,000	10,717,000	9,888,000	9,852,000	10,280,000	117,674,000
Foreign banks.....	26,485,000	24,150,000	22,739,000	22,445,000	23,086,000	28,389,000	20,117,000	28,820,000	27,221,000
Other deposits.....	2,466,816,000	2,484,226,000	2,478,901,000	2,459,125,000	2,404,458,000	2,453,679,000	2,469,993,000	2,391,810,000	2,259,498,000
Total deposits.....	318,614,000	354,109,000	333,630,000	431,775,000	322,983,000	355,005,000	326,987,000	391,777,000	400,648,000
Deferred availability items.....	151,522,000	151,591,000	151,969,000	151,993,000	152,068,000	152,105,000	152,303,000	153,018,000	160,947,000
Capital paid in.....	259,421,000	259,421,000	259,421,000	259,421,000	259,421,000	259,421,000	259,421,000	259,421,000	274,636,000
Surplus.....	44,586,000	44,661,000	43,759,000	43,794,000	43,738,000	42,350,000	42,540,000	42,252,000	19,861,000
All other liabilities.....	5,964,625,000	5,985,694,000	5,962,108,000	6,045,855,000	5,897,967,000	5,963,378,000	5,940,115,000	5,955,708,000	5,600,482,000
Total liabilities.....	59.3%	58.9%	59.0%	58.6%	58.7%	58.2%	58.0%	57.8%	62.5%
Ratio of gold reserve to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	62.9%	62.6%	62.7%	62.4%	62.4%	62.1%	61.9%	61.7%	66.1%
Ratio of total reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	36,117,000	32,329,000	33,458,000	34,954,000	37,916,000	38,847,000	37,993,000	41,766,000	168,486,000
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....									
Maturity Distribution of Bills and Short-Term Securities—									
1-15 days bills discounted.....	\$ 214,371,000	\$ 224,502,000	\$ 223,026,000	\$ 222,695,000	\$ 221,935,000	\$ 237,414,000	\$ 232,592,000	\$ 223,251,000	\$ 561,477,000
16-30 days bills discounted.....	22,697,000	22,795,000	23,870,000	22,430,000	20,786,000	25,973,000	24,777,000	25,165,000	49,226,000
31-60 days bills discounted.....	39,209,000	30,572,000	30,746,000	32,571,000	34,283,000	33,709,000	35,984,000	36,222,000	58,284,000
61-90 days bills discounted.....	20,403,000	20,088,000	19,429,000	19,235,000	18,325,000	19,704,000	20,717,000	21,253,000	35,641,000
Over 90 days bills discounted.....	10,938,000	11,016,000	10,449,000	10,238,000	9,624,000	9,244,000	8,252,000	7,618,000	19,854,000
Total bills discounted.....	298,618,000	308,973,000	307,520,000	307,172,000	310,953,000	326,044,000	322,322,000	313,539,000	725,182,000
1-15 days bills bought in open market.....	2,738,000	11,276,000	9,047,000	6,186,000	5,957,000	5,142,000	3,222,000	3,135,000	186,126,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market.....	4,559,000	7,850,000	9,283,000	11,388,000	8,517,000	5,516,000	5,089,000	4,118,000	126,242,000
31-60 days bills bought in open market.....	2,258,000	7,319,000	8,300,000	9,179,000	8,698,000	11,893,000	11,575,000	7,405,000	56,204,000
61-90 days bills bought in open market.....	24,162,000	8,435,000	9,016,000	7,771,000	10,830,000	11,502,000	10,574,000	15,955,000	19,960,000
Over 90 days bills bought in open market.....	33,717,000	34,880,000	34,646,000	34,524,000	34,002,000	34,053,000	33,695,000	33,583,000	389,219,000
Total bills bought in open market.....	68,000,000	70,500,000	69,000,000	120,249,000	120,750,000	109,100,000	39,500,000	55,000,000	52,443,000
1-15 days U. S. certificates and bills.....	162,839,000	149,064,000	177,564,000	124,600,000	69,000,000	120,250,000	120,850,000	109,100,000	13,152,000
16-30 days U. S. certificates and bills.....	160,550,000	164,325,000	127,375,000	150,739,000	139,839,000	126,064,000	167,663,000	120,249,000	23,950,000
31-60 days U. S. certificates and bills.....	659,476,000	668,476,000	687,420,000	666,069,000	668,971,000	643,244,000	669,244,000	668,245,000	112,704,000
Total U. S. certificates and bills.....	1,050,865,000	1,052,365,000	1,061,359,000	1,061,657,000	1,067,160,000	1,067,258,000	1,066,257,000	1,078,050,000	379,557,000
1-15 days municipal warrants.....	4,156,000	5,088,000	5,058,000	4,293,000	3,921,000	4,669,000	5,176,000	4,790,000	515,000
16-30 days municipal warrants.....	622,000	10,000	10,000	1,000,000	1,257,000	507,000	50,000	425,000	3,380,000
31-60 days municipal warrants.....	559,000	313,000	282,000	133,000	50,000	50,000	10,000	222,000	299,000
61-90 days municipal warrants.....	408,600,000	414,400,000	429,900,000	423,300,000	424,900,000	439,100,000	451,200,000	464,500,000	69,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants.....	5,337,000	5,411,000	5,350,000	5,569,000	5,427,000	5,425,000	5,425,000	5,437,000	29,000
Total municipal warrants.....	2,946,756,000	2,913,683,000	2,919,768,000	2,925,250,000	2,932,116,000	2,918,711,000	2,931,112,000	2,957,817,000	2,788,897,000
Federal Reserve Notes—	223,090,000	221,397,000	225,340,000	225,503,000	216,817,000	217,893,000	242,241,000	240,387,000	304,005,000
Issued by F. R. Bank by F. R. Agent.....									
Held by Federal Reserve Bank.....	2,723,666,000	2,692,286,000	2,694,428,000	2,699,747,000	2,715,299,000	2,700,818,000	2,688,871,000	2,717,430,000	2,484,892,000
In actual circulation.....	1,138,880,000	1,085,353,000	1,075,806,000	1,073,224,000	1,069,224,000	1,071,819,000	1,057,649,000	1,068,749,000	762,566,000
Collateral Held by Agent as Security for Notes Issued to Bank—	1,142,170,000	1,157,045,000	1,154,545,000	1,167,945,000	1,159,245,000	1,136,115,000	1,146,415,000	1,143,115,000	1,045,830,000
By gold and gold certificates.....	282,876,000	293,944,000	291,742,000	290,799,000	294,388,000	309,485,000	306,282,000	297,791,000	1,038,513,000
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board.....	408,600,000	414,400,000	429,900,000	423,300,000	424,900,000	439,100,000			

Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
RESOURCES (Concluded)—													
U. S. Government securities:													
Bonds	420,637.0	20,334.0	187,205.0	31,171.0	36,492.0	9,647.0	9,545.0	40,776.0	13,940.0	17,170.0	11,774.0	17,314.0	25,269.0
Treasury notes	379,175.0	20,785.0	152,195.0	29,369.0	38,523.0	10,185.0	10,062.0	46,942.0	14,187.0	10,180.0	12,356.0	7,718.0	26,673.0
Certificates and bills	1,050,865.0	55,594.0	393,892.0	78,729.0	103,267.0	27,301.0	26,973.0	174,492.0	38,029.0	27,275.0	33,122.0	20,689.0	71,502.0
Total U. S. Govt. securities	1,850,677.0	96,713.0	733,292.0	139,269.0	178,282.0	47,133.0	46,580.0	262,210.0	66,156.0	54,625.0	57,252.0	45,721.0	123,444.0
Other securities	5,337.0		3,972.0	1,047.0						318.0			
Total bills and securities	2,188,349.0	112,822.0	812,520.0	193,660.0	212,231.0	66,477.0	72,983.0	284,806.0	74,725.0	67,572.0	71,472.0	52,612.0	166,469.0
Due from foreign banks	2,854.0	228.0	1,019.0	309.0	289.0	114.0	106.0	401.0	17.0	11.0	83.0	80.0	197.0
F. R. notes of other banks	14,436.0	256.0	5,654.0	407.0	509.0	722.0	908.0	1,627.0	1,398.0	405.0	910.0	331.0	1,309.0
Uncollected items	323,983.0	37,279.0	85,431.0	28,732.0	29,738.0	27,610.0	8,730.0	34,769.0	15,010.0	7,694.0	17,217.0	12,550.0	19,223.0
Bank premises	58,211.0	3,336.0	14,817.0	2,989.0	7,968.0	3,619.0	2,489.0	7,828.0	3,461.0	1,835.0	3,649.0	1,787.0	4,433.0
All other resources	40,351.0	976.0	22,064.0	1,170.0	1,334.0	2,852.0	4,086.0	1,546.0	1,274.0	1,793.0	840.0	1,292.0	1,124.0
Total resources	5,964,625.0	397,534.0	1,991,618.0	460,247.0	505,057.0	203,230.0	169,715.0	1,162,743.0	194,452.0	141,355.0	190,628.0	115,109.0	432,937.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation	2,723,666.0	198,787.0	583,615.0	240,136.0	282,815.0	102,210.0	97,296.0	675,063.0	102,510.0	80,439.0	92,128.0	39,391.0	229,276.0
Deposits:													
Member bank reserve account	2,395,484.0	124,115.0	1,151,637.0	144,967.0	139,260.0	52,199.0	43,540.0	386,167.0	56,641.0	39,442.0	66,968.0	45,127.0	145,421.0
Government	30,837.0	4,196.0	7,745.0	1,817.0	3,059.0	1,650.0	624.0	2,183.0	1,767.0	2,482.0	1,191.0	3,077.0	1,040.0
Foreign bank	14,010.0	1,064.0	4,574.0	1,442.0	1,414.0	560.0	518.0	1,876.0	490.0	308.0	406.0	392.0	966.0
Other deposits	26,485.0	84.0	11,620.0	134.0	3,628.0	1,501.0	563.0	1,919.0	1,230.0	342.0	192.0	69.0	5,203.0
Total deposits	2,466,816.0	129,459.0	1,175,576.0	148,360.0	147,361.0	55,916.0	45,245.0	392,145.0	60,128.0	42,574.0	68,757.0	48,665.0	152,630.0
Deferred availability items	318,614.0	37,318.0	82,250.0	26,178.0	29,390.0	26,834.0	9,013.0	35,273.0	16,024.0	7,180.0	16,471.0	13,269.0	19,414.0
Capital paid in	151,522.0	10,856.0	58,617.0	16,083.0	14,146.0	5,172.0	4,682.0	16,203.0	4,400.0	2,893.0	4,055.0	3,928.0	10,487.0
Surplus	259,421.0	20,039.0	75,077.0	26,486.0	27,640.0	11,483.0	10,449.0	38,411.0	10,225.0	6,356.0	8,124.0	7,624.0	17,707.0
All other liabilities	44,586.0	1,075.0	16,483.0	3,004.0	3,705.0	1,615.0	3,030.0	5,648.0	1,365.0	1,913.0	1,093.0	2,232.0	3,423.0
Total liabilities	5,964,625.0	397,534.0	1,991,618.0	460,247.0	505,057.0	203,230.0	169,715.0	1,162,743.0	194,452.0	141,355.0	190,628.0	115,109.0	432,937.0
Memoranda.													
Reserve ratio (per cent)	62.9	72.6	58.5	58.9	58.0	62.5	62.9	76.6	58.4	48.6	58.4	49.4	61.0
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	36,117.0	2,752.0	11,713.0	3,729.0	3,657.0	1,448.0	1,340.0	4,852.0	1,267.0	797.0	1,050.0	1,014.0	2,498.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE STATEMENT.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Two Ciphers (00) omitted.													
Federal Reserve notes:													
Issued to F. R. Bk. by F. R. Agt.	2,946,756.0	217,774.0	658,881.0	251,709.0	292,610.0	108,420.0	114,568.0	708,045.0	109,702.0	83,055.0	99,433.0	43,456.0	259,103.0
Held by Federal Reserve Bank	223,090.0	18,987.0	75,266.0	11,573.0	9,795.0	6,210.0	17,272.0	32,982.0	7,192.0	2,616.0	7,305.0	4,065.0	29,827.0
In actual circulation	2,723,666.0	198,787.0	583,615.0	240,136.0	282,815.0	102,210.0	97,296.0	675,063.0	102,510.0	80,439.0	92,128.0	39,391.0	229,276.0
Collateral held by Agent as security for notes issued to bank:													
Gold and gold certificates	1,138,889.0	47,010.0	496,614.0	78,490.0	71,470.0	18,620.0	13,500.0	262,870.0	20,990.0	13,635.0	9,680.0	12,260.0	93,750.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board	1,142,170.0	144,117.0	109,000.0	86,510.0	108,000.0	54,380.0	38,000.0	394,000.0	48,100.0	26,500.0	51,800.0	9,500.0	72,263.0
Eligible paper	282,876.0	13,821.0	62,971.0	50,015.0	30,919.0	18,122.0	23,543.0	18,355.0	7,449.0	9,513.0	12,483.0	5,876.0	29,809.0
U. S. Government securities	408,600.0	13,400.0		37,000.0	85,000.0	18,000.0	41,000.0	37,000.0	33,300.0	33,900.0	27,000.0	16,000.0	67,000.0
Total collateral	2,972,535.0	218,348.0	668,585.0	252,015.0	295,389.0	109,122.0	116,043.0	712,225.0	109,839.0	83,548.0	100,963.0	43,636.0	262,822.0

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

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the reporting member banks from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 14 1917, published in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 29 1917, page 2523. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our department of "Current Events and Discussions" on page 3953, immediately preceding which we also give the figures of New York and Chicago reporting member banks for a week later.

Beginning with the statement of Jan. 9 1929, the loan figures exclude "Acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement" and include all real estate mortgages and mortgage loans held by the bank. Previously acceptances of other banks and bills sold with endorsement were included with loans, and some of the banks included mortgages in investments. Loans secured by U. S. Government obligations are no longer shown separately, only the total of loans on securities being given. Furthermore, borrowing at the Federal Reserve is not any more subdivided to show the amount secured by U. S. obligations and those secured by commercial paper, only a lump total being given. The number of reporting banks is now omitted; in its place the number of cities included (then 101), was for a time given, but beginning Oct. 9 1929 even this has been omitted. The figures have also been revised to exclude a bank in the San Francisco district with loans and investments of \$135,000,000 on Jan. 2 1929, which had then recently merged with a non-member bank. The figures are now given in round millions instead of in thousands.

PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN EACH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 30 1932 (In millions of dollars.)

Federal Reserve District—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Loans and investments—total	19,002	1,210	8,160	1,100	1,893	584	501	2,116	512	299	510	388	1,729
Loans—total	10,413	710	4,095	599	1,086	310	323	1,375	280	179	248	241	967
On securities	4,288	273	1,850	297	489	116	107	602	111	52	78	72	241
All other	6,125	437	2,245	302	597	194	216	773	169	127	170	169	726
Investments—total	8,589	500	4,065	501	807	274	178	741	232	120	262	147	762
U. S. Government securities	5,266	315	2,732	226	480	159	93	423	116	61	145	90	426
Other securities	3,323	185	1,333	275	327	115	85	318	116	59	117	57	336
Reserve with F. R. Bank	1,985	81	1,093	95	107	33	27	339	37	20	42	26	85
Cash in vault	209	15	53	13	25	13	8	36	7	5	12	7	15
Net demand deposits	11,745	737	6,195	650	837	288	216	1,246	285	160	337	225	569
Time deposits	5,668	410	1,315	276	797	228	193	895	204	141	181	128	900
Government deposits	423	174	301	36	31	15	23	35	6	1	6	18	33
Due from banks	1,639	168	138	131	86	89	67	335	108	72	156	98	187
Due to banks	3,290	168	1,540	207	226	98	76	388	101	54	159	89	184
Borrowings from F. R. Bank	100	1	10	7	15	5	16	2	1	1			40

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Dec. 7 1932, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Dec. 7 1932.	Nov. 30 1932.	Dec. 9 1931.		Dec. 7 1932.	Nov. 30 1932.	Dec. 9 1931.
Resources—				Resources (Concluded)—			
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	605,614,000	610,178,000	372,336,000	Due from foreign banks (see note)	1,019,000	1,014,000	3,172,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	3,783,000	4,134,000	11,778,000	Federal Reserve notes of other banks	5,654,000	3,688,000	4,090,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	609,397,000	614,312,000	384,114,000	Uncollected items	85,431,000	107,728,000	114,279,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	91,556,000	109,403,000	145,803,000	Bank premises	14,817,000	14,817,000	15,240,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	269,743,000	298,505,000	482,888,000	All other resources	22,064,000	21,548,000	15,316,000
Total gold reserves	970,696,000	1,022,220,000	1,012,805,000	Total resources	1,991,618,000	2,062,023,000	1,717,773,000
Reserves other than gold	58,586,000	58,580,000	37,567,000	Liabilities—			
Total reserves	1,029,282,000	1,080,800,000	1,050,372,000	Fed. Reserve notes in actual circulation	583,615,000	583,162,000	519,304,000
Non-reserve cash	20,831,000	20,716,000	18,594,000	Deposits—Member bank reserve acct.	1,151,637,000	1,199,755,000	895,076,000
Bills discounted:				Government	7,745,000	2,402,000	4,393,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	34,823,000	31,720,000	92,385,000	Foreign bank (see note)	4,574,000	9,620,000	31,764,000
Other bills discounted	30,537,000	29,857,000	44,873,000	Other deposits	11,620,000	11,754,000	10,589,000
Total bills discounted	65,360,000	61,577,000	137,258,000	Total deposits	1,175,576,000	1,223,531,000	941,822,000
Bills bought in open market	9,895,000	10,262,000	110,369,000	Deferred availability items	82,250,000	105,585,000	108,259,000

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 3985.

Following are sales at Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on pages which follow:

Large table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ending Dec. 9, Sales for Week, Range for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Railroads, Indus. & Misc., and various stock categories.

Quotations for United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, &c.—Friday, Dec. 9

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid., Asked., Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid., Asked.

U. S. Treasury Bills.—Friday, Dec. 9.

Rates quoted are for discount at purchase.

Table with columns: Maturity, Bid., Asked., Maturity, Bid., Asked.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.—Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Dec. 3, Dec. 5, Dec. 6, Dec. 7, Dec. 8, Dec. 9. Includes sections for First Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, Treasury, and various bond categories.

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

Small table with columns: 2 1st 4 1/2s, 5 4th 4 1/2s, 5 Treasury 4 1/2s.

Foreign Exchange.—

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3.22 1/4 @ 3.23 1/4 for checks and 3.22 3/4 @ 3.23 13-16 for cables.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.90 1/4 @ 3.90 3/4 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.14 1/2 @ 40.16.

Exchange for Paris on London, 82.85, week's range, 82.85 francs high and 81.40 francs low.

The week's range for exchange rates follows

Table with columns: Sterling, Actual—Checks, Cables, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 3986.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 4018.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Fenner, Beane & Ungerleider have prepared a special booklet analyzing five stocks: American Radiator, Chrysler Corporation, Columbia Gas & Electric, Montgomery Ward and United Aircraft & Transport.

—Carroll Williams, formerly of D. M. Collins & Co., is now in charge of the bank stock trading department of Leach Bros., Inc., and George Morgan is head of the retail bank stock department.

—Bowling & Co., 25 Broad St., New York, announce the opening of a department to deal in bank and insurance stocks with Alfred Rentz as Manager and Horace W. Wells, Associate.

—John P. White announces the formation of John P. White & Co., 90 Wall Street, to transact a brokerage business in stocks and bonds, succeeding to the business of White & Cartmell.

—Peabody, Smith & Co., Inc., announce that John F. O'Herron, formerly of H. D. Knox & Co., is now associated with them in their trading department.

—Hoit, Rose & Troster, 74 Trinity Pl., New York, have prepared a circular on the increased importance of yield on New York City bank stocks.

—Paul Campbell and E. H. Farrell are now associated in the distribution of securities and are located at Goodbody & Co., 115 Broadway.

—Sydney Ehrlich has been admitted to general partnership in the firm of W. G. Riley & Co., New York.

—Leonard E. Gazan and Harry J. Cullen have withdrawn from the firm Charles E. Doyle & Co.

Report of Stock Sales—New York Stock Exchange

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

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\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares.	Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
36 37 1/2	36 3/8	37 1/8	40 3/8	40 3/8	40 3/8	75,500	100	17 1/2	28	7 1/4	20 3/8	
*51 60	*51 60	59 60	57 58 1/2	58 58	57 58	3,900	100	35	58	27 1/2	108 1/4	
16 17	16 1/2	16 1/2	18 20 1/2	19 20	*18 1/2	2,700	20	20	20 1/2	25	120	
8 8 3/8	8 1/2	9	10 10 1/2	12 12	11 11 1/2	13,800	100	9 1/2	10 1/2	14	37 1/2	
10 10 1/8	10 1/8	10 1/2	*20 22 1/2	22 22	22 1/2	2,700	100	6	6	15	80 1/2	
20 20	*19 1/2	20 20	74 1/2	74 1/2	*70 75	600	50	9 1/2	10 1/2	18	66 1/2	
*68 1/4	75	74 1/2	*7 1/2	10	*7 1/2	100	100	5	6	80	113 1/2	
8 1/2	8 1/2	*8 1/2	*8 1/2	10	*7 1/2	10	100	4	4 1/2	10	66	
*3 1/8	4 3/8	*3 1/8	*3 1/8	4 3/8	*3 1/8	4 3/8	100	2 1/2	3	6 1/2	13 1/2	
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FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SECOND PAGE PRECEDING.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Dec. 3, Monday Dec. 5, Tuesday Dec. 6, Wednesday Dec. 7, Thursday Dec. 8, Friday Dec. 9), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1932, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights

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Saturday Dec. 3.	Monday Dec. 5.	Tuesday Dec. 6.	Wednesday Dec. 7.	Thursday Dec. 8.	Friday Dec. 9.		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest		
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares.	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
71 1/2	71 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	300	Briggs & Stratton.....No par	4 May 26	10 1/2 Mar 8	8 Sept 24 1/2	Mar 24 1/2	
73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	300	Brooklyn Union Gas.....No par	46 June 2	89 1/2 Mar 14	72 1/2 Dec 12 1/2	Mar 45 1/2	
30 1/2	30 1/2	32	32	32	32	300	Brown Shoe Co.....No par	23 July 9	38 1/2 Feb 15	32 1/2 Jan 25	Feb 15	
2 1/2	2 1/2	3	3	3	3	200	Brunns-Baile-Collender.....No par	18 July 8	41 1/2 Sept 6	2 1/2 Dec 31	July 15	
3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	400	Bucyrus-Erie Co.....10	11 June 2	7 1/2 Sept 8	3 1/2 Dec 20 1/2	Feb 20 1/2	
3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	600	Preferred.....5	21 May 31	10 1/2 Sept 9	4 1/2 Dec 34 1/2	Apr 34 1/2	
44	44	44	44	44	44	100	7% preferred.....100	35 June 16	80 Sept 7	75 Dec 11 1/2	Apr 11 1/2	
1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1,100	Budd (E G) Mfg.....No par	1 1/2 Apr 9	3 1/2 Sept 22	1 1/2 Dec 5 1/2	June 5 1/2	
4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	30	7% preferred.....100	3 1/2 July 27	14 Sept 10	10 Dec 50	June 50	
1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	600	Budd Wheel.....No par	8 May 26	4 1/2 Jan 24	2 1/2 Dec 13	Feb 13	
1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	2	Buolva Watch.....No par	11 Apr 11	3 1/2 Jan 24	3 1/2 Dec 15 1/2	Jan 15 1/2	
3 3/8	3 3/8	3 3/8	3 3/8	3 3/8	3 3/8	2,500	Bullard Co.....No par	2 1/2 May 28	8 Sept 7	3 1/2 Dec 23	Feb 23	
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 3/8	7 3/8	7 3/8	7 3/8	400	Burroughs Add Mach.....No par	6 1/2 June 1	13 1/4 Aug 26	10 Oct 32 1/2	Jan 32 1/2	
4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	600	Bush Term.....No par	3 1/2 June 23	21 1/4 Mar 9	15 1/2 Dec 31	Jan 31	
27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	100	Debutene.....100	7 1/2 July 14	6 1/2 Mar 9	4 1/2 Dec 10 1/2	Jan 10 1/2	
9 1/4	9 1/4	9 3/4	9 3/4	9 3/4	9 3/4	110	Bush Term Bldgs gu pref.....100	12 1/2 July 5	85 Jan 7	85 Dec 11 1/2	Mar 11 1/2	
1 1/8	1 1/8	1 1/8	1 1/8	1 1/8	1 1/8	700	Butte & Superior Minn.....10	1 1/2 July 5	1 1/2 Sept 8	1 1/2 May 24	July 24	
2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	400	Butterick Co.....No par	1 1/2 June 10	5 1/2 Sept 8	1 Dec 20 1/2	Feb 20 1/2	
11 1/4	11 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	10,100	Byers Co (A M).....No par	7 May 16	24 1/2 Sept 8	10 1/2 Dec 69 1/2	Feb 69 1/2	
45	45	45	45	45	45	100	Preferred.....100	35 1/2 May 23	69 Sept 6	68 Oct 106 1/2	Feb 106 1/2	
8 1/2	8 1/2	9	9	9	9	1,900	California Packing.....No par	1 1/2 June 17	19 Sept 8	14 Dec 53	Feb 53	
3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	200	Callahan Zinc-Lead.....10	1 1/2 June 17	1 1/2 Sept 10	1 1/2 Oct 1 1/2	Mar 1 1/2	
3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	600	Callahan Zinc-Lead.....10	1 1/2 June 17	1 1/2 Sept 10	1 1/2 Oct 1 1/2	Mar 1 1/2	
10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	500	Calumet & Hecla Cons Cop.....25	1 1/2 May 27	7 1/2 Sept 8	3 Dec 15 1/2	Feb 15 1/2	
15 1/2	15 1/2	16	16	16	16	200	Campbell W & O Fdy.....No par	2 1/2 June 1	10 Aug 29	5 1/2 Dec 16 1/2	Mar 16 1/2	
17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	200	Canada Dry Ginger Ale No par	6 June 2	15 Sept 9	10 1/2 Dec 45	June 45	
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	100	Cannon Mills.....No par	10 1/2 June 2	23 1/2 Sept 8	17 Jan 25	Mar 25	
22	22	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	100	Capital Admils of A.....No par	2 1/2 Apr 8	9 1/2 Sept 8	4 1/2 Dec 16	Feb 16	
35 1/2	35 1/2	36	36	36	36	129,100	Preferred A.....50	19 June 16	32 Aug 25	24 Dec 36 1/2	Feb 36 1/2	
55 1/2	55 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	50	Case (J D) Co.....100	16 1/2 June 9	65 1/2 Sept 3	33 1/4 Oct 13 1/2	Feb 13 1/2	
6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	2,800	Preferred certificates.....100	30 May 17	75 Jan 12	53 Sept 116	Mar 116	
8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	100	Caterpillar Tractor.....No par	4 1/2 June 11	15 Jan 18	10 1/4 Dec 52 1/2	Feb 52 1/2	
1 1/8	1 1/8	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,800	Celanese Corp of Am.....No par	1 1/2 June 21	12 1/2 Sept 6	2 1/2 Dec 16	Feb 16	
1 1/8	1 1/8	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	Celotex Corp.....No par	7 1/2 Aug 10	13 1/2 Jan 18	2 1/2 Dec 14 1/2	Mar 14 1/2	
2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	410	Certificates.....No par	3 1/2 Aug 11	2 1/2 Feb 29	1 1/2 Dec 13 1/2	Mar 13 1/2	
13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	1,600	Central Aguirre Asso.....No par	7 1/2 June 2	20 1/2 Sept 8	11 Dec 25 1/2	Jan 25 1/2	
3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	400	Century Ribbon Mills.....No par	2 1/2 June 2	6 1/2 Jan 9	2 1/2 Jan 8 1/2	Sept 8 1/2	
6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	200	Preferred.....100	60 July 11	8 1/2 Jan 23	50 May 90	Sept 90	
1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	800	Cerro de Pasco Copper.....No par	3 1/2 June 2	15 1/2 Sept 8	9 1/2 Sept 30 1/2	Feb 30 1/2	
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	200	Certain-Feed Products.....No par	1 1/2 May 26	3 1/2 Feb 17	2 1/2 Jan 7 1/2	Mar 7 1/2	
11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	1,500	7% preferred.....100	6 Dec 9	15 1/2 Aug 23	11 Jan 35	Aug 35	
47 1/2	47 1/2	45	45	45	45	80	City Ice & Fuel.....No par	11 Oct 13	28 1/2 Feb 19	25 1/2 Dec 37 1/2	Feb 37 1/2	
19 1/2	19 1/2	18	18	18	18	4,500	Preferred.....100	43 1/2 Nov 23	68 1/2 Jan 5	63 1/2 Dec 90	Apr 90	
13 1/2	13 1/2	14	14	14	14	200	Chester Cab Mfg Corp.....5	16 1/2 Jan 29	30 1/2 Sept 8	13 1/2 Dec 16 1/2	Feb 16 1/2	
3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,100	Chesapeake Corp.....No par	4 1/2 June 28	22 1/2 Sept 8	13 1/2 Oct 15 1/2	Feb 15 1/2	
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	80	Chicago Pneumat Tool.....No par	1 1/2 May 25	6 1/2 Jan 22	3 1/2 Oct 15 1/2	Feb 15 1/2	
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	300	Chicago Yellow Cab.....No par	2 1/2 June 17	12 1/2 Sept 9	6 1/2 Dec 35	Feb 35	
4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	500	Childs Cotton Oil.....10	6 1/2 July 15	14 Mar 12	8 Sept 23	Jan 23	
14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	189,500	Chikasha Co.....No par	5 June 10	12 1/2 Sept 7	8 Dec 12 1/2	Mar 12 1/2	
7	7	7	7	7	7	500	Chrysler Corp.....No par	1 1/2 June 23	8 Sept 10	5 1/2 Dec 33 1/2	Mar 33 1/2	
10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	100	Clark Equipment.....No par	5 June 2	21 1/2 Sept 8	11 1/4 Oct 25 1/2	Mar 25 1/2	
10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	100	Cluett Peabody & Co.....No par	3 1/2 July 2	8 1/2 Jan 14	8 1/2 Dec 22 1/2	Mar 22 1/2	
70 1/4	70 1/4	70 1/4	70 1/4	70 1/4	70 1/4	8,500	Preferred.....100	10 Apr 14	22 Mar 5	15 Dec 34 1/2	Feb 34 1/2	
45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	1,100	Coca-Cola Co (The).....No par	90 June 1	96 Feb 15	92 Dec 105	July 105	
11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	4,500	Class A.....No par	70 Nov 25	120 Mar 8	97 1/2 Oct 170	Feb 170	
70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	100	Colgate-Palmolive-Peet No par	4 1/2 July 9	50 Mar 22	45 1/2 Dec 53 1/2	Jan 53 1/2	
70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	100	6 1/2 preferred.....100	10 1/2 Dec 6	31 Mar 9	24 Dec 50 1/2	Jan 50 1/2	
50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	800	Collins & Aikman.....No par	65 June 1	95 Mar 11	79 1/2 Dec 104 1/2	Sept 104 1/2	
50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	100	Con-Non-voting preferred.....100	24 May 31	107 Mar 7	6 1/2 Dec 17 1/2	Jan 17 1/2	
50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	100	Con-Non-voting preferred.....100	55 June 9	80 Mar 7	68 Dec 100 1/2	Nov 100 1/2	
50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	100	Colorado Fuel & Iron.....No par	9 Jan 11	12 1/2 Oct 14	7 1/2 June 10 1/2	Nov 10 1/2	
23	23	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	8,100	Columbian Carbon v t c No par	2 1/2 July 7	14 1/2 Sept 3	6 1/2 Dec 19 1/2	Jan 19 1/2	
10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	1,100	Columbian Carbon v t c No par	13 1/2 May 31	41 1/2 Mar 9	32 Dec 11 1/2	Feb 11 1/2	
11 1/2	11 1/2	12	12	12	12	42,638	Columbia Gas & Elec.....No par	4 1/2 May 9	14 1/2 Aug 27	11 1/2 Dec 45 1/2	Mar 45 1/2	
60	60	61	61	61	61	1,300	Preferred series A.....100	41 June 2	21 Sept 8	72 1/2 Dec 109 1/2	Mar 109 1/2	
4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	1,000	Commerical Credit.....No par	40 Apr 8	79 1/2 Aug 30	8 Sept 23 1/2	Feb 23 1/2	
24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	2,300	Class A.....50	3 1/2 June 2	11 Mar 5	8 Dec 35 1/2	Feb 35 1/2	
19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	50	6 1/2 first preferred.....100	11 1/2 July 19	25 Sept 2	15 Oct 35 1/2	July 35 1/2	
72	72	72	72	72	72	3,321	Comm Invest Trust.....No par	10 1/2 June 7	75 Nov 4	52 Dec 92	Sept 92	
19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	440	Conv preferred.....100	10 1/2 June 7	27 1/2 Mar 3	15 1/2 Dec 34	Mar 34	
80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	24,400	6 1/2 1st preferred.....100	55 1/2 June 2	82 Nov 16	60 Dec 90	Jan 90	
96	96	96	96	96	96	24,700	Commercial Solvents.....No par	88 June 3	101 Oct 17	94 Dec 106	Aug 106	
9	9	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	24,700	Commonwealth & Sou.....No par	3 1/2 May 28	13 1/2 Sept 8	6 1/2 Dec 21 1/2	Feb 21 1/2	
2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	3,000	\$6 preferred series.....No par	15 June 2	6 1/2 Aug 29	3 Dec 12	Feb 12	
41	41	41	41	41	41	2,700	Condé Nast Publications.....No par	27 1/2 June 2	65 1/2 Mar 11	46 Dec 100 1/2	Mar 100 1/2	
3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	800	Consolidated Cigar.....No par	5 May 25	12 Sept 8	10 Dec 34 1/2	Jan 34 1/2	
6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	340	Consolidated Cigar.....No par	6 1/2 June 2	12 1/2 Sept 8	6 1/2 Jan 14 1/2	Aug 14 1/2	
2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,300	Consolidated Cigar.....No par	4 May 28	11 Sept 8	6 1/2 Dec 30 1/2	Mar 30 1/2	
47	47	47										

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Dec. 3, Monday Dec. 5, Tuesday Dec. 6, Wednesday Dec. 7, Thursday Dec. 8, Friday Dec. 9), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1932, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931. The table lists numerous stocks with their respective prices and sales data.

* Bid and asked prices: no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Dec. 3, Monday Dec. 5, Tuesday Dec. 6, Wednesday Dec. 7, Thursday Dec. 8, Friday Dec. 9), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1932, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931. The table lists numerous stocks with their respective prices and ranges.

* Bid and asked prices: no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Dec. 3 to Friday Dec. 9), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1932, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931. Lists various stocks like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, McCall Corp., etc.

* Bid and asked prices: no sales on this day. * Dividend dates. * E.C. Evident.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Main table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Dec. 3 to Friday Dec. 9), Sales for the week, Stock names, and Per Share prices (Lowest and Highest) for 1932 and 1931.

* 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 EIGHTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Dec. 3 to Friday Dec. 9), 'Sales for the Week', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1932', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931'. It lists various stocks like Thompson (J R) Co, Union Carbide, and many others with their respective prices and shares.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day / Ex-dividend / Ex-rights / Ex-warrants

New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

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On Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Dec. 9.						BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Dec. 9.						
Interest Period	Price Friday Dec. 9.	Week's Range or Last Sale.		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.	Interest Period	Price Friday Dec. 9.	Week's Range or Last Sale.		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Bid	Ask					Low	High			Low
U. S. Government.												
First Liberty Loan—												
J	2 1/2	Sale	101 3/4	101 3/4	292	94 1/2	102 1/2	101 3/4	101 3/4	3	96 1/2	102 1/2
J	101 1/2	Sale	100 3/4	101 1/2	3	96 1/2	102 1/2	101 3/4	101 3/4	3	96 1/2	102 1/2
J	101 1/2	Sale	102 1/2	102 1/2	210	97 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	210	97 1/2	102 1/2
J	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/2	102 1/2	210	97 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	210	97 1/2	102 1/2
Fourth Liberty Loan—												
A	103 1/2	Sale	103 1/2	103 3/4	319	98 1/2	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	319	98 1/2	103 3/4
A	103 1/2	Sale	103 3/4	103 3/4	132	98 1/2	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	132	98 1/2	103 3/4
A	104 1/2	Sale	103 3/4	104 1/2	691	94 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	691	94 1/2	104 1/2
A	102 1/2	Sale	102 1/2	102 1/2	489	99 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	489	99 1/2	102 1/2
J	101 1/2	Sale	100 3/4	101 1/2	109	87 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	109	87 1/2	101 1/2
J	96 1/2	Sale	95 3/4	96 1/2	2563	82 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	2563	82 1/2	96 1/2
J	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/2	101 1/2	67	87 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	67	87 1/2	101 1/2
J	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/2	101 1/2	108	88 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	108	88 1/2	101 1/2
J	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	98	2016	83	99 1/2	98	98	2016	83	99 1/2
State & City—See note below.												
Foreign Govt. & Municipals.												
F	28	32	28	20 1/2	4	20 1/4	41	20 1/2	41	4	20 1/4	41
A	28	32	27 1/4	28	3	22 1/4	41	28	3	22 1/4	41	41
M	65 1/8	67	65	67	10	49 7/8	74	65	67	10	49 7/8	74
J	7	Sale	7	7 1/4	29	3	16 1/2	7	7 1/4	29	3	16 1/2
J	7	Sale	7	7 1/4	33	3	15 7/8	7	7 1/4	33	3	15 7/8
J	7	Sale	7	7 1/8	11	3 1/4	15	7	7 1/8	11	3 1/4	15
J	7	Sale	7	7 1/8	11	2 1/2	15	7	7 1/8	11	2 1/2	15
A	6 1/4	Sale	6 1/4	7	3	4	13 1/2	6 1/4	7	3	4	13 1/2
A	6 1/4	Sale	6 1/4	7 1/8	14	4 1/8	14 3/4	6 1/4	7 1/8	14	4 1/8	14 3/4
A	6 1/4	Sale	6 1/4	7	5	4	15	6 1/4	7	5	4	15
J	7 1/2	Sale	a73 1/8	75	30	a64	a90 1/8	7 1/2	75	30	a64	a90 1/8
A	46 1/8	Sale	46	47	13	34 1/8	61	46 1/8	47	13	34 1/8	61
J	47	Sale	45 3/8	48	73	35	67 1/2	47	48	73	35	67 1/2
A	46 1/8	Sale	45 1/2	47 3/8	33	34 1/8	67	46 1/8	47 3/8	33	34 1/8	67
M	45 3/4	Sale	45 1/4	47 3/8	80	34 1/8	68	45 3/4	47 3/8	80	34 1/8	68
J	46 1/8	Sale	46	49	41	34 1/8	67	46 1/8	49	41	34 1/8	67
M	48	Sale	45 1/2	48 1/4	52	34 1/8	67	48	48 1/4	52	34 1/8	67
M	46 1/8	Sale	45 1/2	47 3/8	58	34 1/8	68	46 1/8	47 3/8	58	34 1/8	68
F	46	Sale	45 3/8	47 3/8	70	34 1/8	67 1/2	46	47 3/8	70	34 1/8	67 1/2
M	47	Sale	45 1/2	47 3/8	39	34 1/8	67	47	47 3/8	39	34 1/8	67
A	42 3/8	Sale	41	43	59	30 3/8	59 3/4	42 3/8	43	59	30 3/8	59 3/4
M	46	55	51	Dec'32	---	41	67	46	55	51	Dec'32	---
J	71 3/4	Sale	69	72 1/2	498	46 1/2	83 3/4	71 3/4	72 1/2	498	46 1/2	83 3/4
M	67 1/2	Sale	69	72 1/2	196	46 1/2	89 1/4	67 1/2	72 1/2	196	46 1/2	89 1/4
M	68 1/4	Sale	64 1/2	68 1/4	118	41	82 1/2	68 1/4	68 1/4	118	41	82 1/2
N	91	Sale	88 1/2	92 1/2	53	62 3/8	95	91	92 1/2	53	62 3/8	95
J	50 1/2	Sale	49 1/2	50 1/2	77	20	55	50 1/2	50 1/2	77	20	55
F	49 1/8	Sale	49	50 1/8	28	22	52 1/4	49 1/8	50 1/8	28	22	52 1/4
M	100	Sale	98 1/2	101	176	83	102	100	101	176	83	102
J	92	Sale	90 1/2	92	393	80	100 1/8	92	92	393	80	100 1/8
J	103 1/2	Sale	102	103 1/2	86	91 1/2	107	103 1/2	103 1/2	86	91 1/2	107
M	102 1/2	Sale	101 1/4	102 1/2	213	91 1/4	106	102 1/2	102 1/2	213	91 1/4	106
A	65	75 1/2	78	Nov'30	---	55	80	65	75 1/2	78	Nov'30	---
M	70	75	72	Dec'32	---	46	76	70	75	72	Dec'32	---
A	43	Sale	41 3/4	43	17	16 5/8	44	43	43	17	16 5/8	44
J	37	38 3/8	37 1/4	39	25	15	40 1/2	37	38 3/8	37 1/4	39	25
A	17	17 1/8	16 1/2	17	4	6 1/4	a22	17	17 1/8	16 1/2	17	4
M	5 1/2	6 1/4	5 1/2	6	31	3 1/4	10	5 1/2	6 1/4	5 1/2	6	31
A	4 1/4	Sale	4 1/8	5	46	2 1/8	9 1/2	4 1/4	5	46	2 1/8	9 1/2
M	4 1/4	Sale	3 5/8	5	84	2	8 1/4	4 1/4	5	84	2	8 1/4
J	10 3/4	10 3/4	10 1/4	10 3/4	42	9 3/4	10 5/4	10 3/4	10 3/4	42	9 3/4	10 5/4
J	18 1/4	Sale	18	18 1/2	13	16	31 1/8	18 1/4	18 1/2	13	16	31 1/8
A	a14 3/8	Sale	14 1/4	15	67	13 1/2	26 1/2	a14 3/8	15	67	13 1/2	26 1/2
A	15	Sale	14 3/8	15 1/4	20	14	25 3/8	15	15 1/4	20	14	25 3/8
J	14	Sale	14	14 1/8	19	12 1/8	25	14	14 1/8	19	12 1/8	25
A	a61	Sale	61	62 1/2	43	26	62 1/2	a61	62 1/2	43	26	62 1/2
M	65	Sale	61	65	23	33 3/8	78	65	65	23	33 3/8	78
A	64 1/4	Sale	63	64 3/4	25	32	78 3/8	64 1/4	64 3/4	25	32	78 3/8
J	71	Sale	68 3/4	71	33	37	85 3/8	71	71	33	37	85 3/8
J	23	Sale	23	25 1/4	60	11 1/2	30 1/2	23	25 1/4	60	11 1/2	30 1/2
J	37 1/2	39 1/2	37 1/8	37 3/8	23	31	53 1/2	37 1/2	39 1/2	23	31	53 1/2
A	34 1/8	35	33	Nov'32	---	31	53	34 1/8	35	33	Nov'32	---
A	20 3/4	Sale	20 3/4	22	48	20 3/4	37 1/4	20 3/4	22	48	20 3/4	37 1/4
F	21	Sale	21	21 1/4	22	21	37	21	21 1/4	22	21	37
J	15	17	17	18	6	10	34	15	17	6	10	34
M	23 1/2	25 3/4	23 1/2	24 1/4	4	a14 1/2	41 1/2	23 1/2	25 3/4	23 1/2	24 1/4	4
J	11 1/4	12	11 3/8	12 1/2	20	8	22	11 1/4	12	20	8	22
A	81 1/8	Sale	79	81 1/4	184	71	92 1/4	81 1/8	81 1/4	184	71	92 1/4
A	95 3/8	Sale	a97 3/8	99	76	87	100 1/2	95 3/8	99	76	87	100 1/2
A	98	Sale	96 3/4	98 1/2	69	86	102 1/4	98	98 1/2	69	86	102 1/4
A	85	88	86	86	1	61	90	85	88	1	61	90
A	9	Sale	9	9 1/2	4	5 1/8	19 1/2	9	9 1/2	4	5 1/8	19 1/2
M	57	57 3/8	56 1/8	57 1/4	55	a25 1/2	61 3/8	57	57 3/8	55	a25 1/2	61 3/8
A	49	Sale	47	49 1/4	123	21 1/4	54	49	49 1/4	123	21 1/4	54
A	49	Sale	47	49 1/4	216	a21 1/4	54	49	49 1/4	216	a21 1/4	54
A	57 1/4	Sale	55	57 1/2	92	23	58	57 1/4	57 1/2	92	23	58
M	6 1/2	Sale	6	7	31	4 1/2	19	6 1/2	7	31	4 1/2	19
M	5 1/2	Sale	5 1/2	6 1/4	60	3 1/8	15	5 1/2	6 1/4	60	3 1/8	15
F	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/4	64	3	14 3/4	5 1/2	5 1/2	64	3	14 3/4
J	5 1/2	Sale	5 1/2	6 1/2	7	3 1/2	15	5 1/2	6 1/2	7	3 1/2	15
M	5 1/2	6 1/8	6	6 1/4	7	4	16 1/4	5 1/2	6 1/8	7	4	16 1/4
M	5 1/2	7	5 3/8	5 3/8	5	3 3/4	14 1/2	5 1/2	7	5	3 3/4	14 1/2
M	5 1/2	Sale	5 1/2	6	6	3 3/4	14 1/2	5 1/2	6	6	3 3/4	14 1/2
J	10	Sale	9 1/8	10 1/8	64	4	20	10	10 1/8	64	4	20
J	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	18	8 3/8	33 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	18	8 3/8	33 1/2
A	8 3/8	Sale	8 1/2	9 1/2	83	4	16 1/2	8 3/8	9 1/2	83	4	16 1/2
M	9 3/8	Sale	9 1/8	10 1/2	42	3	15 3/4	9 3/8	10 1/2	42</		

BONDS										BONDS									
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE									
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Interest	Price	Week's	Range		Bonds	Range	Range		Interest	Price	Week's	Range		Bonds	Range				
Period	Frdy	Range or	Since	Since	Sold	Since	Since	Since	Period	Frdy	Range or	Since	Since	Sold	Since				
	Dec. 9.	Last Sale	Jan. 1.	Jan. 1.		Jan. 1.	Jan. 1.	Jan. 1.		Dec. 9.	Last Sale	Jan. 1.	Jan. 1.		Jan. 1.				
Foreign Govt. & Municipals.																			
Sydney (City) 5 1/2% 1955	F	65 1/2	Sale	63	65 1/2	20	34	79	Chicago Great West 1st 4s 1959	M	37	Ask	37	38 1/2	65	24	56 1/2		
Taiwan (Elec) Pow s f 5 1/2% 1971	J	41 1/2	Sale	41 1/2	42 1/2	37	36 1/2	67 1/2	Chic Ind & Loui ref 6s 1947	J	43	50	38	Oct 32	32	60			
Tokyo City 5s loan of 1912-1952	M	20	35	20 1/2	33	13	29	48 1/2	Refunding gold 5s 1947	J	40	55	45	Nov 32	35	55			
External s f 5 1/2% guar 1952	A	41 1/4	Sale	41 1/4	43	40	36	70	Refunding 4s series C 1947	J	26	51 1/2	51 1/2	Sept 31	2	13	43 1/2		
Tolima (Dept of) extl 7s 1947	M	8	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/2	5	5 1/2	18	1st & gen 5s series A 1946	M	14 1/2	25	16	16 1/2	2	15	40		
Troldhem (City) 1st 5 1/2% 1957	M	63	Sale	63	63 1/4	2	11 1/4	78	Chic Ind & Sou 50-year 4s 1956	J	15 1/2	22 1/2	62 1/2	Dec 32	1	18	48		
Upper Austria (Prov) 7s 1945	J	50 7/8	Sale	48 3/8	50 1/4	7	16	49 1/2	Chic L & East 1st 4 1/2% 1959	J	94	Sale	94	94	43	80	98 1/2		
External s f 6 1/2% June 15 1957	J	37	Sale	35 1/8	37	13	15 1/4	43	Chic M & St P gen 4s ser A 1989	J	43	Sale	43	47 1/2	43	43	71		
Uruguay (Republic) extl 8s 1946	F	35	38 1/2	39	Dec 32	12	29	50	Gen 4 1/2% ser B May 1989	J	42	45 1/2	46	Dec 32	4	46	52		
External s f 6s 1960	M	28	Sale	27 3/4	30	10	22	39	Gen 4 1/2% ser C May 1989	J	46 1/2	Sale	46 1/2	51 1/2	25	46	72		
External s f 6s May 1 1964	M	28	Sale	27 3/4	30	10	22	39	Gen 4 1/2% ser E May 1989	J	46 1/2	Sale	46 1/2	51 1/2	25	46	72		
Venetian Prov Mtge Bank 7s 1952	A	95 1/4	Sale	95	95 1/4	7	80 1/2	99 1/2	Chic Milw St P & Pac 5s A 1975	F	19	Sale	18	19 1/2	169	17 1/2	42		
Vienna (City of) extl s f 6s 1952	M	55 3/4	Sale	54	55 3/4	41	31	64 1/2	Conv aoy 5s Jan 1 2000	A	5	Sale	4 1/2	5	339	27	15 1/2		
Warsaw (City) extl 7s 1958	F	38	Sale	38	38 1/2	22	24 1/2	45 1/4	Chic & No West gen 3 1/2% 1987	M	40	Sale	38 3/8	40	13	38 3/8	61		
Yokohama (City) extl 6s 1961	J	47	Sale	45 1/8	48	37	40	75	Registered	Q	32	54	41 1/2	Aug 32	4	41 1/2	47 1/2		
Railroad																			
Ala Gt Sou 1st con 4s 1943	J	105	Sept 31	105	105	4	78	83 1/2	General 4s 1987	M	44	Sale	43	44	13	36	70		
1st con 4s ser B 1943	J	83 1/2	Sept 32	83 1/2	83 1/2	4	78	83 1/2	Stpd 4s non-p Fed Inc tax '87	M	70	60	Sept 32	46	70	70			
Alb & Susq 1st guar 3 1/2% 1946	A	36	Sale	36	36 1/2	4	67 1/2	83	Gen 4 1/2% stpd Fed Inc tax 1987	M	51	52 1/2	Nov 32	4	50	83			
Alleg & West 1st gen 3 1/2% 1948	A	36	Sale	36	36 1/2	4	67 1/2	83	Gen 5s stpd Fed Inc tax 1987	M	52	51	52 1/2	4	49	85			
Alleg Val gen guar 4s 1942	M	91	90	92 3/2	91	41	78	95	Stinking fund deb 5s 1933	M	50 1/2	58	50 1/2	4	49	85			
Ann Arbor 1st g 4s July 1955	Q	38	39 1/2	35	35	8	13	40	Registered	M	80	60	Oct 32	14	60	75			
Atch Top & S Fe—Gen g 4s 1995	A	92 1/4	Sale	91 1/4	92 1/2	133	67 1/2	94 1/2	15-year secured g 6 1/2% 1936	M	56 1/2	60	64	14	52 1/2	87			
Registered	A	86 1/2	Nov 32	86 1/2	86 1/2	4	77	84 1/2	1st ref g 5s May 2037	J	20 1/2	Sale	17 1/2	20 1/2	29	17	57		
Adjustment gold 4s July 1995	Nov	81 1/2	90	80	81 1/2	4	70	89	1st & ref 4 1/2% stmp May 2037	J	18	Sale	17 1/2	18	40	15 1/2	46 1/2		
Stamped	N	82	Sale	80 3/4	82	25	63	85 1/2	1st & ref 4 1/2% ser C May 2037	J	18	Sale	17 1/2	18	27	16	46 1/2		
Registered	M	80	Aug 32	80	80	2	72	85	Conv 4 1/2% series A 1949	M	13 1/4	Sale	11 1/2	13 1/2	331	8 1/2	39		
Conv gold 4s of 1909 1955	J	81	79 3/4	Nov 32	81	2	60	84	Chic R I & P Ry gen 4s 1988	J	53	Sale	52	54	20	52	80		
Conv 4s of 1905 1955	J	77	78 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	2	60	83 1/4	Registered	J	73	64 1/2	Sept 32	2	62	68			
Conv g 4s issue of 1910 1960	J	90	91	89 1/4	90	45	68	69 1/2	Refunding gold 4s 1934	A	27	Sale	26	27	262	19	73		
Conv deb 4 1/2% 1948	J	90	91	89 1/4	90	45	68	69 1/2	Registered	A	96	96 1/2	Apr 31	72	18	63 1/2			
Rocky Mtn Div 1st 4s 1985	J	81	82 1/2	82	Dec 32	17	75	82	Secured 4 1/2% series A 1952	M	23 1/4	Sale	20	24 1/4	118	48	78		
Tras-Con Short L 1st 4s 1958	J	93	Sale	91 1/4	93	14	77 1/2	94	Conv g 4 1/2% 1960	M	14 1/4	Sale	13	14 1/2	118	48	78		
Cal-Arg 1st & ref 4 1/2% A 1962	M	92	Sale	90 1/8	93 1/2	17	80	95 1/2	Ch St L & N O 5s June 15 1951	J	61	71	71	75	10	48	75		
Atl Knox & Nor 1st g 6s 1946	J	88 1/2	103 1/2	Feb 31	88 1/2	1	78	80	Registered	J	61	75	64 1/2	May 32	64 1/2	64 1/2			
Atl & Charl A L 1st 4 1/2% A 1944	J	64	90	71	Oct 32	1	61 1/4	85	Gold 3 1/2% June 15 1931	J	50 1/2	55 1/2	85 1/2	Oct 32	4	45 1/2	65		
Atl 30-year 5s series B 1944	J	70	75	80	Nov 32	1	60	80	Memphis Div 1st g 4s 1951	J	62	64	Oct 32	4	59	59			
Atlantic City 1st con 4s 1951	J	75	78	Sept 32	75	3	60 1/4	85 1/2	Chic T H & So East 1st g 4s 1960	J	42 1/2	Sale	42	45 1/2	4	42	49		
Atl Coast Line 1st con 4s July 1952	M	72 1/2	Sale	72 1/2	72 1/2	3	60 1/4	85 1/2	Irc gu 5s Dec 1 1960	M	26	28	25 1/2	25 1/2	5	12 1/2	49		
General uniffed 4 1/2% A 1964	J	55	60	58	Dec 32	3	44 1/2	65	Chic Un Sta 1st gen 4 1/2% A 1963	J	96 1/8	Sale	92 1/2	95 1/2	24	83	98 1/4		
L & N coll gold 4s Oct 1952	M	46	Sale	44	46	44	25	65	1st 5s series B 1963	J	102	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	16	90	104		
Atl & Dan 1st g 4s 1948	J	15 1/4	22 1/4	17	19 1/2	13	15	40	Guaranteed g 6s 1944	J	100 1/2	Sale	100	101	14	92	101 1/4		
2d 4s 1948	J	16	16	Oct 32	16	1	7	40	1st gen 6 1/2% series C 1963	J	112 1/2	Sale	111 1/2	112 1/2	11	100	113 1/2		
Atl & Yad 1st gen 4s 1949	A	24 1/2	35	30	30	1	7	40	Chic & West Ind con 4s 1952	J	70	Sale	68 1/2	70	29	55	79		
Austin & N W 1st gen 5s 1941	J	70	92 1/2	104	Mar 31	1	7	40	1st ref 5 1/2% series A 1962	M	77 1/2	Sale	77	81	25	55	87 1/2		
Balt & Ohio 1st g 4s July 1948	A	75 1/2	Sale	74	76 1/2	25	58	86 1/2	Choc Okla & Qui con 5s 1952	M	82	68	70	Sept 32	1	60	70		
Registered	J	76	76 1/2	Aug 32	76	1	55	81	Cin H & D 2d gold 4 1/2% 1937	Q	94 1/2	83	83	1	85	90			
20-year conv 4 1/2% 1933	M	63 1/2	Sale	60	63 1/2	845	31	87	C I St L & C 1st g 4s Aug 2 1936	Q	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	25	75	95 1/2			
Refund & gen 5s series A 1995	J	39	Sale	34 3/8	39	117	24 1/2	71 1/2	Registered	F	97	77	Oct 32	1	85	97			
1st gold 6s July 1948	A	80 1/2	81 1/2	75 1/4	81	22	63 1/2	96 1/2	Cin Leb & Nor 1st con 4s 1942	M	77	88	77	Oct 32	1	72	77		
Ref & gen 6s series C 1995	J	42	Sale	40	43	59	27 1/2	79 1/4	Cin Union Term 1st g 4 1/2% 2020	J	96	102	96	96	10	83 1/2	96		
P L E & W Va Sys ref 4s 1941	M	64	Sale	64	65	8	44	80	1st mtge 5s series B 2020	J	101 1/2	Sale	101	101 1/2	27	93 1/2	102		
South Div 1st 5s 1950	J	62 1/8	64 1/4	60 1/4	64	27	40 1/2	82 1/2	Clearfield & Mah 1st gu 5s 1943	J	70	75 1/2	Oct 32	1	75	75 1/2			
Tol & Cin Div 1st ref 4s A 1959	J	55	Sale	55	55 1/2	5	31 1/4	63 1/2	Cleve Cln Chi & St L gen 4s 1993	J	76	Sale	76	77	7	63	77 1/2		
Ref & gen 5s series D 2000	M	37 1/2	Sale	33 1/4	38 3/8	120	25	71	General 5s series B 1993	J	95	89	Oct 32	1	89	89			
Conv 4 1/2% 1960	F	90	Sale	88 1/2	90	255	15	99	Ref & Impt 6s ser C 1941	J	75	70	Nov 32	1	48	99			
Bangor & Aroostook 1st 5s 1943	J	90	91 1/2	93	93	1	70	96	Ref & Impt 5s ser D 1963	J	54	Sale	53	54 1/2	9	40	84		
Con ref 4s 1951	J	70 1/2	76	71 1/4	71 1/4	1	48	79	Ref & Impt 4 1/2% ser E 1977	J	46 1/2	Sale	45	46 1/2	19	28 1/2	71 1/2		
Battle Crk & Stur 1st gu 5s 1959	J	56	61	Feb 31	56	1	82	92 1/2	Calro Div 1st gold 4s 1939	J	86	Dec 32	1	75	86				
Beech Creek 1st gu 4s 1936	J	45	88	82	Oct 32	1	82	92 1/2	Cin W & M Div 1st g 4s 1991	J	74 1/2	70 1/2	66 1/2	Nov 32	1	59	70		
2d guar g 5s 1936	J	100	Jan 30	100	Jan 30	1	82	92 1/2	St L Div 1st coll tr 4s 1990	M	74 1/2	85	74 1/2	Dec 32	1	65	76 1/2		
Beech Crk ext 1st g 3 1/2% 1951	A	73	83	Mar 31	73	1	82	92 1/2	Spr & Col Div 1st g 4s 1940	M	76	Sale	76	76	4	84 1/2	80		
Belvidere Del con 3 1/2% 1943	J	80	85 1/4	Jan 32	80	1	85 1/4	88 1/2	W W Val Div 1st g 4s 1940	J	45	69	50 1/2	Aug 32	1	50 1/2	58		
Big Sandy 1st 4s guar 1944	J	81 1/4	85 1/4	Jan 32	81 1/4	1	85 1/4	88 1/2	C C C & I gen con g 6s 1934	J	100 1/4	100	Dec 32	1	94				

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BONDS										BONDS									
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE									
Week Ended Dec. 9.										Week Ended Dec. 9.									
Interest	Price	Week's	Range		Bonds	Interest	Price	Week's	Range		Bonds	Interest	Price	Week's	Range		Bonds		
Period	Friday	Range or	Low	High	Sold	Period	Friday	Range or	Low	High	Sold	Period	Friday	Range or	Low	High	Sold		
	Dec. 9.	Last Sale.					Dec. 9.	Last Sale.					Dec. 9.	Last Sale.					
N Y Gas El Lt H & Pow g 5s 1948	J D	109 1/4	109	111	4	South Bell Tel & Tel 1st s f 5s '41	J J	105 3/4	105 1/4	106	51	J D	105 3/4	105 1/4	106	51	97 1/2	106	
Purchase money gold 4s-1949	F A	100 3/4	100	101 1/4	36	'S West Bell Tel 1st & ref 5s-1954	F A	106 3/4	106 1/4	106 3/8	8	J D	106 3/4	106 1/4	106 3/8	8	96 1/2	106 3/8	
N Y L E & W Coal & RR 5 1/2s '42	M N	100	100	101	7	Southern Colo Power 6s A-1947	J J	105	105	105	14	J J	105	105	105	14	64	93 1/2	
N Y L E & W Dock & Imp 6s '43	J J	100	100	101 1/2	7	Stand Oil of N J deb 5s Dec 15 '46	F A	105	104 1/2	105	156	F A	105	104 1/2	105	156	93 1/2	105	
N Y Ry Corp Inc 6s-Jan 1965	Apr	31 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	7	Stand Oil of N Y deb 4 1/2s-1951	J D	97 1/4	96 1/2	97 1/4	160	J D	97 1/4	96 1/2	97 1/4	160	82	93 1/2	
Pror lien 6s series A-1951	J J	31 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	7	Stevens Hotel 1st 6s series A-1945	J J	18	18 1/4	18 1/4	3	J J	18	18 1/4	18 1/4	3	10	28	
N Y & Richm Gas 1st 6s A-1951	M N	101 1/2	101 1/4	101 1/4	1	Studebaker Corp 6% g notes 1942	J D	45	45	45	125	J D	45	45	45	125	41	50 7/8	
N Y State Ry 1st cons 4 1/2s '62	M N	1	4	2	Nov'32	Sugar Estates (Oriente) 7s-1942	J D	45	45	45	125	J D	45	45	45	125	41	50 7/8	
Certificates of deposit																			
60-yr 1st cons 6 1/2s ser B-1962	M N	1	1 1/2	5 1/2	Aug'32	Certificates of deposit	M S	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	2	M S	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	2	3 1/2	1	
Certificates of deposit																			
N Y Steam 6s ser A-1947	M N	106 1/2	107 1/4	105 3/4	17	Syracuse Ltg Co 1st g 6s-1951	J D	106 1/2	107	107	1	J D	106 1/2	107	107	1	98 1/4	107	
1st mortgage 5s-1951	M N	103	103	103 3/8	45	Tenn Coal Iron & RR gen 5s-1951	J J	100 7/8	101 1/4	101 1/4	2	J J	100 7/8	101 1/4	101 1/4	2	93	102 1/2	
1st m 5s-1956	M N	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	72	Tenn Corp & Chem deb 6s B-1944	M S	55 1/4	55	55 3/4	14	M S	55 1/4	55	55 3/4	14	39	66	
N Y Tel 1st & gen s f 4 1/2s-1939	M N	104 3/4	104 3/4	105	57	Tenn Elec Pow 1st 6s-1944	A O	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	18	A O	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	18	85 1/2	102 1/2	
N Y Trap Rock 1st 6s-1946	J D	61	61	63 1/4	4	Texas Corp conv deb 5s-1944	A O	103	103	103	1	A O	103	103	103	1	71 1/2	93 1/2	
Niag Lock & O Pow 1st 6s A-1955	A O	100 1/8	100 7/8	100	Dec'32	Third Ave Ry 1st ref 4s-1960	J A	41	41	39 3/4	42	J A	41	41	39 3/4	42	33	51	
Niagara Share deb 5 1/2s-1950	M N	61 1/2	59	61 1/2	12	Adj Inc 5s tax-ex N.Y. Jan 1960	A O	22 3/4	21 1/2	22 3/8	39	A O	22 3/4	21 1/2	22 3/8	39	15 1/2	39 1/2	
Norddeutsche Lloyd 20-yr 6s 7/8-1947	M N	45	45	48 1/2	73	Third Ave RR 1st g 6s-1937	J J	40 3/8	41 1/4	40 1/4	Dec'32	J J	40 3/8	41 1/4	40 1/4	Dec'32	84	94 1/4	
Nor Amer Cem deb 6 1/2s A-1940	M S	18 1/2	18	19	34	Tobacco Prods (N J) 6 1/2s-2022	M N	95	94 1/2	95 1/2	176	M N	95	94 1/2	95 1/2	176	75 1/2	96 1/2	
Nor Edison deb 6s ser A-1961	M S	73	77	78	47 1/2	Toho Elec Power 1st 7s-1955	M S	51 1/8	53 1/2	51	52	M S	51 1/8	53 1/2	51	52	39 1/2	68	
No Am Edison deb 6s ser A-1961	M S	73	77	78	47 1/2	Tokyo Elec Light Co Ltd													
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	1st 6s dollar series-1953	J D	35	35	30 1/4	35 1/2	J D	35	35	30 1/4	35 1/2	26	62	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Trenton G & El 1st g 5s-1949	M N	105	104 3/4	104 3/4	Nov'32	M N	105	104 3/4	104 3/4	Nov'32	99	104 3/4	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Truax-Tracer Coal conv 6 1/2s-1943	M N	28	28	23	29 3/4	M N	28	28	23	29 3/4	7	32	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Trumbull Steel 1st s f 6s-1940	M N	51	51	50 3/4	41 1/4	M N	51	51	50 3/4	41 1/4	18	38	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Twentieth-Century Ry ref 5s-1962	J J	10	10	10	Feb'32	J J	10	10	10	Feb'32	10	10	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Tyrol Hydro-Elec Pow 7 1/2s-1955	M N	50	50	51 1/2	46	M N	50	50	51 1/2	46	25	55	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
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Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 6s-1933	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	M N	101 3/8	101	101 1/8	42	89	102 1/2	
Deb 5 1/2s ser C-1951	F A	81	81 1/4	81 3/8	82 1/2</														

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Railroad, Miscellaneous, and Bonds.

* No par value. x Ex-dividend.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Chicago Stock Exchange, Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Bonds and Common.

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 Bonds and Common.

* No par value. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

Toronto Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Stock Exchange, Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Bonds and Common.

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	1.	
Can General Elec pref. 50	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	2	50	Aug	59	Mar
Can Indus Alcohol A	2	2	2	25	2	May	3 1/2	Nov
Canadian Oil com	9 3/4	9 3/4	9 3/4	25	7	June	13	Sept
Canadian Pacific Ry 25	15	14 1/4	15 1/2	3,535	8 1/2	May	22 3/4	Mar
Cockshutt Plow com	4	4	4 1/2	575	3 1/4	June	8 1/4	Sept
Consolidated Bakeries	3	3	3	50	2 3/4	Oct	8	Jan
Consolidated Industries	1	1	1	15	1	Dec	5	Jan
Cons Mining & Smelting 25	64 1/2	60	64 1/2	835	25	June	101	Sept
Consumers Gas	100	173	175	33	142	May	175	Dec
Dominion Stores com	17	17	17 1/4	510	13	June	20 1/2	Sept
Fanny Farmer com	7	7	7	68	7	Oct	11	Apr
Ford Co of Canada A	7	7	7 1/4	1,455	5 3/4	June	16 3/4	Mar
Goodyear T & R pref. 100	92 1/2	93	93	20	70	June	95	Oct
Gypsum Lime & Alabas	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/4	130	2	June	5	Feb
Hinde & Dauche Paper	3	3	3	85	1	May	3	Dec
Internat Nickel com	9 1/4	8 3/4	9 3/4	9,131	4	June	13 1/2	Sept
Internat Utilities A	6	6 1/4	6 3/4	40	2	Aug	10	Sept
B	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	50	1 1/2	July	4	Aug
Kelvinator of Can com	2 3/4	2 3/4	2 3/4	10	2 1/2	Aug	4	June
Laura Secord Candy com	38 3/4	39	39	55	36	Aug	40	Aug
Loblaw Groceries A	11	11	11 1/4	510	9	June	12 1/4	Nov
B	11	11	11	345	8	June	11 1/2	Nov
Massey-Harris Com	7	2 3/4	3	186	2 1/2	May	5 1/2	Aug
Moore Corp com	7	7	7	15	4 1/2	June	11	Sept
A	80	80	80	5	62	Aug	93	Jan
National Sewer Pipe	16 1/2	17 3/4	17 3/4	190	16 1/2	Dec	17 3/4	Dec
Page-Hershey Tubes com	47	46	47	30	35	June	69	Sept
Photo Engrav & Electro	10	10	10	25	9	June	19 1/2	Mar
Pressed Metals com	14	14 1/2	14 1/2	30	5	July	17 1/2	Nov
Russell Motor pref. 100	40	40	40	8	35	June	70	Jan
Simpson's Ltd pref. 100	15	15	15	1	12	July	55 1/2	Jan
Steel Co of Canada com	15 1/4	15 1/4	16 1/2	297	10 1/4	June	24	Sept
Preferred	27	27	27	10	20	June	30	Oct
Tip Top Tailors com	4	4	4	40	2	May	7	Mar
Traymore Ltd com	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	50	3 1/4	Dec	3 1/4	Dec
Union Gas	6	5 3/4	6	2,711	5 3/4	Apr	8	Aug
Walkers (Hiram) com	9 3/4	9 3/4	9 3/4	675	9	June	12	Feb
Preferred	55	55	55	10	54	Aug	60	July
West Can Flour Mills pref	20 3/4	21	21	90	16 1/2	May	23	Sept
Weston (Geo) Ltd	67	67	67	5	65	June	70	Sept
Preferred	3	3	3	55	2	Mar	7	Sept
Winnipeg Electric com	3	3	3	55	2	Mar	7	Sept
Bank—								
Commerce	100	138	140	41	121	July	191	Jan
Dominion	100	140	141	26	125	July	194	Jan
Imperial	100	150	150	9	130	July	193	Feb
Montreal	100	190	190 1/2	8	150	June	225	Jan
Nova Scotia	100	265	265	7	238	June	275	Sept
Royal	100	138	141	70	120	May	171	Sept
Toronto	100	165	165	25	125	June	193	Feb
Loan and Trust—								
Canada Permanent	100	158	160	14	135	July	186	Jan
Economic Invest.	50	7 3/4	7 3/4	65	5	Aug	9	May
Ontario Loan & Deb	50	106	106	20	94 1/2	June	107	Nov
Toronto General Trusts	100	169	169	10	140	July	210	Feb

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Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.	1.	
Beath & Son (W D) A	4	4	4	4	20	3	Sept	5	May
Baltimore Hats com	100	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	100	2	Feb	4	Aug
Preferred	63	63	63	63	5	45	Mar	63	Dec
Brewing Corp com	171	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	171	1 1/2	July	1	Sept
Preferred	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	15	1	July	3 1/2	Jan
Canada Bud Brew com	7	6 3/4	7	7	360	6 1/2	Dec	9	Jan
Canada Maltng Co	14 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	275	9 3/4	July	15 1/2	Sept
Canada Vinegars com	13	13	13 1/2	13 1/2	60	9 3/4	May	17	Sept
Canadian Wineries	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/2	1 1/2	110	1	May	3 1/2	Sept
Can Wire Bound Boxes A	4	4	4	4	5	4	Dec	7 1/2	Jan
Cosgrave Export Brew	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	50	2 1/2	Dec	3 1/2	Aug
Distillers Corp Seagraves	5 1/2	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	230	3 3/4	Apr	7 3/4	Aug
Dom Motors of Canada	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	10	1 1/2	Nov	5	Feb
Dom Tar & Chem pref. 100	15	15	17	15	15	15	Dec	49	Feb
Goodyear T & R com	68	70	70	70	10	38	June	84	Sept
Hamilton Bridge com	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	10	2	Apr	7	Feb
Honey Dew com	11	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	25	1 1/2	Dec	3 1/2	Feb
Preferred	16	15 1/4	16	16	15	15	Oct	40	Jan
Humberstone Shoe com	16	15 1/4	16	16	15	15	Sept	21 1/4	Jan
Imperial Tobacco ord.	5	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	10	6	June	8 3/4	Jan
Montreal L H & P cons.	31	30 1/4	31 3/4	31 3/4	435	21	June	39 1/2	Sept
National Steel Car Corp	100	7	7	7	100	6	June	12 3/4	Sept
Power Corp of Can com	8 1/4	8	8 1/2	8 1/2	255	6	June	18	Sept
Rogers Majestic	1	1	1	1	95	1	Dec	4	Mar
Service Sta com A	3	3	3 1/2	3 1/2	196	3	Dec	7	Jan
Shawinigan Water & Pow	10	9	10 1/2	10 1/2	152	7 1/2	May	33	Feb
Stand Pav & Mat com	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	10	1 1/2	Dec	3	Sept
Tamblyns Ltd G pref. 100	88	88	91 1/2	91 1/2	15	88	Dec	100 1/2	Jan
Toronto Elevators com	16	16	16	16	20	7	July	16	Dec
United Fuel Invest pfid 100	5	5	5	5	5	3	July	15	Jan
Waterloo Mfg A	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	40	1	July	3 1/4	Jan
Oil—									
British American Oil	8 1/2	8	8 1/2	8 1/2	8,426	8	Dec	11 1/4	Sept
Imperial Oil Ltd	8 3/4	8 3/4	8 3/4	8 3/4	3,792	7 3/4	June	11 1/2	Sept
International Petroleum	11 3/4	11 3/4	12 1/2	12 1/2	1,159	9 3/4	June	13 1/2	Sept
McCull Frontenac Oil com	30	7 3/4	7 3/4	7 3/4	30	7	Apr	11 1/2	Sept
Preferred	64	64	64	64	5	58	July	68	Oct
Supertest Petroleum ord.	12 3/4	12 3/4	12 3/4	12 3/4	110	9 3/4	June	18 1/2	Jan
Thayers Limited pref.	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	20	14 1/4	Dec	18	Mar

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Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.	1.	
American Stores	30 1/2	31	31	31	300	20	June	36 1/4	Feb
Bankers Secur Corp pfid 50	112	8 3/4	8 3/4	9 3/4	2,000	7	Apr	11 1/2	Sept
Bell Tel Co of Pa pref. 100	112	10 3/4	11 1/2	11 1/2	400	96 1/2	May	113	Mar
Budd (E G) Mfg Co	200	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	1 1/2	Apr	3 1/2	Sept
Cambria Iron	50	34	34	34	10	31 1/2	Aug	38	Feb
Camden Fire Insurance 50	22 1/2	22 1/2	24 1/4	24 1/4	187	13 1/2	July	13 1/2	Sept
Electric Storage Battery 100	20	20	20	20	5	14 1/4	July	26	Oct
Fire Assoc new	20	20	20	20	5	14 1/4	July	26	Oct
Horn & Hardart—									
(Phila) com	88 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	20	74	June	150	Apr
(N Y) com	22	22	22	22	100	15	June	26	Aug
Insurance Co of N A	10	31	31	32 1/2	400	19	June	40	Apr
Lehigh Coal & Nav	50	9	9 1/4	9 1/4	1,000	5 1/2	June	28 1/2	Sept
Lehigh Valley	50	9 1/4	13 3/4	13 3/4	35	5 1/2	June	28 1/2	Sept
Penrood Corp v t e	50	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	3,100	1	June	4 1/2	Sept
Pennsylvania RR	50	12 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	5,400	6 1/2	June	23 1/2	Sept

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	1.	
Phila Elec of Pa \$5 pref.	25	99 1/2	100	1,500	86	June	100	Nov
Phila Elec Power pref.	25	29 1/2	30 3/4	1,000	23 1/2	June	38 1/2	Feb
Phila Rapid Transit	50	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	1 1/4	Apr	6 7/8	Jan
7% preferred	50	5 1/4	6	100	4 1/2	June	18	Jan
Phila & Rd Coal & Iron	50	4 1/4	4 1/2	130	1 1/2	June	7 1/2	Aug
Philadelphia Traction	50	19 1/2	21	250	13	June	29 1/2	Sept
Certificates of deposit	50	20 1/2	20 1/2	50	20 1/2	Dec	28 1/2	Nov
Scott Paper series A	100	101 1/4	101 1/4	7	72 1/2	July	101 1/4	Sept
Seaboard Utilities Corp	100	1 1/2	1 1/2	300	1 1/2	July	3 1/2	Jan
Sentry Safety Control	100	1 1/2	1 1/2	700	1 1/2	Dec	3 1/2	Jan
Shreve El Dorado Pipe L 25	1 1/2	1	1 1/2	600	2 1/4	Apr	3	Jan
Tacony-Palmyra Bridge	100	31	31 1/2	140	25	June	35 1/2	Apr
Tonopah Mining	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,200	1 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	Feb
Union Traction	50	10 1/2	10 1/2	200	1 1/2	May	1 1/2	Jan
Certificates of deposit	50	10	10	100	7 1/2	July	15 1/2	Feb

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Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Aluminum Industries	100	4 3/4	4 3/4	5 1/4	100	3 1/2	July 10 1/2
Amer. Laundry Mach.	20	8 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/4	330	8 3/4	May 17 3/4
Amer. Rolling Mill com.	25	8	9	9	280	3 1/4	May 17 3/4
Amer. Thermos Bottle A.	50	110	1 1/2	1 1/2	110	1	June 4
Champ Coated 1st pref	100	75	75	75	2	75	Dec 95 1/2
Special pref.	100	70	70	70	50	70	May 95
Cin Gas & Elec pref.	100	84	86	86	200	62	July 90 1/2
Cincinnati Street Ry.	50	6 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/4	380	4	July 17 3/4
Cin & Sub Bell Tel.	50	63 1/2	64	64	117	49	June 67
Cin Union Stock Yards.	50	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	144	15	July 21
Col Ry B pref.	100	72 1/4	72 1/4	72 1/4	69	67	Aug 72 1/4
Crosley Radio A.	50	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	200	2 1/2	Apr 6 1/2
Dow Drug com.	20	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	85	3	June 6
Eagle-Picher Lead	20	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	5	12 1/2	Dec 19
Early & Daniel com.	50	4	4	4	105	4	Dec 8
Julian & Koenigs	50	14	15 1/4	15 1/4	260	10	May 18 3/4
Kroger com.	100	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	10	80	June 86 1/2
Lazarus pref.	100	27 1/2	29	29	128	20	June 42 3/4
Procter & Gamble new	50	50 1/2	53	53	54	40	May 60 1/2
Pure Oil 6% pref.	100	4	4	4	75	4	Dec 11 1/2
Randall "A"	50	15	15	15	35	12	Jan 16
United Milk Crates "A"	10	12	12 1/4	12 1/4	50	10	June 24
U S Playing Card	10	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	500	4	July 10
W S Print & Lith com.	50	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	15	1 1/2	Jan 2 1/2
Waco Aircraft	50	15	15	15	15	1 1/2	Jan 2 1/2

*No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Aluminum Goods Mfg.	200	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	200	7 1/2	Dec 11
Armstrong Cork Co.	200	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	240	3	June 10
Blaw-Knox com.	25	4 1/2	5	5	195	3 1/2	June 10
Calorizing preferred	25	2	2	2	25	2	Dec 3
Clark (D L) Candy	50	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	25	5 1/2	Apr 8 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	10	11 1/2	14	14	1,091	4 1/2	Jan 21
Devonian Oil	10	8	8	8	255	4	Mar 9
Fort Pittsburgh Brew	1	2	1 1/2	1 1/2	14,356	1 1/2	Nov 2 1/2
Independent Brewing	50	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	530	2	Jan 5 1/2
Preferred	50	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	465	2	Jan 7 1/2
Koppers Gas & Coke pf.	100	48	53 1/2	53 1/2	90	30	June 69
Lone Star Gas	50	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	3,986	3 1/2	June 11
Mesta Machine Co.	5	8	8	8	300	6	May 19 1/2
Phoenix Oil com.	25	8	9	9	1,200	5	Oct 10
Pittsburgh Brewing	50	6 1/2	8	8	212	3 1/2	Jan 12
Preferred	50	15	14 1/2	16	35	6	Feb 21 1/2
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	25	14	15	15	30	12 1/2	Jan 20 1/2
Pittsburgh Screw & Bolt.	50	3	3	3	420	2 1/2	June 5 1/2
Plymouth Oil Co.	5	9	9 1/2	9 1/2	315	2 1/2	June 9 1/2
Shamrock Oil & Gas.	50	1	1	1	100	1	Mar 2 1/2
United Engine & Foundry	50	12	12	12	100	12	May 23 1/2
Westinghouse Air Brake	50	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	1,563	9 1/2	Jan 17 1/2
Westinghouse El & Mfg	50	28	24 1/2	28	844	16	Jan 43 1/2

*No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Corno Mills com.	25	11	11	11	205	11	Dec 16 1/2
Hamilt-Brown Shoe com.	25	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	25	2	June 5 1/2
International Shoe com.	100	25	25	25	50	20 1/2	July 43 1/2
Preferred	100	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	35	99 1/2	July 105 1/2
Mo Mortl Cement com.	25	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	310	5	Nov 15
Nat Candy com.	50	6	6	6	13	3 1/2	May 9
Rice-Stix Dry Goods com.	50	3	3	3	70	2	July 6
Scullin Steel pref.	100	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	1 1/2	Aug 4 1/2
Southern Bell Tel pref	100	114 1/2	113 1/2	114 1/2	196	100	June 116
Stix Baer & Fuller com.	50	6	6	6	200	4 1/2	July 9 1/2

*No par value.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Bolsa Chica Oil A.	10	1 1/2	2	2	300	1 1/4	Apr 5 1/2
Broadway Dept. St. pfd	100	35	35	35	1	30	July 55
Chrysler Corp.	100	14 1/4	16 1/2	16 1/2	1,000	6	May 20 1/2
Citizens Natl Bank	20	42	43	43	200	33	June 55
Claude Neon Elec Prod.	50	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	400	5 1/2	Dec 10 1/2
Consolidated Oil Corp.	50	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	100	5 1/2	June 18 1/2
Douglas Aircraft Co Inc.	100	72	72	72	15	62	Apr 77
Goodyear Tex Mills pref	100	7	7	7	400	4 1/2	May 10 1/2
Hancock Oil com A.	50	8	8	8	100	8	July 25
Internat Re-insur Corp.	10	1	1	1	208	1	Dec 2 1/2
Los Ang Athletic Club	10	92	92	92 1/2	90	66	May 100
Los Ang Gas & Elec pref	100	1	1	1	90	10	June 115
Mortgage Guarantee Co	10	4	4	4	100	3 1/2	June 8
Pac Finance Corp com.	10	23 1/2	23 1/2	24	600	20	May 26
Pac G & E 6% 1st pfd.	25	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	200	20 1/4	July 22 1/2
Pac Lighting common.	25	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	100	21 1/2	May 45 1/2
Pac Mutual Life Ins.	10	27	27 1/2	27 1/2	250	25	May 39 1/2
Pacific Natl Co.	25	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	100	3	June 8
Pacific Western Oil Corp.	10	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,100	1 1/2	June 1 1/2
Republic Pet Co Ltd.	10	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1 1/2	June 1 1/2
Ritchfield Oil Co com.	25	500	500	500	500	1 1/2	June 3 1/2
Preferred	25	6	6	6	239	64	June 108
San J L & P 7% pr pfd.	100	47	45	45	10	22 1/2	Apr 45
Seab D Ry Cr Corp A pfd	100	44 1/2	44 1/2	45	1,150	36 1/2	June 65
Sec First Natl Bk of L A.	25	24 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2	1,200	16 1/2	June 32 1/2
So Calif Edison Light Co.	25	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	20	31	June 43
Original preferred	25	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	300	21 1/2	May 27 1/2
7% preferred A.	25	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	400	18 1/2	May 25
6% preferred B.	25	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	400	17 1/2	June 23

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	
So Calif Gas 6% pref.	25	18	22 1/2	22 1/2	100	20	June 24 1/2
Southern Pacific Co.	100	17 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	300	6 1/2	June 37
Standard Oil of Calif.	50	23 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	3,100	15 1/2	June 31 1/2
Taylor Milling Corp.	50	5	5	5	500	3 1/2	Dec 8
Transamerica Corp.	50	4 1/2	5	5	7,100	2 1/2	Jan 7
Union Bank & Trust Co	100	200	200	200	2	200	Oct 325
Union Oil Associates.	25	10	9 1/2	10 1/2	3,100	7	July 13 1/2
Union Oil of Calif.	25	10 1/4	10	10 1/4	1,200	7 1/2	July 15 1/2
West Air Exp Corp.	10	14 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	200	5	Jan 14 1/2

*No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Dec. 3 to Dec. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Alaska Juneau	100	13 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	420	8	June 16 1/2
Anglo Calif Natl Bank	100	19	20	20	95	15 1/2	Apr 24 1/2
Assoc Ins Fund.	1,000	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	15	99	May 162
Bank of Calif.	100	145 1/2	145 1/2	145 1/2	700	1	June 4
Bond & Share Ltd.	100	2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,158	1 1/2	June 3 1/2
Byron Jackson	100	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	720	1 1/2	Jan 7 1/2
Calif Copper	100	1	1	1	10	1 1/2	Nov 4 1/2
Calif Cotton Mills.	100	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	100	15	Nov 19
Calif Oregon Power 7% pf.	80	80	80	80	14	65	June 101
Calif Packing	100	9 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	2,849	4 1/2	June 18 1/2
Calif West Sts Life Ins.	30	30	31	31	290	30	July 36 1/2
Caterpillar	100	7 1/2	6 1/2	7 1/2	1,604	4 1/2	May 15
Coast Cos G & E 6% 1st pf	100	81	81 1/2	81 1/2	10	70	June 96
Cons Chem Indus A.	100	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	305	8 1/2	May 17 1/2
Crown Zellerbach v t c.	100	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,442	1	June 2 1/2
Preferred A.	100	8 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	770	8 1/2	May 19
Preferred B.	100	8 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	280	8	June 19
Eldorado Oil Works	100	15	15	15	25	10	June 20 1/2
Firemans Fund Indemnity	15	39	42	42	298	18	June 50
Firemans Fund Insurance.	41	39	42	42	441	4	May 11
Food Mach.	100	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	140	1 1/2	June 2
Foster & Kleiser	100	29	29	29	223	24	May 35
Galland Rem Laundry	100	3 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	960	3 1/2	June 8 1/2
Golden State Ltd.	100	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	52	18 1/2	June 3 1/2
Hawaiian C & S Ltd.	100	1 1/2	2 1/4	2 1/4	1,387	1 1/2	Nov 9 1/2
Hawaiian Pineapple	100	9	9 1/4	9 1/4	500	4 1/2	May 14
Honolulu Oil Ltd.	100	2	2	2	100	2	May 5 1/2
Hunt Bros A.	100	2	2 1/2	2 1/2	60	3	July 4 1/2
Hutchinson Sugar Plant.	100	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	400	1 1/2	Jan 11 1/2

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 (Dec. 3 1932) and ending the present Friday (Dec. 9 1932). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Exchange itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered.

Table with columns: Week Ended Dec. 9, Friday Last Sales Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1, Stocks (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Rows include various stocks like Acme Wire, Alr Investors, Alabama Gt Sou, etc.

Bonds—	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. \$	Range Since Jan. 1.		Bonds (Continued)—	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. \$	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.			
Alabama Power Co—							Continental Oil 5 1/4s—1933						
1st & ref 5s—1946		94	96 1/2	20,000	84	June	99 1/2	Jan	95 3/4	96	34,000	80 1/4	Apr
1st & ref 5s—1951	88 3/4	87 1/2	88 3/4	43,000	75	June	95 1/2	Mar	41 1/2	41 1/4	4,000	32	July
1st ref 5s—1956		87	87	1,000	78	June	96 1/2	Jan	62 1/2	65	20,000	51 1/4	July
1st & ref 4 1/4s—1967	75 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2	23,000	70	May	84 1/2	Jan	89 1/2	89 1/2	7,000	59	June
1st & ref 5s—1968		80	80	8,000	75	May	91	Jan	99 1/2	101	23,000	95	June
Ala Water Service 5s—1957		63	63	5,000	53	July	75	Aug	85 1/2	85 1/2	7,000	71	June
Aluminum Cos 1 deb 5s 1952	95	93 1/2	95	53,000	81	May	99 1/2	Aug					
Aluminum Ltd deb 5s 1948		60 1/2	61 1/2	12,000	45	July	75	Sept					
Amer Commonwealth Pow													
Convertible deb 6s—1940		1 1/2	1 1/2	9,000	1 1/2	Dec	11	Jan					
Amer & Cont Corp 5s 1943		60	62	2,000	47	Jan	70	Sept					
Amer Community Pr 5 1/2s 83		7	7	2,000	2 1/4	May	19	Jan					
Amer El Pow Corp deb 6s—57	27 1/2	27 1/2	29 1/2	13,000	18	July	48	Aug					
Amer Gas & El deb 5s—2028	81 3/4	81 3/4	83 3/4	73,000	62 3/4	May	88 1/2	Mar					
Amer Gas & Pow deb 6s 1939	30	28 3/4	30	6,000	13 1/4	July	47	Jan					
Secured deb 6s—1953		27	27 1/2	12,000	11 1/2	July	37 1/2	Jan					
Amer Pow & Lt deb 6s—2016	56 1/2	53	57 1/2	68,000	38	May	82 1/2	Jan					
Amer Radlat. deb. 4 1/2s 1947	94 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	23,000	79	July	96	Sept					
Amer Roll Mill deb 6s 1948	49 1/2	48 1/2	50	77,000	30	July	67	Mar					
4 1/4% notes—Nov 1933	56	56	57 1/2	33,000	46	Apr	76	Mar					
Amer. Seating conv 6s '36		32	33	10,000	17	July	47	Mar					
Appalachian El Pr 5s—1956	85 1/2	83	85 1/2	71,000	72 1/2	May	94 1/2	Oct					
Appalachian Gas 6s—1945	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	2,000	2	July	16	Jan					
Conv deb 6s B—1945		4 1/2	4 1/2	12,000	3 1/2	Apr	13 1/2	Jan					
Appalachian Pow 5s—1941		103	104 1/2	21,000	96 1/2	Apr	104 1/2	Dec					
Deb 6s—2024	74	73	74	8,000	54	June	90	Sept					
Arkansas Pr & Lt 5s—1956	81 1/2	79	82	50,000	67	May	91 1/2	Sept					
Arnold Print Wks 6s—1941		55 1/2	55 1/2	1,000	39	Aug	65	Sept					
Associated Elec 4 1/2s—1953	42 1/2	41 1/2	46	101,000	17	June	67	Aug					
Associated Gas & Elec Co—													
Conv deb 5 1/4s—1938	21 1/2	20	22 1/2	42,000	9	July	45	Aug					
Conv deb 4 1/4s—1948	22 1/2	19 1/2	22 1/2	29,000	9 1/2	July	45	Aug					
Conv deb 4 1/2s—1949	21 1/2	19 1/2	22 1/2	385,000	9	July	43	Aug					
Conv deb 5s—1950	22 1/2	20 1/2	24	188,000	10	July	49	Aug					
Deb 6s—1968	22 1/2	20 1/2	23 1/2	223,000	8 1/2	July	46	Aug					
Registered		21 1/2	21 1/2	1,000	13 1/2	July	35	Feb					
Conv deb 5 1/4s—1977		24	27	22,000	9 1/2	July	51	Aug					
Assoc. Rayon deb. 6s 1950	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	7,000	19	June	46 1/2	Sept					
Assoc T & T deb 5 1/4s A '55	21 1/2	24	29	33,000	14 1/2	July	72	Feb					
Assoc Telep Util 5 1/4s 1944	21 1/2	20 1/2	22	67,000	12	July	54	Jan					
8% notes—1933		37	38	8,000	25	June	75 1/2	Feb					
Atl City Electric 6s—1956		95 1/2	96	5,000	95 1/2	Dec	96	Nov					
Atlas Plywood 5 1/2s—1943		38 1/2	38 1/2	1,000	29	Aug	43	Nov					
Balwin Loco Works 5 1/2s '33		71	71 1/2	4,000	45	July	93	Aug					
Balt & Ohio 5s ser F—1936	42 1/2	38 1/2	43 1/2	182,000	38 1/2	Dec	43 1/2	Dec					
Bell Telep of Canada—													
1st M 6s ser A—1955	95 1/2	93 1/2	95 1/2	67,000	84	Jan	101	Oct					
1st M 6s ser B—1957	95	94 1/2	95 1/2	38,000	83 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	Oct					
1st M 6s ser C—1960	95	94 1/2	95 1/2	20,000	83 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	Oct					
Binghamton L H & P 6s '46	91	91	91 1/2	3,000	75	Apr	82 1/2	Nov					
Birmingham Elec 4 1/2s '68		72 1/2	74	12,000	65	June	81 1/2	Mar					
Birmingham Gas 6s—1959	55	55	55	8,000	39 1/2	July	75 1/2	Jan					
Blackstone Vall Gas & El													
5s series A—1951	101	101	101	1,000	94	Dec	101	Nov					
Boston & Albany 4s—1933	98	98	98 1/2	6,000	93	Dec	98 1/2	Dec					
Boston Consol Gas 5s 1947		103 1/2	103 1/2	3,000	91 1/2	June	104 1/2	Nov					
Boston & Maine Gas 5s 1933		100	100	1,000	80	June	100 1/2	Sept					
Broad River Pwr 6s A—1954	44	43	45	15,000	38 1/2	July	68	Mar					
Buff Gen Elec 5s—1956	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	25,000	98 1/2	Feb	105 1/2	Dec					
5s—1939		105 1/2	106	5,000	101	Mar	106	Nov					
Burmeister & Wain 6s 1940		67 1/2	68	9,000	59 1/2	July	75 1/2	Oct					
Canada Nat Ry eq 7s 1935		99 1/2	100	7,000	94	Apr	102 1/2	Sept					
5s—1954		87	86 1/2	2,000	86 1/2	Dec	87	Dec					
Canada Nor Power 6s 1953		61 1/2	61 1/2	5,000	54	July	75 1/2	Sept					
Can Pacific Ry 6s—1942	84 1/2	80	84 1/2	121,000	80	Nov	98 1/2	Sept					
Carolina Pr & Lt 6s—1956	62 1/2	60 1/2	63	78,000	56	July	86 1/2	Aug					
Caterpillar Tractor 5s 1935	94	92 1/2	94	38,000	79 1/2	May	94	Dec					
Cedar Rapids M & P 5s 53	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	10,000	91 1/2	Jan	98	Oct					
Cent Arizona L & P 5s 1960		86 1/2	88 1/2	9,000	74	June	94	Aug					
Cent German Pow 6s 1934		57	57	5,000	30	June	65	Oct					
Central Ill Pub Service—													
1st & ref 4 1/2s ser F—1967	69 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2	65,000	53	June	79	Aug					
1st mtg 5s ser G—1968		73 1/2	75	19,000	57	July	85	Jan					
4 1/2s series H—1981	70	69 1/2	70	7,000	55	June	79	Aug					
Cent Me Pow 6s ser D—1955		93 1/2	94	9,000	74	May	96	Oct					
1st & ref 4 1/2s ser E—1957		84 1/2	84 1/2	5,000	74	May	89 1/2	Oct					
Cent Ohio Lt & Pow 5s '50	65	64 1/2	65	3,000	54	July	78	Sept					
Cent Power 5s ser D—1957	71	69	71	3,000	51 1/2	May	76	Aug					
Cent Pow & Lt 1st 5s—1956	64 1/2	62 1/2	64 1/2	66,000	42	June	76	Aug					
Cent Pub Serv 5 1/2s—1949													
With warrants	3	3	4	103,000	1 1/2	June	27 1/2	Jan					
Without warrants	3	3	4	14,000	1 1/2	July	20	Aug					
Cent States Elec 5s—1948	37 1/2	36 1/2	38	30,000	17	June	56 1/2	Aug					
Deb 5 1/2s Sept 15, 1954													
with warrants	39	38	39 1/2	49,000	18	May	57	Aug					
without warrants	37 1/2	37	38 1/2	37,000	20	July	59	Feb					
Cent States P & L 5 1/2s '53													
Chic Dist Elec Gen 4 1/2s '70	79	78 1/2	79	35,000	64 1/2	Apr	84 1/2	Sept					
Deb 5 1/2s Oct. 1, 1935	86 1/2	82	86 1/2	26,000	42	July	85 1/2	Aug					
Chic Jet Rys & Un Stk Yds													
5s—1940		95	96 1/2	15,000	95	Dec	96 1/2	Dec					
Chic Rys cts of depts—1927	47	46 1/2	47	22,000	34	Apr	53 1/2	Aug					
Cigar Stores Realty Holding													
Deb 5 1/2s series A—1949	31	25 1/2	31	114,000	10 1/2	June	40	Mar					
Cincinnati St Ry 5 1/2s A '52	55	55	56 1/2	8,000	39 1/2	June	62	Mar					
6s series B—1955	60	60	60	1,000	48 1/2	June	67	Mar					
Cities Service 5s—1966	36 1/2	35 1/2	37	25,000	16	May	49 1/2	Aug					
Conv deb 5s—1950	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	437,000	17	May	52 1/2	Jan					

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		Low.	High.		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			
Intercontinentals Power—												
Deb 6s with warr. 1948		2 3/4	3 1/4	3,000	2 1/2	Aug 6	Jan					
International Power Sec.—												
7s series D 1936	87	87	88	9,000	52	June	90	Oct				
7s series E 1937	89	88 3/4	89	10,000	82	June	101 3/4	Dec				
7s series F 1952		80 1/2	82	8,000	52 1/2	Jan	83	Oct				
International Salt 5s 1951		77	78	7,000	57 1/2	June	81	Oct				
Internat Securities 6s 1947	48 1/2	47 3/4	48 1/2	18,000	36	July	60	Aug				
Interstate Ir'n & St'ls 4 1/2s '46		41	41 1/2	7,000	28	June	60	Aug				
Interstate Power 5s 1957	61 1/2	59 3/4	61 1/2	85,000	46 1/4	July	269 1/2	Mar				
Debenture 6s 1952	44	43 1/2	46 1/2	36,000	19	May	52	Aug				
Interstate Public Service—												
1st & ref 6 1/2s ser B '49		85	85	1,000	77	June	103 1/2	Aug				
5s series D 1956	69 1/2	68 3/4	70	16,000	57	July	80	Aug				
4 1/2s series F 1958	62 1/2	62	62 1/2	11,000	51 1/2	Apr	75	Feb				
Interstate Telep 5s A 1961	62 1/2	62	62	2,000	42 1/2	June	65	Jan				
Investment Co (A M) 6s '47		73	73	1,000	58 1/2	Apr	80	Sept				
Without warrants 1957	72	71	72	5,000	57 1/2	Apr	79 3/4	Sept				
Iowa-Neb L & P 6s 1957	81	81	81 1/2	15,000	64 1/2	June	84	Nov				
1st & ref 5s series B 1961	79	78	79 1/2	23,000	66	June	82	Nov				
Iowa Pow & Light 4 1/2s '58		86 1/2	86 1/2	1,000	75	June	87	Oct				
Iowa Pub Service 5s 1957		80	81	22,000	61	May	82 1/2	Jan				
Iowa Ry & Lt 5 1/2s 1945		86 1/2	86 1/2	1,000	70 1/2	Aug	95	Oct				
Isarco Hydro-Elec 7s 1952		74	74 1/2	7,000	48	June	81 1/2	Nov				
Isotta Fraschini 7s 1942												
With warrants	64	64		1,000	44	July	67	Feb				
Italian Superpower of Del												
Debs 6s without warr '63	48	48	49	77,000	1 1/4	May	55	Oct				
Jacksonville Gas 5s 1942		53 1/2	54 1/2	9,000	40	July	66	Feb				
Jamaica Wat Supp 5 1/2s '55	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	9,000	90	May	100 1/4	Dec				
Jer C P & L 1st 5s B 1947	98	96 3/4	98 3/4	14,000	79 1/2	May	99 3/4	Sept				
1st 4 1/2s series C 1961	90 3/4	88 3/4	90 3/4	115,000	74 1/2	May	93 1/2	Oct				
Jones & Laughlin Steel 5s '39		101 1/2	102	3,000	92 1/2	June	102 1/2	Nov				
Kansas Power & Light—												
1st m 6s ser A 1955		89	89 1/4	4,000	80 3/4	July	95	Jan				
1st mtge 5s ser B 1957	83	83	83 1/4	15,000	63 1/4	July	85	Oct				
Kelly Springfield Tire 6s '42		42	43	5,000	40	Aug	56	Sept				
Kentucky Utilities Co—												
1st M 5s 1961	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/2	4,000	60	June	82	Jan				
6 1/2s series D 1948		87 1/4	88 1/4	12,000	66 1/4	June	92 1/2	Jan				
6s series I 1969	71 1/2	70	71 1/2	13,000	58 1/4	June	82	Jan				
Keystone Tel 5 1/2s 1955	58	58	58	2,000	37 1/2	June	58	Dec				
Kimberly-Clark 5s 1943		81	81	5,000	80	June	87 1/2	Aug				
Koppers G & C deb 5s 1947	71	69 1/2	72	40,000	46	June	88	Mar				
Sluk fund deb 5 1/2s 1950	74	73 1/2	74 1/2	18,000	52	June	90 1/4	Mar				
Kresge (S S) Co 5s 1945		93	94	6,000	80	May	95	Jan				
Larutan Gas 6 1/2s 1935		52	52	2,000	32	Feb	57	Nov				
Lehigh Pow Secur 6s 2026	71 1/2	70	71 1/2	104,000	48 1/2	June	87 1/2	Aug				
Libby Mc N & Libby 5s '42	56 3/4	55	56 1/2	17,000	42 1/4	May	81	Mar				
Lone Star Gas 5s 1942		85	85	10,000	76	June	93 1/2	Mar				
Long Island Ltg 6s 1945	95	95	95	1,000	73 1/2	June	101	Oct				
Los Angeles Gas & Elec—												
1st & general 5s 1961	96 3/4	96 1/2	96 3/4	10,000	99 1/4	May	104 1/4	Nov				
5 1/2s series L 1949	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	4,000	93	June	103 1/2	Oct				
Los Angeles Pac 4s 1950		51	51	2,000	40	June	65	Aug				
Louisiana Pow & Lt 5s 1957	86 3/4	85 1/2	86 3/4	35,000	68	May	93	Mar				
Louisville Gas & Elec—												
1st & ref 4 1/2s ser C 1961	97 1/2	96 1/2	97	44,000	90	May	100	Oct				
Manitoba Power 5 1/2s 1951	43	42 1/2	43 1/2	7,000	36 1/2	June	67 1/2	Sept				
Mansfield Mln & Smelt—												
Without warrants 1941		43	43	5,000	15	June	43	Dec				
Mass Gas Co—												
Sluk fund deb 5s 1955	83 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2	51,000	64	June	91 1/2	Sept				
5 1/2s 1946	91	90	91 1/2	15,000	65	June	97 1/2	Jan				
McCord Rad & Mfg 6s '43												
With warrants		17 1/2	18	2,000	5 1/2	June	33	Aug				
Melbourne El Supp 7 1/2s '46		92	92	4,000	60	Feb	92	Dec				
Memphis Pow & Lt 5s 1948	100	97 1/2	100	11,000	91 1/2	May	100 1/2	Oct				
Metropolitan Edison 4s '71	74	72 3/4	75	5,000	65	June	82 1/2	Oct				
6s series F 1962		86	87 1/2	27,000	85	Aug	94	Oct				
Mid States Petrol 6 1/2s '45		25	30	27	24	Apr	39 1/2	Aug				
Middle West Utilities—												
Conv 5% notes 1932		8 1/4	8 3/4	1,000	1 1/4	May	89 1/2	Jan				
Conv 5% notes 1933		8	7 3/4	13,000	2	May	69	Jan				
Conv 5% notes 1934		8 1/4	8 1/2	15,000	65	Jan	65	Jan				
Conv 5% notes 1935		8 3/4	8 3/2	15,000	62	May	62 1/2	Jan				
Conv 5% notes 1936		8 1/4	8 1/2	15,000	62	Jan	62 1/2	Jan				
Milw Gas Lt 4 1/2s 1967	99	99	99 1/2	10,000	88	June	100	Sept				
Minneapolis Gas Lt 4 1/2s 1950		80 1/2	80 1/2	4,000	62	June	89	Aug				
Minn Gen Elec 5s 1934		102 1/2	102 1/2	3,000	100	May	103	Oct				
Minn P & L 1st 5s 1955		77 1/2	79	4,000	70	June	91	Sept				
1st & ref 4 1/2s 1978	71	71	72	7,000	67	June	84	Oct				
Mississippi Power 6s 1955	65 1/2	64	65 1/2	20,000	50 1/2	July	77 1/2	Mar				
Miss Power & Light 5s '57	76 1/4	76	78	16,000	56 1/2	May	84	Aug				
Miss River Fuel 6s 1944												
With warrants	86	86	86	13,000	62	July	90	Mar				
Without warrants	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	13,000	61	June	84	Mar				
Miss Riv Power 1st 5s 1951		101 1/2	102 1/2	23,000	80 1/2	June	104 1/2	Aug				
Missouri Public Serv 5s '47		57	59	5,000	50	July	66 1/2	Aug				
Monon West Penn Pub Ser												
1st len & ref 5 1/2s B 1953	67 1/2	66 1/2	69	17,000	54 1/4	May	80 1/2	Mar				
1st & ref 5s ser A 1951	91	88 3/4	91	53,000	82 1/2	Feb	97	Sept				
5s series B 1957	88 3/4	88	89 1/2	36,000	81 1/2	Feb	95 1/2	Sept				
Morris Plan Shares 6s 1947		49	49	3,000	41	Aug	65	Mar				
Munson SS Line 6 1/2s 1937												
With warrants	10	10		2,000	4 1/2	June	24	Sept				
Narragansett Elec 5s A '57	100	98 3/4	100 1/4	23,000	89 1/2	June	100 1/4	Dec				
5s series B 1957		98 1/4	100	28,000	96 1/4	Aug	100	Nov				
Nat'l Elec Power 5s 1978		3 1/2	3 1/2	6,000	3 1/2	June	46 1/2	Jan				
Nat Pow & Lt 6s A 2036		76	77	21,000	52 1/2	June	90	Sept				
Deb 5s series B 2030		60 3/4	63 1/4	18,000	49 1/2	June	80	Jan				
Nat Public Service 5s 1978	19	18 1/2	19 1/2	91,000	5 1/2	June	45	Jan				
Certificates of deposit—												
National Tea Co 5s 1935		18	18	72,000	60 1/2	June	85 1/2	Dec				
Nebraska Power 4 1/2s 1981	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	12,000	88	Feb	100 1/2	Dec				
Nevada-Callf Elec 5s 1956	62 1/2	61 1/2										

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		Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.	
Sou'west Lt & Pow 5s 1957	62	60	62	6,000	47 1/2	June	79 Aug
So'west Nat Gas 6s 1945	31 3/4	31	31 3/4	9,000	11 1/4	May	39 Aug
So'west Pow & Lt 6s 2022	54	51 1/2	54	22,000	35 1/2	June	81 Jan
S'west Pub Serv 6s 1945	75	65 1/2	67	2,000	60	Aug	7 1/2 Sept
S'pang Chalfant 6s 1945	75	69 1/2	69 1/2	1,000	68 1/2	Dec	69 1/2 Dec
Staley (A E) Mfg 6s 1942	75	73	75	21,000	45	July	75 Dec
Stand Gas & Elec 6s 1935	58	55	58	35,000	32 1/2	June	83 1/2 Aug
Stand Gas & Elec 6s 1935	57	55	57	62,000	30	June	83 Aug
Conv 6s 1935	57	55	57	34,000	30	June	77 1/2 Aug
Debenture 6s 1951	47 1/2	45	48	40,000	30	May	73 Aug
Debenture 6s Dec 1 1966	47	44 1/2	48	40,000	30	May	73 Aug
Stand Invest 5 1/2s 1939	65	65	68	11,000	50 1/2	May	71 Oct
5s ex-warrants 1937	67	63	68	5,000	50	June	75 Sept
Stand Pow & Lt 6s 1957	44	43	44 1/2	34,000	26	June	70 Aug
Stand Telephone 5 1/2s 1943	29 1/2	29 1/2	30 1/2	5,000	27	May	51 Jan
Stinnes (Hugo) Corp—							
7s without warr Oct 1 1936	42 1/2	42 1/2	46	19,000	22	Mar	47 Sept
7s without warr 1946	42	38 1/2	42 1/2	62,000	17 1/2	June	46 Sept
Strawbrdg & Clothier 6s 1939	70	70	70	2,000	65	Oct	70 Dec
Sun Oil deb 5 1/2s 1948	100	100	100	40,000	86	Jan	100 1/2 Nov
5% notes 1934	101	101	101	7,000	86	Feb	101 Nov
Super Pow of Ill 4 1/2s 1938	78	70	74	11,000	54 1/2	July	80 Aug
1st M 4 1/2s 1938	74	72	74	25,000	52	Apr	79 Aug
Swift & Co 1st m s f g 1944	102 1/2	102	102 1/2	40,000	92 1/2	June	103 Aug
5% notes 1940	95	93 1/2	95	32,000	67	May	95 Mar
Syracuse Lt 5s ser B 1957	103	103	103	13,000	84	Apr	104 1/2 Sept
1st & ref mtge 5 1/2s 1954	106	106	106	1,000	100	June	106 Oct
Tenn Electric Pow 5s 1956	89 1/2	89	90	10,000	78	June	92 1/2 Mar
Tenn Pub Serv 6s 1970	84	84	84 1/2	5,000	67	July	88 Oct
Terni Hydro Elec 6 1/2s 1953	69	70	70	27,000	42	May	72 1/2 Oct
Texas Cities Gas 5s 1948	44 1/2	43	44 1/2	8,000	32 1/2	June	58 1/2 Aug
Texas Elec Service 5s 1960	80	79	80	64,000	63	May	89 1/2 Aug
Texas Gas Util 6s 1945	19 1/2	19	20	11,000	8	Apr	25 Aug
Texas Power & Lt 6s 1956	81 1/2	79 1/2	81 1/2	173,000	67	June	92 1/2 Feb
5s 1937	100	100	101	28,000	90	June	103 Sept
Thermoid Co 1934							
With warrants 1934		40	41	7,000	22	July	50 Sept
Tide Water Power 6s 1979	62	63	63	12,000	46	July	68 1/2 Sept
Toledo Edison 5s 1962	95 1/2	95 1/2	96	102,000	95 1/2	Dec	96 Dec
Tri-Utilities deb 5s 1979	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	25,000	1 1/2	Apr	23 1/2 Jan
Twin City Rap Tr 5 1/2s '52	28 1/2	28	30	30,000	24 1/2	May	44 Aug
Ulen Co deb 6s 1944	20 1/2	17	20 1/2	88,000	10	June	37 Aug
Union Atlantic 4 1/2s 1937	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	5,000	98 1/2	Nov	98 1/2 Nov
Union Elec Lt & Power—							
5s series B 1947	101 1/2	101	101 1/2	11,000	90	Feb	101 1/2 Oct
Union Gas Utilities Inc—							
6 1/2 without warr 1937		3 1/2	3 1/2	1,000	3 1/2	Dec	4 Sept
With warrants 1937		99 1/2	100	5,000	84	May	99 1/2 Sept
Un Gult Corp 5s July 1 '60	99 1/2	88 1/2	92	3,000	87	June	92 1/2 Oct
Union Terminal 5s 1942	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	21,000	91 1/2	June	100 1/2 Dec
United Elec (N J) 4s 1949	74 1/2	73 1/2	75 1/2	10,000	32	June	77 Oct
United Elec Service 7s 1956	49 1/2	49 1/2	50	17,000	14 1/2	May	53 Oct
United Industrial 6 1/2s 1941	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	4,000	19	May	52 1/2 Dec
1st 6s 1945							
United Lt & Pow 6s 1975	49 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2	43,000	30	May	70 Aug
1st 5 1/2s April 1 1959	72 1/2	71 1/2	73 1/2	12,000	52	July	85 Jan
Deb q 6 1/2s 1974	51 1/2	51	52	8,000	34	June	71 1/2 Aug
Un Lt & Ry 5 1/2s 1962	53 1/2	53	53 1/2	7,000	32 1/2	June	68 1/2 Jan
6s series A 1962	80 1/2	81	81	13,000	59 1/2	July	88 Mar
6s series A 1973	44	41	44	11,000	34	July	68 Aug
United Pub Serv 6s 1942	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2,000	2	Apr	29 Jan
U S Radiator 5s A 1938	40	44	44	10,000	21	May	44 Dec
U S Rubber—							
3-year 6% notes 1933	88	87	90 1/2	71,000	59 1/2	Jan	94 1/2 Sept
6 1/2% serial notes 1933	100	100	100	3,000	66	Jan	100 1/2 Nov
6 1/2% serial notes 1935	42	42	42	1,000	27 1/2	May	70 Aug
6 1/2% serial notes 1936	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	5,000	25 1/2	July	65 1/2 Sept
6 1/2% serial notes 1938	37 1/2	37	40	4,000	24	Apr	62 Sept
6 1/2% serial notes 1939	37	37	38	5,000	21	Apr	62 Aug
6 1/2% serial notes 1940	37	35 1/2	38	5,000	22 1/2	Apr	62 Sept
Utah Pow & Lt—							
6s series A 2022	54	54	55	8,000	46	June	70 Aug
Utica Gas & Elec—							
6s series D 1956	99 1/2	99 1/2	1,000	99 1/2	Oct	102 1/2	Nov
5s series E 1952	100 1/2	100 1/2	2,000	88	June	101	Nov
Van Camp Pkg 6s 1948	25	17	27	136,000	12	Dec	40 1/2 Apr
Va Elec & Power 6s 1945	95 1/2	95 1/2	98	12,000	79	July	99 1/2 Oct
Virginia Power 5s 1942	99 1/2	98	99 1/2	1,000	90 1/2	July	100 1/2 Nov
Va Public Serv 5 1/2s A 1946	69 1/2	69 1/2	73	28,000	52 1/2	July	80 Aug
1st ref 5s ser B 1950	66 1/2	66 1/2	67 1/2	16,000	50	July	76 Aug
20 year deb 6s 1946	50 1/2	50 1/2	52	10,000	34 1/2	June	72 Oct
Waldorf-Astoria Corp—							
7s with warr 1954	9	9	1,000	3 1/2	May	20 1/2	Jan
7s cts with warr 1954	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	10,000	4	July	12 Sept
Ward Baking Co 6s 1937	90	90	90	6,000	73	June	93 Sept
Wash Water Power 5s 1960	98	97	98	24,000	83	July	98 1/2 Sept
West Penn Elec 5s 2030	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	1,000	35 1/2	May	68 1/2 Aug
West Penn Pow 4s ser H '61	96 1/2	98	98	30,000	84	June	98 Nov
West Texas Util 5s A 1957	48	45 1/2	48	66,000	25	July	65 Feb
Western Newspaper Union—							
Conv deb 6s 1944	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	8,000	14 1/2	Apr	35 Aug
Western United Gas & Elec							
1st 5 1/2s ser A 1955	82 1/2	79 1/2	82 1/2	33,000	62 1/2	May	90 Sept
Westvac Chlorine Prod—							
Deb 5 1/2s Mar 1 1937	102 1/2	102 1/2	103	2,000	99	Feb	103 1/2 Sept
Wis-Minn Lt & Pow 5s '44	79 1/2	79 1/2	81 1/2	8,000	75	July	87 Oct
Wis-Pow & Lt—							
5s series E 1956	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	8,000	71 1/2	June	89 1/2 Sept
Wisconsin Public Service—							
5 1/2s series B 1958	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	4,000	73	June	92 Sept
Yadkin River Pow 6s 1941	88	88	90	4,000	78	June	94 1/2 Sept
York Railways 5s 1937	82	82	83 1/2	5,000	72	July	88 1/2 Aug

Foreign Government and Municipalities (Concluded)	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week \$	Range Since Jan. 1.		
		Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.	
Parana (State) 7s 1958	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	1,000	3 1/2	June	11 1/2 Jan
Rio de Janeiro 6 1/2s 1959	8 1/2	7 3/4	8 1/2	5,000	3	June	e16 Jan
Russian Govt—							
6 1/2s 1919	2 3/4	2 3/4	2 3/4	2,000	1/4	Apr	r2 1/2 Aug
Certificates 1921	2 3/4	1 1/2	2 3/4	85,000	1/4	Apr	3 Aug
5 1/2s 1921	2 3/4	2	2 1/2	19,000	1/4	May	3 1/2 Aug
Certificates 1921	2 3/4	1 1/2	2 3/4	50,000	1/4	July	r3 Aug
Saar Basin 7s 1935	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	6,000	83	Jan	99 1/2 Nov
Santiago (Chile) 7s 1961	5	5	5	2,000	4	May	13 Jan
7s 1949	4	4 1/2	4 1/2	11,000	2 1/2	July	13 Feb

* No par value. a Deferred delivery. n Sold under the rule. r Sold for cash. w1 When issued. z Ex-dividend. e-o-d Certificates of deposit. cum Cumulative. cons Consolidated. v t o Voting trust certificates. conv Convertible. w w With warrants. m Mortgage.

See alphabetical list below "for Deferred Delivery" sales affecting the range for the year.

American Capital Corp. common class B, June 14, 7 at 1/4.
 American Solvents & Chemical 6 1/2s, w. w., 1936, March 17, \$1,000 at 14 1/2.
 Associated Gas & Electric 5s, 1950, July 14, \$3,000 at 8.
 Associated Gas & Electric 4 1/2s regis, 1949, Oct. 29, \$2,000 at 22 1/2.
 Binghamton L. H. & P. 5s, 1946, Oct. 26, 1,000 at 93.
 Central States Electric common, June 1, 100 at 1/4.
 Cities Service deb. 5s, 1950, May 28, \$1,000 at 16 1/2.
 Commerz-and-Privat Bank 5 1/2s, 1937, May 28, \$1,000 at 29.
 Commonwealth & Southern warrants, June 15, 500 at 1/4.
 Continental Gas & Electric 7% prior pref., July 22, 25 at 42.
 Dayton Power & Light 6s, 1941, Dec. 7, \$7,000 at 105.
 Employers Reinsurance Corp., June 28, 100 at 14.
 General Water Works & Elec. 6s, series B, 1944, June 6, \$10,000 at 6.
 Hamburg Elev., Underground & St. Ry. 5 1/2s, 1938, May 25, \$5,000 at 23 1/2.
 Interstate Power 6s, 1957, March 10, \$5,000 at 70.
 Iowa Public Service 5 1/2s, 1959, Feb. 1, \$1,000 at 84.
 Middle West Utilities 5s, 1934, May 28, \$1,000 at 1 1/2.
 Middle West Utilities 5s, 1935, May 28, \$5,000 at 1 1/2.
 National Public Service 5s cts. of dep. 1978, Oct. 15, \$5,000 at 27.
 New Bradford Oil, Feb. 8, 500 at 1/4.
 Northern Texas Util 7s 1935, Sept. 28, \$1,000 at 86.
 Pacific Western Oil 6 1/2s, w. w., 1943, June 7, \$1,000 at 46 1/2.
 Public Service of Northern Illinois 7% pref., April 5, 75 at 68.
 San Joaquin Light & Power 5s 1962, Nov. 25, \$1,000 at 104.
 Securities Corp. General, April 9, 300 at 2.
 Southern Gas Co., 6 1/2s, 1935, Aug. 30, \$1,000 at 94.
 Super Power Co. 6s, 1961, June 7, \$1,000 at 77.
 Tri-Utilities Corp. deb. 5s, 1979, Feb. 1, \$2,000 at 3 1/2.
 Union Terminal (Dallas) 5s, 1942, June 14, \$2,000 at 75.

See alphabetical list below for "Under the Rule" sales affecting the range for the year.

Agricultural Mtg Bk (Columbia) 7s, 1947, Sept. 28, \$1,000 at 44.
 Blackstone Valley Gas & Elec. 5s, 1939, May 19, \$1,000 at 102 1/2.
 Blackstone Valley Gas & Elec. 5s A 1951, Sept. 21, \$3,000 at 106 1/2.
 Cities Service, pref. B, Jan. 11, 10 at 5.
 Connecticut Light & Power 4 1/2s, series C, 1956, Aug. 30, \$3,000 at 105.
 Interstate Telephone 5s, series A, 1961, May 9, \$2,000 at 68.
 Jones & Laughlin Steel 5s, 1939, March 31, \$3,000 at 103 1/2.
 Kansas City Gas 6s, 1942, March 1, \$4,000 at 98.
 Public Service Co. of No. Illinois 4 1/2s, 1978, Feb. 8, \$1,000 at 86.
 Public Service Co. of No. Illinois 5s, 1956, Aug. 24, \$1,000 at 92.
 Rio de Janeiro 6 1/2s, 1959, Jan. 18, \$12,000 at 16 1/2.
 Shawinigan Water & Power 4 1/2s, series B, 1968, March 10, \$2,000 at 78.
 Southern Calif. Edison 5s 1952, Nov. 21, \$1,000 at 103 1/2.
 Southern Calif. Edison 5s 1954, Oct. 20, \$2,000 at 103.
 Sun Oil 5s, 1934, Sept. 7, \$1,000 at 102.
 Sylvanite Gold Mines, Jan. 27, 100 at 1/4.
 Toledo Edison 5s, 1947, Apr. 26, \$1,000 at 94.
 United Light & Ry. deb. 6s, 1973, March 9, \$2,000 at 65 1/2.
 Universal Pictures, common, Sept. 28, 100 at 6 1/2.
 Welch Grape Juice common, Jan. 27, 25 at 37 1/2.
 Wheeling Electric 5s, 1941, May 18, \$1,000 at 101.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Announcement is being made of the formation of Carl J. Hoffmann & Co., Inc., to transact a general investment security business, with offices at 70 Pine Street. Carl J. Hoffmann, President, was formerly associated with Halsey, Stuart & Co. and L. F. Rothschild & Co. Willard S. Gourse, Vice-President and Secretary of the new firm, is well known in the over-the-counter securities market as a trader in public utility, real estate and industrial issues.

—Stanley Morrill, Broadus J. Clarke, Kenneth F. Rich, Albert F. Lippmann, and Edmund C. Coutry announce the formation of Morrill, Clarke & Rich for the purpose of conducting a general brokerage business. Their offices will be located at 65 Broadway, New York, and the Field Building in Chicago. Mr. Coutry is a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

—Hill, Thompson & Co., Inc., 120 Broadway, New York, announce that Frederic C. Mullen has been made Manager of the Trading Departments, and that James S. Abrams, formerly Manager of the Utilities Department of Wm. C. Orton & Co., has become associated with them in charge of their Railroad and Utility Bond Divisions.

—Webster, Kennedy & Co., New York, have prepared a special circular listing the assessed valuation of property, total debt, net debt and the percentage of debt to assessed valuation, together with the per capita debt of all the states in the Union. The same information is given for a list of 120 separate cities.

—Fred D. Gearhart, Jr., and B. S. Lichtenstein have formed a co-partnership under the firm name of Gearhart & Lichtenstein to deal in investment securities, with offices at 40 Wall Street. Mr. Gearhart was recently with Hilson & Neuberger and Mr. Lichtenstein was formerly with Gatzert & Co.

—Announcement is made of the formation of the firm of Neuhut, Mansbach & Plohn, with membership in the New York Stock Exchange and to associate membership in the New York Curb Exchange, to conduct a general commission and foreign exchange business at 60 Broad St., New York.

—Thomas F. Adams, formerly associated with Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., and Thomas F. McEntee, formerly with Eldredge & Co. and White, Weld & Co., have formed the firm of Adams, McEntee & Co., Inc., 40 Wall St., New York, to conduct a general municipal bond business.

—Ira Haupt & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the formation of a bond department under the direction of Arthur N. Bloch, formerly with Speyer & Co., and Bertram M. Goldsmith, formerly of Dornbusch & Goldsmith.

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New York State Bonds.

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New York City Bonds.

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U. S. Insular Bonds.

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Federal Land Bank Bonds.

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New York Bank Stocks.

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Telephone and Telegraph Stocks.

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Sugar Stocks.

Table of Sugar Stocks with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and description.

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Chain Store Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, Description, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Butler (James) com, Diamond Shoe pref, Fishman Bros Stores pref, etc.

Industrial Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, Description, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Alpha Portl Cement pf, American Bk \$4, Bliss (E W) 1st pref, etc.

Insurance Companies.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, Description, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Aetna Casualty & Surety, Aetna Fire, Agricultural, American Alliance, etc.

Industrial and Railroad Bonds.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Description, Bid, Ask. Includes Adams Express 4s '47 J&D, American Meter 6s 1946, Amer Tobacco 4s 1951 F&A, etc.

Chicago Bank Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, Description, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Central Republic, Continental Ill Bk & Tr, First National, etc.

Aeronautical Stocks.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Description, Bid, Ask. Includes Alexander Indus 8% pf, American Airports Corp, Central Airport, etc.

Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, Description, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Bond & Mortgage Guar, Empire Title & Guar, Guaranty Title & Mortgage, etc.

New York Real Estate Securities Exchange Bonds and Stocks.

Table with columns: Active Issues, Bid, Ask, Active Issues, Bid, Ask. Includes Allerton N Y Corp 5 1/8 '47, 165 Broadway Bldg 5 1/8 '51, etc.

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Short Term Securities.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Description, Bid, Ask. Includes Allis-Chal Mfg 5s May 1937, Amer Metal 5 1/8 1934 A&O, Amer Wat Wks 5s 1934 A&O, etc.

Water Bonds.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Description, Bid, Ask. Includes Alton Water 5s 1956, Ark Wat 1st 5s A 1956, Ashtabula W 5s '58, etc.

Railroad Equipments.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Description, Bid, Ask. Includes Atlantic Coast Line 6s, Equipment 6 1/8, Baltimore & Ohio 6s, etc.

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Current Earnings—Monthly, Quarterly and Half Yearly.

CUMULATIVE INDEX COVERING RETURNS IN PRESENT AND PREVIOUS ISSUES.

Below will be found all returns of earnings, income and profits for current periods, whether monthly, quarterly or half-yearly, that have appeared the present week. It covers all classes of corporate entities, whether railroads, public utilities, industrial concerns or any other class and character of enterprise or undertaking. It is all inclusive in that respect, and hence constitutes an invaluable record.

The accompanying index, however, is not confined to the returns which have come to hand the present week. It includes also those given in our issue of Dec. 3 and some of those given in our issue of Nov. 26. The object of this index is to supplement the information contained in our "Monthly Earnings Record," which has been enlarged so as to embrace quarterly and semi-annual statements as well as monthly reports. The "Monthly Earnings Record" was absolutely complete up to the date of issue, Nov. 25, embracing every monthly, semi-annual and quarterly report which was available at the time of going to press.

The index now given shows the statements that have become available in the interval since then. The figures in most cases are merely for a month later, but there are also not a few instances of additions to the list, representing companies which had not yet made up their returns when the November number of the "Monthly Earnings Record" was issued.

We mean to continue giving this current index in the "Chronicle" each week, furnishing a reference to every return that has appeared since the last preceding number of the "Monthly Earnings Record." The latter is complete in and by itself, and for most persons will answer all purposes. But to those persons who are desirous of seeing the record brought down to date every week, this further and supplementary index in the "Chronicle" will furnish an invaluable addition. The "Chronicle" index in conjunction with the "Monthly Earnings Record" will enable any one at a glance to find the very latest figures of current earnings and income, furnishing a cumulative record brought down to date each and every week—an absolutely unique service. A further valuable feature is that at the end of every return, both in the "Chronicle" and the "Monthly Earnings Record," there is a reference line showing by date and page number the issue of the "Chronicle" where the latest complete annual report of the company was published.

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Akron Canton & Youngstown	Dec. 3. 3842	Crown Willamette Paper Co.	Dec. 3. 3850	Loew's Boston Theatres Co.	Dec. 3. 3863
Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.	Dec. 10. 4026	Crown Zellerbach Corp.	Dec. 3. 3850	Loews, Inc.	Dec. 3. 3852
Alfred Investment Trust	Dec. 3. 3849	Cuba Railroad Co.	Dec. 10. 4027	Long Island	Dec. 3. 3845
Alabama Great Southern RR.	Dec. 3. 3846	De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd.	Nov. 26. 3684	Los Angeles & Salt Lake	Dec. 3. 3844
Alabama Power Co.	Nov. 26. 3680	Deep Rock Oil Corp.	Dec. 10. 4027	Louisiana & Arkansas	Dec. 3. 3844
Alton RR.	Dec. 3. 3842	Delaware & Hudson	Dec. 3. 3843	Louisiana Arkansas & Texas	Dec. 3. 3844
Alton & Southern	Nov. 26. 3678	Delaware Lackawanna & Western	Dec. 3. 3843	Louisville Gas & Electric Co.	Dec. 10. 4028
American Caustic Tilling Co., Ltd.	Dec. 3. 3849	Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.	Dec. 3. 3847	Louisville & Nashville	Dec. 3. 3844
American Power & Light Co.	Dec. 10. 4026	Denver & Salt Lake	Dec. 3. 3843	MacAndrews & Forbes Co.	Nov. 26. 3683
American Telephone & Telegraph Co.	Dec. 10. 4026	Detroit & Mackinac	Dec. 3. 3843	Magor Car Co.	Dec. 3. 3866
American Water Works & Electric Co.	Dec. 10. 4026	Detroit Street Rys.	Nov. 26. 3681	Maine Central RR.	Dec. 3. 3848
Ann Arbor	Nov. 26. 3678	Detroit Terminal	Dec. 3. 3843	Mexican Light & Power Co.	Dec. 3. 3851
Associated Gas & Electric Co.	Dec. 3. 3849	Detroit Toledo & Ironton	Dec. 3. 3843	Mexico Tramways Co.	Dec. 3. 3851
Associated Gas & Electric Corp.	Nov. 26. 3689	Detroit & Toledo Shore Line	Dec. 3. 3843	Mid-Continent Laundries, Inc.	Dec. 10. 4043
Associated Telephone Utilities Co.	Dec. 3. 3849	Diamond Match Co.	Dec. 3. 3850	Midland Valley	Dec. 3. 3844
(The) Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe	Dec. 3. 3847	Distributors Group, Inc.	Dec. 3. 3862	Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.	Dec. 3. 3844
Ry. System	Dec. 3. 3847	Dominion Woollens & Worsteds, Ltd.	Dec. 10. 4038	Mississippi Central	Dec. 3. 3845
Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe	Dec. 3. 3842	Duluth Missabe & Northern	Dec. 3. 3843	Missouri Illinois	Dec. 3. 3845
Atlanta Birmingham & Coast	Dec. 3. 3842	Duluth South Shore & Atlantic	Dec. 3. 3843	Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines	Dec. 3. 3848
Atlanta & West Point	Dec. 3. 3842	Duluth Winnipeg & Pacific Ry.	Dec. 3. 3843	Missouri & North Arkansas	Dec. 3. 3845
Atlantic City	Dec. 3. 3842	Duquesne Light Co.	Dec. 10. 4027	Missouri Pacific RR.	Dec. 3. 3845
Atlantic Coast Line	Dec. 3. 3842	Eastern Massachusetts St. Ry. Co.	Nov. 26. 3681	Mobile & Ohio RR. Co.	Dec. 3. 3845
Atlantic Gulf & West Indies S.S. Lines	Dec. 3. 3849	Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc.	Dec. 10. 4027	Monongahela Connecting	Nov. 26. 3678
Baltimore & Ohio RR. Co.	Dec. 3. 3842	Eastern Utilities Associates	Nov. 26. 3681	Monongahela Ry.	Dec. 3. 3845
Baltimore & Ohio Chicago Terminal	Dec. 3. 3842	East Kootenay Power Co.	Dec. 3. 3850	Moxie Co.	Dec. 3. 3866
Bangor & Aroostock RR. Co.	Dec. 3. 3847	Eaton Mfg. Co.	Dec. 3. 3850	(F. E.) Myers & Bro. Co.	Dec. 3. 3866
Bankers National Investing Corp.	Nov. 26. 3680	El Paso Electric	Dec. 10. 4027	National Casket Co., Inc.	Dec. 10. 4044
Barcelona Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd.	Dec. 3. 3849	Elder Mfg. Co.	Dec. 10. 4039	National Manufacture & Stores Corp.	Dec. 10. 4044
Baton Rouge Electric Co.	Dec. 10. 4026	Electric Power & Light Corp.	Dec. 10. 4027	Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Dec.	3. 3845
Beaumont Sour Lake & Western	Dec. 3. 3845	Elgin Joliet & Eastern Ry.	Dec. 3. 3844	(The) Nevada-California Elec. Corp.	Nov. 26. 3683
Belt Ry. of Chicago	Dec. 3. 3842	Emporium Capwell Corp.	Dec. 3. 3850	Nevada Northern	Dec. 3. 3845
Beneficial Industrial Loan Corp.	Nov. 26. 3680	Engineers Public Service Co.	Dec. 3. 3850	New England Southern Corp.	Dec. 3. 3867
Bessemer & Lake Erie	Dec. 3. 3842	Erie System	Nov. 26. 3679	New Jersey & New York	Dec. 3. 3843
Bibb Mfg. Co.	Nov. 26. 3695	Erie RR.	Dec. 3. 3843	New Orleans Great Northern	Dec. 3. 3845
Boston Elevated Ry.	Dec. 3. 3849	Exchange Buffet Corp.	Dec. 3. 3850	New Orleans & Northeastern	Dec. 3. 3846
Boston & Maine RR.	Dec. 3. 3847	Fall River Gas Works Co.	Nov. 26. 3681	New Orleans Terminal	Dec. 3. 3846
Boston Worcester & N. Y. Street Ry.	Dec. 10. 4026	Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.	Dec. 3. 3852	New Orleans Texas & Mexico	Dec. 3. 3845
Brantford Cordage Co., Ltd.	Dec. 3. 3860	Florida East Coast	Dec. 3. 3844	Newton Steel Co.	Dec. 10. 4028
Brillio Mfg. Co., Inc.	Dec. 3. 3849	Fonda Johnstown & Gloversville RR.	Dec. 3. 3847	New York Central	Dec. 3. 3845
British Columbia Power Corp., Ltd.	Dec. 3. 3849	Food Machinery Corp.	Dec. 10. 4039	New York Chicago & St. Louis	Dec. 3. 3845
Broad River Power Co.	Dec. 3. 3849	Ft. Smith & Western	Dec. 3. 3844	New York Connecting	Dec. 3. 3845
Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal	Dec. 3. 3842	Ft. Worth & Denver City	Dec. 3. 3843	New York Railways Corp.	Dec. 3. 3851
Brown Shoe Co.	Nov. 26. 3685	Ft. Worth & Rio Grande	Dec. 3. 3846	New York, Susquehanna & Western Dec.	3. 3845
Burco, Inc.	Nov. 26. 3695	Galveston Wharf Co.	Nov. 26. 3678	New York Telephone Co.	Dec. 3. 3851
Burger Bros. Co.	Dec. 3. 3840	Gatineau Power Co.	Dec. 3. 3850	New York, Westchester & Boston Ry. Co.	Dec. 3. 3851
Burlington Rock Island	Dec. 3. 3842	General Motors Corp.	Dec. 10. 4027	Newburgh & South Shore	Dec. 3. 3845
Butterick Co.	Dec. 3. 3849	Georgia Power Co.	Nov. 26. 3682	Norfolk Southern	Dec. 3. 3845
(A. M.) Byers Co.	Dec. 10. 4027	Georgia RR.	Dec. 3. 3844	North American Light & Power Co.	Dec. 3. 3851
California Ink Co., Inc.	Nov. 26. 3695	Georgia & Florida RR.	Dec. 3. 3848	Northern Alabama	Dec. 3. 3846
Cambridge & Indiana	Dec. 3. 3842	Georgia Southern & Florida	Dec. 3. 3846	Northern Pacific	Dec. 3. 3845
Canada Dry Ginger Ale	Dec. 10. 4037	Glidden Co.	Dec. 10. 4040	North German Lloyd	Nov. 26. 3703
Canada Northern Power Corp.	Nov. 26. 3681	Grand Trunk Western	Dec. 3. 3844	Northern States Power Co. (Del.)	Dec. 10. 4028
Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Ltd.	Nov. 26. 3684	Great Northern	Dec. 3. 3844	Northwestern Pacific	Dec. 3. 3845
Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd.	Dec. 3. 3850	Great West Saddlery Co., Ltd.	Dec. 10. 4041	Norwalk Tire & Rubber Co.	Nov. 26. 3704
Canadian Industrial Alcohol Co., Ltd.	Dec. 10. 4037	Green Bay & Western	Dec. 3. 3844	Oklahoma City Ada-Atok	Dec. 3. 3845
Canadian National Railways	Dec. 3. 3847	Guantanamo Sugar Co.	Dec. 3. 3852	(The) Orange & Rockland Elec. Co.	Dec. 3. 3851
Canadian National Lines in New England	Dec. 3. 3842	Guelph Carpet & Worsted Spinning Mills, Ltd.	Dec. 3. 3863	Oregon Short Line	Dec. 3. 3847
Canadian Pacific Ry.	Dec. 3. 3842	Gulf Coast Lines	Dec. 3. 3848	Oregon-Washington RR. & Navigation	Dec. 3. 3847
Canadian Pacific Lines in Vermont	Dec. 3. 3842	Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe	Dec. 3. 3842	Oriental Development Co., Ltd.	Nov. 26. 3704
Canadian Pacific Lines in Vermont	Dec. 3. 3842	Gulf Mobile & Northern	Dec. 3. 3844	Otis Co.	Dec. 10. 4045
Central Aguirre Associates	Dec. 10. 4030	Gulf & Ship Island	Dec. 3. 3844	Panhandle & Santa Fe	Dec. 3. 3842
Central of Georgia Ry.	Dec. 3. 3842	Gulf States Utilities	Dec. 10. 4027	Park & Tilford, Inc.	Dec. 3. 3851
Central RR. of New Jersey	Dec. 3. 3842	Harbauer Co.	Dec. 3. 3850	Patino Mines & Enterprises Consolidated, Inc.	Dec. 10. 4028
Central Vermont	Nov. 26. 3678	Havana Electric Ry. Co.	Dec. 3. 3850	Pennsylvania Electric Co.	Dec. 3. 3851
Central West Public Service Co.	Dec. 10. 4027	Haverhill Gas Light Co.	Nov. 26. 3682	Pennsylvania Gas & Electric Co.	Dec. 3. 3851
Charleston & Western Carolina	Dec. 3. 3843	Hercules Motors Corp.	Nov. 26. 3682	Pennsylvania RR. Regional System	Dec. 3. 3848
Chicago Burlington & Quincy	Dec. 3. 3843	Honolulu Rapid Transit Co., Ltd.	Dec. 3. 3850	Pennsylvania RR. Co.	Dec. 3. 3845
Chicago & Eastern Illinois	Dec. 3. 3843	Horn & Hardart Bakery Co.	Dec. 10. 4041	Peoria & Pekin Union	Dec. 3. 3845
Chicago & Erie RR.	Dec. 3. 3843	Hupp Motor Car Corp.	Dec. 10. 4028	Pere Marquette Ry. Co.	Dec. 3. 3848
Chicago Great Western	Dec. 3. 3848	(Tom) Huston Peanut Co.	Dec. 3. 3864	Philadelphia Co.	Dec. 10. 4028
Chicago & Illinois Midland	Dec. 3. 3843	Illinois Bell Telephone Co.	Dec. 10. 4028	(The) Philippine Ry. Co.	Dec. 3. 3848
Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville	Dec. 3. 3843	Illinois Central System	Dec. 3. 3844	Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.	Dec. 3. 3845
Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific	Dec. 3. 3843	Illinois Central RR.	Dec. 3. 3844	Pittsburgh & Shawmut	Dec. 3. 3845
Chicago & North Western	Dec. 3. 3843	Illinois Terminal	Dec. 3. 3844	Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern	Dec. 3. 3846
Chicago River & Indiana	Dec. 3. 3843	Independent Brewing Co. of Pittsburgh	Dec. 3. 3865	Pittsburgh & West Virginia	Dec. 3. 3846
Chicago Rock Island & Gulf	Dec. 3. 3843	Indiana Harbor Belt	Dec. 3. 3845	Plymouth Cordage Co.	Dec. 10. 4045
Chicago Rock Island & Pacific RR.	Dec. 3. 3843	International Rapid Transit Co.	Dec. 3. 4028	Plymouth Oil Co.	Dec. 3. 3851
Chicago St. Paul Minn. & Omaha Ry.	Dec. 3. 3843	International Great Northern	Dec. 3. 3844	Ponce Electric Co.	Dec. 10. 4028
Cinc., New Orleans & Texas Pac. Ry.	Dec. 3. 3846	International Milling Co. (of Del.)	Nov. 26. 3699	Prudential Investors, Inc.	Dec. 10. 4029
Cities Service Power & Light	Dec. 3. 3852	International Paper & Power Co.	Dec. 10. 4028	Public Utility Investing Corp.	Dec. 3. 3851
City Stores Co.	Dec. 3. 3850	International Rys. of Central America	Dec. 3. 3848	Puget Sound Power & Light Co.	Dec. 10. 4029
Clinchfield	Dec. 3. 3843	Jantzen Knitting Mills	Nov. 26. 3700	(The) Pullman Co.	Dec. 10. 4029
Colon Oil Corp.	Nov. 26. 3681	Kansas City Southern	Dec. 3. 3844	Railway Express Agency	Dec. 3. 3851
Colorado & Southern Ry.	Dec. 3. 3843	Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf	Dec. 3. 3844	Remington-Rand Inc.	Nov. 26. 3683
Colt's Patent Fire Arms Mfg. Co.	Nov. 26. 3696	(B. F.) Keith Corp.	Nov. 26. 3682	Reynolds Spring Co.	Dec. 10. 4029
Columbia Broadcasting System	Nov. 26. 3696	(Spencer) Kellogg & Sons	Nov. 26. 3700	Richmond-Fredericksburg & Patomac Dec.	3. 3846
Columbus & Greenville Ry.	Dec. 3. 3843	Kelvinator Corp.	Nov. 26. 3701	Robbins & Myers, Inc.	Dec. 10. 4046
Columbus Ry. Power & Light Co.	Dec. 10. 4027	(The) Key West Electric Co.	Dec. 10. 4028	Rutland RR.	Dec. 3. 3846
Connecticut Power Co.	Dec. 3. 3850	Lake Superior & Ishpeming	Dec. 3. 3844	St. Joseph & Grand Island	Dec. 3. 3847
Consolidated RR. of Cuba	Dec. 10. 4026	Lake Terminal	Dec. 3. 3844	St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico	Dec. 3. 3845
Consumers Gas Co. of Toronto	Nov. 26. 3690	Lehigh & Hudson River	Dec. 3. 3844	St. Louis San Francisco	Dec. 3. 3846
		Lehigh & New England	Dec. 3. 3844	St. Louis, San Francisco & Texas	Dec. 3. 3846
		Lehigh Valley RR.	Dec. 3. 3844	St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Lines	Dec. 3. 3846
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San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.	Dec.	10-4029	State Theatre Co. Boston	Dec.	10-4047	United Printers & Publishers, Inc.	Dec.	10-4049
San Joaquin Light & Power Corp.	Dec.	10-4029	Staten Island Rapid Transit.	Dec.	3-3846	Utah RR.	Dec.	3-3847
Savannah Electric & Power Co.	Dec.	10-4029	Tampa Electric Co.	Nov.	26-3684	Virginia	Dec.	3-3847
Seaboard Air Line	Dec.	3-3846	Tennessee Central	Dec.	3-3846	Virginia Electric & Power Co.	Dec.	10-4029
Shawmut Association	Dec.	3-3851	(The) Tennessee Electric Power Co.	Nov.	26-3684	Vortex Cup Co.	Dec.	10-4049
Sherwin-Williams Co. of Canada, Ltd.	Dec.	10-4047	Terminal RR. Assn. of St. Louis	Dec.	3-3846	Wabash Ry.	Nov.	26-3679
Sierra Pacific Electric Co.	Nov.	26-3684	Texarkana & Ft. Smith Ry.	Dec.	3-3844	Wabasso Cotton Co., Ltd.	Dec.	10-4050
Soo Line System	Nov.	26-3679	Texas, Mexican	Dec.	3-3846	Waco Aircraft Co.	Nov.	26-3684
Southern California Edison Co.	Nov.	26-3684	Texas & New Orleans	Dec.	3-3846	(Hiram) Walker-Goodeham & Worts, Ltd.	Dec.	10-4049
Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd.	Dec.	3-3852	Third Avenue Railway System	Dec.	3-3852	Welch Grape Juice Co.	Dec.	10-4050
Southern Colorado Power Co.	Dec.	10-4029	Thompson Starret Co., Inc.	Dec.	3-3846	Western Maryland Ry. Co.	Dec.	3-3848
Southern Dairy Products Co.	Dec.	10-4029	Toledo Peoria & Western	Dec.	3-3846	Western Pacific	Dec.	3-3847
Southern Ry.	Dec.	3-3846	Toledo Terminal	Dec.	3-3846	(The) Western Public Service Co.	Dec.	10-4030
Southern Pacific	Dec.	3-3846	Toronto Elevators, Ltd.	Dec.	10-4048	Western Ry. of Alabama	Dec.	3-3847
Southern Pacific Lines	Nov.	26-3679	Trux Traer Coal Co.	Dec.	3-3852	Western Union Telegraph Co.	Nov.	26-3684
Southern Pacific Steamship Lines	Dec.	3-3846	Union Pacific RR.	Dec.	3-3847	Wheeling & Lake Erie	Dec.	3-3847
Spokane International	Dec.	3-3846	Union Pacific System	Nov.	26-3680	Wichita Falls & Southern	Dec.	3-3847
Spokane Portland & Seattle	Dec.	3-3846	Union RR.	Dec.	3-3847	Winnipeg Electric Co.	Nov.	26-3684
Standard-Coosa-Thatcher Co.	Dec.	10-4047	United Amusement Corp., Ltd.	Dec.	10-4049	Wisconsin Investment Co.	Dec.	10-4030
			United Business Publishers, Inc.	Dec.	10-4030	Yazoo & Mississippi Valley RR.	Dec.	3-3847

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—We give below the latest weekly returns of earnings for all roads making such reports:

Name—	Period Covered.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).
Canadian National	4th wk of Nov	3,554,434	4,000,977	-446,543
Canadian Pacific	4th wk of Nov	3,369,000	3,748,000	-379,000
Georgia & Florida	3d wk of Nov	13,150	22,100	-8,950
Minneapolis & St. Louis	4th wk of Nov	133,130	159,708	-26,578
Southern	4th wk of Nov	2,237,385	2,585,737	-348,352
St. Louis Southwestern	4th wk of Nov	270,800	412,805	-142,005
Western Maryland	4th wk of Nov	277,626	322,693	-45,067

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both being very comprehensive. They include all the Class I roads in the country.

Month.	Gross Earnings.			Length of Road.	
	1932.	1931.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	1932.	1931.
	\$	\$	\$	Miles.	Miles.
January	274,976,249	365,522,091	-90,545,842	244,243	242,365
February	266,892,520	336,182,295	-69,289,775	242,312	240,943
March	289,633,741	375,617,147	-85,983,406	241,996	241,974
April	267,473,938	369,123,100	-101,649,162	241,876	241,992
May	254,382,711	368,417,190	-114,034,479	241,995	242,163
June	245,860,615	369,133,884	-123,273,269	242,179	242,527
July	237,462,789	376,314,314	-138,851,525	242,223	242,221
August	251,761,038	363,778,572	-112,017,534	242,208	242,217
September	284,724,582	364,385,728	-79,661,146	242,292	242,143

Month.	Net Earnings.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	
	1932.	1931.	Amount.	Per Cent.
	\$	\$	\$	
January	45,940,685	72,023,230	-26,082,545	-36.24
February	57,375,537	66,078,525	-8,702,988	-13.11
March	67,670,702	84,706,410	-17,035,708	-20.18
April	56,263,320	79,185,676	-22,922,356	-28.97
May	47,429,240	81,052,518	-33,623,278	-41.41
June	47,008,035	89,688,856	-42,680,821	-47.58
July	46,125,932	96,983,455	-50,857,523	-52.43
August	62,540,800	95,070,808	-32,530,008	-34.12
September	83,092,939	92,153,547	-9,060,608	-9.83

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.

Consolidated Railroads of Cuba.

(And Subsidiaries)				
3 Mos. Ended Sept. 30—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Net income after taxes				
Interest, &c.	loss\$470,515	\$302,525	\$611,803	\$656,358

The operations of the company alone show for the three months ended Sept. 30 1932, a net loss after taxes, interest, &c. of \$1,325, comparing with a net income of \$2,116, in the September quarter of 1931.

Cuba Railroad Co.

3 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Net income after taxes, int., deprec., &c.	loss\$354,773	\$317,038	\$460,408	\$850,498

Earnings of Large Telephone Companies.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission at Washington has issued a monthly statement of the earnings of large telephone companies having an annual operating revenue in excess of \$250,000. Below is a summary of the return:

	No. of Co. Stations in Service.	Operating Revenues.	Operating Expenses.	Operating Income.
September 1932	15,197,569	82,588,316	55,179,538	18,742,525
September 1931	17,082,790	9,906,751	63,246,117	23,231,688
9 mos. end. Sept. 30 1932		785,801,766	535,563,301	169,684,360
9 mos. end. Sept. 30 1931		872,978,189	584,309,783	208,867,205

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS CO'S.

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.

Period End. Nov. 30—	1932—Month—	1931—	1932—11 Mos.—	1931—
Gross earnings	\$260,500	\$251,000	\$2,858,500	\$3,478,500
Net profit after operating expenses & development charges, but before deprec., depletion & Federal taxes	91,900	62,300	1,029,700	1,444,350

American Power & Light Co.

(And Subsidiaries)			
(Intercompany Items Eliminated)			
12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1932.	1931.	
Operating revenues	\$76,505,649	\$84,376,754	
Operating expenses, including taxes	36,093,899	40,209,189	
Net revenues from operation	\$40,411,750	\$44,167,565	
Other income	721,521	635,701	
Gross corporate income	\$41,133,271	\$44,803,266	
Interest to public and other deductions	16,634,280	16,481,665	
Interest charged to construction	Cr.315,362	Cr.1,673,010	
Balance	\$24,814,353	\$29,994,611	
Preferred dividends to public	7,112,856	6,590,138	
Retirement (depreciation) reserve appropriations	4,510,094	4,822,010	
Portion applicable to minority interests	120,758	155,725	
Balance applicable to int. and divs. on loans and securities of subs. held by Am. Pow. & Lt. Co.	\$13,070,645	\$18,426,738	
American Power & Light Co.—			
Balance of subsidiaries' income applicable to Amer. Pow. & Lt. Co. (as shown above)	\$13,070,645	\$18,426,738	
Other income	1,015,224	650,756	
Total income	\$14,085,869	\$19,077,494	
Expenses, including taxes	228,289	278,841	
Interest to public and other deductions	3,107,251	3,106,414	
Balance applicable to preferred stocks	\$10,750,329	\$15,692,239	
Dividends on preferred stocks	9,400,754	8,541,908	
Balance applicable to common stock	\$1,349,575	\$7,150,331	
Earnings per share on com. stock outstanding	\$0.45	\$2.42	

Note.—Directors took no action in August on the dividend on Common stock which would ordinarily have been declared for payment Sept. 1 1932.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

—Month of October—			
1932.	1931.	10 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931.
Telep. oper. revenues	\$7,101,189	\$8,952,385	\$75,759,664
Telep. oper. expenses	4,712,309	5,799,574	51,520,461
Net telep. oper. revs.	\$2,388,880	\$3,152,811	\$24,239,203
Uncoll. oper. revenues	100,104	104,340	1,023,150
Taxes assign. to oper.	543,979	477,920	5,300,483
Operating income	\$1,744,797	\$2,570,055	\$17,915,570

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.

(And Subsidiary Companies)			
—Month of October—			
1932.	1931.	10 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931.
Gross earnings	\$3,523,036	\$4,013,905	\$44,686,264
Oper. exps., maint. & taxes	1,823,645	2,051,678	22,277,634
Gross income	\$1,699,391	\$1,962,227	\$22,408,630
Interest & amortiz. of discount of subsidiaries			\$8,719,317
Preferred dividends of subsidiaries			5,644,686
Int. & amortiz. of disc. of Amer. Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.			1,318,635
Reserved for renewals, retirements and depletion	2,621,403		3,125,763
Net income	\$1,104,587		\$5,911,576
Preferred dividends	1,200,000		1,200,000
Available for common stock	\$2,904,587		\$4,711,576
Non-recurring income	294,972		
Total available for common stock	\$3,199,560		
Shares of common stock outstanding	1,750,888		1,750,888
Earnings per share	\$1.83		\$2.69

Baton Rouge Electric Co.

—Month of October—			
1932.	1931.	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931.
Gross earnings	\$112,784	\$114,073	\$1,423,458
Operation	61,727	58,650	715,022
Maintenance	5,764	3,990	63,472
Taxes	12,944	9,660	144,544
Net operating revenue	\$32,347	\$41,771	\$500,419
Inc. from other sources*	14,419	13,810	9,460
Balance	\$17,928	\$27,961	\$500,419
Interest and amortization			172,159
Balance			\$328,259
Reserve for retirements (accrued)			115,000
Balance			\$213,259
Dividends on preferred stock			37,247
Balance for common stock divs. and surplus			\$176,012

* Interest on funds for construction purposes. During the last 25 years, the company has expended for maintenance a total of 6.93% of the entire gross earnings over this period, and in addition during this period has set aside for reserves or retained as surplus a total of 14.24% of these gross earnings.

Boston Worcester & New York Street Ry. Co.

(As reported to the Department of Public Utilities.)			
Period End. Sept. 30—	1932—3 Mos.—	1931—	1932—9 Mos.—
Net inc. after all charges	\$10,961	\$34,066	loss\$19,772

(A. M.) Byers Co.
(And Subsidiary)

Period End. Sept. 30—	1932—3 Mos.—1931.	1932—12 Mos.—1931.
Net loss after taxes and charges	\$350,948	\$211,083
Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Jan. 9 '32, p. 330		

Central West Public Service Co.
(And Subsidiaries.)

Earnings for 12 Months Ended Oct. 31 1932.

Gross earnings	\$2,510,092
Operating expenses	1,228,893
Maintenance	248,924
Taxes	145,979
Ann. int. requirements on secured debt (incl. 1st lien coll. 5 1/2% bonds series A & B and 5% series C; & sub. 5 1/2% mtge. bonds)	589,570
Annual int. requirements on unsecured debt (incl. 10-year 6% debentures, 3-year 7% notes & notes payable)	175,034
Balance before depreciation	\$121,642
Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 21, '32, p. 3921	

Columbus Ry., Power & Light Co.

12 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Gross revenue	\$8,891,069	\$9,282,670	\$9,928,549	\$10,256,431
Operating expenses	3,465,764	3,617,999	3,867,757	4,078,375
Depreciation	1,062,704	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Taxes (incl. Federal)	1,003,834	1,074,389	1,098,342	1,131,716
Gross income	\$3,358,767	\$3,590,282	\$3,962,451	\$4,046,341
Interest charges	1,091,911	870,583	840,551	853,359
Other deductions			47,653	45,374
Net income	\$2,266,856	\$2,719,699	\$3,074,247	\$3,147,608
Divs. on 6% pref. stock	816,992	817,331	491,202	491,006
Divs. on 6 1/2% pref. stk.			325,588	325,950
Divs. on common stock			900,816	900,816
Balance, surplus	\$1,449,863	\$1,902,367	\$1,356,641	\$1,429,837
Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 28 '32, p. 3979				

Cuba Co.

3 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Gross revenues	\$1,758,925	\$2,927,462	\$3,908,891	\$5,656,915
Expenses, interest, taxes, depreciation, &c.	2,491,745	2,860,776	3,672,358	4,943,066
Net earns. before subs. divs. & minor int.	def. \$732,820	\$66,686	\$236,533	\$713,849
Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Sept. 24 '32, p. 2169				

Deep Rock Oil Corp.

(And Subsidiary and Affiliated Companies)

12 Months Ended—	Sept. 30 '32.	June 30 '32.
Gross earnings	\$13,381,048	\$13,295,755
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	11,565,790	11,231,597
Net earnings	\$1,815,258	\$2,064,158
Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 7 '32, p. 3466		

Duquesne Light Co.

12 Months Ended Oct. 31—	1932.	1931.
Gross earnings	\$25,704,257	\$28,168,646
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	8,952,693	9,559,043
Net earnings	\$16,751,564	\$18,609,603
Other income—net	988,436	1,004,475
Net earnings including other income	\$17,740,000	\$19,614,078
Income charges—net	3,218,612	2,414,929
Appropriations for: Retirement (deprec.) reserve	2,056,341	2,253,492
Amortization of debt discount and expense	158,969	142,430
Balance	\$12,306,078	\$14,803,227
Preferred dividends	1,375,000	1,375,000
Balance for common dividends and surplus	\$10,931,078	\$13,428,227
Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 9 '32, p. 2708		

Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc.

—Month of October—	1932.	1931.
Operating revenue	\$735,365	\$816,805
Operating expense	643,624	745,134
Operating income	91,741	71,671
Other income	7,201	2,574
Other expense	79,112	56,717
Net income	\$19,830	\$17,528
Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 30 '32, p. 3281		

Electric Power & Light Corp.

(And Subsidiaries—Inter-Company Items Eliminated).

12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1932.	1931.
Operating revenues	\$74,450,961	\$81,586,266
Operating expenses, including taxes	36,686,812	39,658,532
Net revenues from operation	\$37,764,149	\$41,927,734
Other income	334,528	654,965
Gross corporate income	\$38,098,677	\$42,582,699
Interest to public and other deductions	16,394,877	16,601,849
Interest charged to construction	Cr584,875	Cr1,422,317
Balance	\$22,268,675	\$27,403,167
Preferred dividends to public	7,915,788	7,761,807
Retire. (deprec.) & deplet. reserve appropriations	6,201,862	6,520,421
Portion applicable to minority interests	157,233	839,565
Bal. applic. to int. & divs. on loans & securities of subs. held by Electric Power & Light Corp.—Electric Power & Light Corp.—	\$7,993,792	\$12,281,374
Bal. of subs. inc. applic. to Electric Power & Light Corp. (as shown above)	\$7,993,792	\$12,281,374
Other income	262,668	206,761
Total income	\$8,256,460	\$12,488,135
Expenses, including taxes	504,460	586,035
Interest to public and other deductions	1,591,498	1,589,387
Balance applicable to preferred stocks	\$6,160,502	\$10,312,713
Dividends on \$7 and \$6 preferred stocks	5,127,344	5,107,136
x Bal. applic. to 2nd pref. & com. stocks	\$1,033,158	\$5,205,577
x Divs. on the 2nd pref. stock, series A (\$7), which are cum. have been paid to March 31 1932.		
Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 5 '32, p. 1759		

El Paso Electric Co. (Del.).
(And Constituent Companies)

—Month of October—	1932.	1931.	—12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1932.	1931.
Gross earnings	\$227,725	\$288,091	\$2,855,347	\$3,493,868	
Operation	90,922	115,953	1,208,544	1,421,429	
Maintenance	10,374	13,382	156,989	185,269	
Taxes	27,962	23,889	322,061	306,684	
Net operating revenue	\$98,465	\$134,865	\$1,167,752	\$1,580,485	
Interest & amortization	36,404	37,063	446,616	447,513	
Balance	\$62,060	\$97,802	\$721,136	\$1,132,971	
Reserve for retirements (accrued)			230,000	247,000	
Balance			\$491,136	\$885,971	
Divs. on pref. stock of constituent company			46,772	43,942	
Balance			\$444,364	\$842,029	
Divs. on pref. stock of El Paso Elec. Co. (Del.)			194,939	194,648	
Balance for common stock divs. and surplus			\$249,425	\$647,381	
During the last 30 years, the company and its predecessor companies have expended for maintenance a total of 6.96% of the entire gross earnings over this period, and in addition during this period have set aside for reserves or retained as surplus a total of 10.40% of these gross earnings.					
Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 6 '32, p. 1022					

General Motors Corporation.

Period Ended Sept. 30—	1932—3 Mos.—1931.	1932—9 Mos.—1931.
Sales of cars and trucks—units:		
Retail sales by dealers to consumers—United States	104,773	206,670
General Motors sales to dealers—United States	78,792	189,255
General Motors sales to dealers, incl. Canadian sales and overseas shipments	97,408	215,649
Net sales—Value	\$74,575,864	\$168,494,620
Profit from oper. & income from inv., after all exp. incident thereto, but before providing for deprec. of real estate, plants, and equipment	3,841,766	26,775,787
Provision for deprec. of real estate, plants and equipment	9,279,688	9,254,315
Net profit from operations and investments	def. \$4,437,922	17,521,472
Less provision for: Employees' sav. & invest. fund	90,370	1,923,174
Guar. settle. of 1927 invest. fund class	28,543	1,566,335
Deduct profit on inv. fund stk. reverting to Gen. Mot. Corp.	def. \$218,787	626,995
Empl. sav. & inv. fund—net	337,700	1,296,179
Payment to Gen. Mot. Management Corp. (in 1929 prov. for emp. bonus and amount due Managers Securities Co.)		Dr. \$221,000
Special payment to employees under stock subscrip. plan	48	40
Total	337,748	1,075,219
Net income before inc. taxes	def. \$5,775,670	16,446,253
Less prov. for U. S. & for inc. tax	Cr. \$1,340,000	1,818,000
Net income	def. \$4,435,670	14,628,253
Gen. M. Corp. propor. of net inc.	def. \$4,464,229	14,640,453
Divs. on pref. & deb. cap. stks.: Preferred—\$5 series	2,344,207	2,344,152
*Amount earn. on com. stock	def. \$6,808,436	12,296,301
y Earns. per sh. on 43,500,000 common shares (par \$10)	def. \$0.16	\$0.25
*Incl. Gen. Mot. Corp. equity in the undivided profits or losses of cos. below (x), the amount earned on common stock is: def. \$6,808,436	10,989,062	def. \$3,522,553
x Including the General Motors Corp.'s equity in the undivided profits or the losses of Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co., Ethyl Gasoline Corp., Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., Adam Opel A. G., Bendix Aviation Corp., General Aviation Corp., General Motors Radio Corp., and Kinetic Chemical, Inc. which for 1932 are included in "Profit from operations and income from investments," above. y Including the equity in the undivided profits or losses of the above-mentioned subsidiaries not consolidated, the amount earned per share of common capital stock outstanding (43,500,000 shares) is as shown above.		
Summary of Consolidated Surplus.		
	1932—3 Mos.—1931.	1932—9 Mos.—1931.
Surplus at beginning of period	\$278,972,471	\$360,192,490
Gen. Motors Corp.'s proportion of net income	loss \$4,464,229	14,640,453
Earned surplus before divs.	274,508,242	374,832,943
Preferred dividends, \$5 series	2,344,207	2,344,152
Common dividends	10,875,000	32,625,001
Earned surplus at end of period	261,289,035	339,863,790
Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 23 '32, p. 3086 and Mar. 19 '32, p. 2136.		

Gulf States Utilities Co.

—Month of October—	1932.	1931.	—12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1932.	1931.
Gross earnings	\$419,264	\$519,548	\$5,436,563	\$6,489,707	
Operation	185,679	240,526	2,465,081	2,959,009	
Maintenance	14,930	15,927	211,161	222,721	
Taxes	36,435	36,115	402,228	527,742	
Net operating revenue	\$182,219	\$226,978	\$2,358,091	\$2,780,233	
Inc. from other sources*	90,880	90,999	170a	7,039	
Balance	\$91,338	\$135,979	\$2,357,921	\$2,787,272	
Interest and amortization (public)			1,091,140	1,022,176	
Balance			\$1,266,780	\$1,765,095	
Interest (Eastern Texas Electric Co., Del.)				47,719	
Balance			\$1,266,780	\$1,717,375	
Reserve for retirements (accrued)			458,000	455,666	
Balance			\$808,780	\$1,261,708	
Dividends on preferred stock			567,169	565,885	
Balance for common stock divs. and surplus			\$241,610	\$694,823	
* Principally interest on funds for construction purposes. a—Charge					
Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 6 '32, p. 1022					

Loblaw Groceries, Ltd.

Per. Ended Nov. 12—	1932—4 Weeks—1931.	1932—24 Weeks—1931.
Sales	\$1,112,317	\$1,217,997
Net profit after charges & inc. taxes	60,302	82,374
Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Aug. 6 '32, p. 998		

Hupp Motor Car Corp.

Period End. Sept. 30—	1932—3 Mos.—1931	1932—9 Mos.—1931	1931	
Net sales	\$1,041,152	\$2,881,278	\$8,078,004	\$14,335,544
Costs and expenses	1,812,135	3,543,134	9,756,413	15,609,113
Operating loss	\$770,983	\$661,856	\$1,678,409	\$1,273,569
Other income	23,754	82,190	126,504	287,954
Total loss	\$747,229	\$579,666	\$1,551,905	\$985,615
Depreciation	196,260	316,518	612,357	987,679
Idle plants expense	119,252	—	378,665	—
x Extraord. charges	862,263	—	862,263	—
Net loss	\$1,925,004	\$896,184	\$3,405,190	\$1,973,294

Note.—The net profit for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1932, of the Commonwealth Alcorn Co., a wholly owned realty company not consolidated, amounted to \$9,233.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 26 '32, p. 2351

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.

	—Month of October—	1931	—10 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931
Teleph. oper. revenues	\$16,307,096	\$7,472,058	\$66,089,077	\$74,713,743
Teleph. oper. expenses	4,313,856	5,061,040	46,671,568	51,343,228
Net teleph. oper. revs.	\$1,993,240	\$2,411,018	\$19,417,509	\$23,370,515
Uncollec. oper. revs.	59,012	44,790	642,912	474,247
Taxes assign. to oper.	650,501	753,902	7,886,113	8,823,516
Operating income	\$1,283,727	\$1,612,326	\$10,888,484	\$14,072,752

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 13 '32, p. 1194

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.

	—Month of October—	1931	—4 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931
Gross operating revenue	\$5,147,869	\$5,960,333	\$19,063,352	\$21,299,669
Operating expenses	3,369,107	3,634,696	13,537,055	14,358,094
Net operating revenue	\$1,778,761	\$2,325,637	\$5,526,296	\$6,941,575
Taxes	190,067	203,257	768,078	801,535
Income from operation	\$1,588,694	\$2,122,380	\$4,758,218	\$6,140,039
Current rent deductions	417,252	419,026	1,670,352	1,674,423
Balance	\$1,171,441	\$1,703,353	\$3,087,865	\$4,465,616
Used for purchase of assets of enterprise	13,238	def.21,489	def.15,701	def.464
Balance—City & Co.	\$1,158,203	\$1,724,842	\$3,103,567	\$4,466,080
Payable to city under contract No. 3	—	—	—	—
Gross inc. from oper.	\$1,158,203	\$1,724,842	\$3,103,567	\$4,466,080
Fixed charges	1,120,870	1,170,323	4,489,213	4,685,002
Net income from oper.	\$37,333	\$554,519	df.\$1385,645	df.\$218,921
Non-operating income	3,658	9,330	12,828	30,474
Balance before deducting 5% Manhattan dividend rental	\$40,992	\$563,849	df.\$1372,816	df.\$188,447
Amount required for full div. rental at 5% on Manhattan Ry. Co. modified guar. stock, payable if earned	231,870	231,870	927,483	927,483
Amount by which the full 5% Manhattan dividend rental was earned	df.\$190,878	\$331,978	df.\$2300,300	df.\$1115,930

Note.—As of Oct. 31 1932, there is still an unearned balance of the subway preferential of \$1,033,376.58, which the receivers are entitled to collect from future subway earnings. The detail is as follows:

	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Unearned balance—3 months ended Sept. 30 1932	\$1,076,373.01	\$548,978.25
Earnings in excess of subway preferential month of October 1932	42,996.43	497,292.55
Unearned balance of subway preferential, Oct. 31 1932	\$1,033,376.58	\$51,685.70

"Current Rent Deductions" and "Fixed Charges" as stated herein are based upon the outstanding securities of the company and its obligations under leases, without attempting to state the portion of such obligation which may be assumed by the receivers. They are so stated for comparison with similar items for the previous year.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Oct. 10 '31, p. 2429

International Paper & Power Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Period. End. Sept. 30—	1932—3 Mos.—1931	1932—9 Mos.—1931	1931	
Gross sales	\$30,249,610	\$37,608,195	\$97,376,379	\$109,102,735
Cost of sales & exps., less other income & profit on exchange	22,212,931	26,363,593	68,786,393	76,423,102
Operating profit	\$8,036,679	\$11,244,602	\$28,589,986	\$32,679,633
Profit on bonds redeemed	212,926	81,538	574,569	226,092
Net rev. incl. other rev. interest on funded debt and other interest	\$8,249,605	\$11,326,140	\$29,164,555	\$32,905,725
Depreciation	5,226,331	5,071,443	15,760,395	14,762,098
Depletion	2,078,877	2,054,545	6,342,533	5,783,491
Amortiz. of disc. & exps.	166,145	173,927	470,381	515,135
Reserve for income taxes	388,079	352,076	1,166,277	970,553
Divs. paid & accrued on pref. & minority com. stocks of subsidiaries	441,043	427,794	1,472,339	1,261,384
Accumul. unpaid divs. on pref. and class A stocks of subsidiaries	2,266,879	2,558,569	7,231,329	6,848,148
Min. int. in earns. of subs.	488,785	74,829	1,057,339	150,637
Balance	def.\$3,001,567	\$264,297	df.\$5,257,371	\$1,871,294
Surp. beginning of period	9,706,083	12,950,645	11,961,887	12,976,213
Total surplus	\$6,704,516	\$13,214,941	\$6,704,516	\$14,847,507
Divs. on pref. stk. of Int. Paper & Power Co.	—	—	—	1,632,565
Surplus end of period	\$6,704,516	\$13,214,941	\$6,704,516	\$13,214,941

Note.—Unpaid cumulative dividends on 7% and 6% preferred stocks of International Paper & Power Co. from April 1 1931 to Sept. 30 1932 amount to \$9,832,910.

In the above statement income and expenses of Canadian subsidiaries have been taken at parity of exchange without adjustment of differences between foreign and United States currencies. All profits and losses actually realized in transactions involving exchange have been included in the above results.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle June 4 '32, p. 4151

(The) Key West Electric Co.

	—Month of October—	1931	—12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931
Gross earnings	\$13,962	\$16,384	\$191,501	\$212,713
Operation	5,428	6,482	79,511	85,364
Maintenance	1,552	1,292	21,897	15,879
Taxes	1,360	920	19,278	19,879
Net operating revenue	\$5,621	\$7,689	\$70,814	\$91,589
Int. and amortization	2,265	2,310	27,401	27,969
Balance	\$3,355	\$5,379	\$43,413	\$63,619
Reserve for retirements (accrued)	—	—	16,666	5,000
Balance	—	—	\$26,746	\$58,619
Dividends on preferred stock	—	—	24,500	24,500
Balance for common stock divs. and surplus	—	—	\$2,246	\$34,119

During the last 25 years, the company has expended for maintenance a total of 9.25% of the entire gross earnings over this period, and in addition during this period has set aside for reserves or retained as surplus a total of 15.81% of these gross earnings.

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Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (Del.)

(And Subsidiaries)

	12 Months Ended Oct. 31—	1932	1931
Gross earnings	—	\$10,021,232	\$10,860,385
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	—	4,746,064	4,861,864
Net earnings	—	\$5,275,168	\$5,998,521
Other income	—	393,929	302,309
Net earnings including other income	—	\$5,669,097	\$6,300,830
Interest charges—net	—	1,543,183	1,559,245
Balance	—	\$4,125,914	\$4,741,585
Preferred dividends	—	1,357,109	1,367,596
Appropriations for:	—	—	—
Retirement (depreciation) and depletion reserves	—	892,500	862,500
Amortization of debt discount and expense	—	141,786	121,602
Balance for common dividends and surplus	—	\$1,734,519	\$2,389,887

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Newton Steel Co.

Period End. Sept. 30—	1932—3 Mos.—1931	1932—9 Mos.—1931		
Net loss after depreciation, interest, &c.	\$306,594	\$184,994	\$653,537	\$383,083

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Northern States Power Co. (Del.)

(And Subsidiaries)

	12 Months Ended Oct. 31—	1932	1931
Gross earnings	—	\$32,751,065	\$33,968,559
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	—	16,499,597	16,539,505
Net earnings	—	\$16,251,468	\$17,429,054
Other income	—	162,917	228,289
Net earnings including other income	—	\$16,414,385	\$17,657,343
Interest charges—net	—	5,751,991	5,753,298
Balance	—	\$10,662,394	\$11,904,045
Preferred dividends	—	5,104,876	5,031,453
Appropriations for:	—	—	—
Retirement (depreciation) reserve	—	2,900,000	2,830,000
Amortization of debt discount and expense	—	180,000	136,250
Balance for common dividends and surplus	—	\$2,477,518	\$3,906,342

The operating expenses for the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1931, include \$70,000 credit for withdrawal from contingent reserve.

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Patino Mines & Enterprises Consol., Inc.

9 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1932	1931	
Income from mine operations	\$854,488	\$1,292,747	\$1,765,569
Production costs, &c.	731,330	1,144,002	1,613,974
Profit	\$123,158	\$148,745	\$151,595
Profit from railroad	489	22,042	48,396
Total income	\$123,647	\$170,787	\$199,991
Depreciation and depletion	314,053	314,110	306,359
Net loss	\$190,406	\$143,323	\$106,368

For the quarter ended Sept. 30 1932, net loss was \$29,243 after charges against a net loss of \$58,730 in the preceding quarter and a net loss of \$46,188 in the September quarter of 1931.

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Philadelphia Co.

(And Subsidiaries)

	12 Months Ended Oct. 31—	1932	1931
Gross earnings	—	\$48,877,413	\$57,625,937
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	—	25,543,294	25,408,122
Net earnings	—	\$23,334,119	\$29,217,815
Other income	—	1,354,985	1,315,050
Net earnings including other income	—	\$24,689,104	\$30,532,865
Interest charges, rentals, contract payments and miscellaneous income charges	—	8,427,789	8,070,628
Balance	—	\$16,261,315	\$22,462,237
Preferred dividends	—	3,721,145	3,666,050
Appropriations for:	—	—	—
Retirement (depreciation) reserve	—	6,376,931	6,637,905
Amortization of debt discount and expense	—	377,451	362,517
Balance for common dividends and surplus	—	\$5,785,788	\$11,795,765

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Ponce Electric Co.

	—Month of October—	1931	—12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931
Gross earnings	\$27,189	\$27,657	\$328,826	\$358,181
Operation	9,608	10,639	124,782	154,919
Maintenance	865	1,180	19,424	20,993
Taxes	3,796	2,341	39,640	39,056
Net operating revenue	\$12,918	\$13,496	\$144,987	\$143,212
Interest charges	75	76	1,025	919
Balance	\$12,843	\$13,420	\$143,953	\$142,292
Reserve for retirements (accrued)	—	—	40,000	40,000
Balance	—	—	\$103,953	\$102,292
Dividends on preferred stock	—	—	26,119	26,409
Balance for common stock, divs. and surplus	—	—	\$77,833	\$75,883

During the last 30 years the company and its predecessor companies have expended for maintenance a total of 7.76% of the entire gross earnings over this period, and in addition during this period have set aside for reserves or retained as surplus a total of 10.32% of these gross earnings.

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Prudential Investors, Inc.

	1932.	1931.	1930.
6 Months Ended June 30—			
Interest and cash dividends	\$203,922	\$228,082	\$333,607
Profit on securities sold	—	—	134,315
Miscellaneous income	566	600	1,093
Total income	\$204,487	\$228,682	\$469,015
General expenses	19,604	26,135	28,059
Loss on securities sold	—	—	247,735
Provision for Fed. and States taxes	2,862	2,909	8,189
Net income	\$182,020	\$199,637	\$185,032
Preferred stock dividends	150,000	150,000	—
Balance	\$32,020	\$49,637	\$185,032
Shs. of com. stock outstand. (no par)	525,000	525,000	750,000
Earnings per share	\$0.06	\$0.09	\$0.24

Note.—Stock dividends received but not sold are not treated as income; the effect of such stock dividends on the corporation's books is solely to reduce proportionately the book value per share of all the stock owned in the company in question. Such dividends received during the six months ended June 30 1932, but not included in income, had a market value, based on quotations as of June 30 1932 of \$13,157.

Puget Sound Power & Light Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	Month of October—	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Gross earnings	\$1,078,514	\$1,244,660	\$1,389,617	\$1,604,481		
Operation	403,843	532,936	5,378,432	6,730,255		
Maintenance	50,286	68,364	704,554	951,369		
Taxes	96,490	83,916	1,060,233	985,754		
Net operating revenue	\$527,894	\$559,442	\$6,752,398	\$7,330,102		
Inc. from other sources*	110,408	100,429	1,298,151	985,894		
Balance	\$638,302	\$659,872	\$8,050,549	\$8,315,996		
Interest & amortization	341,080	324,505	4,099,033	3,998,629		
Balance	\$297,222	\$335,367	\$3,951,516	\$4,317,367		
Reserve for retirements (accrued)	—	—	1,258,422	1,307,749		
Balance	\$297,222	\$335,367	\$2,693,094	\$3,009,617		
Dividends on preferred stock	—	—	2,133,856	2,131,464		
Balance for common stock, divs. & surplus	\$297,222	\$335,367	\$559,238	\$878,153		

* Includes interest on funds for construction purposes, current month \$75,526.53 (1931, \$65,387.49); current 12 months, \$879,722.89 (1931, \$588,509.87).
x Includes cumulative dividends unpaid of \$131,997.50. See balance sheet.
During the last 32 years the company and its predecessor companies have expended for maintenance a total of 10.12% of the entire gross earnings over this period, and in addition during this period have set aside for reserves or retained as surplus a total of 7.10% of these gross earnings.

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(The) Pullman Co.

	Month of October—	10 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Sleeping Car Operations—						
Berth revenue	2,761,715	3,922,722	32,105,153	47,353,407		
Seat revenue	331,508	496,610	3,838,955	5,815,528		
Charter of cars	71,179	115,495	737,825	1,156,594		
Miscellaneous revenue	145	201	5,629	7,851		
Car mileage revenue	124,271	158,599	1,878,830	1,525,953		
Contract revenue—Dr.	161,861	194,227	1,396,623	2,391,828		
Total revenues	3,126,959	4,499,400	37,169,771	53,467,507		
Maintenance of cars	1,529,826	2,131,354	17,027,719	22,110,482		
All other maintenance	31,603	37,800	340,988	384,014		
Conducting car operat'ns	1,431,230	2,199,650	16,480,991	23,702,021		
General expenses	210,582	261,586	2,319,639	2,638,830		
Total expenses	3,203,243	4,630,392	36,169,339	48,835,349		
Net revenue (or deficit)	def76,284	def130,991	1,000,432	4,632,158		
Auxiliary Operations—						
Total revenues	60,901	79,993	705,313	979,134		
Total expenses	70,227	83,649	683,984	901,325		
Net revenue (or deficit)	def9,325	def3,655	21,328	77,808		
Total net rev. (or deficit)	def85,609	def134,647	1,021,761	4,709,966		
Taxes accrued	187,499	148,328	1,885,664	2,247,243		
Oper. income (or loss)	def273,109	def282,975	def863,903	2,462,723		

Reynolds Spring Co.

	1932—3 Mos.—	1931	1932—9 Mos.—	1931
Period End. Sept. 30—				
Net loss after depreciation, int., &c., charges	\$39,353	\$48,876	\$136,523	\$62,887

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San Joaquin Light & Power Corp.

	1933—9 Mos.—	1931.	1932—12 Mos.—	1931.
Period End. Sept. 30—				
Gross rev. incl. misc. inc.	\$8,982,154	\$10,028,520	\$11,852,604	\$12,889,049
Maint., oper. expense, taxes (inc. Fed. inc.) and uncoll. accts.	4,442,048	4,867,855	5,974,935	6,412,713
Rental of leased properties	251,216	156,993	399,405	193,088
Bond & other interest & discount	1,760,117	1,699,762	2,360,245	2,244,141
Prov. for depreciation	1,416,775	1,352,848	1,880,606	1,793,417
Net profit	\$1,111,996	\$1,951,061	\$1,237,411	\$2,245,687
Divs. accr. on preferred capital stock	1,080,991	1,080,991	1,441,322	1,441,322
Surplus	\$31,004	\$870,069	def\$203,910	\$804,365

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Savannah Electric & Power Co.

	Month of October—	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Gross earnings	\$152,685	\$171,371	\$1,943,149	\$2,089,130		
Operation	50,120	59,147	656,848	738,695		
Maintenance	9,702	10,071	117,018	121,158		
Taxes	14,438	17,409	211,776	211,901		
Net operating revenue	\$78,424	\$84,742	\$957,505	\$1,017,375		
Interest & amortization	34,818	34,971	411,111	422,635		
Balance	\$43,606	\$49,771	\$546,393	\$594,739		
Reserves for retirements (accrued)	—	—	125,000	41,666		
Balance	\$43,606	\$49,771	\$421,393	\$553,072		
Dividends on preferred and debenture stock	—	—	209,009	206,331		

Balance for common stock divs. and surplus... \$212,383 \$346,741
During the last 30 years the company and its predecessor companies have expended for maintenance a total of 8.51% of the entire gross earnings over this period, and in addition during this period have set aside for reserves or retained as surplus a total of 7.78% of these gross earnings.

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San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.

	Month of October—	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1932.	1931.
Gross earnings	\$575,462	\$585,430	\$7,691,095	\$7,417,164
Net earnings	242,524	291,889	3,869,800	3,769,796
Other income	1,535	209	8,204	4,925
Net earnings incl. other income	\$244,059	\$292,098	\$3,878,005	\$3,774,722
Balance after interest	—	—	3,075,290	2,998,535

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Southern Colorado Power Co.

	12 Months Ended Oct. 31—	1932.	1931.
Gross earnings	\$1,874,447	\$2,137,461	
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	997,783	1,122,421	
Net earnings	\$876,664	\$1,015,040	
Other income	456	4,119	
Net earnings including other income	\$877,120	\$1,019,159	
Interest charges—net	433,521	434,347	
Balance	\$443,599	\$584,812	
Preferred dividends	297,773	297,773	
Appropriations for retirement (depreciation) reserve	63,326	93,319	
Balance for common dividends and surplus	\$82,500	\$193,720	

Note.—Dividends on class A common stock discontinued as of April 30 1932.

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Southwest Dairy Products Co.

	10 Months Ended Oct. 31—	1932.	1931.
Net income after expenses, but before deprec., int. & other charges	\$81,955	\$64,129	

Standard Gas & Electric Co.

(And Subsidiary and Affiliated Companies.)

	12 Months Ended—	Sept. 30 '32.	June 30 '32.
Gross earnings:			
Public utility companies	135,374,808	138,670,764	
Deep Rock Oil Corp. and its sub. & affil. cos.	13,381,048	13,295,755	
Total	148,755,856	151,966,519	
Operating expenses, maint. and taxes:			
a Public utility companies	69,900,438	71,032,750	
Deep Rock Oil Corp. & its subs. & affil. cos.	11,565,790	11,231,597	
Net earnings—			
Public utility companies	65,474,370	67,638,014	
Deep Rock Oil Corp. and its sub. & affil. cos.	1,815,258	2,064,158	
Total	67,289,628	69,702,172	
Other income, net—Int. & divs. on outside investments, profits of parent company from sales of sec. of sub. & affil. cos., profits on engineering & supervision fees (incl. those capitalized by sub. & affiliated companies) &c.	3,593,936	3,985,569	
Net earnings incl. other income, before appropriation for retirement of property & for depletion (less int. charged to construction), amortiz. of debt discount and expense, rent of leased properties, miscel. charges & approp. for retire. of prop. & for depletion (except Deep Rock Oil Corp. and its sub. & affil. cos. for which no approp. is made in the 12 mos. period ended Sept. 30 1932)	70,883,564	73,687,741	
Net income	\$27,371,254	\$30,143,709	
Divs. on capital stocks of sub. & affil. cos. held by public	17,720,609	17,975,864	
Undistributed net inc. accrued to capital stocks of sub. & affil. cos. held by public	Cr108,081	465,935	
Net inc. of Standard Gas & Elec. Co. & undistributed net inc. accrued to capital stocks of sub. & affil. cos. held by Standard Gas & Elec. Co.	\$9,758,726	11,701,910	
Divs. paid & accrued on Standard Gas & Elec. Co. preferred stocks	6,462,222	6,553,219	
Surplus before deduct. for divs. on Standard Gas & Electric Co. com. stock	\$3,296,504	\$5,148,691	
Shs. of com. stock outstanding at end of period	2,162,607	2,162,607	
Earnings per share	\$1.52	\$2.38	

a After deducting contingent res. withdrawal (\$77,103, Sept. 30 and \$154,206 June 30) and extraordinary operating expenses (\$15,000 Sept. 30, \$130,000 June 30) to be amortized, approved by regulatory Commissions. Earnings of Standard Gas & Electric Co., not including its proportion of undistributed surplus earnings of certain subsidiary and affiliated companies, for the same periods compare as follows:
12 Months Ended— Sept. 30 '32. June 30 '32.
Gross revenue \$16,016,469 \$16,562,638
Net revenue 15,774,485 16,297,305
Int. charges & amortiz. of debt discount & expense. 4,904,450 4,862,611
Net income \$10,870,035 \$11,434,694
Preferred dividends 6,462,222 6,553,219
Balance \$4,407,813 \$4,881,475
Shs. of com. stock outstanding at end of period 2,162,607 2,162,607
Earnings per share \$2.03 \$2.25
Gross revenue includes \$1,489,399 for 12 months ended Sept. 30 1932, and \$180,658 for 12 months ended June 30 1932, of divs. charged to surplus by subsidiary and affiliated companies.

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Virginia Electric & Power Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	Month of October—	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1932.	1931.
Gross earnings	\$1,272,829	\$1,429,679	\$15,711,873	\$17,067,602
Operation	455,200	566,191	5,774,610	6,521,530
Maintenance	79,393	101,665	1,062,235	1,215,765
Taxes	133,664	130,706	1,504,587	1,451,454
Net operating revenue	\$604,569	\$631,115	\$7,370,439	\$7,878,852
Inc. from other sources*	2,807	2,954	34,599	62,522
Balance	\$607,377	\$634,069	\$7,405,035	\$7,941,374
Interest & amortization	161,880	156,711	1,926,419	1,828,259
Balance	\$445,497	\$477,357	\$5,478,616	\$6,113,115
Reserve for retirements (accrued)	—	—	1,850,000	2,100,000
Balance	\$445,497	\$477,357	\$3,628,616	\$4,013,115
Dividends on preferred stock	—	—	1,171,413	1,169,167
Balance for common stock divs. and surplus	\$2,457,203	\$2,843,947		

* Interest on funds for construction purposes.
During the last 22 years the company has expended for maintenance a total of 10.85% of the entire gross earnings over this period, and in addition during this same period has set aside for reserves or retained as surplus a total of 13.17% of these gross earnings.

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United Business Publishers, Inc.

Period End, Sept. 30—	1932—3 Mos.—1931	1932—9 Mos.—1931
Net loss after interest, amortiz., taxes, min. interest, &c.—	\$118,674 prof \$2,676	\$218,391 pf \$100,053

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United Light & Power Co.

(And Subsidiaries)

12 Months Ended Oct. 31—	1932.	1931.
Gross operating earnings of subsidiary & controlled companies (after eliminating inter-company transfers).....	\$77,332,608	\$84,454,119
Operating expenses.....	32,784,109	35,972,958
Maintenance, charged to operation.....	4,211,912	4,888,524
Taxes, general & income.....	7,899,227	7,803,186
Depreciation.....	7,611,928	8,733,982
Net earnings from operations of subsidiary & controlled companies.....	\$24,825,431	\$27,055,469
Non-operating income of subsidiary & controlled companies.....	3,088,210	4,229,288
Total income of sub. & controlled companies.....	\$27,913,641	\$31,284,757
Interest on bonds, notes, &c.....	11,289,426	10,846,382
Amortization of bond & stock discount & expense.....	760,219	819,458
Dividends on preferred stocks.....	4,370,505	4,376,146
Proportions of earnings, attributable to minority common stock.....	3,052,252	3,807,517
Equity of United Light & Power Co. in earnings of subsidiary & controlled companies.....	\$8,441,238	\$11,435,254
Earnings of United Light & Power Co.....	54,239	53,732
Balance.....	\$8,495,478	\$11,488,986
Expenses of United Light & Power Co.....	128,064	126,147
Gross income of United Light & Power Co.....	\$8,367,413	\$11,362,839
Holding Company Deductions:		
Interest on funded debt.....	2,610,282	2,906,839
Other interest.....	120,120	6,448
Amortization of bond discount & expense.....	287,060	336,004
Balance available for dividends.....	\$5,349,951	\$8,113,546
\$6 cumul. conv. 1st pref. dividends.....	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
Balance available for common stock dividends.....	\$1,749,951	\$4,513,546
Earnings per share.....	\$0.50	\$1.30

x Includes \$2,100,000 accrued but not declared.
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(The) Western Public Service Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of October—		—12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Gross earnings.....	\$164,341	\$192,205	\$2,126,252	\$2,504,346
Operation.....	92,061	107,974	1,115,040	1,331,119
Maintenance.....	7,271	6,840	89,679	95,210
Taxes.....	11,855	10,314	117,659	140,497
Net operating revenue.....	\$53,152	\$67,076	\$803,873	\$937,519
Inc. from other sources.....*	859	859	3,865	7,188
Balance.....	\$53,152	\$67,935	\$807,739	\$944,707
Int. & amort. (public).....	23,889	23,870	287,977	285,949
Balance.....	\$29,262	\$44,064	\$519,762	\$658,758
Interest (Eastern Texas Electric Co., Del.).....	19,690	19,290	234,272	201,923
Balance.....	\$9,572	\$24,774	\$285,489	\$456,835
Reserve for retirements (accrued).....			220,000	219,857
Balance.....			\$65,489	\$236,977
Dividends on preferred stock.....			59,194	59,977
Balance for common stock divs. and surplus.....			\$6,294	\$176,980

** Interest on funds for construction purposes.*
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Wisconsin Investment Co.

Period End, Sept. 30—	1932—3 Mos.—1931	1932—9 Mos.—1931
Deficit after charges....	\$16,820 pf \$15,106	\$217,590 pf \$134,281

FINANCIAL REPORTS

General Motors Corp.

(Report for 3 and 9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1932.)

Alfred P. Sloan Jr., President, says in part:

Net earnings of General Motors Corp., including equities in the un-divided profits or the losses of subsidiary and affiliated companies not consolidated, for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1932 amounted to \$10,555,175. This compares with earnings of \$9,455,390 for the corresponding nine months of last year. After deducting dividends of \$7,032,622 on the preferred stock, there remains \$3,522,553, being the amount earned on the common stock outstanding. This is equivalent to \$0.08 per share on the common stock and compares with \$2.08 per share earned in the first nine months of 1931.

Operations during the third quarter ended Sept. 30 1932 resulted in a net loss of \$4,464,229 which, after providing \$2,344,207 for preferred dividends, resulted in a loss on the common stock of \$6,808,436, equivalent to \$0.16 per share. This compares with net earnings of \$13,333,214 for the third quarter of last year which, after the deduction of preferred dividends, amounted to \$0.25 per share earned on the common stock.

Cash, United States Government and other marketable securities at September 30 1932 amounted to \$209,098,832, compared with \$205,029,119 at Dec. 31 1931 and \$264,107,166 at Sept. 30 1931. Net working capital at Sept. 30 1932 amounted to \$240,411,639, compared with \$273,915,923 at Dec. 31 1931 and \$318,526,557 at Sept. 30 1931.

For the nine months ended Sept. 30 1932, General Motors dealers in the United States delivered to consumers 450,347 cars and trucks, compared with 800,234 cars and trucks in the corresponding period of 1931. Sales by General Motors operating divisions to dealers in the United States during this period amounted to 420,543 cars and trucks, compared with 814,949 cars and trucks in the first nine months of 1931. The excess of deliveries to consumers over sales to dealers during the first nine months of 1932 therefore resulted in a decrease of 29,804 units in dealers' stocks in the United States, which compares with an increase of 14,725 cars and trucks during the comparable period of 1931. Total sales to dealers, including Canadian sales and overseas shipments, amounted to 492,323 cars and trucks, compared with 939,846 cars and trucks in the corresponding period of 1931.

During the third quarter ended Sept. 30 1932, General Motors dealers in the United States delivered to consumers 104,773 cars and trucks, compared with 206,670 cars and trucks in the corresponding quarter of 1931. Sales by General Motors Operating Divisions to dealers in the United States

during this quarter amounted to 78,792 cars and trucks, compared with 189,285 cars and trucks in the third quarter of 1931. The excess of deliveries to consumers over sales to dealers during the third quarter of 1932 therefore resulted in a decrease of 25,981 units in dealers' stocks in the United States, which compares with a decrease of 17,385 cars and trucks in the third quarter of 1931. Total sales to dealers, including Canadian sales and overseas shipments, amounted to 97,408 cars and trucks, compared with 215,649 cars and trucks in the third quarter of 1931.

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET SEPT. 30.

	1932.	1931.	1930.
Assets—			
Real estate, plants, equipment.....	596,557,706	605,102,015	613,038,402
Deferred expenses.....	12,096,674	20,475,103	17,952,262
Good-will, patents, &c.....	51,839,620	51,941,677	51,540,712
Cash.....	170,951,993	149,812,145	145,570,217
U. S. Government securities.....	36,246,922	99,388,682	41,838,733
Other marketable secur. (short-term).....	1,899,917	14,906,339	14,646,010
General Motors Management Corp. serial 6s.....		7,000,000	7,000,000
Sight draft with bills of lading attached, and C. O. D. items.....	2,488,912	4,972,421	9,272,798
Notes receivable.....	1,803,591	2,761,691	4,271,133
a Accts. rec. & trade acceptances.....	23,254,313	28,837,647	30,598,729
Inventories.....	50,686,867	82,764,079	113,530,106
Prepaid expenses.....	3,574,637	3,455,672	3,445,092
Inv. in subs. and affiliated companies not consolidated.....	217,012,026	212,969,548	218,830,627
General Motors Management Corp. serial 6s.....	39,875,000	36,000,000	43,000,000
Gen. Motors Corp. cap. stocks, held in treas. for corp. purposes.....	b 11,618,848	7,994,751	9,408,392
Total assets.....	1,219,907,026	1,328,381,770	1,323,953,233
Liabilities—			
\$5 preferred stock.....	187,536,600	187,536,600	141,969,468
Common stock (\$10 par).....	435,000,000	435,000,000	435,000,000
Int. of minority stockholders in subsidiaries with respect to capital and surplus.....	2,389,235	2,573,311	443,800
Accounts payable.....	13,679,967	17,527,879	20,833,380
Taxes, payrolls and sundry accrued items.....	7,343,136	22,697,073	21,290,918
U. S. & foreign income taxes.....	4,995,567	18,288,779	23,395,484
Employees savings funds, payable within one year.....	14,914,038	9,609,583	8,088,739
Contractual liability to General Motors Management Corp. Accrued divs. on pf. & deb. stks.....	1,562,805	5,686,000	9,235,000
Reserves deprec. of real estate, plants and equipment.....	260,092,142	237,793,622	211,931,133
Employees investment fund.....	1,057,151	5,648,070	6,472,160
Employees savings funds, payable after one year.....	14,224,643	36,378,845	34,889,133
Sundry contingencies.....	7,822,707	8,215,413	6,539,593
Surplus.....	261,289,035	339,863,790	402,302,848
Total.....	1,219,907,026	1,328,381,770	1,323,953,233

a Less reserve for doubtful accounts in 1932, \$2,582,955; in 1931, \$2,262,018; in 1930, \$1,993,515. b 536,539 shares common; 38,222 shares preferred no par value, \$5 series in 1932.—V. 135, p. 3699.

Central Aguirre Associates.

(Annual Report—Year Ended July 31 1932.)

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT—YEARS ENDED JULY 31.

	1931-32.	1930-31.	1929-30. a	1928-29. a
Sugar, molasses and cane sales.....	\$6,212,685	\$5,861,791	\$7,267,067	\$5,178,734
Miscellaneous receipts.....	517,466	300,889	485,089	482,974
Total income.....	\$6,730,151	\$6,162,680	\$7,752,156	\$5,661,708
Agricul. & mfg. expenses.....	4,979,264	4,953,121	5,882,955	5,031,178
Net earnings.....	\$1,750,888	\$1,209,559	\$1,869,201	\$630,529
Depreciation, &c.....	321,935	283,770	250,382	260,845
Res'v for income tax.....	155,563	67,174	123,639	137,402
Provision for conting.....	44,954			
Applic. port. of net profit of Central Machete Co.....	Cr 133,452			
Net income.....	\$1,361,887	\$858,615	\$1,495,180	\$242,282
Dividends (cash).....	1,071,836	1,072,805	1,075,725	1,260,723
Balance, surplus.....	\$290,051	def \$214,190	\$419,455	def \$1,018,441
Previous surplus.....	9,697,551	9,682,933	9,031,479	10,049,037
Appropriated surplus.....	343,070			
Cent. Aguirre Sugar Co. min. stockholders int. in comb. surplus.....	40,768			
Divs. rec. Cent. M. Co. Sundry adjust. & credits.....		228,808	232,000	58,000
Total surplus.....	\$10,371,440	\$9,697,551	\$9,682,934	\$9,190,891
Adjust. of tax reserve.....				55,749
Reserve for insur., &c.....				1,367
Cent. Aguirre Sugar Co. min. stkhldrs. int.....	39,590			
Provision for conting.....	197,000			
P. & L. surp. July 31.....	\$10,134,851	\$9,697,551	\$9,682,934	\$9,133,774
Shs. cap. stk. out. (no par).....	\$720,000	\$720,000	714,616	713,938
Earns. per sh. on cap. stk.....	\$1.90	\$1.51	\$2.42	\$0.42

a Includes Santa Isabe Sugar Co. for 1929 and 1930. b Stock to be outstanding when all stock of Central Aguirre Sugar Co. has been exchanged.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JULY 31.

	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Assets—				
Real estate, bldgs., rolling stk., &c.....	\$9,195,035	9,225,948	3,600,000	3,600,000
Cash.....	116,469	163,520	124,405	110,306
Notes & mtgs. rec.....	1,198,066	1,216,114	35,100	
Accts. & note rec.....	73,203	101,216	619,975	2,080,000
Mat'l & supplies.....	514,077	526,902	2,322	373,731
Growing crops.....	1,230,250	1,231,703	19,594	18,835
Sugar & molasses.....	b 1,427,659	2,183,687		
Investments.....	436,227	865,574	156,555	70,059
Treasury stocks.....	164,771	120,297	10,134,851	9,799,846
Constr. & lmpts. (not completed).....	100,196	136,090		
Deferred charges.....	173,422	240,627		
Claims for taxes.....	63,725	63,725		
Total.....	14,693,102	16,075,403	14,693,102	16,075,403
Liabilities—				
Capital stock.....			3,600,000	3,600,000
Accounts payable.....			124,405	110,306
Equip. accept. pay.....			35,100	
Advances payable.....			619,975	2,080,000
Due affil. cos.....			2,322	373,731
Drafts in transit.....			19,594	18,835
Acce. gen. taxes.....				
Income, &c., tax reserve.....			156,555	70,059
Surplus.....			10,134,851	9,799,846

a Real estate, roadway and track, mill, buildings, rolling stock, portable track, steam plows, livestock, carts, implements, &c., \$11,924,462, less reserve for depreciation, \$2,729,427. b Less provision for shipping expenses. c Represented by 717,536 no par shares and 616 shares (par \$20) of the Central Aguirre Sugar Co.—V. 133, p. 3783.

General Corporate and Investment News.

STEAM RAILROADS.

Railroads Warned of Airline Threat.—The railroads would do well to regard aviation with more respect, according to a report by Milton W. Harrison, President of the Security Owners' Association. He asserted that it is "entirely possible" for airplanes to carry passengers profitably without Government subsidy and that, "while it is probable many air lines always will be dependent upon the mails for profit, the trend toward profitable passenger service is definite." N. Y. "Times" Dec. 5, p. 25.

Coal Rates Unreasonable.—An I.-S. C. Commission examiner has recommended that Commission hold that rates on prepared sizes of anthracite shipped from mines in the Lehigh, Wyoming and Schuylkill regions of Pennsylvania to Baltimore are unreasonable. "Wall Street Journal" Dec. 3, p. 10.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 3.—(a) Nickel Plate seeks \$5,600,000 loan immediately from R. F. C. to pay interest and 25% of its gold notes, p. 3797. (b) New \$1,500,000 loan granted to Wabash Ry. from R. F. C., p. 3797. (c) St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. defaults bond interest due Dec. 1, p. 3799. (d) Monthly report of Railroad Credit Corp.; loans advanced or authorized up to Dec. 1 \$38,004,082, p. 3799. (e) West-ern railroads name H. G. Taylor umpire; will settle fare and freight disputes, p. 3800. (f) Illinois Terminal R.R. sues to void recapture clause; protests paying profits above 6%, p. 3800. (g) Selected income and balance sheet items of Class I steam railroads for September, p. 3800. (h) Railroads' wage policy sent to ex-President Coolidge; proposal to make present 10% temporary cut permanent goes to committee; unions to file statement; highway control asked; management groups also call for regulation of water and air traffic; other suggestions, p. 3801.

Albany & Susquehanna RR.—Special Dividend.—A special dividend of 2% has been declared on the \$3,500,000 capital stock (par \$100), payable Jan. 7 to holders of record Dec. 15. **Special Dividends Paid.**—30% November 1909; 3.25% each in January 1916, 1917 and 1918; 1 1/4% in January 1920; 2% in January each year from 1921 to 1932 inclusive. The regular semi-annual dividend of 4 1/4% was also declared, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15.—V. 133, p. 3962.

Consolidated Railroads of Cuba.—Earnings.—For income statement for three months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 1988.

Cuba Railroad Co.—Earnings.—For income statement for three months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 3160.

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.—Operation of Dotsero Line.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Nov. 26 issued a certificate authorizing the company (1) to operate the proposed line of the Denver & Salt Lake Western RR. from a connection with the applicant's line at Dotsero northeasterly to Orested, approximately 39 miles, in Eagle County, Colo. and (2) to operate under trackage rights over the line of the Denver & Salt Lake Ry. from Orested northeasterly and easterly to Utah Junction, near Denver, approximately 128.75 miles, all in Eagle, Grand, Gilpin, Boulder, Jefferson, and Adams Counties, Colo.—V. 135, p. 2488.

Central Railroad Co. of New Jersey.—Bonds.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Nov. 26 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$1,074,000 gen. mtge. 5% 100-year gold bonds, the bonds to be pledged and repledged to and including Dec. 31 1934, as collateral security for short-term notes.

The report of the Commission says in part: As of the date of the filing of this application (Nov. 23) these bonds were in the applicant's treasury, having been drawn down prior to the effective date of section 20a of the Inter-State Commerce Act, under the provisions of its general mortgage dated July 1 1887. It is estimated that for the calendar year 1932 the applicant's gross income will be approximately \$30,500,000, and its total operating expenses \$22,270,000. Taxes as assessed and fixed charges will aggregate \$10,695,000, indicating a deficit of \$2,465,000. Non-operating income after deducting miscellaneous charges, is expected to amount to \$950,000, leaving an estimated net deficit of over \$1,500,000.

The applicant states that it will apply shortly to a Federal Court for an injunction restraining the State of New Jersey from undertaking to collect a considerable part of the taxes payable Dec. 1. If the injunction is not secured the immediate pledge of the bonds will become necessary. No arrangements for their pledge, however, have yet been made. Our order herein will provide that the pledges authorized shall be made as security for any short-term note or notes that the applicant may issue within the limitations of section 20a (9) of the Inter-State Commerce Act at a ratio of not exceeding \$125 of bonds in value at the prevailing market price to \$100, face amount, of notes, and in case of decline in the value of the bonds that such ratio be maintained if so required by the holder or holders of the notes.

As no immediate need for the sale of the bonds is shown, action on that part of the application will be deferred until such time as the need may arise.—V. 135, p. 2332.

Detroit Toledo & Shore Line RR.—Excess Earnings.—The I.-S. C. Commission has issued a tentative report holding that the road had \$3,831,724 of excess net railway operating income between Sept. 1 1920 and Dec. 31 1927. Of the amount determined, one-half, or \$1,915,862, is payable to the Government as excess earnings. In this connection the Commission valued the road's properties for the respective years at figures ranging from a minimum of \$4,550,000 in 1920 to a maximum of \$6,390,000 in 1927. The road is given until Jan. 16 1933 to file exceptions to the findings.—V. 134, p. 3631.

Erie RR.—Bonds.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Dec. 2 authorized the company (1) to procure the authentication and delivery of \$5,000,000 refunding and improvement mortgage 6% gold bonds, series of 1932, impartial reimbursement for capital expenditures heretofore made, and (2) subject to their pledge with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, to pledge with the Railroad Credit Corporation the equity in these bonds as collateral security for loans.—V. 135, p. 3687.

Gulf Mobile & Northern RR.—Bonds.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Nov. 29 authorized the company to pledge with the Railroad Credit Corporation as collateral security for loans heretofore or hereafter made, the equity in \$900,000 of first mortgage gold bonds, series C, now pledged with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.—V. 135, p. 3854.

Kansas City Terminal Ry.—New President.—P. J. Watson Jr. has been elected president and general superintendent to succeed W. M. Corbett, deceased.—V. 124, p. 1062.

Lehigh Valley RR.—Plan to Provide for Lehigh Valley Coal Co. Bonds Maturing Jan. 1.—See latter company under "Industrials" below.—V. 135, p. 3518.

Live Oak Perry & Gulf RR.—Held to Be Part of Atlantic Coast Line System.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has issued a report in the proceedings instituted for the ascertainment of the recapturable excess income of this company, finding that it was during the period from Sept. 1 1920 to Dec. 31 1925 under common control and management and operated as part of the Atlantic Coast Line system within the meaning of Section 15-a of the Inter-State Commerce Act and that therefore its income will be taken into account in the determination of the excess income of the system. "The ownership of a majority of one carrier's stock by another does not of itself effect the control necessary to establish a system relationship," the report says. "To attain such a relationship the control must be manifested in such manner as to indicate that its purpose is the unification of the management and operation of the properties. The operations of the property were so conducted as to promote the interests of the Atlantic Coast Line

and the latter was in position at all times to enforce compliance with its directions."—V. 126, p. 4078.

Louisville & Nashville RR.—Bonds.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Nov. 28 authorized the company to procure the authentication and delivery of not exceeding \$6,562,000 1st & ref. mtge. 4 1/2% gold bonds, series C, in partial reimbursement of expenditures for additions and betterments and for retiring certain underlying bonds.—V. 135, p. 3854.

Midland Valley RR.—Common Stock Off List.—The stock list committee of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange has stricken from the regular list of the Exchange, the company's common stock.—V. 135, p. 1326.

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Tenders.—The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., trustee, is notifying holders of 1st mtge. 4% gold bonds, due Oct. 1 1937, that it will receive sealed proposals to sell not more than \$100,000 of these bonds at not exceeding 102 and int. Proposals will be opened at 12 o'clock noon, Dec. 27 at the bank's offices, 70 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 135, p. 3854.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—\$3,000,000 Loan Request from Reconstruction Finance Corporation Approved by Court.—

Federal Judge Faris in the U. S. District Court at St. Louis Dec. 6 signed a court order authorizing the receivers of the company to apply to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a loan of \$3,000,000. If granted the funds would be used to pay instalments of principal and interest amounting to \$1,040,000 on equipment trust certificates due Jan. 15 1933, and also to pay property taxes amounting to approximately \$2,000,000, which are due this month and next.

Boys Its Own Bonds to Pledge for Loan.—To provide collateral for a loan from the R. F. C. and at the same time to further its plan of recapitalization, the company bought recently in the open market \$1,807,000 of its consolidated 4 1/2% bonds of 1978. These were substituted for an equal amount of bonds borrowed for deposit with the Government, in return for a loan of \$3,390,000 to meet the company's July 1 interest requirements and taxes.

In obtaining the loan the company borrowed some of its bonds from bankers and posted them as collateral. Subsequent purchases in the market served to replace the bonds borrowed from the bankers and also to reduce the amount of the bonds outstanding, a feature contemplated by the recapitalization plan now before securityholders. It was necessary to borrow the bonds from the bankers because the railroad was running short of bonds to authenticate and deliver to the Government.—V. 135, p. 3854.

Union Pacific RR.—Purchase of Pennsy Shares.—The "Herald Tribune" Dec. 6 had the following: The Union Pacific RR. as part of a rearrangement of transcontinental traffic agreements, has sold approximately 100,000 shares of its holdings of New York Central RR. common stock (\$100 par) and has acquired approximately 100,000 shares of Pennsylvania RR. common stock, it was definitely learned yesterday.

The deal has been under contemplation for some months, it was learned, but it could not be definitely established whether it was yet entirely consummated. In connection with the acquisition of an interest in Pennsylvania, which makes Union Pacific the largest holder of Pennsylvania stock, it is understood that Union Pacific has plans for, or has already arranged, a traffic agreement with Pennsylvania of mutual interest to both lines.

Officials of Union Pacific, when asked about the transaction, replied ambiguously that they could not discuss "rumors" of this nature. Members of the banking house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., financiers for both Pennsylvania and Union Pacific, could not be reached for comment.

The Pennsylvania holding of Union Pacific is the sixth stock interest to be acquired in a non-affiliated major system. The company is already a substantial stockholder in the Baltimore & Ohio, Chicago & North-Western, Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific, Illinois Central, and New York Central, in which it retains about 167,152 common shares.

The addition of this large block of Pennsylvania shares enlarges the outside operating connections of Union Pacific, whose own lines penetrate most of the important regions west of Chicago.

By virtually making an exchange of 100,000 New York Central shares for a like amount of Pennsylvania, Union Pacific makes a net gain on balance, apparently, because Pennsylvania stock is currently selling on the New York Stock Exchange at around \$12.50 a share, while New York Central is selling at \$20.50 a share.—V. 135, p. 3518.

Wisconsin Central Ry.—Receiver Appointed.—Federal Judge Molyneux at Minneapolis appointed Dec. 2, A. E. Wallace, Vice-Pres. of the Minneapolis St. Paul & Saulte Ste. Marie Ry., as receiver following a voluntary petition filed in the Federal Court.

The Wisconsin Central is leased and controlled by the Minneapolis St. Paul & Saulte Ste. Marie Ry., which in turn is controlled by the Canadian Pacific Ry.

The failure of the road in recent months to earn either operating expenses or fixed charges was given as the reason for the receivership by C. T. Jaffray, President of both the "Soo" line and the Wisconsin Central. Mr. Jaffray is further quoted as saying:

Following a loss in 1931, reduced traffic so far this year has created a deficit of around \$3,000,000. The Wisconsin Central is not earning the money with which to pay its operating expenses, to say nothing of fixed charges. Under the lease, the Soo line is not obligated to furnish the money for these purposes, if Wisconsin Central earnings are insufficient.

With the present business situation and with outlook for the next six months obscure, it was felt by directors of the Soo that it is unwise to use resources of the Soo to care for the Wisconsin Central properties, and they, therefore, consented to the receivership with the hope that within the year business will have so improved as again to pur the Wisconsin Central in a position to pay its own expenses.

There will be no change in the operation of the Wisconsin Central as the court has authorized the receiver to carry on the operation of the property for the present through the Soo, and make up to the Soo any deficiencies which may take place in such operation, probably through the issuance of receiver's certificates from time to time.—V. 132, p. 3629.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 3.—(a) Weekly production of electricity 7.8% below corresponding period in 1931, p. 3757. (b) October production of electricity 9% below that for same month in 1931, p. 3758.

Alabama Power Co.—Commission Orders Company to Add to Reserves—Holds That 2% Is Insufficient for Company of Its Type.—

Holding that a balance of 2% in reserve account is too small for a property of the character of the Alabama Power Co., and that particular consideration should be given to \$5,000,000 worth of "moribund" street railway property, the Alabama P. S. Commission has issued an order requiring the company to increase its retirement reserve.

The order was issued in connection with the Commission's recent general order directing public utilities in the State of Alabama not to pay dividends on common stock unless and until earned. Subject to compliance by the Alabama Power Co. with the present order for the accrual through operating expenses to retirement reserve in the amount of \$900,000 and the further amount of \$200,000 from surplus, making a minimum total of \$1,100,000 for the calendar year 1932, the general order was discontinued with respect to this company.

"It is noted," the Commission's order said, "that the respondent had approximately \$2,000,000 less in its reserve account on Aug. 31 1932, than at the end of the calendar year 1927, although during the period from Dec. 31 1927 to Aug. 31 1932, respondent's capital investment shows an increase of \$34,000,000. The balance in reserve account is only about 2% of the present reported fixed capital investment. This, in the opinion of the

Commission, is too small for a property of this character and should be materially increased.

"Practically all of the respondent's utility system consists of plants and properties, chiefly hydro in character, for the generation, transmission and distribution of electric current for light, heat, power and other uses. However, it has among its properties several street railway systems in different cities, which taken altogether are carried at the figure of approximately \$5,000,000 in its capital accounts.

"While this street railway property is very small when compared to the capital invested in the other properties, still, in determining proper reserves to be set up, the investment in street railway properties is sufficient to merit consideration. Particularly should consideration be given to the street railway properties in connection with proper reserves to be set up, because these properties, it now appears, must be considered as moribund. Over a period of 10 years or more the street railway properties of respondent have not only not been able to earn a fair return, but for the past several years have either earned no return at all, or have incurred operating deficits.

"While these properties are still serving some public convenience and necessity, it now appears to be true that they can not be expected in the future to earn a fair return unless changes occur which no one can now foresee. On the other hand, in the light of respondent's actual experience with certain other street railway properties heretofore operated by it in this State, which have now been abandoned, reasonable provision for the future dictates that respondent should be setting up sufficient reserves against the day when others of these street railway properties may have to be abandoned. The reserves which have been accrued for the entire properties, as stated above, insufficient, in our opinion, and this is particularly true when due consideration is given to the street railway properties.

"The operation of economic forces to which all business is at present subjected dictates that this should be a period of general retrenchment. In order to maintain credit, equity capital must be preserved. Inadequate reserves will result in impairment of capital. No error can be committed by providing liberal reserves for retirements, accrued depreciation, and all other contingencies. Good management, we believe, will appreciate the importance at this time of preserving to the utmost financial resources and credit."—V. 135, p. 627.

American Gas & Electric Co.—2% Stock Distribution.

The directors have declared the following dividends on the common stock: (1) The regular quarterly cash dividend of 25c. per share and (2) a regular semi-annual dividend of 1-50th of a share in common stock. These dividends are payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 13. Extra dividends of 1-50th of a share of common stock have been paid semi-annually since July 1924, and in addition the company in January 1925 paid a special extra dividend of 50% in common stock, one of 40% in January 1927, one of 50% in Jan. 1929, and one of 20% in Jan. 1931.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the no par value preferred stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 9.—V. 135, p. 3163.

American Power & Light Co.—Halves Preferred Dividends.—The directors on Dec. 6 declared dividends of 75 cents per share on the \$6 cum. pref. stock, no par value, and 62½ cents per share on the \$5 cum. pref. stock, no par value, both payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 16.

Previously the company made regular quarterly distributions of \$1.50 and \$1.25 per share, respectively, on the \$6 and \$5 pref. stock, the last dividends at these rates being paid on Oct. 1 1932.

Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—	1932.	1931.
Investments (book value).....	\$263,407,456	\$250,943,459
Cash and call loans.....	6,629,500	6,829,025
Time deposits in banks.....	2,100,000	1,450,000
Municipal and other short-term securities.....	146,670	—
Notes and loans receivable—subsidiaries.....	801,000	9,324,965
Notes and loans receivable—others.....	12,000	2,857,894
Accounts receivable—subsidiaries.....	1,200,922	2,265,029
Accounts receivable—others.....	55,944	195,524
Special deposit.....	—	978,444
Contracts guaranteed (contra).....	—	865,300
Unamortized discount and expense.....	3,919,913	3,966,905
Sundry debits.....	4,566	9,000
Total.....	\$278,277,911	\$279,685,546
Liabilities—		
x Capital stock.....	\$214,645,637	\$213,853,587
6% gold debentures.....	45,810,500	45,810,500
Southwestern Power & Light Co. 6% debentures.....	5,000,000	5,000,000
Contractual liabilities.....	56,400	1,489,828
Dividends declared.....	2,413,358	2,167,879
Contracts payable.....	1,229,389	11,385
Accounts payable.....	54,668	91,240
Accrued accounts.....	314,552	314,552
Contracts guaranteed (contra).....	—	865,300
Reserve.....	338,040	338,040
Surplus.....	8,415,369	9,743,235
Total.....	\$278,277,911	\$279,685,546

	Sept. 30 1932.	Sept. 30 1931.
x Represented by—	Shares.	Shares.
Preferred stock, \$6 (b).....	793,535	792,957
a \$5 preferred stock (b).....	978,444	978,444
Preferred stock (\$6) scrip equiv. to.....	46 2-10	47 8-10
Common stock.....	3,009,618	2,950,938
Common stock scrip equivalent to.....	4,194 54-100	3,851 64-100
a Prior to Jan. 1 1932 this stock was \$5 pref. stock, series A. b Value in liquidation \$100 a share.—V. 135, p. 2995.		

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Overseas Telephone Extended to Lisbon.

Bell System overseas telephone service was extended on Dec. 5 to Lisbon, Portugal.

Lisbon is reached over the regular transatlantic radio telephone circuits between New York and London, and wire lines from London through Madrid.

The service is available to all Bell and Bell-connecting telephones in the United States, Canada, Cuba and Mexico. The cost of a three-minute call between New York and Lisbon is \$37.50, with a charge of \$12.50 for each additional minute of conversation.—V. 135, p. 3688.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Reduces Annual Dividend Rate on Common Stock to \$1 from \$2.

The directors on Dec. 7 declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 1 1933 to holders of record Jan. 6 1933. In each of the two preceding quarters a distribution of 50 cents per share was made on this issue, as compared with 75 cents per share paid each quarter from Feb. 2 1931 to and incl. May 2 1932. An official statement says:

The earnings applicable to the common stock for the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1932 were \$1.83 per share. It is encouraging to note that the electric power output has shown a marked increase since the low level of last summer and that the water works earnings have only slightly decreased as compared to 1931.

Nevertheless, in view of present economic conditions, the directors feel that it is to the interest of all the security holders that a conservative course be followed at this time and that the corporation's cash resources be conserved, and in consequence the dividend has been reduced. The company and its subsidiaries have in 1933 maturities amounting to only \$49,000.—V. 135, p. 3519.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Petition for Receivership Rejected by the State Supreme Court.—Justice Wasservogel of the New York Supreme Court denied Dec. 5 an application for a receiver, made by Phillip Newbold through his attorney Eugene S. Bibb. The opinion of the Court was as follows:

"Plaintiff, the record holder of 104, out of more than 4,500,000 shares of outstanding class A stock of defendant, Associated Gas & Electric Co., moves for the appointment of a temporary receiver of such company. He bases his right to this relief solely on the complaint.

"The individual defendants, who are officers and directors of the company, are charged with fraud and mismanagement. Neither fraud nor mismanagement has been established.

"It is not claimed that the company is insolvent; nor has it been shown that the property of the company is in danger of being lost, materially injured, destroyed or removed from the jurisdiction.

"Under no circumstances, on the papers now before the Court, is there warrant for granting to plaintiff the drastic relief which he seeks. Motion denied."

Gas Sendout Increased—Electric Output Down.

Colder weather, inducing greater use for heating purposes, and some new demands for industrial consumption, combined to effect a sendout of 362,664,900 cubic feet of gas during the fourth week of November by the Associated Gas & Electric System. This was an increase of 23,457,900 cubic feet, or 6.9% over the 339,207,000 cubic feet sendout during the corresponding period of last year. This is the highest weekly gas output since the week ended March 19 1932.

Excluding sales to other utilities the output of electricity by the System during the week of Nov. 26 amounted to 47,579,494 units (kwh.), a decrease of 2,812,680 units, or 5.6% from the 50,392,174 units produced in the same week of last year.

Gross output, including all sales, was 57,034,277 units. While this total is below the figure for the same week of last year, it is 2.0% above that reported for the corresponding period in 1930.—V. 135, p. 3855.

Beloit Water, Gas & Electric Co.—Tenders.

The Fifth-Third Union Trust Co. of Cincinnati, O., trustee, will until noon on Dec. 31 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 25-year 5% s. f. gold bonds, dated March 1 1912, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$42,675.—V. 128, p. 795.

Boston Worcester & New York Street Ry. Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for three and nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 1652.

Buffalo & Erie Ry.—Bids Rejected.

All bids for the purchase of the property have been rejected at a special session of the New York Supreme Court in Buffalo. Attorneys for the receiver and bondholders agreed with the Court that the offers were inadequate, totaling less than \$100,000 for the 90-mile line between Buffalo, N. Y., and Erie, Pa. The Court is expected to announce another date for sale.—V. 135, p. 3352.

Central Public Service Corp.—Receivership Sought.

A bill asking the appointment of a receiver in bankruptcy for the corporation was filed in the United States District Court at Chicago Nov. 30. Archie Schimberg and Michael Gesas, attorneys, filed the suit on behalf of three debenture holders of the company.

The petition alleges: (1) that the company is insolvent; (2) that on Aug. 1 1932, the company transferred \$20,000,000 of its assets to the Consolidated Electric & Gas Corp., a newly formed corporation; (3) that on the same date it transferred \$1,116,000 of Ohio Valley Electric Ry. bonds to the Central Public Utility Corp., a Maryland corporation, in payment of a past indebtedness and in preference over the other creditors; (4) that the company had total liabilities of \$40,000,000.

Receiver Appointed by Federal Court at Baltimore.

Iredell W. Iglehart, Vice-Pres. and Treas. of the Baltimore Mail Steamship Co. was appointed receiver Dec. 8 by the Federal Court at Baltimore, pending the determination of the bankruptcy proceedings filed in the U. S. District Court Dec. 1 against the corporation.

The petitioning creditors are holders of convertible gold 5½% debentures of the company, due in 1949.

The petition of involuntary bankruptcy alleges that the corporation, organized and operating under Maryland laws, is insolvent and that within the last four months the company had committed an act of bankruptcy.

The petition for involuntary bankruptcy was filed in U. S. District Court at Baltimore Dec. 1. Officials of the Central Public Utility Corp., which owns the company, in the Central Public Service Corp., said the Central Public Service Corp. had committed no act of bankruptcy, and that the transfer of certain of the property and assets of its subsidiary companies to the Consolidated Gas & Electric Co. complained of was legal and valid and made pursuant to a plan for the readjustment of the affairs of the Central Public Service Corp. and its subsidiaries, effective as of Aug. 1 1932.

Exchanges offered under this plan have been proceeding very satisfactorily in the last four months, it is asserted, and at present the holders of more than a majority of each class of notes and debentures have exchanged their securities pursuant to the various offers in the plan.

It was said further that, while it was contemplated as part of the plan, that the affairs of the Central Public Service Corp. would be liquidated eventually and the corporation wound up, nevertheless the petition in bankruptcy will be contested, as no grounds exist, in the opinion of the company's officials, to support the allegations contained in the petitions.—V. 135, p. 3855.

Central & Southwest Utilities Co.—New Directors.

John E. Barber, F. E. Kruesi, and Oliver E. McCormick have been elected directors. Mr. Barber has been elected president, N. P. Zech, Vice-President, and Mr. McCormick, Treasurer.—V. 135, p. 2830.

Central West Public Service Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended Oct. 31 1932 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

	Oct. 31 '32.	Dec. 31 '31.	Oct. 31 '32.	Dec. 31 '31.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Plant, prop., rights, franchises, &c.....	23,127,197	23,159,861	Preferred stock.....	2,203,155
Miscell. investm'ts.....	61,483	44,889	Class A stock.....	2,594,047
Debt disc't. & exp. in process of amortization.....	1,151,619	1,129,558	Class B stock.....	14,060,000
Special deposits.....	19,771	11,423	Funded debt.....	13,335,000
Prepaid accts. and deferred charges.....	132,722	136,369	Class A divs. pay. in class A stock.....	20,628
Cash & wgr. funds.....	88,478	145,940	Deferred liabilities.....	48,073
Notes & accts. rec. Subscrip'n to pref. stock.....	385,996	392,252	Notes payable.....	99,966
Materials & suppl's.....	274,736	297,425	Accounts payable.....	168,525
			Accrued interest.....	326,373
			Accrued taxes.....	147,981
			Miscellaneous current liabilities.....	39,922
			Reserves.....	1,284,286
			Capital surplus.....	543,577
			Earned surplus.....	170,469
				294,785
Total.....	25,242,004	25,381,981	Total.....	25,242,004

a Represented by 87,132 no par shares class A stock. b Represented by 200,000 no par shares. c Represented by 88,941 no par shares.—V. 135, p. 3522.

Columbus Ry., Power & Light Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 1823.

Consolidated Gas Utilities Co.—Receivers to Pay Dec. 1 Interest Coupons on 1st Mtge. & Coll. Trust 6s—Committee for Debentures Submits Report and Urges Deposits.

The committee for the holders of the 6½% convertible gold debentures, series A, due 1943 (E. G. Diefenbach, Chairman) in a letter dated Dec. 1 states:

Logan W. Cary, Pres. of Consolidated Gas Utilities Co., was appointed temporary receiver of Consolidated Gas Utilities Co. and Consolidated Gas Service Co. on Nov. 29 1932, by the U. S. District Court for the

Western District of Oklahoma and under the Court order, the receiver has been authorized to borrow money upon receiver's certificates to meet the interest obligations due Dec. 1 1932 on the 1st mtge. & coll. 6% gold bonds of Consolidated Gas Utilities Co.

The balance sheet, as of Oct. 31 1932, indicates that the receivership has been brought about through lack of cash. The company was unable to borrow from the banks the necessary money to meet the interest on the 1st mtge. & coll. 6% gold bonds due Dec. 1, whereupon a group of 1st mtge. bondholders applied for receivership in the U. S. District Court in Oklahoma on the ground that a receiver could borrow this money to pay the interest on these bonds.

The company's lack of cash was brought about by three conditions: (1) Decline in net earnings; (2) Cash sinking funds on underlying bond issues, one of which was retired Jan. 1 1932. Another issue of \$1,428,000 still outstanding; and (3) Capital expenditures required by a public utility company in the normal operation of its business. Therefore, due to the decline in earnings, it is necessary that a reduction in fixed charges be worked out through a plan of reorganization.

The committee feels that with a default in the interest on the 1st mtge & coll. 6% gold bonds alleviated, it will be in a position to promptly work out a plan of reorganization to the interests of the debenture holders.

The situation makes it imperative that action be taken immediately for the protection of the interests of the holders of debentures. Delay and lack of co-operation adds greatly to the expense of a receivership. The committee feels that you have a valuable asset if properly protected, as the financial reports issued by the company show that the assets have a value greatly in excess of the amount of the 1st mtge. bonds and that even under present conditions, the earnings are substantially in excess of the interest charges on the 1st mtge. and prior lien bonds. The committee believes that the holders of debentures should not be influenced by the present market quotations and should deposit their debentures immediately for their protection. A substantial amount of debentures has already been deposited.

Comparative Earnings Statement Period Ended Oct. 31.

Period—	1932—3 Mos.—1931.	1932—12 Mos.—1931.	1932—12 Mos.—1931.
Gross earnings, all sources.	\$350,055	\$350,727	\$2,207,664
Oper. exps. & gen. taxes.	214,834	236,125	1,074,001
Net earnings	\$135,221	\$114,602	\$1,133,662
			\$1,309,313

Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Oct. 31 1932.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Property, plant, equip., &c.	\$26,005,529	1st mtge. & coll. 6% gold bds.	\$8,285,000
Investments	17,446	6 1/2% conv. gold debentures	3,926,500
Sink. fund & special deposits	1,059	Subsidiary co.'s mtge. bonds	1,428,000
Cash	54,191	Accounts payable	54,734
Notes, accts. & int. receiv'le	226,802	Int. on fund. &c., indebtedn's	381,953
Inventories	155,320	Taxes, other than Federal	120,182
Prepayments	24,576	Miscell. accrued liabilities	7,931
Miscellaneous current assets	3,773	Consumers' deposits	127,429
Deferred charges	4,736	Retirement reserves	2,908,436
		Miscellaneous reserves	29,826
		Capital stock	6,034,813
		Min. int. in subsidiaries	37,208
		Surplus	3,151,422
Total	\$26,493,434	Total	\$26,493,434

Fannie B. Libby of Boston, a stockholder, has filed a receivership suit in Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del., against the company. The bill of complaint alleges that the corporation is insolvent and has been unable to procure funds with which to meet semi-annual interest payment due Dec. 1 on its first mortgage and collateral 6% gold bonds and semi-annual interest on its 6 1/2% collateral gold debentures, and is unable to meet accounts payable and accrued liabilities.—V. 135, p. 3856.

Consolidated Utilities Corp.—Payment on Bonds Ordered.

Holding that the provisions of its order authorizing the issuance of bonds had been violated, the Illinois Commerce Commission has issued a further order cancelling the original authorization to the Consolidated Utilities Corp. (formerly the Flora Gas & Fuel Co.), and directing that purchasers of the bonds be fully reimbursed.

The order for repayment to purchasers was directed to Henry L. Trout & Co. of Chicago, who sold \$11,500 of the \$60,000 issue, according to the order, at 50% of par value instead of 85% as ordered by the Commission.

The order governing sale of the bonds, the Commission explained, was evaded by an agreement between the Consolidated Utilities Corp., the Mississippi Valley Construction Co., which was organized by persons in control of the Consolidated and Henry L. Trout & Co.

The construction company was to be paid partly in cash and partly in bonds for building a butane gas plant at Flora, the explanation continued. The Trout company was to sell bonds for the Consolidated at 85% of par, but the construction company authorized the selling agency to withdraw an equal amount of bonds from those assigned to it, paying therefor 15% of par, thus making the actual selling price only 50% of par, it was added.

Dayton Power & Light Co.—Files Appeal on 70-Cent Gas Rate.

A protest and appeal on the gas rate ordinance in Columbus, Ohio, has been filed with the Ohio P. U. Commission by this company, a subsidiary of the Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.

On Nov. 9 a city ordinance was passed providing for a gas rate of 50 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, reducing the rate from 70 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

The Dayton company has given a bond of \$500,000 as security for any possible refund to customers should the reduced rate go into effect. Until decision has been made on the appeal by the company, the present rate of 70 cents per 1,000 cubic feet will continue.—V. 135, p. 3352.

Defiance Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Payable Any Time.

The company announces that it will redeem all its 1st lien & ref. mtge. 7% bonds, series A, at 110 and int., on March 1 1933. Sufficient funds for the operation are now on deposit with The Chase National Bank of the city of New York, trustee. Holders of said bonds who desire to redeem them before March 1 1933 may now present them to the Chase National Bank and receive payment at 110 and int. to date of presentation.—V. 135, p. 3856.

Duquesne Light Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended Oct. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 3353.

East St. Louis & Suburban Ry.—Ceases Operations, &c.

Having ceased operations, the company secured permission from the Illinois Commerce Commission on Nov. 18 to sell for \$1,082,433 in cash certain of its property and apply the proceeds on a mortgage on the property, of which \$3,850,000 in bonds is now outstanding.—V. 127, p. 2683.

Electric Light & Power Corp.—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Inv. (book val.)	183,429,598	Inv. Capital stock	155,039,139
Cash	247,927	Subsc. to \$7 pf. stock allot. cfts	15,200
Time deposits in banks	3,450,000	Liability to issue \$6 pref. stock	800
Short term secur	44,953	Gold debent 5%	800
Notes and loans receiv.—subs.	2,500,880	series due 2030	31,000,000
Accts. rec.—subs	163,491	Contr. liabilities	72,332
Accounts receivable—others	36,033	Divs. declared	1,282,850
Subsc. to \$7 pref. stock allotment certificates	112,770	Contracts pay.	1,290,254
x Reacq. cap. stk	101,820	Accounts payable	86,677
Unamort. debt disc. & expen.	3,793,518	Accrued accounts	335,226
Stock subs. rights (contra)	24,000,000	Stock subs. liability (contra)	24,000,000
Sundry debits	218,399	Reserve	156,778
	8,775	Surplus	4,607,361
Total	193,886,619	Total	193,886,619

	Sept. 30 1932.	Sept. 30 1931.
x Represented by;	Shares.	Shares.
\$7 preferred stock	961	961
Common stock	821 500-1,000	821 980-1,000
y Represented by;	(Value in liquidation \$100 a sh.)	
\$7 preferred stock	515,092	513,868
\$6 preferred stock	255,423 2-3	255,423 2-3
2nd pref. stk. series A (\$7)	107,200	109,223
Common stock	a3,326,145	1,876,838
Option warrants to purchase common stock equivalent to	664,298	672,402

Holders of option warrants outstanding are entitled to purchase one share of common stock, without limitation as to time, at \$25 per share for each option warrant held, and each share of the company's second preferred stock, series A, when accompanied by four option warrants, will be accepted at \$100 in payment for four shares of such common stock in lieu of cash.

a Including 1,440,203 shares issued and sold in November and December 1931, under an offer to holders of common stock and option warrants.

Note.—At Sept. 30 1932, no provision has been made for unpaid cumulative dividends on the second pref. stock, series A (\$7). Dividends on this stock have been paid to March 31 1932.—V. 135, p. 2831.

Electric Power & Light Corp.—Smaller Preferred Dividends.—The directors on Dec. 7 declared dividends of 50 cents per share on the no par \$6 cum. pref. stock, and 58 1-3 cents per share on the no par \$7 cum. pref. stock, both payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 17. Previously, regular quarterly distributions of \$1.50 and \$1.75 per share, respectively, were made on the \$6 and \$7 pref. stocks.—V. 135, p. 2831.

Electric Public Utilities Co.—Deposits Urged.

The bondholders' protective committee for the 15-year 6% secured gold bonds in a letter dated Dec. 1 states:

The time for filing of claims by bondholders in the general equity receivership expires Dec. 19 1932. It is self-evident that the committee can file claims only for those bonds in their possession. Unless a claim is filed on your bonds it appears that you may suffer a substantial loss. It is therefore important that all bonds be deposited at once with the committee.

In order that the committee may have sufficient time in which to prepare a claim covering deposited bonds, it is necessary that your bonds be deposited on or before the close of business on Dec. 15 1932. The committee will assume no responsibility for filing claims on bonds received for deposit after that date.—V. 135, p. 2831.

Federal Light & Traction Co.—Usual Stock Dividend.

The directors on Dec. 7 declared a quarterly dividend of 25c per share in cash and 1% in common stock on the common stock, par \$15, both payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 16. Like amounts were distributed on Oct. 1 last. In each of the 14 preceding quarters a dividend of 37 1/2c. per share in cash and 1% in stock was paid.—V. 135, p. 3353.

General Gas & Electric Corp.—Preferred Dividends Payable in Scrip.

The directors have declared quarterly dividends of \$1.50 each on the \$6 cum. pref. stock, series A, and \$6 cum. conv. pref. stock, series B, \$1.75 on the 7% cum. pref. and \$2 on the \$8 cum. pref. stocks, all payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 19 in scrip of the respective issues carrying 7% interest and redeemable in five years. Like amounts were declared in scrip three and six months ago. Previously, these dividends were paid in cash.—V. 135, p. 3522.

Indianapolis Rys., Inc.—Subsidiaries to Issue Notes—Petition for Receiver Filed in Delaware.

Authority to issue \$295,581 in notes, payable in 60 months, to finance construction of new buses is asked in a petition filed with the Indiana P. S. Commission by the People's Motor Coach Co., a subsidiary. ("Transit Journal.")—V. 134, p. 4491.

Inland Gas Corp.—Defaulted Bonds Off List.

See Colwood Co. below.—V. 134, p. 2521.

Inland Power & Light Corp.—Receivership—Committee Formed for Collateral Trust Bonds.

On Dec. 2 1932 Judge Walter C. Lindley, of the United States Court sitting in Chicago, appointed Leonard S. Florsheim as receiver for the company, upon the petition of a creditor, which set forth that the company was solvent but unable to obtain sufficient cash to meet the interest on its debentures and other obligations.

Bankers who were active in the distribution of collateral trust sinking fund gold bonds have been requested to form a bondholders' protective committee and have effected an organization consisting of Charles H. Bliss, Chairman (E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.) Chicago; Kellogg Logsdon, (Spencer Trask & Co.) Chicago; Homer Reed Jr. (Stroud & Co., Inc.) Philadelphia; Milton Ferguson (A. E. Fitkin & Co., Ltd.) Chicago; William R. Spratt Jr. (E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.) New York, and W. W. Turner (R. R. E. Wilsey & Co., Inc.) Chicago. Chapman & Cutler, 111 W. Monroe St., Chicago, are counsel, and Henry G. Lodge, 231 South LaSalle St., Chicago, is Secretary.

The common stock of the Inland Power & Light Corp., which is a holding company, is owned by Middle West Utilities Co. and North American Light & Power Co. It controls through common stock ownership operating companies whose properties are located in Michigan, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas.

No default has yet occurred in payment of interest on the collateral trust bonds but anticipating such default as indicated by the petition of the creditor, the purpose of the committee is to afford the proper means for the protection of the collateral trust bonds in any reorganization.—V. 135, p. 3165.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Receivership Upheld on Appeal—Circuit Court Finds Judge Manton's Orders Legal Even if Rules Here Were Violated—Collusion Writ Refused—Decision to Be Appealed.

The acts of Senior Circuit Judge Martin T. Manton in the Interborough receivership cases were upheld Dec. 7 by the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in two opinions written by Judges Learned Hand and concurred in by Judges Swan and Chase.

The first opinion reversed the order of District Judge John M. Woolsey, which had held that all of Judge Manton's acts in the Interborough litigation were void on the ground that Judge Manton was an "intruder" interfering with the ordering process of the Federal District Court.

The second opinion refused a writ of prohibition which would have restrained Judge Manton from proceeding with the original Interborough receivership action, on the ground that the suit was collusive.

Louis Boehm, counsel for a group of independent stockholders of the Manhattan Railway announced that the decision of the Circuit Court would be appealed to the Supreme Court.

In vacating Judge Woolsey's decision, that Judge Manton had exceeded his authority in taking charge of the Interborough case because the rules of the District Court held that the assignment of cases should be by the senior district judge, the Circuit Court held that the District Court rules were directory only and for a judge to violate them did not impair the validity of his judicial acts. If Judge Manton was not authorized to act, by reason of the District Court rules, the remedy was by an appeal from Judge Manton's orders and not by a separate action attacking them, the court ruled.

Judge Hand's opinion said:

Here there was no infirmity in the authority of the circuit judge except through his disregard of the rules. The statute expressly gave him all the powers and rights of a district judge of that district, with exceptions that enlarge rather than limit the latitude of the grant. He was for all purposes at least a district judge while his designation lasted; and the rules of that court, taken at their widest, stripped him of his jurisdiction no further than were he duly qualified as such.

So viewed, the question is the same as though a district judge had himself disregarded them and appointed a receiver, though at the time he was not holding a motion term. We cannot doubt that, however valid

the rules may be, such a district judge's decree would still be a judicial act, unassailable collaterally.

The agreed distribution of business under Section 27 is merely to promote concord and avoid conflict; it may be imperative so far as it extends, but it does not go to the essence of the judge's power. . . . compliance with every rule of court is not essential to the judge's jurisdiction, nor may his acts be ignored if they do not conform to all. There is a way to correct such errors which must be followed. Yet, unless rules for the distribution of business stand on a different footing from rules in general, the decrees vacated were not the empty words of a mere intruder.

Consolidation Order Upset.

The ruling of the Circuit Court upset also the decree of Judge Woolsey ordering a consolidation of all the actions relating to the Interborough and the Manhattan receiverships under the one title, "Matter of Interborough Receivership." This had been sought by Benjamin F. Johnson, whom Mr. Boehm represents. Judge Woolsey's action was halted at that time as putting all the parties in the case on an equal footing in court.

On this point the Circuit Court said: "The consolidation decree did not change the status of the parties to the suit at bar, though perhaps it was meant to do so. Had it made them parties to the American Brake Shoe Co. suit the rules might be before us, even though only directory. But consolidation does not merge the suits; it is merely a matter of convenience in administration, to keep them in step. They remain as independent as before, and if one hangs for its jurisdiction upon the other, consolidation adds nothing; the dependent jurisdiction is as good without it."

The ruling of the Circuit Court in the application for a writ of prohibition read in part as follows:

The bill contains the conventional allegation that the plaintiff presented its claim to the railroad, demanded a payment and been refused. The Supreme Court [in another case] said that this created a "controversy" . . . and gave the district court jurisdiction. The petitioners there had made the same general charges of collusion and pre-arrangement as here; but these did not avail against this part of the bill, which was not denied.

Its truth is equally unchallenged here, and in all probability could not be. In such circumstances "collusion" means no more than that the parties have wished to invoke the powers of the district court, and when the facts exist upon which these depend it is no objection that they have. To defeat that jurisdiction it must be shown that the foundation is unreal; not that the parties, having an option, prefer the Federal tribunal. Unless the Supreme Court has shown a disposition to recede from its former position, nothing is left open for us.

The court reviewed later cases decided by the Supreme Court, adding that "since we have no reason to suppose that the Supreme Court has changed its views upon that point, we adhere to the established practice, petitions denied."

Mr. Boehm, in announcing his intention to appeal, said:

From the examination which I have made of the opinion, it is quite clear that in the opinion of the Circuit Court of Appeals a circuit judge or a visiting district judge, designated to hold a district court in the Southern District of New York, may disobey these rules and still have jurisdiction of the case or matter which he may take up in violation of the rules. I must respectfully dissent from this view, which, in my opinion, if upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court, would lead to endless confusion not only in the Southern District of New York but throughout the country.

We will immediately apply to the U. S. Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari and for leave to appeal the Johnson case to that court so that we may have this question as well as the question whether the receivers of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. and the Manhattan Railway have been properly appointed settled for all time.

Receivers Ask Ruling on Manhattan Payment.—

A petition will be submitted to Judge Martin T. Manton in the near future asking for instructions concerning payment of Dec. 1 interest on the Manhattan Ry. Co. 4% 2d mtge. bonds. It was announced Dec. 5. Counsel for the I. R. T. receivers will present the petition. Decision on this action was taken following the court ruling by Judge Manton instructing payment of interest on the Manhattan consolidated 1st mtge. bonds which was overdue. At that time Judge Manton withheld decision on the payment of back franchise and property taxes of the elevated lines.—V. 135, p. 3856.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Spain Drops Plan to Seize Phones—New Contract to Be Negotiated.—

A wireless dispatch to the New York "Times" from Madrid, Spain, Dec. 6 had the following: "The Cortes, on a vote of confidence in the Government, decided Dec. 6 by a majority of 181 to 11 to refrain from discussion of a bill for abrogation of the National Telephone Co. contract to which the United States had objected."

The matter came to a head this afternoon when 15 Deputies, headed by Deputy Botella Asensi, demanded that the Cortes begin discussion of the bill. Under the rules of the Cortes, debate is mandatory on demand of 15 members.

Premier Manuel Azana, who is virtual dictator of Spain, thereupon rose and, without giving his reasons, declared that "the Government takes full responsibility for the negotiations [with the telephone company for a new contract]. It will stand or fall on the question. Meanwhile, I request the Cortes to refrain from discussion."

Officials of the Compania Telefonica Nacional express the belief that they will be able to reach a satisfactory agreement with the Government, which had attacked the contract chiefly on the grounds that it had been negotiated with the royalist dictatorship of General Primo de Rivera, which the Republicans contend was an illegally constituted regime. The United States, feeling, it is said, that repudiation of the contract would be an unfortunate example to set in regard to Latin-American investments, protested that the contract had been made with the Spanish State acting through a regime which was recognized internally and therefore could not be repudiated by a unilateral action in which the company had no opportunity to state its case or negotiate for the retention of its rights. It was intimated that Washington might sever relations with Spain if the property were confiscated.

It is now understood that a commission consisting of four Government and four company representatives will negotiate a new contract containing mutually satisfactory revisions.—V. 135, p. 1994.

Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (Del.)—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Oct. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 3356.

Market Street Ry.—Has Accumulated \$5,673,500 1st Mtge. 7s for Cancellation Jan. 1.—

The Boston "News Bureau" Dec. 7 had the following: "Market Street Ry. has accumulated \$5,673,500 par of its 1st mtge. 7% bonds for cancellation under sinking fund provisions Jan. 1. As \$185,500 par already have been canceled and \$21,000 are held unpledged in the treasury, only \$7,156,000 remain in public hands."

Beginning next year the sinking fund drops from \$125,000 to \$750,000 quarterly and drain upon cash to supply cumulative interest provision on bonds alive in the sinking fund is practically eliminated for the time being. In the last year this has amounted to about \$390,000. Sinking fund retirements accomplished this year were: January, \$237,000; April, \$227,500; July, \$271,000; October, \$270,500.—V. 135, p. 2002.

Middle West Utilities Co.—Court Aids Efforts to Reorganize Company in Equity Receivership.—

The time for filing answer to bankruptcy petition against the company has again been extended by stipulation, this time to Dec. 31. The bankruptcy petition was filed in Federal Court at Chicago shortly after filing of petition for an equity receivership last April, but the time for filing the answer has been extended through several court orders.

The continuances have been based on fact that efforts are being made looking toward reorganization of the company under the equity receivership, and also that receivers are endeavoring to obtain a loan of \$21,000,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to pay bank loans of National Electric Power Co. and restore control of that company to Middle West Utilities Co.

To Cut Costs More—Board Increased to 15—Units Outline Plans.—

The New York "Times" in a Chicago dispatch dated Dec. 7, says:

To-day was held the first meeting of directors of the Middle West Utilities Co. since the board was reorganized to include operating heads of subsidiary companies. The authorized number of directors was increased to 15 and three new members of the board were elected. They are:

Price Campbell, President, West Texas Utilities Co.
A. Liberman, President, Southwestern Gas & Electric Co.
John E. Barber, President, Central and Southwest Utilities Co.
Mr. Barber and A. W. Moore were elected Vice-Presidents of Middle West and M. P. Koch was chosen Controller.

Executives of operating companies in the Middle West system met at the same time. They formed plans for the coming year and emphasized the need of even further reductions in operating costs. The executives agreed upon an economy program of joint purchasing contracts and restriction of capital expenditures, except in cases in which profitable new business may be obtained.

E. N. Hurley and Charles A. McCulloch, receivers of Middle West, made the following announcement after the meetings:

"The meetings which have been held between the receivers and executives in charge of the operating properties of the Middle West system have been productive of great benefit. We are building here in Chicago a central organization to provide legal, tax, purchasing, accounting and other facilities for the use of all operating companies."

The receivers announced also that insurance policies, based on length of service, will be given to employees of subsidiary companies on Dec. 24, as in former years.—V. 135, p. 3690.

National Gas & Electric Corp.—Receivers Appointed.—

James T. Woodward of New York and James H. Hughes Jr. of Wilmington, Del., have been appointed receivers by Chancellor J. O. Wolcott of the Chancery Court in Wilmington, Del.—The bill of complaint asking appointment of a receiver was filed on Nov. 28.

Holders of Bonds and Notes Unite to Consider Reorganization.—

Committees have been formed to represent holders of first mortgage collateral 5½% bonds due in 1953 and holders of 2-year 6% gold notes due on Feb. 1, 1933.

Arthur H. Gilbert of Spencer Trask & Co. is chairman of the bondholders' committee, which includes also Edward G. Ricker of Milwaukee and Marcus Baxter of Chicago. H. E. Dean at 25 Broad St., is secretary.

Jesse Terry of Nichols, Terry & Dickinson, New York, is chairman of the noteholders' committee, which includes David A. Edgar of Milwaukee and Kellogg Logsdon of Chicago.

The committees are not calling for deposits. The committees are jointly considering prospects of reorganizing the company.—V. 135, p. 3856.

National Public Service Corp.—Collateral to Be Sold.—

Collateral held by Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. for loans totaling \$5,789,917 to National Public Service Corp. are advertised for sale on Dec. 16 at Jersey City. The collateral will be auctioned in four parcels or as a whole, the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. as the seller, reserving the right to adjourn the sale from time to time, the right to bid for the collateral itself and the right to accept or reject bids.

The collateral to be auctioned or offered at auction on Dec. 16 consists of four parcels. The first parcel consists of 10,313 shares of pref. stock (\$100 par) 5½% series of Jersey Central Power & Light Co. The second parcel consists of 44,491 shares of common (no par) stock of Eastern New Jersey Power Co., and 163,350 shares of common stock (no par) of Jersey Central Power & Light. Parcel 3 consists of 501,275 shares of common stock (no par) New England Public Service Co., and parcel 4 consists of 116,600 shares (no par) common stock of Central & South West Utilities Co.

Ten per cent of the purchase price for each item sold or for all the property if sold in one piece, shall be paid to Commercial Trust Co. at its office at 15 Exchange Pl., Jersey City, under the terms of the sale. This 10% must be paid before noon on the day of the sale in cash or certified check.

The balance of the purchase price must be paid before 1 p. m. of the following day, Dec. 17. The advertisement announcing the sale stated that in case any purchaser fails to complete his purchase by payment of the balance of the price, the deposit made by him will be applied to the expenses of a resale and toward the making good any deficiency or loss in case the property purchased by him is sold at a less price on such resale.

The Central Hanover Bank reserves the right to cause the auction sale to be adjourned from time to time by announcing such adjournments at the time and place of the sale and without further notice of publication. H. L. Wolbert is the auctioneer selected to handle the sale.

Receivers of Middle West Regret Collateral Sale.—

In connection with the proposed action of the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. of New York to sell the collateral held by them as security for loans to the National Public Service Corp., Edward N. Hurley and Charles A. McCulloch, receivers of Middle West Utilities Co. issued the following statement:

"The receivers of Middle West Utilities Co. regret the proposed action by the Central Hanover Bank in the sale of National Public Service Co. collateral on Dec. 16. The receivers hope, on further consideration, they will recognize the seriousness of situation in their breaking up the National Electric Power group which will seriously affect 800,000 security holders in 20 Eastern States extending as far as Ohio and Michigan, and 22 Western States. Their action will be the means of stopping the receivers of Middle West from carrying through their plan of raising \$21,000,000 to pay off the five New York banks including Central Hanover and place National Electric Power group in the hands of the Irving Trust as receivers in bankruptcy, thereby keeping property intact under one management."

"Middle West Utilities Co. has \$40,000,000 invested in National Electric Power group and we believed that, after the \$21,000,000 loan was paid and in co-operation with the reorganization committees, our interest would be materially strengthened, which prompted us to continue to take a special interest in the future of the property."

"Through our co-operation in the filing of a consolidated income tax return with Internal Revenue Department in Washington for Federal income tax accrued in 1931, \$587,000 was saved for National Electric Power or approximately one-half of the interest due on the \$21,000,000 loan.—V. 135, p. 1491.

New York Steam Corp.—Tenders.—

The National City Bank of New York, 22 William St., N. Y. City, will until 10 a. m., Dec. 23, receive bids for the sale to it of series A pref. stock to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$41,930 at prices not exceeding 105 and divs.—V. 135, p. 3166.

Niagara Hudson Power Corp.—To Discontinue the Sale of Electric Appliances.—

The corporation has planned to discontinue the sale of electric and gas appliances throughout its territory, but efforts will be made to increase the use of electric current and gas by offering consulting service to customers on adequate wiring, home making and home lighting. The company's stores are to be converted into continuous electric and gas "shows."—V. 135, p. 2998.

North American Light & Power Co.—Obituary.—

President Clement Studebaker Jr., died in Chicago on Dec. 3. At the time of his death Mr. Studebaker was also President and a director of the Illinois Power & Light Corp., the Illinois Power & Light Corp., the Illinois Traction Co., Illinois Traction, Inc., the Des Moines Electric Light Co., Iowa Power & Light Co., Kansas Power & Light Co., Kewanee Public Service Co., a director of the Missouri Power & Light Co., and Chairman of the Board of the Illinois Terminal Co.—V. 135, p. 3857.

Northern New York Utilities, Inc.—Bonds Called.—
A total of \$25,500 of 1st mtge. & ref. 5% 50-year gold bonds, due July 1 1963, have been called for payment on Jan. 1 next at 105 and int. at the Irving Trust Co., trustee, One Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 135, p. 296.

Northern States Power Co. (Del.)—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Oct. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 3356.

Northwestern Utilities, Ltd.—Tenders.—

The Trusts & Guarantee Co., Ltd., Toronto, Canada, will until Dec. 19 receive bids for the sale to it of 7% 1st mtge. 15-year sinking fund gold bonds to an amount sufficient to absorb \$49,000.—V. 134, p. 4158.

Pennsylvania Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Drexel & Co. and Bonbright & Co., Inc., are offering at 98 and int., to yield over 5.14%, \$678,000 1st mtge. gold bonds, 5% series of 1956.

Dated July 1 1926; due July 1 1956. Interest payable J. & J. at the office or place of the company in N. Y. City. Red. at any time, at option of company, in whole or in part, on at least 30 days' notice, prior to July 1 1935 at 104½ on July 1 1935 and thereafter prior to July 1 1940 at 104; at ¼ % less during each succeeding 12 months' period prior to July 1 1956, and, on July 1 1956 and thereafter prior to maturity at 100% thereof, plus int. in each case. Denom. c* \$1,000 and \$500 and r* \$1,000 and \$5,000. City Bank Farmers Trust Co., New York, trustee. Interest payable without deduction for Federal income taxes not exceeding 2% per annum or for Penn. 4 mill personal property tax; Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum on income derived from the bonds refundable.

Legal investment for savings banks in the States of New York, Mass., Penn., Calif., New Jersey, Maine and New Hampshire.

Data from Letter of T. A. Kenney, President of the Company.

Business and Territory.—Company, incorp. in Pennsylvania, owns and operates electric properties serving New Castle, Sharon, Farrell, Greentown and 87 other communities located in western Pennsylvania, the territory having a population in excess of 200,000. The major portion of this territory is within the "Youngstown industrial area" which is a highly developed industrial section ranking as one of the most important centres for the production of iron and steel.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for additions and improvements to its properties and for other corporate purposes.

Security.—The first mortgage bonds of which \$6,978,000 will be outstanding including these bonds (constituting the entire funded debt of the company) are secured by direct first mortgage on the entire fixed properties of the company now owned, and will be secured by direct mortgage, subject to prior liens (if any) on fixed property hereafter acquired. Property, plant and equipment—general account, less retirement reserve of \$939,845, was carried on the company's books as of Oct. 21 1932, at \$11,808,057.

Earnings 12 Months Ended Oct. 31.

	1931.	1932.
Gross earnings (including non-operating)*	\$3,909,240	\$3,342,380
Operating expenses, maintenance, Fed., etc., taxes	2,653,874	2,201,336
Provision for retirement reserve (depreciation)	191,096	204,000

Net earnings	\$1,064,270	\$937,044
Annual int. requirements on 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds (incl. this issue)		348,900

Balance \$588,144

* Includes non-operating income of \$12,489 in 1931 and \$8,127 in 1932.
Supervision.—Company is controlled, through ownership of all of its common stock, by Commonwealth & Southern Corp.

Capitalization Outstanding (as of Oct. 31 1932 Adjusted to Give Effect to Present Financing)

1st mtge. gold bonds, 5% ser. of 1956 (incl. this issue)	\$6,978,000
Preferred stock (no par), \$6 cumulative	17,846 shs.
\$6.60 cumulative	10,027 shs.
Common stock (no par)	*100,000 shs.

* Including 20,000 shares recently issued and sold to Commonwealth & Southern Corp. at \$25 per share.—V. 135, p. 3857.

Philadelphia Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Oct. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 3356.

Philadelphia Electric Co.—New Construction Appropriations for 1933 About \$10,530,000.—

An augmented construction program, circulating millions of dollars in the Philadelphia area, despite an enlarging tax burden, will be continued in 1933 by this company, it was revealed by President William H. Taylor on Dec. 6 in his annual address to employees. It is estimated that the company will expend \$10,530,000 for new construction in the year 1933.

Pointing out the steady increase in taxes paid directly by the company in city, State, and National treasuries—which amounted, in relation to electrical revenue alone, to almost 10% of that revenue—Mr. Taylor is quoted in the Philadelphia "Financial Journal" as follows:

"As a matter of fact, rapidly mounting taxes absorb very largely the benefits that might theoretically be obtained by lower commodity prices as they affect our company. They offset in like manner, to an important extent, the benefits from increased efficiency of operation.

"The consequence is that taxes postpone the time when the company can make rate reductions which are wanted by the company as much as by the public itself.

"The world has come to understand very clearly the beneficial effect upon all lines of business, including those far removed from our business, which is produced by construction activities. Money spent upon construction penetrates the whole economic fabric and greatly strengthens it.

"Therefore, I shall cite our construction figures. We shall have expended at the close of this year \$8,500,000 upon various enlargement and extension works with a carry-over of work not yet completed into 1933 of \$2,450,000 making a total program for the year 1932 of \$11,250,000.

"Estimates for 1933 call for an expenditure upon new construction of \$11,060,000. If we add the 1932 carry-over just cited and deduct the estimated carry-over into 1934 of \$2,980,000, we reach a grand total of \$10,530,000 of construction which it is contemplated will be done by the Philadelphia Electric Co. System in the year before us.

"I wish to point out, in addition, that the 1933 estimates just given contain only \$1,960,000 of the total of more than \$8,000,000 which is to be invested on the new 165,000 kilowatt turbo-generator at the Richmond, generating station, a project which will be completed in 1934. Moreover, the stated carry-over into 1934 excludes figures covering this addition to our generating system.

"Another external problem of very great importance has to do with the increasingly heavy burden of taxation which is borne by our company.

"Taxes form one of our costs of doing business; they naturally are a part of the rate which must be charged for the service we render. Lower taxes would have a tendency to bring about lower rates. It is estimated that for the year 1932 taxes for the electric department alone will amount to almost 10% of the electric revenue.

"A fact to be kept clearly in mind is that our company serves merely as a tax collector for public treasuries—city, State and National—in gathering these mounting sums from the public we serve. They are forced into our rates; we merely pass along the money to the proper authority. Yet loose thinking would assume that we benefitted from this money.

"As a matter of fact, rapidly mounting taxes absorb very largely the benefits that might theoretically be obtained by lower commodity prices as they affect our company. They offset in like manner, to an important extent, the benefits from increased efficiency of operation. The consequence is that taxes postpone the time when the company can make rate reductions which are wanted by the company as much as by the public itself."—V. 135, p. 2999.

Pittsfield Electric Co.—Consolidation Approved.—

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has approved the issue by the Pittsfield Electric Co. of 2,000 shares of additional \$100 par common stock to stockholders of the Lee Electric Co. as part of the consideration for locations and property, upon condition, that as a part of the transaction, simultaneously with the delivery of the stock of the Pittsfield Electric Co., outstanding stock of the Lee Electric Co. to the amount of \$231,400 par value, all the outstanding stock, shall be retired and cancelled.—V. 135, p. 3356.

Public Service Co. of Indiana.—Sale of Bus Lines.—

James W. Leppert of Columbus, Ind., has purchased the city motor coach lines in Columbus and East Columbus, Inc. from above company. The motor coach lines, three in number, supplanted rail service withdrawn by the company three years ago. The sale has been approved by the Indiana P. S. Commission. Mr. Leppert took over operations on Nov. 20. ("Transit Journal.")—V. 135, p. 3524.

Radio Corp. of America.—Decision Reserved on Torquay Show-Cause Action.—

Federal Judge John C. Knox has reserved decision on all of the questions before him in the litigation arising from the action by the Torquay Co., owners of stock of the corporation, which secured a show-cause order in the Supreme Court, New York County, directing RCA, the General Electric Co. and the Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., to show why they should not be restrained from distributing 7,500,000 shares of Radio stock to their stockholders. This distribution was ordered in a consent decree

handed down in the Federal District Court at Delaware in the anti-trust action against the three corporations.

The questions on which Judge Knox reserved decision included a request by the Torquay company that he issue a temporary injunction restraining this distribution; that he either send this case back to the State Courts, keep it in the Federal courts, or refer it to the Federal Court in Delaware. The Torquay suit, which was originally brought in the New York State Supreme Court, was transferred to the Federal District Court, Southern District of New York, on motion of the Westinghouse company.—V. 135, p. 3857.

San Joaquin Light & Power Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 9 and 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 2833.

Shawinigan Water & Power Co.—Earnings for October Almost Double Dividend Requirements.—

The statement of earnings and expenses for the month of October, as submitted to the board of directors, showed that after making all provisions for exchange, depreciation and all taxes, including income tax, the earnings were almost double present dividend requirements, this after making allowance for doubtful accounts. Most of the company's bonds are held in the United States.

The commercial and distribution department of this company, which retails power in the large industrial districts of the Province of Quebec, reports that the sales of current for domestic purposes and the small power users have maintained last year's figures. This indicates an improvement in the general situation as compared with the early months of the year.

Chemicals Plant Reports Increased Operations.—

It is officially reported that the Shawinigan Chemicals Ltd., a subsidiary, is operating at a higher capacity than it has since March 1930. The company is presently filling large orders for foreign shipment. The indications are that these contracts will be extended for a further period of some months and consequently the Chemicals plant is expected to operate on the higher capacity for several months to come.

The result of these operations is reflected in the earnings of the company through the sale of primary power and has resulted in increased employment in the Shawinigan Falls district. It is announced that 100 men have been added to the force of the Shawinigan Chemicals plant alone.—V. 135, p. 3857, 2833.

Southern Colorado Power Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Oct. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 3357.

Southern Indiana Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Receivership.—

George M. Barnard, Indianapolis has been appointed receiver by order of Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell on Dec. 1. The action for receivership was filed by the Middle Western Telephone Co. of Chicago, owners of the common stock. The Middle Western Co. averred that it had come into possession of the common stock of the Indiana utility as result of the company's failure to redeem the stock which had been posted as collateral for a \$31,000 loan about six months ago.

Interest payments of the Southern Indiana Telephone & Telegraph Co. on \$1,100,000 of 6% gold bonds went in default Dec. 1 when the owners of the company confessed to the court an inability to meet approximately \$33,000 in payments due Dec. 1.—V. 135, p. 1582.

Southern Natural Gas Corp.—Defaulted Bonds Off List.—

See Colwood Co. below.—V. 134, p. 2722.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 1493.

Twin City Rapid Transit Co.—Reduces Stated Value.—

The stockholders on Dec. 5 voted to change the common stock from 220,000 shares, par \$100, to 220,000 shares of no par value, and to reduce the capital represented by the common stock from \$22,000,000 to \$11,000,000. See also V. 135, p. 3357.

Union Gas Utilities, Inc.—Defaulted Bonds Off List.—

See Colwood Co. below.—V. 134, p. 507.

United Light & Power Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Oct. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 3357.

Yonkers (N. Y.) Electric Light & Power Co.—Ordered to Change Records.—

The Public Service Commission approved Dec. 2, a report written by Chairman Milo R. Maltbie recommending the adoption of an order requiring the company to make certain changes on its books and records as a result of an examination conducted by the accounting and engineering divisions of the Commission.

The examination was made as the result of a proceeding in which the company was authorized to issue 79,514 shares of common stock (no par value) at not less than \$50 per share, and the New York Edison Co. was authorized to acquire and hold this stock provided the cost was not more than \$3,975,700.

The authorization of this stock was to refund \$200,000 of 1st mtge. bonds which matured July 1 1922, and \$3,775,700 for payment of debt incurred for capital purposes and outstanding as of July 31 1925.

There was evidence that more than 12% of the revised material and labor costs of the property which was estimated was capitalized. Mr. Maltbie was not in agreement of this procedure. It was shown that estimated overhead cost amounted to \$1,381,901, whereas the actual cost was \$626,406. It was pointed out in the report that the difference was charged to operating expenses and that the company should not be permitted to capitalize \$755,495 which it has already charged to operating expenses.

Mr. Maltbie said that "if the company has, during the past 25 years which it has been under State regulation, charged as operating expenses items which should have been charged to capital, it has not complied with Commission orders, its accounts have not been properly kept and its sworn reports to various public bodies are inaccurate."

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Arbitrators Cut Printers' Pay 10%.—A reduction of 10% in wages for members of Typographical Union No. 6 employed in newspaper plants was announced, following a meeting of a board of arbitration. The new wage schedule calls for \$58.50 a week in comparison with the old \$65 for day men; \$61.50 compared with \$68 for night men, and \$64.50 instead of \$71 for the "lobster shift." "Wall Street Journal" Dec. 2, p. 8.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 3.—(a) October automobile production very low, p. 3761. (b) New automobile models, p. 3762. (c) Cut in sugar prices by refiners, p. 3763. (d) Copper price unsettled as international conference gets under way; lead dull, p. 3767. (e) Foreign copper available at 5.30 cents a pound; domestic price ranging from 5¼ to 5½ cents, p. 3767. (f) Increase of \$12,910,449 reported in outstanding brokers' loans on New York Stock Exchange during November; total Nov. 30 \$337,612,558, as against \$324,702,199 on Oct. 31, p. 3791. (g) Roberts & Hall (Cincinnati) Failure; New York Stock Exchange grants Walker P. Hall, partner in failed brokerage house, extension of one year from Dec. 30 1932 to effect a settlement with creditors, p. 3792. (h) Charles S. McCain re-elected President of American Acceptance Council, p. 3792. (i) American Bankers' Association Journal reports decrease in savings; deposits in banks of country; total at \$24,281,346,000 on June 30 1932 is \$3,925,898,000 less than in previous year, p. 3793. (j) Employment provided under R. F. C. loans in 32 self-liquidating projects borrowing \$137,249,500; they will produce material for bridges and water works over the country, p. 3796. (k) R. F. C. charged with favoritism before convention of American Federation of Labor; political motives alleged in granting or withholding advances to States, p. 3796. (l) Listing of borrowers by R. F. C. opposed by Chairman of the Westchester, N. Y., District of the Corporation; holds plan causes runs which group was formed to prevent, p. 3796.

Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago, Ill.—Dividend—Bonus.—

The directors on Dec. 5 declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 19.

Treasurer James F. Stiles, reported net earnings for 11 months of 1932 sufficient to cover present dividend requirements.

President Alfred S. Burdick, announced a Christmas bonus to the employees of 5% of November salaries. He also stated that the increase in sales for November, this year, as compared to the same month last year, was due in a measure to the demand for two new research products—Abbott's Haliver Oil with Viosterol 250 D and Haliver Malt with Viosterol, Liver Extract, Calcium and Phosphorus, both of which items are being widely prescribed by physicians.—V. 134, p. 4325.

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for month and 11 months ended Nov. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 3358.

Alexander Building Corp., Montreal.—Reorganization.

The holders of the 6% 20-year 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds, dated Oct. 1 1927 will meet Jan. 4 to vote, among others, the following resolutions:

(1) To waive the default on the part of the company in the payment of the interest on the bonds which fell due October 1 1932;

(2) To sanction the modification and compromise of the rights of the bondholders against the company, by providing for the exchange of all the bonds issued and outstanding for 6% 1st mtge. cum. income bonds (fully registered), par for par. The income bonds will be dated April 1 1932, will mature Oct. 1 1947, and bear interest, payable semi-annually April and Oct. 1 at not exceeding 6% per annum (cumulative).

Provided the above resolutions are passed, the holders of the \$300,000 outstanding of 7% 15-year sinking fund debentures have agreed to accept in exchange for the surrender and cancellation of the debentures as well as in satisfaction of the accrued interest due thereon, common shares without par value of the corporation (the capital stock of the corporation to be increased to 30,000 shares for that purpose), and have further agreed to deliver, or cause to be delivered, out of said shares, to the 1st mtge. bondholders, one share of such stock for each \$100 principal amount of bonds owned by him or her respectively.—V. 135, p. 2656.

Almar Stores Corp., Philadelphia.—Receivership.—

Receivers in equity were appointed for the corporation by the U. S. District Court at Philadelphia, Dec. 5. The Almar Stores Corp. is the company which took over a company of similar name several months ago after the older company likewise was put into receivership.

In a stockholders suit, Judge George A. Welsh appointed Joseph R. Peters and Arthur Pennell receivers under a joint bond and gave them authority to continue the business for a tentative period of 90 days. As set forth in the bill of particulars, the assets are given as \$1,321,000 and the liabilities as \$571,300. The capitalization is stated to be 30,000 shares 7% cum. pref. (par \$50) and 214,615 shares of common (no par) value.

The directors of the corporation held a meeting Dec. 3, and adopted a resolution to join in the request for a receivership, which was made by F. M. Kennedy, who owns 8,448 shares of common, which he estimates to be valued at \$1 a share. It is explained in the bill of complaint that the company is solvent, but in temporary financial difficulties due to the depression, which has made it difficult to move its merchandise quickly enough.—V. 133, p. 2107.

Aluminum Co. of America.—75c. Preferred Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% on the 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15. A similar payment was made on this issue on April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1 last, as compared with regular quarterly distributions of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ % made previously.—V. 135, p. 1656.

Aluminum Goods Mfg. Co.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 10 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 21. This compares with 15 cents per share paid in each of the three preceding quarters and with 30 cents per share paid quarterly from Jan. 1 cents per share paid quarterly from Jan. 1 1929 to and incl. Jan. 1 1932.—V. 134, p. 2912.

American Snuff Co.—1% Extra Dividend.—

The directors on Dec. 7 declared an extra dividend of 1% (25c. per share) on the outstanding common stock, par \$25, and the regular quarterly dividends of 3% on the common and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % on the preferred stock, all payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 14. An extra distribution of 1% was also made on the common stock on Jan. 2 1932 and on Jan. 2 1931, and one of 2% on Jan. 2 1930.—V. 134, p. 1197.

American Trustee Share Corp.—New Representative.—

Coincident with the broadening of its activities, the corporation announces that Albert C. Lord has become associated with the organization as wholesale representative for the metropolitan district.—V. 135, p. 3000.

Anchor Cap Corp.—Dividend Halved.—

The directors at an adjourned meeting held on Dec. 8 declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 20. The company on July 1 and Oct. 1 last made distributions of 30 cents per share on this issue, compared with 60 cents per share paid each quarter from April 1 1929 to and including Apr. 1 1932.

President I. R. Stewart Dec. 8 stated:

The corporation's current position is strong, with over \$600,000 of cash, no bank loans and no funded debt. Economies have been made, including reductions in salaries and wages, but in view of the decrease in earnings now affecting most industries, the duration of which it is impossible to foresee, the directors have deemed it to be for the best interests of the corporation and of its stockholders to conserve resources by limiting dividend disbursements at this time. The regular cumulative quarterly dividend of \$1.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ per share on the pref. stock payable Jan. 2 was declared last week. The present reduction in common dividend is consistent with this policy.—V. 135, p. 3860.

Associated Oil Co.—Dividend—1933 Expenditures.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 16. In the three preceding quarters similar dividends were declared.

In 1933 this company will make capital expenditures of more than \$6,000,000 for the purchase and installation of new facilities and the modernization of present equipment. President W. F. Humphrey stated to William Ross, Chairman of the Industrial Rehabilitation Committee of the 12th Federal Reserve District. The company's plans contemplate major additions and improvements to its Avon and Watson refineries. Drilling operations, which are to be conducted on a scale comparable to other years, will be confined principally to Ventura Avenue field.—V. 135, p. 3169.

Auburn Automobile Co.—2% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a 2% stock dividend and the regular quarterly cash dividend of \$1 per share, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 23. Like amounts have been paid each quarter since and incl. Jan. 2 1928. Stock distributors of 5% each were made on Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 1926.—V. 135, p. 3527.

Austrian Credit-Anstalt (Oesterreichische Credit-Anstalt fur Handel und Gewerbe), Vienna, Austria.—Reorganization.—

Plans for reorganizing the Austrian Credit-Anstalt, which were advanced last week by the Austrian Government, have been approved by a majority of the American creditor banks, according to the New York "Times" of Dec. 7, which further states:

"The settlement was arranged through the international committee in London of creditors of the once-powerful Austrian bank. Details have not yet become available, but in general the plan provides for the acceptance by foreign creditor banks of various securities, including annuity bonds of the Austrian Government, stock in the reorganized Credit-Anstalt and stocks and bonds of a corporation that is to realize upon the foreign assets of the Credit-Anstalt. In return for these securities the creditor banks will give up their claims against the Austrian institution.

All foreign claims against the Credit-Anstalt are estimated at around \$100,000,000, of which about \$20,000,000 is held by probably 30 American banks. A few American institutions are reported to be opposed to the settlement, but the majority may go ahead with the plan even if these dissenters hold back.

The reorganization is expected to place the Credit-Anstalt once more in a strong and liquid position but to establish it as a much smaller bank

than it was, a bank operating entirely within Austria and shorn of its former widespread foreign ramifications.—V. 135, p. 2657.

Aviation Corp. (Del.)—New President, &c.—

At the first meeting of the reorganized board of directors held on Dec. 6, Charles Lanier Lawrence and C. Coburn Darling were elected directors to fill the vacancies existing on the board. This increased the directorate to 17 members.

The resignation of La Motte T. Cohu, as President, was accepted. Richard F. Hoyt was elected President, succeeding La Motte T. Cohu, resigned. Mr. Cohu remains with the company as a director.

The executive committee and its five sub-committees were abolished, together with the offices of Chairman of the Board, Vice-Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Executive Committee. Robert Lehman was Chairman of the Board, and Sherman M. Fairchild was Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The wholly-owned operating subsidiary of the Aviation Corp., American Airways, Inc., also announced the election of L. D. Seymour as President. Mr. Seymour was formerly Vice-President of National Air Transport and United Airlines, Inc.

May Acquire Air Line to Buffalo, N. Y.—

The New York "Times" of Dec. 9 says:

Continuing his program to establish the largest air transport system in the country, E. L. Cord, who recently obtained increased representation in the management of the Aviation Corporation, has purchased the New York-to-Buffalo air line of the Frank Martz Coach Co. and is negotiating for a large interest in Northwest Airways, Inc., it was reported on Dec. 8.

Mr. Cord recently purchased control of Transamerican Airlines, Inc., through the Cord Corporation, of which he is head. He announced then that his Transamerican holdings would be offered to the Aviation Corp. at cost. It is believed he will offer similarly to turn over the Martz air line to the Aviation Corp. and that if he obtains control of the Northwest Airways, he will also offer this stock to Aviation Corp.

Acquisition of Transamerican, Martz air line, and Northwest Airways would give the Aviation Corp. a direct route from Boston and New York into the Northwest, Winnipeg, and other Canadian cities. With the addition of a link to Seattle at some time in the future, the Aviation Corp. would also have a new northern transcontinental route across the United States, which would balance its southern transcontinental system.

The Northwest Airways operates passenger and air mail lines from Chicago to St. Paul by way of Milwaukee, from Milwaukee to Green Bay, from St. Paul to Pembina, near the Canadian border; St. Paul to Duluth, Fargo to Mandan, and Omaha to Twin Cities. During the first six months of this year, the line carried approximately 7,000 passengers, and reported that it had flown about 800,000 miles.

The Aviation Corp. owns a 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ % interest in Northwest Airways, while another 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ % is said to be owned by Transcontinental & Western Air. The remaining 55% is owned by bankers in Minneapolis.

The Martz line carries passengers and air express daily on the direct route from New York to Buffalo by way of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. This line has no air mail contract.

At present the Aviation Corp. is operating a passenger and air mail system from New York to Buffalo by way of Albany, but the Martz route would be shorter. The Aviation Corp. is also planning a Boston-to-Buffalo route by adding a link between Boston and Albany.

The Martz company flew approximately 56,000 miles in two and a half months in the first half of the year, and carried 694 passengers. The line has been in existence about three years.

Acquisition of Transamerican, which operates between Chicago, Detroit and Buffalo, would give the Aviation Corp. 35,000 miles additional flying distance each week. With the Martz and Northwest Airways traffic, the Aviation Corp. would be the largest system in the United States.—V. 135, p. 3860.

Balfour Bldg., San Francisco.—Bond Details Told.—

The bondholders' protective committee has mailed a letter to holders of certificates of deposit for 1st (closed) mtge. 6% 20-year sinking fund gold bonds, due Oct. 1 1945, detailing the plans of the management, the present financial condition of the new company, how depositing bondholders may obtain securities to which they are entitled, &c.

The first object of the management, it is stated, will be to restore the Balfour Building to a position in the front rank of first-class office buildings, and thereafter to maintain it in such position. The improvements, which will be carried out under the supervision of George W. Kelham, will cost between \$15,000 and \$30,000.

The balance sheet shows that, as of Oct. 15 1932, the company owned the Balfour Building and its equipment, free of liens or encumbrances, and has no obligations and no securities ahead of the stock, except taxes for the present fiscal year and a bank indebtedness of \$30,000, representing balance of a loan obtained to provide working capital. The statement also shows cash on hand of \$29,453.

The letter says further that while conditions with respect to office buildings in San Francisco have not yet stabilized, the directors hope to be in a position to declare a small initial dividend within the next three or four months.—V. 124, p. 2912.

Bankers Bond & Mortgage Guaranty Co. of America.

—Disposes of Interest in Insurance Company.—

See Bankers Securities Corp. below.—V. 129, p. 2230.

Bankers Securities Corp., Phila.—Sells Interest in Kentucky Insurance Concern.—

This corporation and the Bankers Bond & Mortgage Guaranty Co. of America, also of Philadelphia, have disposed of their entire interest in the Kentucky Home Life Insurance Co. of Louisville, Ky., to the Insurance Equities Corp. This represents about 70% of the stock of the Kentucky company.

Albert M. Greenfield of Philadelphia, Chairman of the board of the Bankers Securities Corp., on Dec. 3 announced the sale. The terms were not disclosed.

The Kentucky Home Life Insurance Co. is the principal stockholder of the Missouri State Life Insurance Co. [See also latter company below.]—V. 135, p. 469.

Beverly Hills Hotel Co.—Plan Proposed.—

The company, which has about \$700,000 of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % of 1943 outstanding, on which interest is due Dec. 15, is in the process of reorganization. Interstate Co., which owns all the capital stock, has proposed a plan under which it will guarantee holders 2% interest for four years, the balance to be paid after four years. The company also seeks the waiver of sinking fund payments for a certain period and it is understood that after payment of accrued interest any additional available funds will be used to purchase bonds. It is seeking deposit of bonds under this plan.—V. 128, p. 561.

Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., Inc.—To Close Old Plant.—

The company's Clinton mill at Clinton, Mass., will be closed next week, it was announced on Dec. 7. Declaring that decreased volume of business in industry and increased capacity of equipment at other plants of the company in Amsterdam, N. Y., and Thompsonville, Conn., have forced this decision, the management pointed out that it has been trying to avoid this action for two years. Operations on the grades manufactured in Clinton will be transferred to larger and more modern plants of the company in Amsterdam and Thompsonville.

The directors on Dec. 7 made arrangements to provide for payment of additional wages of from two weeks to three months, depending upon the length of service of Clinton employees at time of closing. At the same time plans were made for the re-employment of as many Clinton employees as business conditions and operations permit.

The Clinton mill is one of the oldest of its kind in the country, having been established about 1840. At present there are about 750 persons employed there and it is the hope of the management eventually to absorb from 300 to 500 of Clinton employees at other plants.

No sale of machinery is contemplated as it is understood that a large part of it cannot be profitably operated in competition with other mills.—V. 135, p. 2658.

Bishop Realty Corp., Montreal.—Reorganization.

A meeting of the holders of the outstanding \$182,000 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % ref. & gen. mtge. 20-year sinking fund gold bonds will be held Dec. 29 for the purpose of adopting the following resolutions:

(1) To authorize and instruct the trustee to accept in full satisfaction of the obligations of the company to the bondholders, whether for principal moneys, interest, premium or otherwise, including arrears of interest, the moneys in the hands of the trustee charged with the payment of the bonds

now amounting to the sum of \$131,614, but after first deducting from such moneys in the hands of the trustee all moneys owing by the company to the trustee, and all fees, charges and expenses, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and of the company and of counsel for the trustee and expenses of the trustee and of the company and of counsel for this meeting of bondholders, and of and incidental to the distribution of said moneys among the bondholders and the release of the company and the mortgaged premises from the trust deed and from the whole of the principal moneys, interest, premium and other moneys, the payment of which is secured thereby;

(2) To sanction the exchange of the bonds for cash as above mentioned and the carrying out of such exchange by surrender to the trustee for cancellation of the bonds with all coupons maturing on and after Aug. 1 1932, against payment of the cash.

(3) To authorize and direct the trustee to distribute cash rateably among the bondholders from time to time as and when such bonds and coupons are respectively surrendered for cancellation and to authorize and direct the trustee to release the company and the whole of the mortgaged premises from the trust deed and the whole of the principal moneys, interest, premium and other moneys the payment of which is secured thereby.

(H. C.) Bohack Co., Inc.—Sales.—

Period End. Dec. 3—	1932—5 Wks.—1931.	1932—44 Wks.—1931.
Sales	\$3,099,321	\$3,484,324
	\$27,379,308	\$30,026,672

During the five weeks ended Dec. 3 1932, tonnage increased 1.1% from the 1931 period, while for the 44 weeks there was an increase in tonnage of 4.0% over the corresponding period of the preceding year.—V. 135, p. 3169.

Boston Cereal Beverage Co.—Increases Capital.—

The stockholders have voted to increase the authorized capital stock from 70,000 no par shares to 320,000 shares. Additional stock is to be offered for cash.

The company is organized in Massachusetts to deal in fruit products and cereal products of any kind, liquid or otherwise. Incorporators are Charles E. Kiewel, Toronto, Ont.; Alfred A. Benway Jr., Boston; R. W. Pratt and S. A. Everett, both of Providence, and W. F. Lyons of Fall River. Of the authorized stock, 70,000 shares were issued for services and expenses in connection with the developments and organization of the company and the procuring of a connection with Charles E. Kiewel for his services. ("Boston News Bureau.")

Botany Consolidated Mills, Inc.—Sale of Subsidiary Company Plant.—

The plant of the Garfield Worsted Mills, at Passaic, N. J., a subsidiary, has been abandoned and turned over to the City of Garfield for unpaid taxes. According to George Furst, one of the attorneys to the equity receivers, the stockholders and bondholders of the Botany Consolidated Mills, Inc., failed to post the \$2,171 required as an initial payment to enable operation of the Garfield plant.—V. 135, p. 3002.

Bowman-Biltmore Hotels Corp.—New President.—

David B. Mulligan has been elected President, succeeding George W. Sweeney, who will remain as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Mulligan, who will assume his new office on Jan. 1, has been Vice-President and Managing Director, directly in charge of the Biltmore. Frank J. Crohan has been named Vice-President and Controller, succeeding Robert S. Maffitt, resigned.—V. 135, p. 3860.

(E. L.) Bruce Co.—Business Improves.—

The company is experiencing an upturn in business from the furniture manufacturers, says President R. G. Bruce. The company's "dimension" plant in Little Rock, Ark., where the shapes are made for the furniture manufacturers, is operating at full capacity and has six weeks' business on hand now with additional orders being received daily.

"The turn in the furniture business began in the East in early spring, and spread to the lower Atlantic coast States, and to then Grand Rapids. The increase, as far as we are concerned, has been between 200 and 300%. The cause for the gain is simply due to the fact that furniture manufacturers, jobbers and retail dealers have exhausted their lines. Inventory has been drastically reduced, old, out-of-style lines sold at sacrifice prices, and a strong foundations laid for a new selling period for furniture."

The company announced the closing of eight contracts for installing its "cellized wood tile." These contracts, President R. G. Bruce, said, are the new best offices now under construction in Ludington, Mich., Lewisburg, Pa., Miami, Fla., Fort Worth, Tex.; and school buildings in Milwaukee and Cobleskill, N. Y., as well as a building for the St. Rose College in Albany N. Y., and a commercial structure for the Scholl Mfg. Co. in Chicago.—V. 135, p. 3860.

Burlington (N. C.) Mills Co.—Organized.—

(This company has been formed to merge a group of six mills in Burlington, N.C., and vicinity, which have been controlled for some time by J. Spencer Love and associates.) The mills in this group are: Burlington Mills, Inc.; Holt, Love & Smith, Inc.; North Carolina Silk Mills, Inc.; Sherwood Tapestry Mills; Adamance Weaving Co., and the Piedmont Weavers, Inc. The officers include Spencer Love as President; W. J. Carter, M. B. Smith Jr., and P. H. Burkhardt as Vice-Presidents; E. H. Wilkins as Secretary, and R. M. Reid, as Treasurer.

In the new set-up, the advantages are chiefly in the way of pooling operations, and from the point of view of further adding to the credit status, as a great deal of inter-mill relation and transaction is eliminated. The new Burlington Mills Co. is taking over the operation buying financing and selling for the six mills in the group. ("American Wool and Cotton Reporter.")

(A. M.) Byers Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 633.

California Ink Co., Inc.—Reduces Capitalization.—

The stockholders on Dec. 5 voted to decrease the capital stock from \$2,067,042 to \$1,907,042, such reduction to be effected by the purchase of 6,300 shares of capital stock at private sale at a total price of not to exceed \$148,000. See also V. 135, p. 3695.

Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc.—To Change Par.—

The corporation has notified the New York Stock Exchange of the proposed change in par value to \$5 from no-par, each present share to be exchangeable for one new share. The stockholders will meet Jan. 9 to vote on this proposal.

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Net income after deprec., Federal taxes, &c.	\$423,821	\$1,685,614	\$3,402,225	\$3,534,420
Shs. com. stk. outstanding (no par)	503,387	505,287	512,294	510,684
Earnings per share	\$0.84	\$3.33	\$6.64	\$6.92

—V. 135, p. 3361.

Canadian Industrial Alcohol Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Years Ended Sept. 30—	1932.	1931.
Net loss	\$10,352	\$228,525
Depreciation		103,722
Total loss	\$10,352	\$332,247
Previous surplus	def3,041,072	1,961,178
Total surplus	def3,051,424	\$1,628,931
Special adjustment to investment valuation		102,673
Additional reserve against inventories		12,000
Maintenance of stocks of spirits		77,146
Overhead expense		102,684
Interest on bank loan		161,104
Estimated loss on purchase contracts		35,000
Interest on sales tax claim		6,156
a Written off		3,414,048
Provision in respect of amounts owing by assoc. cos.		1,084,071
Total deficit	\$3,410,512	\$3,041,072

a Amount written off shares in associated companies, \$4,710,511, less accumulated surplus of former companies, \$1,296,463.

	1932.	1931.		1932.	1931.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Property, &c.	5,151,524	5,159,105	Capital stock	13,398,700	13,398,700
Investments	1,294,229	2,020,542	Accounts payable	72,196	54,228
Inventories	6,255,409	6,494,672	Bank loan	2,672,518	2,688,100
Accounts receivable	43,285	53,253	Balance of sales tax claim		199,196
Notes receivable	55,191		Bank overdraft		22,623
Deferred charges to operations	21,225	36,977	Notes payable		195,103
Cash		560	Accrued charges, taxes, &c.	32,771	50,458
			Accounts owing to assoc. companies		252,964
			Deficit	3,410,512	3,041,072
Total	12,765,672	13,820,301	Total	12,765,672	13,820,301

x Represented by 969,480 voting shares and 123,435 non-voting shares (no par). y After reserve for depreciation of \$1,137,628.—V. 134, p. 3641.

Canadian Celanese Co., Ltd.—To Pay 1% on Account of Arrearages.—

The directors on Dec. 5 declared a dividend of 1% on account of accumulations in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the 7% cum. partic. pref. stock, par \$100, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 17.

Arrearages of dividends after the above payment will total \$28.75 per share. V. 134, p. 2343.

Canadian Investment Fund, Ltd.—Special Shares Offered.—Calvin Bullock, New York, is offering special shares of this new investment trust (price on application).

Digest of Statement by Calvin Bullock, President of the Company.

Company.—Organized under the laws of the Dominion of Canada to provide a medium for diversified investment under careful supervision and upon sound investment principles. The present portfolio consists in large part of securities of Canadian companies and American companies carrying on business in Canada.

Capitalization.—Authorized capital consists of 5,000,000 special shares (par \$1) and 1,000 ordinary shares (par \$1). The two classes of shares are in all respects alike, except that the holders of special shares have the right to have their shares redeemed, and they have the exclusive right of electing directors.

Shareholders have no preemptive right to purchase additional shares. Shares may be issued from time to time upon payment to the company of an amount equivalent to their approximate liquidating value based on current market values of the company's assets. All sums received by the company as the net proceeds of the sale of its shares in excess of \$1 per share will be allocated to surplus.

The Royal Trust Co., Montreal, is custodian for all cash and securities owned by the company and is dividend paying agent. The Royal Trust Co. and the agents, Bank of Montreal, New York, are transfer agents for the company's shares.

Restrictions.—The letters patent provide that not more than 5% of the company's assets may be invested in securities of any one issuer (except the Government of the Dominion of Canada or of the United States) unless written notice thereof be given to shareholders and if within 20 days thereafter the holders of one-third or more of the shares object in writing to the investment in excess of such percentage. A list of securities held by the company is available to shareholders. The directors may, however, in their discretion withhold information as to securities constituting not more than 10% of the market value of the company's holdings if such securities have been held for less than six months. The purpose of this restriction is to avoid hampering the management in making current purchases for the portfolio. The company intends to mail a list of its securities to its shareholders quarterly. As of Dec. 5 1932, the securities listed below constituted the company's investments in the proportions indicated.

Operation.—The letters patent provide that the company shall not deal with any firm of which any officer or director of the company is a member as principal in any purchase or sale of securities for the company's portfolio, but any officer or director may act as broker and accept customary commissions in such purchase or sale. The letters patent prohibit the company borrowing money, buying on margin or selling short.

	Approx. Perc't'ge.		Approx. Perc't'ge.
Bonds (23.92%)—		Com. Stocks—(67.68%)	
The Bell Telep. Co. of Canada, 1st gold 5s, 1955, series A	2.75	American Can Co.	1.46
The Brit. Amer. Oil Co., Ltd., conv. deb. gold 5s, 1945	2.17	Bank of Nova Scotia	1.98
Can. Pac. Ry. Co., conv. coll. trust 6s, 1942	2.35	The Bell Telep. Co. of Canada	4.15
Dom. Textile Co., Ltd., 1st & ref. gold 6s, 1949	2.43	The Borden Co.	1.35
Gatneau Pr. Co., 1st g. 5s 1956	1.82	British Amer. Oil Co. Ltd. (The)	2.05
G. T. Ry. Co. of Canada, s. 1. 8d. deb. 6s, 1936	2.82	Bank of Montreal	3.32
Montreal Lt., Ht. & Fr. Cons., 1st ref. & coll. tr. gd. 5s, 1951, series A	2.62	The Canadian Bk. of Commerce	1.08
Dom. of Canada, ref. 4 1/2s, loan of 1924, due 1944	2.39	Can. Pacific Ry. Co.	1.10
Province of Ontario, 4s, 1965	2.19	Corn Products Refining Co.	1.42
Province of Quebec, 4s, 1958	2.38	Dom. Bridge Co., Ltd.	1.12
Preferred Stocks (8.40%)—		Dominion Stores, Ltd.	1.74
American Can Co., 7% cum.	1.73	Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.	2.64
Can. Gen. El. Co., Ltd. 7% cum.	.69	E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co.	1.00
E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., 6% cum. deb.	1.18	Eastman Kodak Co.	1.47
Gen. Motors Corp., \$5 cum.	.86	General Electric Co.	2.13
The Goodyr. T. & R. Co. of Canada, Ltd., 7% cum.	1.16	General Foods Corp.	1.27
The Nat. Brew., Ltd., 7% cum.	.70	General Motors Corp.	2.25
The Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd., 7% cum.	.27	Imperial Oil, Ltd.	4.35
Safeway Stores, Inc., 7% cum.	1.15	Imp. Tob. Co. of Canada, Ltd.	4.11
The Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd., 7% cum.	.66	Inter. Nickel Co. of Can., Ltd.	1.12
		Lake Shore Mines, Ltd.	2.49
		Loblau Groceries Co., Ltd., B.	1.02
		McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd.	1.16
		Montreal Lt., Ht. & Fr. Consol.	4.52
		The National Breweries, Ltd.	2.52
		National Biscuit Co.	1.06
		Nat. Dairy Products Corp.	2.01
		The Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd.	2.02
		Page-Hersey Tubes, Ltd.	1.68
		The Royal Bank of Canada	1.05
		The Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd.	2.39
		Union Carbide & Carbon Corp.	2.70
		F. W. Woolworth Co.	2.00

Dividends.—Directors announced the policy of distributing quarterly to shareholders approximately their pro rata share of net cash income, including all regular or extra cash dividends and the proceeds of sale of regular stock dividends. Profits and losses realized on the sale of securities will not be taken into income account. It is proposed to make such distributions on Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 to holders of record on the 15th day of the preceding month, such distributions to commence on May 1 1933.

Market.—The letters patent provide that upon the request of any holder of special shares the company shall, but only out of surplus available for such purpose and in the order in which applications are received, redeem such shares at their liquidating value. Such liquidating value will be computed on the basis of current market values of the company's assets, determined as of the close of business on the first business day on which the New York Stock Exchange is open next succeeding surrender for redemption (based upon, in the case of active securities, the closing sale price and, in the case of unlisted or inactive securities, on the average between the closing bid and asked prices), all as more fully set forth in the letters patent. Payment of the redemption price is to be made within five business days after surrender of shares for redemption.

Supervision.—The directors have retained the firm of Calvin Bullock to furnish the company with statistical information and advice and, subject to the control of the board of directors, to supervise the company's investments for a fee at the rate of 7 1/2% per annum of the net profits of the company, adjusted by any unrealized depreciation. This fee is to be determined and paid quarterly. It is to be paid in any period only to the extent that there are available accumulated net profits from the sale of securities after deducting all charges against such profits including prior compensation and income taxes and after deducting any unrealized depreciation. Any amount by which the fee payable in any period is so reduced is to be carried forward and paid out of such accumulated net profits of subsequent periods. To the extent that realized profits are reduced by unrealized depreciation the amount thereof is also carried forward into subsequent periods. Unrealized

profits will not be taken into consideration in determining the fee except upon termination of the agreement.

Directors of the company other than those participating through the above management will receive, as a group, compensation for their services at the rate of 7 1/2% per annum of the net profits of the company computed in the above manner. They will each, in any event, receive annual compensation of \$1,200 which will be a charge against the compensation computed in the above manner.

Price.—Additional shares may be issued at any time upon payment to the company of an amount equivalent to their approximate liquidating value based on current market values of the company's assets. Shares are offered for sale at a price in American dollars equivalent to such liquidating value plus a premium of 9 1/2% of such liquidating value, computed at the rate of exchange prevailing at the close of business on the last Canadian business day preceding the date on which such liquidating value is determined.

Directors.—C. C. Ballantyne, Sir Robert Borden, Calvin Bullock, Norman Dawes, Charles A. Dunning, Sir Charles Gordon, Arthur B. Purvis L. A. Tschereau.

Canfield Oil Co.—Omits Dividend.

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Dec. 31 on the common stock. Distributions of \$1 per share were made in each of the three preceding quarters, compared with \$1.75 per share previously.—V. 134, p. 1199.

Carpenter-Madison Corp.—Court Asked to End Foreclosure Action.

An application for the discontinuance of the foreclosure suit brought a year ago was filed in the New York Supreme Court Dec. 5 by the parties to the suit on the ground that it has been settled. The action was brought by the S. W. Straus Investing Corp. against the Carpenter-Madison Corp. and others, including 35 firms and individuals which have furnished building supplies and equipment for the building, for which they counter-claimed for \$393,849.

The Straus company sued on a building loan mortgage for \$2,500,000 given on Oct. 1 1930, on which it had advanced \$1,945,000, alleged to be payable a year later. The plaintiff also demanded that any deficiency judgment resulting from the foreclosure sale be entered against five persons who gave personal guarantees for the loan. These defendants, with their guarantees, were the following: John H. Carpenter, \$680,750; Thomas Hitchcock Jr. and Louis Bean, \$389,000; and J. E. R. Carpenter and Ralph Horton, \$243,125.—V. 133, p. 2767.

Celanese Corp. of America.—Larger Preferred Dividend.

The directors on Dec. 5 declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% in addition to a dividend of 1/2% on account of arrears on the 7% cum. series prior pref. stock, par \$100, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 17. Distributions of 1/2% of 1% each were made on July 1 and Oct. 1 last, as compared with regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% paid from July 1928 to and including April 1932.—V. 135, p. 1997.

Central Illinois Securities Corp.—To Change Capital.

The stockholders will vote Dec. 30 on approving proposed capital changes.—V. 134, p. 680.

Central Manhattan Properties, Inc.—Omits Cl. A Div.

The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Dec. 1 on the class A stock, no par value. The last quarterly distribution of 54 cents per share was made on this issue on Sept. 1 1932.—V. 123, p. 1255.

Chicago Mill & Lumber Co.—Bonds Off List.

Effective Nov. 30 1932, the governing committee of the Chicago Stock Exchange approved the removal from the list of the following bonds because of the withdrawal from the market of sufficient bonds to afford a free market:

(a) Chicago Mill and Lumber 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds; (b) Hardwood Timber Corp. 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds; (c) Madison-Michigan Building Corp. 1st mtge. leasehold sinking fund 6 1/2% gold bonds; (d) Jewelers Building of Chicago 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds.—V. 134, p. 4666.

Childs Co., N. Y.—Plans to Reduce Capital.

The stockholders will vote shortly on reducing capital represented by common stock from \$26.54 per share to \$1 per share.—V. 135, p. 3003.

Chrysler Corp.—Licenses Willys-Overland Co. to Use Floating Power Engine Mountings.

A license for the use of floating power motor mountings on future models built by Willys-Overland has been granted by the Chrysler Corporation, according to an announcement made on Dec. 5 by Walter P. Chrysler, Chairman and President of the latter company.

Floating power is the motor mounting which was introduced on Plymouth cars two years ago, and since that time has been incorporated in all DeSoto, Dodge and Chrysler cars as well.

By this method, the engine is mounted in rubber bonded to steel. These mountings are so placed that the power plant is suspended in perfect balance. This eliminates the transmission of power shock—present in every gasoline engine of no matter how many cylinders—to body and passengers.

"When floating power was first introduced almost two years ago," said Mr. Chrysler, "I predicted that its use would spread to other manufacturers. Almost since its inception we have received requests from many manufacturers for floating power licenses. We have licensed Willys-Overland Corp. as the first American manufacturer other than Chrysler Motors to use floating power on their future models.

"Some months ago a license for the use of floating power motor mountings was granted to Societe Anonyme Citroen of France, the largest manufacturer of automobiles in Europe, and this mounting has been used on all four and six cylinder cars built by Citroen in 1932, and has just been announced as the feature of their 1933 models.

"Floating power motor mountings were made possible by the research work of our engineers, among whose achievements may be numbered the successful solution of the problem of bonding rubber to steel several years ago.

"Since floating power mountings were first introduced more than 350,000 Chrysler Motors products, incorporating this fundamental achievement in automotive engineering, were built.

Floating power mountings for Willys-Overland cars will be handled through the Amplex Manufacturing Co., a division of the Chrysler Corp.

It is understood that details of the use of floating power mountings by Willys-Overland will be announced by that company in connection with the presentation of forthcoming models.—V. 135, p. 3861.

Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co.—Resumes Preferred Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of 5 cents per share on the no par \$5 cum. pref. stock, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 5. The last regular quarterly distribution of \$1.25 per share was made on this issue on June 15 1931.—V. 132, p. 4248.

Colwood Co.—Defaulted Bonds Off List.

Effective at the close of business Nov. 30, the governing committee of the Chicago Stock Exchange approved the removal from the list of the following defaulted bonds, in accordance with decision of the governing committee on Oct. 10 1932, to the effect that, inasmuch as purchasers of defaulted bonds may have misunderstood as to their negotiability, such bonds should be removed from the list:

- (1) Colwood Co. 1st mtge. fee & leasehold 6% sinking fund gold bonds;
- (2) Ground Gripper Shoe Co. 6% conv. sinking fund gold debentures;
- (3) Inland Gas Corp. 1st mtge. 6 1/2% sink. fund gold bonds, series A;
- (4) Medinah Athletic Club 1st (closed) mtge. sink fund 6% gold bonds;
- (5) National Radiator Corp. 6 1/2% sink. fund gold debentures;
- (6) Pettibone-Mulliken Co. 10-year 6% gold notes;
- (7) Southern Natural Gas Corp. 6% conv. sink. fund gold debens., series of 1944;
- (8) Union Gas Utilities, Inc., 10-year 6 1/2% secured gold bonds, ser. A;
- (9) Wrought Iron Co. of America, 1st (closed) mtge. 6 1/2% 10-year sinking fund gold bonds;
- (10) Yaarab Temple Bldg. Co. 1st mtge. 6 1/4% sink. fund gold bonds.

Connecticut General Life Insurance Co.—Smaller Div.

A quarterly dividend of 20 cents per share has been declared on the capital stock, par \$10, payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 17. Previously the company made regular quarterly distributions of 30 cents per share.—V. 129, p. 3970.

Connecticut Valley Brewing Corp.—Stock Offered.—Allen & Co. will shortly offer 153,000 shares of \$1 par capital stock. The shares, which will be priced at \$1.75 each, will be offered as a speculation.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. Common stock (\$1 par) 1,000,000 350,000
Transfer agent, Connecticut Valley Brewing Corp. Registrar, Community Bank & Trust Co.

Data from Letter of Thos. E. Coleman, President.

History.—Corporation has been organized and incorporated in Delaware to acquire the properties and business heretofore operated, and conducted under the trade name of "Meriden (Conn.) Brewing Co.," &c. The plant at Meriden, Conn., consists of 9 buildings, including a modern brew-house. Equipment is sufficient to turn out 150,000 barrels. Facilities are available for the increase of this output to 250,000 barrels by the expenditure of a moderate sum.

Appraisal.—An analytical appraisal has been made by the Standard Appraisal Co. of New York as of Nov. 3 1932, in which they certify to a depreciated present sound value of \$372,413 and a replacement cost of \$552,745. No value is set up on good will.

Purpose.—For the acquisition and the improvement of the brewery and to furnish working capital.

Earnings.—It is estimated that earnings will run between \$3 and \$5 per barrel upon production, when the sale of beer is legalized.

Directors.—Thos. E. Coleman (President), Rosario Giaino, Daniel J. Donovan, Carl Wolf.

Continental Baking Corp.—Smaller Preferred Dividend.

The directors on Dec. 8 declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the 8% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 19. Distributions of \$1.50 each were made on this issue on July 1 and Oct. 1 last, as compared with regular quarterly dividends of \$2 per share previously paid.—V. 135, p. 2498.

Continental Casualty Co., Chicago.—Defers Dividend Action.

The directors on Dec. 7 decided to defer action with respect to payment of further dividends on the capital stock until March 1 1933. The last quarterly distribution of 40 cents per share was made on April 1 1932.—V. 134, p. 4329.

Continental Paper & Bag Corp.—Tenders.

The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, trustee, is notifying holders of Continental Paper & Bag Mills Corp. 1st & ref. mtge. 6 1/2% 20-year sinking fund gold bonds, series A, due Feb. 1 1944, inviting bids for the sale to it at prices not to exceed 105% and int. of these bonds to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$72,343. Bids must be submitted before 3 p. m. Dec. 19 to the corporate trust department of the bank, 11 Broad St., N. Y. City.—V. 135, p. 1169.

Continental Shares, Inc.—Court Refuses Receiver.

The efforts of George L. Gule of Columbus, Ohio, to have company declared bankrupt failed in Circuit Court at Baltimore Dec. 2, when Judge H. Arthur Stump dismissed the complaint.

At the conclusion of arguments by attorneys, Judge Stump briefly thanked counsel for the thoroughness of the presentation and then announced he was dismissing the receivership proceedings.

"The Court does not think the evidence shows that it would be to the advantage of stockholders to appoint a receiver," he said.—V. 135, p. 3362.

Corn Products Refining Co.—Ruling.

See Penick & Ford, Ltd. below.—V. 135, p. 2836.

Crown Drug Stores, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Period—	12 Mos. End. 14 Mos. End.	Year End.	
	Sept. 30 '32. Sept. 30 '31.	July 31 '30.	
Sales to customers	\$5,467,756	\$7,852,876	\$5,836,152
Cost of sales	3,806,140	5,499,204	4,055,447
Expenses	1,621,200	2,198,101	1,527,805
Net operating profit	\$40,416	\$155,571	\$252,900
Miscellaneous income	8,496	30,548	35,071
Total income	\$48,912	\$186,120	\$287,972
Miscellaneous charges	23,540	20,708	34,359
Provision for Federal and State income taxes		8,197	25,525
Net income	\$25,373	\$157,216	\$228,087
Preferred dividends subs. company	403	31,565	28,000
Preferred dividends parent company	22,761	72,658	39,608
Common dividends parent company		104,549	117,334
Balance	\$2,209 def.	\$51,556 sur.	\$43,144

Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30.		1932.		1931.	
Assets—	1932.	1931.	Liabilities—	1932.	1931.
Cash	\$71,770	\$108,198	Notes payable	\$87,000	\$104,728
Notes & accts. rec.	446,875	123,712	Accounts payable	287,438	396,443
Inventories	974,472	924,852	Trade accept. pay.	50,232	—
Empl. stocksubscr.			Acct. taxes, int. & insurance	43,640	45,740
& sundry notes & accounts	37,379	56,203	Prov. for Fed. and State tax	—	8,197
Life insur. policies	6,533	—	Notes payable	135,000	135,000
Defer. of loss on sale of store	5,100	—	Res. for robberies	246	—
Prepd. insur., int., taxes, &c.	24,353	30,270	1st mtge. 5 1/2% notes	33,000	35,000
Investments	4,750	11,414	Minority interest in Steinberg's Drug Stores, Inc.	19,500	33,500
Fixed assets	2,102,382	1,054,084	7% conv. pref. stk.	1,302,100	1,300,100
Good-will	947,551	947,551	Common stock	1,011,028	1,034,568
			Capital surplus	157,399	149,235
			Earned surplus	15,983	13,775
Total	\$3,142,565	\$3,256,285	Total	\$3,142,566	\$3,256,285

x Represented by 139,195 no par shares in 1932 and 140,441 no par shares in 1931. y After reserve for doubtful accounts of \$7,566. c After reserve for depreciation and amortization of \$385,925.—V. 134, p. 1031.

Cuba Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for 3 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 2343.

Deep Rock Oil Corp.—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 1498.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—Value of Production.

Period End. Nov. 30—	1932—Month—	1931.	1932—11 Mos.—	1931.
Output (value of)	\$321,089	\$251,685	\$3,408,034	\$3,182,097

—V. 135, p. 3172, 2837.

Dominion Woollens & Worsteds, Ltd.—Earnings.

Years End. June 30—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Profits from operations	x\$185,825	x\$112,277	\$57,749	\$58,499
Miscellaneous revenue			8,067	14,936

Total revenue	\$185,825	\$112,277	\$65,816	\$601,435
Provision for bad debts	15,730	68,000	42,000	10,500
Repairs, renewals & depr	See x	See x	99,965	181,769
Interest charges	127,743	130,455	218,741	282,174
United States exchange	23,189			
Inventory adjustment	198,635	491,673		

Net loss \$179,472 \$577,851 \$294,890 sur\$126,992
Final surplus 717,578 897,050 1,472,816 1,767,706
x After administration, bank interest, all operating expenses and repairs and renewals (but not depreciation).

Balance Sheet June 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Cash	\$10,006	Bank loans	\$465,000
Accts. & bills rec.	323,972	Accts. & bills pay.	124,011
Sundry accts. rec.	608	Accrued bond int.	12,173
Inventories	983,095	Accrued liabilities	25,320
Insurance deposit	26,735	Bonds	2,117,000
Prepaid taxes	18,620	Reserves	252,541
Mtges. receivable	5,604	Preferred stock	1,500,000
Balance of sale	10,939	Common stock	600,000
Plant, equip., &c	4,463,778	Surplus	717,578
Good-will	1		
Total	\$5,816,622	Total	\$5,816,622

x Represented by 60,000 (no par) shares. y After depreciation.—V. 133, p. 4164.

Dominion Stores, Ltd.—November Sales.—

Period	1932—4 Wks.—1931.	1932—48 Wks.—1931.
Sales	\$1,692,505	\$1,804,880
	\$20,876,627	\$23,218,446

—V. 135, p. 3004.

Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc.—Sales, &c.—

Years Ended Nov. 30—	1932.	1931.	1930.
Sales	\$2,319,400	\$3,825,270	\$4,088,595
Unfilled orders at Nov. 30 1932	\$1,750,000	against \$2,190,629 on Nov. 30 1931.	

—V. 135, p. 2343.

Dow-Chemical Co.—Forms Oil Well Treating Unit.—

As a result of the success which has attended the introduction of the Dow process for increasing the production and rock porosity of oil wells, the company has organized a new subsidiary, Dowell, Inc., to carry on the work in the future. The new unit has an authorized capitalization of \$100,000, of which \$50,000 of stock has been issued. Willard H. Dow, President of the Dow Chemical Co. has been made President of the subsidiary also. Other officers named were: Vice-President, L. I. Doan; Secretary, S. W. Putnam; and Treasurer, Russell L. Curtis. In addition to those officers, A. P. Beutel and J. J. Grebe are directors. The charter of the new company has been drawn with broad powers enabling it to manufacture, sell, purchase, and deal in acids and equipment for the treatment of oil wells; acquire, lease or own oil lands; and to introduce acids, solvents, &c., into wells. Primarily, however, the company has been organized to promote the use of the Dow method for increasing the flow from oil and gas wells. ("Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter.")—V. 135, p. 304.

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Loses Suit.—

Judge Marcus B. Campbell in the U. S. District Court in Brooklyn dismissed Dec. 7 the suit in equity brought by the company against the Glidden Co. for alleged infringement of a patent covering the method of reducing the viscosity of nitrocellulose used in making lacquer and film. The suit was tried before Judge Campbell last June. Requests for an accounting, damages and an injunction were refused.—V. 135, p. 3004.

Elder Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—

Years Ended April 30—	1932.	1931.	1930.
Net profit	\$33,246	\$114,948	\$237,459
Discount on capital stock purchased	40,627		
Previous undivided profits	981,552	990,933	881,324
Total surplus	\$1,055,425	\$1,105,881	\$1,118,782
1st pref. dividend	17,912	18,760	20,029
Class A participating dividend	51,058	54,988	55,000
Common dividend	49,995	49,998	50,000
Premium paid on stock redeemed		584	2,820
Undivided profit as at April 30	\$936,461	\$981,552	\$990,933

Balance Sheet April 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.	
Cash	\$149,714	\$220,728	Accounts payable	\$32,768
Customers notes & accounts receiv.	462,860	615,164	Due to officials & employees	5,477
Due by officials & employees	8,248	8,246	Wages & taxes accr	6,655
Inventories	916,730	969,840	Res. for Federal & State taxes	4,000
Investments	82,061		Mortgage debt	76,000
Invest. to officers & employees	27,467	78,380	8% 1st pref. stock	216,000
Factory lands & buildings	x231,154	y216,084	Class A stock	1,000,000
Factory mach. & equipment	z55,600	a43,538	bCommon stock	193,750
Good-will	520,085	520,085	Undivided profits	936,461
Deferred charges	17,191	19,434		
Total	\$2,471,110	\$2,691,501	Total	\$2,471,110

x After reserve for depreciation of \$43,095. y After reserve for depreciation of \$34,369. z After reserve for depreciation of \$339,127. a After reserve for depreciation of \$332,006. b Represented by 50,000 shares of no par value. c After reserve for doubtful items and discounts of \$50,000.—V. 134, p. 4501.

Empire Steel Corp.—Offer for Plants.—

The "Wall Street Journal" Dec. 3 states: Steel interests represented by C. J. Hostetter have offered to purchase the Waddell and Falcon sheet plants of Empire Steel Corp. at Niles, Ohio, provided the City of Niles gives assurance of a lower tax rate, annexes the Falcon plant to the city and places the two plants on the tax rolls at the purchase price. The Board of Trade at Niles has voted unfavorably on the proposal. The Empire Steel Corp., formerly sixth largest domestic sheet producer, with offices at Mansfield, Ohio, is in receivership.—V. 134, p. 1032.

Fanstel Products Co., Inc.—Refunding Plan.—

As of Dec. 1 approximately 95% of the outstanding \$772,590 7% debts. had been deposited for conversion into pref. and com. stock, as provided for in the refunding plan of Aug. 1 1932. See details of plan in V. 135, p. 1336.

Farm & Home Savings & Loan Association, Nevada, Mo.—Reorganization Plan.—

The protective and reorganization committee has adopted a reorganization plan calling for issuance to shareholders of new certificates equal to 65% of the book value of their present certificates.

In addition to these, upon which dividends would be paid regularly, the stockholder would receive a participating certificate on class B stock equal to 35% of the book value of his present stock.

The class B group of assets, consisting of real estate and other holdings of uncertain value, would be held as a pledge and security against losses on the assets in the class A group, consisting of active loans.

The reorganization plan, outlined in a statement by George W. Wagner, receiver, will be submitted shortly to Circuit Judge C. A. Hendricks.

In addition to scaling down the book value of stock, the plan would make proportionate adjustment on loans owed the Association by shareholders.

"In a great many cases," the receiver said, "the required monthly payments, because of the changed condition of the borrowers, was found to be more than the borrowers could meet. Accordingly, the committee decided to recommend that the borrower be given credit in the reduction of the amount owing by them of the present value of their stock now pledged as additional security for their loan, and that the interest rate on the balance be reduced."

This, he said, would be to the advantage of the investing shareholders, "as it will result in many loans being carried to maturity that would otherwise default and cause the Association a loss."

It was the opinion of the committee, the receiver said, the re-established Association should be given from six to nine months before it should be called upon to pay withdrawals.

Under the plan, shareholders, after such a period, would have a right to make withdrawals. However, the funds available for that purpose would be divided pro rata each month among all who had filed notices.

The committee recommended an increase in the number of directors from seven to 15, "in order that the different sections of the State would have representation."

"Shareholders should not be alarmed at being called upon to take a participating certificate in the real estate owned by the Association for 35% of their investment," the receiver's statement continued.

"This does not in any sense mean that they will take a loss in that amount, as the Association owns many valuable properties, all free from debt, and some of them doubtless a year or two from now will be worth a great deal more than they are to-day."

"Shareholders should be pleased to know that all bank indebtedness of the Association has been paid, and that when it resumes business it will be free of obligations of this kind, and will further hold its real estate with all taxes paid to date."—V. 134, p. 4330.

F. E. D. Corp.—Successor—Pays Partial Liquidating Div.—

See Federated Metals Corp. below.

Federal Discount Corp., Detroit.—Consolidation.—

The assets of the Federal Discount Corp. and Republic Finance & Investment Co. were conveyed to the General Discount Corp. as of Dec. 1. It is announced.

The latter company was formed recently to consolidate the businesses of the Federal and Republic concerns. Stockholders of the companies involved ratified the consolidation plan at recent meetings.

The following officers of the new corporation were elected: Ralph W. Simonds, Chairman of the Board; Frank F. Tillotson, President; George A. Bigley, Dean Emerson, Ralph W. Lieber and E. H. Tillotson, Vice-Presidents. Messrs. Bigley and E. H. Tillotson also fill the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. These officers and the following comprise the directorate: Harvey A. Fischer, Eugene Siegel, George Osius, all of Detroit, and Leo M. Rappaport, of Indianapolis.

Chairman Simonds declared that "the company has adequate capital to carry on a large volume of general finance business, which is increasing in volume."

The company maintains offices outside of Detroit, in New York City, Buffalo, Cleveland, Indianapolis and San Francisco.—V. 135, p. 3173.

Federated Metals Corp.—Liquidating Dividend.—

The New York Curb Exchange was notified that F. E. D. Corporation, formerly Federated Metals Corp., has declared a partial liquidating dividend of \$14 a share, which will be paid on and after Dec. 12 to holders who present their certificates at the Bank of The Manhattan Co. for surrender and exchange for new certificates for a like number of shares bearing a notation of payment of the dividend. The Curb ruled the stock shall be quoted ex the dividend on Dec. 12 and deliveries after that date shall be in the new certificates.—V. 135, p. 3862.

Fidelity Fund, Inc.—Holdings.—

Anderson & Cromwell, managers of Fidelity Fund, Inc., in their monthly report to stockholders state that at present the portfolio of the fund is divided as follows: Cash and accruals, 10.2%; bonds, 62.5% common stocks, 27.3%.—V. 135, p. 3363.

Film Production Corp.—Receivership Refused.—

Justice Isidor Wasservogel of the New York Supreme Court denied Dec. 6 a bondholders' petition for the appointment of a receiver for the corporation, a subsidiary of the Paramount Public Corp. He also denied an injunction to stop the two defendant corporations from making payment on \$10,000,000 worth of notes held by several banks.

The proceedings were brought by the Remar Holding Co., Inc., a bondholder of the Paramount Public Corp., which complained that in giving 23 motion pictures as security for a \$10,000,000 loan from the banks the defendants had violated the rights of the bondholders, who had been assured that no liens would be made by the Paramount Public Corp. to take precedence over the lien of the bondholders without ratably securing the bonds.

Justice Wasservogel ruled that no claim had been made of a default with respect to any payment to the plaintiff and that no violation of the rights of the bondholders had been shown.

First National Stores, Inc.—Gross Sales.—

Four Weeks Ended Nov. 26—	1932.	1931.	Decrease.
Gross sales	\$7,870,443	\$8,085,105	\$214,661

The Massachusetts food index number is approximately 12.80% lower than a year ago, indicating increased tonnage sales of approximately 10.15% for First National Stores, Inc., for four weeks ending Nov. 26 1932. During November 49 retail grocery prices in its line were increased and 48 decreased.—V. 135, p. 3698.

(M. H.) Fishman & Co., Inc.—November Sales.—

1932—November—1931.	Increase.	1932—11 Mos.—1931.	Increase.
\$212,680	\$209,665	\$3,015	\$2,215,361
			\$2,187,154

—V. 135, p. 3173, 2500.

Food Machinery Corp.—Earnings.—

Years End. Sept. 30—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Net sales	\$2,944,443	\$5,737,609	\$7,428,917	\$5,553,490
Cost of sales & oper. exps	2,641,346	4,785,929	6,200,135	4,487,132
Depreciation	268,722	423,086	255,648	179,927
Develop. & experiment. cost written off	59,951	111,696	131,327	75,026
Net operating profit	\$25,576	\$146,898	\$841,807	\$811,405
Miscellaneous income	188,191	156,270	a185,488	a151,923
Total income	\$162,614	\$573,167	\$1,027,295	\$963,328
Interest charges	94,380	94,380	120,151	120,151
Provision for Federal tax		32,190	106,619	60,000
Proport. of loss of subs. not consol. since date of acquisition	18,029			
Extraord. prov. for bad debts	75,000			
Net income	def\$24,794	\$446,597	\$826,296	\$783,178
Previous earned surplus	988,722	912,670	550,296	def6,523
Totalsurplus	\$963,928	\$1,359,267	\$1,376,592	\$776,655
Preferred dividends	48,750	48,750	44,750	44,765
Common dividends	47,147	321,795	415,171	181,594
Balance Sept. 30	\$868,030	\$988,722	\$912,670	\$550,296
Common shares outstanding (no par)	190,797	190,571	190,088	165,348
Earnings per share	Nil	\$2.09	\$4.09	\$4.47

a Including revenue from leased machinery and processes.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.	
Cash	\$256,474	\$295,045	Notes payable—	
Customers notes & contr. and accts. receivable	z2,034,492	2,490,676	Banks & brokers	\$450,000
Sund. accts. rec. & advances	90,113	132,598	Accts. pay. and accrued expenses	240,057
Surrender value—life ins. policies	90,678	72,463	Provision for Federal income tax	14,326
Inventories	1,782,495	2,036,490	Div. on com. stock	3,004
Prepaid expense	87,126	71,509	Res. for add'l purchase price of business acqu'd.	15,000
Inv. in and adv. to affiliated eos	158,613	227,716	10-year 6 1/2% convertible debts	1,573,000
Misc. investments	116,621	27,824	Mtge. payable	31,250
Machinery, leased to others less depr.	165,641	182,722	Preferred stock	750,000
Due to stockholders of predecessor companies	76,962	207,313	xCommon stock	2,673,318
Treasury stock	47,640		Paid-in surplus	358,169
Plants not used	125,030		Earned surplus	868,030
Property, plant & equity less depre	1,494,278	1,630,445		
Pats., trade marks and good-will	1	1		
Total	\$6,526,155	\$7,374,804	Total	\$6,526,155

x Represented by 190,797 no par shares in 1932 and 190,571 no par shares in 1931. y Includes dividend payable in common stock of \$3,215. z After reserve for bad debts of \$206,425.—V. 135, p. 1828.

Foote-Burt Co.—Resumes Common Dividend.

A dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the capital stock, no par value, payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Dec. 10. This is the first distribution to be made since March 16 1931 when 32½ cents per share was paid. Prior to the latter date quarterly payments of 65 cents per share were made.—V. 135, p. 1829.

Fourth National Investors Corp.—55c. Dividend.

A distribution of 55 cents per share was declared on Dec. 2 out of net income, on the common stock, par \$1, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 16. Six months ago a payment of 60 cents per share was made, as against 55 cents per share on Jan. 1 1932 and on July 1 1931.—V. 135, p. 2500.

General Discount Corp.—Acquisitions.

See Federal Discount Corp. above.—V. 135, p. 3173.

General Motors Corp.—46,246 Units Less in the Field During Year Ended Nov. 30—Sales Continue to Fall Off—New Models Soon to Be Announced.

President Alfred P. Sloan Jr. on Dec. 8 announced a decrease of 46,246 units in stocks of new cars in the field during the 12 months ended Nov. 30. This means that the various car divisions of General Motors are now going into the production of their 1933 models with the advantage of the lowest level of unsold stocks in dealer hands ever recorded since comparable statistics were first prepared on such stocks in 1922, states the company's announcement, further adding:

In addition to this reduction of unsold stocks of new cars, the unsold stocks of used cars were lowered approximately 41% during the 12 months. Used car stocks were lower on Nov. 30 than for any similar date since comparable records were first compiled in 1926. Stocks of new and used cars in foreign countries were reduced similarly.

"This reduction in inventory of finished cars by General Motors, resulting from consumption of automobiles that exceeded production, is particularly significant," stated Mr. Sloan. "In the 12 months just past, General Motors' dealers' sales to consumers were 46,246 greater than General Motors' sales to dealers, leaving unsold stocks at the lowest level on record. This is an unprecedented condition and means that, assuming a consumer demand no greater next year than in the past year, General Motors sales to dealers would have to be at least 46,246 units more than in the past 12 months simply to maintain the dealers' present low level of inventories.

"Under these circumstances, it is obvious that even on a 1933 volume of sales to consumers identical to that in 1932, General Motors would be required to expand its employment and increase its purchases of raw materials. Any 1933 pickup in consumer demand over 1932 would thus additionally stimulate employment and be felt as well in industries from which raw materials are obtained.

"I believe that this liquid condition applies pretty generally to the whole automobile industry which, as a result, will enter 1933 in a healthy condition from an inventory standpoint."

Sales of General Motors cars to consumers in the United States last month totaled 12,780 as against 26,941 in October, and 34,673 in November a year ago.

November sales of General Motors cars to dealers in the United States totaled 2,405 as against 5,810 in October and 23,716 in November a year ago.

November sales of General Motors cars to dealers in the United States and Canada, together with shipments overseas, totaled 5,781 as against 10,924 in October and 29,359 in November a year ago.

Sales to Consumers in United States.

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
January	47,942	61,566	74,167	73,989
February	46,855	68,976	88,742	110,148
March	48,717	101,339	123,781	166,942
April	81,573	135,663	142,004	173,201
May	63,500	122,717	131,817	169,034
June	56,937	102,303	97,318	154,437
July	32,849	85,054	80,147	147,079
August	37,230	69,876	86,426	151,722
September	34,694	51,740	75,805	124,723
October	26,941	49,042	57,757	114,408
November	12,780	34,673	41,757	68,893
December	-----	53,588	57,989	84,216
Total	-----	937,537	1,057,710	1,498,792

Sales to Dealers in United States.

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
January	65,382	76,681	94,458	95,441
February	52,539	80,373	110,904	141,222
March	48,383	98,943	118,081	176,510
April	69,029	132,629	132,365	176,634
May	60,270	136,778	136,169	175,873
June	46,148	100,270	87,595	163,704
July	31,096	78,723	70,716	157,111
August	24,151	62,667	76,140	147,351
September	23,545	47,895	69,901	127,220
October	2,810	21,305	22,924	98,559
November	2,405	23,716	48,155	39,745
December	-----	68,650	68,252	36,482
Total	-----	928,630	1,035,660	1,535,852

Total Sales to Dealers in United States and Canada Plus Overseas Shipments.

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
January	74,710	89,349	106,509	127,580
February	62,850	96,003	127,196	175,148
March	59,696	119,195	135,930	220,391
April	78,359	154,252	150,661	227,718
May	66,739	155,730	147,483	220,277
June	52,561	111,668	97,440	200,754
July	36,872	87,449	79,976	189,428
August	30,419	70,078	85,610	168,185
September	30,117	58,122	78,792	146,483
October	10,924	25,975	28,253	122,104
November	5,781	29,359	57,257	60,977
December	-----	79,529	80,008	40,222
Total	-----	1,074,709	1,174,115	1,899,267

Unit sales of Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Buick, LaSalle and Cadillac passenger and commercial cars are included in the above figures.—V. 135, p. 3699.

General Electric Co.—Stockholders to Get 1-16th Share of Radio Stock for Each Share Held.

In accordance with the consent decree entered in Wilmington on Nov. 21, the company will distribute on Feb. 20 1933 to holders of record Dec. 16 1932, one share of common of the Radio Corp. of America for every 6 shares of General Electric common stock held. Scrip will be given for fractional shares.

The company holds a total of 5,188,755 shares of the common stock of the Radio Corp. and after this distribution will have a balance in its treasury of approximately 381,000 shares.

With 28,845,927 shares of common stock outstanding, the distribution of one share of Radio common stock for each six shares of General Electric common will call for 4,807,654.5 shares out of the 5,188,755 shares of Radio stock held by General Electric Co.

Of the Radio shares held by General Electric Co., 1,240,530 were obtained during the formation of Radio Corp. in 1919 and in the years immediately following. By 1922 General Electric reported it held 248,106 shares of Radio Corp. common stock which were subsequently split 5 for 1. On Jan. 1 1930 General Electric, Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., and Radio Corp. of America consummated a plan for the consolidation of the research, engineering, manufacturing and selling of radio sets and tubes in one administrative entity, which resulted in the transfer to Radio Corp. by General Electric Co. of its radio receiving set and tube business and

manufacturing equipment and its interest in subsidiary companies of Radio Corp., for which it received 3,948,225 shares of Radio common stock.

Forms New Company.

It is announced that G. F. Mosher, Assistant Treasurer of the General Electric Co., has been named President of the General Electric Contracts Corp., which has been formed to purchase from distributors and dealers installment payment obligations covering the sale of General Electric household appliances and other products. The new company will have its main office at 120 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Obituary.

Vice-President George Porter Baldwin died in New York City on Dec. 7.—V. 135, p. 3863.

General Theatres Equipment, Inc.—Litigation Opposed.

Chancellor J. O. Wolcott has filed an opinion in Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del. instructing U. S. Senator Daniel O. Hastings, receiver for the company, not to proceed at this time with the proposed litigation against former directors of the corporation, certain investment houses and banks, including Chase National Bank, of New York.

Some months ago the receiver petitioned the court for instructions not to proceed with the litigation. Certain general creditors and stockholders of the corporation filed a cross petition asking the court to order the receiver to proceed with the litigation.

The Chancellor states in his opinion that the receiver shows sufficient reasons for refraining from inaugurating the litigation at this particular juncture of the receivership, because he thinks there is no merit in the suggested claims said to total \$14,000,000. The court states that whether the receiver be right in this or not the court is of the opinion that to bring suits to establish the claims would, at this stage of the receivership be highly inimical to if not totally destructive of reorganization plans now afoot, which if consummated will be productive of greater benefit to the creditors than could possibly be hoped for if such plans were disrupted.

The court adds that it appears that one of the principal defendants in the suggested suits possesses the power as a creditor in a position of tactical advantage to obstruct any plan for salvaging something for other creditors and stockholders.

The court adds that the receiver has shown, taking present values, that if the proposed litigation was completed successfully it would result in the payment of only three cents on the dollar due each creditor, whereas if the present plan of reorganization was put through there would be no liquidation. The creditors would continue to participate in the corporation as a going concern and there would be saved to each creditor an amount to the extent of 10% of their claims.

Stocks Removed from List.

The Governing Committee of the Chicago Stock Exchange has approved the removal of the voting trust certificates representing 3,547,088 shares of com. stock (no par) and the voting trust cts. representing 1,160,564 shares of \$3 dividend conv. pref. stock (no par), because of the failure of this company to file financial statements with the Exchange, as required under its agreement with the Exchange at the time the securities were listed.—V. 134, p. 4503.

(E.) Gerli & Co., Inc., N. Y.—Changes Par of Common.

The company has been authorized by the Secretary of State at Albany, N. Y., to change its capital structure from 80,000 shares of pref. stock, par \$100, and 100,000 shares of common stock of no par value, to 80,000 shares of pref., par \$100 a share, and 100,000 shares of common stock, par \$1.—

Gillette Safety Razor Co.—Wins Trade-Mark and Patent Suits Against Mills Razor Blade Co.

Under the terms of a final decree entered in the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, the Mills Razor Blade Co. of New York and Chicago is permanently enjoined from selling blue blades or blue-wrapped blades not made by Gillette company. The order also enjoins the Mills company from selling razor blades to fit the Gillette razor without clearly indicating that the blades so sold are not of Gillette manufacture. Gillette, in bringing the suit, maintained that the term "blue blade" had acquired a secondary meaning identifying blades of a blue color as a Gillette product. The decree sustained this contention.

At the same time a final decree was recorded in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York in which the Mills company admitted the validity of the three patents under which Mills was sued by Gillette. The decree permanently enjoined Mills from further infringement of the patents involving razor blades with cut-out corners and slots to fit the Gillette razor.—V. 135, p. 3699.

Glen Alden Coal Co.—Transfer Agent.

The City Bank Farmers Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent for scrip certificates of interest in \$1,971,999 1st mtge. 4% gold bonds, due Sept. 1 1965.—V. 135, p. 1501.

Glidden Co.—Wins Patent Suit.

See E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. above.
Earnings for Years Ended Oct. 31.

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Net profit after int., deprec., taxes, &c. but before divs. on subs.	-----	-----	-----	-----
pref. stk. retired	\$540,071	\$201,380	\$11,366	\$2,959,110
x Estimated	-----	-----	-----	-----

The decree sustained this contention.—V. 135, p. 3863.

(W. T.) Grant Co. (Del.)—November Sales.

1932—November—1931. Decrease. 1932—11 Mos.—1931. Decrease.
\$6,336,108 \$6,484,241 \$148,133 \$61,943,300 \$63,185,127 \$1,241,827
—V. 135, p. 3174, 2501.

Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.—Sales.

Sales as estimated by the company for periods from the beginning of the fiscal year, Feb. 28 1932 to Nov. 26 1932 compare as follows:

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Five weeks ended April 2	\$88,912,192	\$104,742,250	\$15,830,058	15.1%
Four weeks ended April 30	72,368,664	85,026,365	12,657,701	14.9%
Four weeks ended May 28	72,432,886	81,053,595	8,620,709	10.6%
Four weeks ended July 26	86,062,734	99,342,006	13,279,272	13.3%
Five weeks ended July 30	64,238,819	77,027,658	12,788,839	16.6%
Four weeks ended Sept. 3	79,316,702	93,981,527	14,664,825	15.6%
Four weeks ended Oct. 1	63,625,099	74,076,684	10,451,585	14.1%
Four weeks ended Oct. 29	66,530,473	76,508,258	9,977,785	13.0%
Four weeks ended Nov. 26	62,848,653	74,705,685	11,857,032	15.8%
Total	\$656,336,222	\$766,464,028	\$110,127,806	14.3%

Tonnage sales as compiled from the company's estimates for periods from Feb. 28 1932 to Oct. 29 1932 compare as follows:

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Five weeks ended April 2	520,198	552,825	32,627	5.9%
Four weeks ended April 30	422,714	456,704	33,990	7.4%
Four weeks ended May 28	437,937	443,449	5,762	1.3%
Four weeks ended July 26	531,088	553,562	32,474	4.0%
Five weeks ended July 30	397,468	413,726	16,258	3.9%
Four weeks ended Sept. 3	490,487	507,772	17,285	3.4%
Four weeks ended Oct. 1	391,804	408,323	16,519	4.0%
Four weeks ended Oct. 29	415,659	420,398	4,739	1.1%
Four weeks ended Nov. 26	395,275	418,777	23,502	5.6%
Total	4,002,380	4,175,536	173,156	4.1%

—V. 135, p. 3363, 3174.

Greenwich (Conn.) Lodge Apartment Building.

On Oct. 26 1932 foreclosure proceedings were instituted by Continental Bank & Trust Co. of New York, trustee, and Marshall C. Alaben was appointed receiver on Oct. 28 1932. Sufficient funds will not be available to pay the interest coupons or serial bonds which mature on Dec. 10 1932 on the 1st mtge. serial 6¼% bonds dated Dec. 28 1925, and bondholders are therefore requested not to present such bonds or coupons for payment. In addition to these defaults, real estate taxes, exclusive of interest penalties, amounting to \$3,797 are unpaid.

For the purpose of obtaining united action, a bondholders' committee has been organized consisting of S. J. T. Straus, Chairman; James E. Friel, Jnn L. Lann, Nicholas Roberts and Frederick W. Straus.

The Continental Bank & Trust Co., 30 Broad St., New York, has been named as depositary under a bondholders' deposit agreement with the committee dated as of Dec. 8 1932, and bondholders are urged to deposit their bonds with the depositary.—V. 122, p. 618.

Great West Saddlery Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Years Ended June 30—	1932	1931
Profit before depreciation and bond interest	\$27,080	Not reported
Depreciation	37,355	
Bond interest	43,092	
Net loss	\$53,367	\$278,834
Previous deficit	309,906	31,072
Int. on bonds redeemed, transferred from skg. fund	Cr7,350	
Deficit, June 30	\$355,923	\$309,906

Balance Sheet June 30.

Assets—	1932.	1931.	Liabilities—	1932.	1931.
Cash	\$2,361	\$4,916	Bank loan, secured	\$82,000	\$133,000
Accts. receivable	617,353	655,107	Bank overdraft	34,974	19,449
Inventories	613,215	649,332	Accts payable and		
Goods held on consignment		15,908	acr. charges	59,539	68,096
Investments	9,352	9,352	Bond int. payable		
Fixed assets	1,138,593	1,005,606	and accrued	14,490	15,560
Deferred charges	6,961	3,513	First mtge. 20-yr.		
Good-will	1	1	6% bonds	670,500	746,500
Deficit	355,923	309,906	Reserve for deprec.	166,400	
			Sundry reserves	9,950	
			Sinking fund	63,473	28,603
			First pref. stock	900,000	900,000
			Second pref. stock	199,900	199,900
			y Common stock	542,532	542,532
Total	\$2,743,759	\$2,653,641	Total	\$2,743,759	\$2,653,641

x After reserve for depreciation, y Represented by 40,003 shares (no par)—V. 131, p. 1428.

Ground Gripper Shoe Co.—Defaulted Bonds Off List.—
See Colwood Co. above.—V. 135, p. 3531.

Guardian Investment Trust, Hartford, Conn.—
Special Dividend of 15 Cents a Share on Preferred Stock.—

The directors have declared a special dividend of 15 cents a share on the conv. and non-conv. pref. stocks, no par value, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15. Distributions of 20 cents per share were made on these issues on July 1 and on Oct. 1 last, while a payment of 25 cents a share was made on Jan. 1 and April 1 1932 and on Aug. 1 and Oct. 15 1931. Regular quarterly dividends of 37½ cents on these stocks were paid up to and incl. Jan. 2 1931. The regular April 1931 dividend of 37½ cents is still unpaid.

Both classes of pref. stock are cumulative and consequently accumulated dividends, as per and incl. Oct. 1 1932, and after payment of the 20 cents dividend on the latter date, will amount to \$1.45 a share.—V. 135, p. 2181.

Harbauer Co.—Earnings.—

Income Account for Year Ended June 30 1932.

Net loss from operations	\$67,146
Loss from adjustments of inventories to present values	92,927
Provision for possible loss on funds in closed banks	65,516
Preferred dividends	3,500
Common dividends	15,375
Deficit	\$244,464
Previous earned surplus	507,877
Previous capital surplus—Appreciation	38,207
Adjustments (net)	1,216
Balance, surplus	\$302,836
Write-off of appreciation included in permanent assets	2,123
Total surplus June 30 1932	\$300,714

Balance Sheet June 30.

Assets—	1932.	1931.	Liabilities—	1932.	1931.
Cash	\$68,766	\$268,329	Notes payable	\$140,000	
Accts. rec. (less res.)	41,537	51,645	Accounts payable	18,927	
Inventory	469,755	475,545	Curr. pur. & exp.		56,778
Value of life insur.	25,312	35,510	Accrued payroll,		
Prepd. purch., &c.		15,228	taxes, &c.	10,588	20,007
Other assets	61,617		Acrr. Federal tax		9,371
Trade-marks	1		Accrued dividends		19,325
Land, buildings & equipment	261,183	273,514	Dividend declared	875	
Prepd.exp. & supp	35,932	24,793	Res. for conting.	25,000	25,000
			Preferred stock	50,000	50,000
			x Common stock	418,000	418,000
			Capital surplus & undivided profits	300,714	546,084
Total	\$964,104	\$1,144,565	Total	\$964,104	\$1,144,565

x Represented by 41,000 shares.—V. 134, p. 2732.

Hardwood Timber Corp.—Bonds Off List.—
See Chicago Mill & Lumber Co. above.—V. 127, p. 2829.

(The) Hippodrome, N. Y. City.—Sale.—
The City Bank Farmers Trust Co., as plaintiff in foreclosure proceedings involving a \$2,632,143 lien on the Hippodrome bought in the property at an auction sale conducted Dec. 6 by Joseph P. Day, auctioneer. Back taxes amounted to \$126,120. The property was struck down to the bank on a bid of \$100,000.

The sale was ordered by Harry A. Thellussen, referee in the foreclosure action against the Dean Realty Co., a subsidiary of the Fred F. French Co.—V. 135, p. 3531.

Honomu Sugar Co.—Dividend Resumed.—
A dividend of 40 cents per share has been declared on the common stock, par \$20, payable Dec. 10 to holders of record Dec. 5. This is the first payment since 1930, during which year 90 cents per share was paid, while in 1929 total of \$1.80 per share was distributed.—V. 135, p. 1831.

Horn & Hardart Baking Co.—Earnings.—

Years End. Sept. 30—	x1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Net profit after charges		\$1,509,496	\$1,462,162	\$1,497,858
deprec. & Fed. taxes	\$1,072,504			
Shs. cap. stk. outstand	98,503	97,970	97,970	97,970
Earns. per share	\$10.89	\$15.42	\$14.93	\$15.30

x Estimated.—V. 133, p. 4166.

Hotel Claridge, N. Y. City.—Foreclosure.—
A suit asking for the sale in foreclosure of the Hotel Claridge at Broadway and 44th Street, was filed in the New York Supreme Court Dec. 2 by the Chase National Bank as trustee under an agreement made with the Prudence Bonds Corp. in 1928. The property is encumbered with a consolidated mortgage for \$2,000,000, of which \$1,600,000 was made in 1910 by the Hotel Rector Corp.

The suit says the trustee elects to declare only \$100,000 of the mortgage due and asks that the property be sold subject to the lien of the remaining \$1,900,000. The suit is brought against 1,510 Broadway, Inc.; Broadway-Forty-fourth, Inc., and Claridge Building, Inc., because of default in \$42,880 taxes and \$27,500 interest due on Dec. 1.

Hunter Mfg. & Commission Co.—Liquidating Committee.
J. A. Chapman, Donald Comer, J. C. Evins, Alfred Moore, John W. Porter, James C. Self, George M. Wright and Elliott W. Springs, comprise the committee which is to have charge of liquidating the business of this company which is being succeeded by General Textiles, Inc., the new corporation headed by Howard E. Coffin. They represent a group of creditors owning more than \$3,900,000 of the debt of the company. George W. Mountcastle represents the preferred stockholders, and Daniel Burke the common stockholders in the company. ("American Wool and Cotton Reporter.")—V. 135, p. 3699.

Hupp Motor Car Corp.—Earnings.—
For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 1171.

Indiana Limestone Co.—Protests Heard.—
Albert Ward, Federal Court Master in Chancery at Indianapolis, heard Dec 7 protests filed by minority bondholders to the proposed reorganiza-

tion. The plan is said to have been accepted by 92% of the bondholders. If it is approved, the property will be sold on Dec. 28 at Bedford and the new organization will take over the company. Those opposing it contend that it is inequitable to them.—V. 135, p. 3865.

Insull Utility Investments, Inc.—Question of Priority to Pledged Securities Up.—

The following is taken from the Boston "News Bureau," Dec. 7: Secured and unsecured creditors are preparing for the most important battle in bankruptcy proceedings involving the company to date. The courts shortly will be asked to decide the paramount issue: "Who has prior lien to the securities in possession of five Chicago and 15 New York banks as collateral for loans totaling more than \$42,000,000?"

After more than seven months of court examination and legal bickering the issues between the secured and unsecured creditors of the company have assumed some definite form.

Holders of Insull Utility Investments, Inc., series A and series B debentures, of which \$57,644,000 face amount is outstanding, in the recent bankruptcy hearings before Judge Walter C. Lindley in Chicago, have contended that such debentures have a prior lien on the collateral pledged with the banks against loans which at the time of receivership on April 16 1932 totaled almost \$42,000,000.

Basis of Debenture Claim.
They base their claim on a provision in the debentures to the effect that while debentures were outstanding and no provision for their payment had been made, the company would not mortgage or pledge any of its property unless the instrument creating such mortgage or pledge secured the debentures "equally and ratably" with all other obligations issued or to be issued thereunder.

The banks, however, contend that such provision was subject to the express exception that the company could "at any time mortgage or pledge any of its property for the purpose of securing loans to the company contracted in the usual course of business for periods not exceeding one year."

In the banks' opinion the situation is not altered by the fact that in the main the company could not or did not repay the notes and they were renewed from time to time by other demand or short-term notes and the loans remained outstanding for more than a year.

The company in its 1930 report designated such loans as "temporary" listing \$110,448,283 of investment securities at cost as "pledged (under temporary loans)."

The business of the company, as the banks view it, was mainly dealing in securities, as shown by its charter provisions and actual dealings. They point to the company's published reports indicating proceeds of the bank loans were used to buy securities in the usual course of business.

From the banks' viewpoint the loans now outstanding were made mostly on collateral with a 30%-40% margin agreement during 1930. The records show that the loans were evidenced by demand or short-term notes and were not "contracted" for periods of a year or more.

Question Legality of Pledge.
The debenture holders question the legality of the action of the companies in pledging additional collateral to meet margin calls as the original collateral market value declined. The banks, however, hold that such steps were in accordance with the provisions of the collateral notes.

A number of the banks which made collateral loans to the company had previously, through their investment affiliates, sold blocks of the Insull series B debentures. The dual credit relationship created through such activities was recognized in the latter part of December 1931, when the First National Bank of Chicago took the view that it should take no more free assets of the company to further secure its loan, but that these assets should be segregated for the benefit of general creditors, including the debenture holders, some of whom had bought debentures from the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, its investment affiliate. That view was shared by other interested banks and is expected to furnish an important argument for the debenture holders in contesting their claim against the banks.

Debenture holders have raised also the question of the status of collateral securing bank loans made after May 31 1931. Auditors for receivers found that company's liabilities were more than 50% of its assets after that date, "if it is the intent that investments are to be valued at market and treasury securities eliminated."

Provision Against Additional Loans.
The debenture covenant contained a provision that the company would not "create or assume any additional indebtedness if as a result thereof its total indebtedness will exceed 50% of the then value of its assets. The value of its assets shall be the value determined by an accountant or firm of accountants who shall be selected by the company and be approved by the registrar."

Insull Utility made \$10,900,000 of bank loans after that date, of which \$1,500,000 were repaid in September and December 1931.

Attorneys for debenture holders, through questions in court and through suits filed against bank creditors, indicated they would seek to prove that the banks, about the middle of December (at which time they were advised that the company could meet no more margin calls and negotiations looking toward a standstill agreement were begun), entered into a collusion or "conspiracy" to defer receivership for four months up to the middle of December. They would then argue that such pledge constituted a voidable preference of some creditors over others.

Cash Settlements Disclosed.
It was also charged that payment of interest on debentures Jan. 1 and Feb. 1, and on Corporation Securities serial notes March 1, formed part of a plan to lull debenture and note holders into a false sense of security and prevent the filing of embarrassing suits. It was brought out that a number of such suits had been settled out of court through cash payments by the company.

In his testimony Edward Eagle Brown, Vice-President of the First National Bank of Chicago, who drew up the standstill agreement in the latter part of December 1931, denied that there was any such collusion and said that the course of action followed by the ten banks was not based on any such grounds as charged.

The banks have tired of the bankruptcy proceedings and are planning to seek early disposition of the litigation, according to Isaac H. Mayer, counsel for Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co.

Action of Stock Postponed by Adjournment.—
Another postponement of the auction of stock held by four New York banks pledged by the Corporation Securities Co. and Insull Utility Investments, Inc., resulted Dec. 5 when it was announced that the date of sale had been moved up to Jan. 5 1933. The securities pledged include large blocks of stock of the Commonwealth Edison Co., the Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois and the Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co. These securities were pledged for loans from the Chase National Bank, the Guaranty Trust Co., the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. and the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co.

Attorneys for the creditors of Insull Utility Investments, Inc., are attempting to recover possession of these securities.—V. 135, p. 3364.

Insurance Equities Corp.—Further Expansion.—
See Bankers Securities Corp. above.—V. 135, p. 1667.

International Paper & Power Co.—Earnings.—
For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Archibald R. Graustein, President of the company, comments as follows on the earnings statement:

"Operations for the third quarter resulted in a loss after all charges of \$3,001,567 as compared with a loss of \$1,856,236 for the second quarter and a profit of \$254,297 for the third quarter of 1931. The increased loss as compared to the second quarter reflects usual seasonal declines and further reductions in prices for newsprint, kraft and some other grades of paper.

"In recent months operations of power properties have been showing improvement over 1931 and there have been some signs of stabilization in consumption of paper products following the sharp declines earlier in the year. With both paper prices and sales volume, however, still far below normal, operations for the fourth quarter will also result in a loss in spite of seasonal improvement. Since Jan. 1 1932 the company has met all operating expenses, interest charges and sinking fund obligations and has been able to make a net reduction of over \$5,000,000 in total consolidated funded and floating debt."—V. 135, p. 2001.

Interstate Department Stores, Inc.—November Sales.—

1932—Nov.—1931	Decrease.	1932—11 Mos.—1931	Decrease.
\$1,603,907	\$1,746,684	\$115,777	\$16,153,528
			\$18,759,801
			\$2,606,273

—V. 135, p. 3365.

Jewelers Building of Chicago.—Bonds Off List.—See Chicago Mill & Lumber Co. above.—V. 133, p. 4338.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Reduces Dividend Rate.—The directors on Dec. 7 declared a quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the no par value common stock, payable Jan. 16 1933 to holders of record Dec. 30 1932. This compares with \$1 per share paid each quarter from April 15 1931 to and incl. Oct. 15 1932. The company also made an extra distribution of 50 cents per share on Dec. 15 1931.—V. 135, p. 3700.

King Edward Hotel Co., Ltd., Toronto.—Receiver.—The National Trust Co., Ltd., has been appointed receiver and manager.—V. 133, p. 490.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—November Sales.—
 1932—November—1931. Decrease. | 1932—11 Mos.—1931. Decrease.
 \$9,841,370 \$11,220,298 \$1,378,928 | \$106,370,162 \$123,612,071 \$17,241,909
 On Nov 30 there were 681 American and 42 Canadian stores in operation.—V. 135, p. 3365.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—November Sales.—
 1932—November—1931. Decrease. | 1932—11 Mos.—1931. Decrease
 \$4,853,553 \$5,586,738 \$733,185 | \$53,449,505 \$57,820,828 \$4,371,323
 —V. 135, p. 3365.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Sales.—
 Period End. Dec. 3— 1932—4 Wks.—1931. 1932—48 Wks.—1931.
 Sales—\$15,761,800 \$17,117,215 \$1,355,415
 Average number of stores in operation during the four weeks ended Dec. 3 was 4,749, as against 4,886 in the same period last year.—V. 135, p. 3532.

Lane Bryant, Inc.—November Sales.—
 19 2—November—1931. Decrease. | 1932—11 Mos.—1931. Decrease.
 \$905,593 \$1,097,469 \$191,876 | \$10,698,189 \$14,022,624 \$3,324,435
 —V. 135, p. 3366.

Lautaro Nitrate Co., Ltd.—Protective Committee Is Seeking Proxies for Dec. 30 Meeting at Valparaiso.—

A London cable to the "Journal of Commerce" Nov. 29 states: A proxy battle has been begun here to obtain authorizations from the preferred shareholders of the Lautaro Nitrate Co., Ltd., for the annual meeting of the company at Valparaiso on Dec. 30. The company is asking the shareholders to nominate M. G. B. Whelpley, President of the Nitrate Corp. of Chile, of which Lautaro is a part, to represent them, but London protective committees are also asking proxies for their own representatives. The "Financial News" says: "After the record of the Guggenheim concern in Chilean nitrate affairs, it will be an ironic situation if the Guggenheim representative can preside over the meeting and claim on evidence of the proxies received also to be representing the interests of English shareholders."—V. 135, p. 140.

Lehigh Portland Cement Co.—Reopens Plant.—The company's plant at Fordwick, Rockbridge County, Va., which has been closed for the last several months, has reopened. The plant is running at about two-thirds of capacity, about 200 men having been recalled to their posts.—V. 135, p. 3865.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co.—Asks Holders of Maturing 1st Mtge. Bonds to Accept 50% in Cash and 50% in Secured Notes.—

Because conditions now prevailing make it impossible to provide in the usual manner for maturity on Jan. 1 1933 of \$8,684,000 of its 1st mtge. 4% and 5% gold bonds, the company and the Lehigh Valley RR., guarantor of the bonds, are asking holders of the bonds to accept a plan which provides for payment of 50% in cash and 50% in five-year 6% gold notes, secured by the railroad company. Sufficient cash for the payment of the bonds in full cannot be provided in the usual manner at this time by the sale of securities or otherwise, it is pointed out in a joint statement to bondholders, signed by J. M. Humphrey, President of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co., and E. E. Leouis, President of the Lehigh Valley RR., recommending acceptance of the plan which is dated Dec. 1.

For the purposes of the plan the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has authorized a loan of \$2,000,000 to the Railroad company, which, together with 1st mtge. sinking fund cash and securities equivalent to approximately \$2,275,000, enables the Coal company to offer payment of 50% in cash to bondholders.

"It is possible for the Coal company and the Railroad company to offer this plan only on the assumption that sufficient bonds will be deposited to make available the \$2,000,000 loan authorized by the R. F. C.," the companies state. "The loan has been approved by the U. S. C. Commission to which the Railroad company has made further application for authority to guarantee the notes. The U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York has modified its decree of segregation entered in 1923 in the case of the United States vs. Lehigh Valley RR. so as to permit the plan to be carried out."

A committee composed of Horatio G. Lloyd, Chairman, Drexel & Co.; Henry C. Breville, Fidelity Philadelphia Trust Co.; Franklin d'Olier, the Prudential Insurance Co. of America; C. S. Newhall, the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities, and George H. Stuart 3d, Gifard Trust Co., representing the 1st mtge. bondholders, has approved the plan and has been made party to the deposit agreement, with power to act in conjunction with the Coal company and the Railroad company in carrying out the plan, and to take independent action, if necessary, to protect the interest of depositors.

By reason of the short time intervening before maturity of the bonds holders are requested to immediately deposit their bonds with either Drexel & Co., Philadelphia, or J. P. Morgan & Co., New York, depositaries, or E. P. Wilbur Trust Co., Bethlehem, Pa., sub-depositary. Holders of a substantial amount of the bonds have already signified their willingness to accept the plan, it is said. The offer will remain open until the close of business Dec. 24.

Interest due Jan. 1 1933 on the bonds will be paid to each depositing bondholder at the time of deposit.

Application will be made to list on the New York Stock Exchange the certificates of deposit for the bonds.—V. 135, p. 3532.

(Louis K.) Liggett Co.—Landlords Organize.—

In an effort to avoid the company going into bankruptcy or receivership, thereby threatening the continued occupancy of 550 locations in principal cities throughout the United States, a Landlords' National Protective Committee has been organized in Philadelphia, with Roland S. Morris, former Ambassador to Japan, as chairman.

This action is the result of a suggestion made by Judge George A. Welsh, of the U. S. District Court in Philadelphia, before whom proceedings were instituted by a local landlord to restrain the Liggett Co. from going into bankruptcy. The Court continued the hearing and issued a restraining order until Jan. 3 1933, in order that an effort might be made to formulate a workable plan.

The committee, representing the landlords from all sections of the country, includes Roland S. Morris, Philadelphia, Pa., Chairman; H. Clifford Bangs, Washington, D. C.; John A. Brown, Detroit, Mich.; Roy A. Heymann, Philadelphia, Pa.; Albert Shoenberg, Kansas City, Mo.; Stephen M. Sleeper, Boston, Mass.; Frank S. Slosser, Chicago, Ill.; Francis A. Lewis, Philadelphia, Pa., Treas., and J. Solis-Cohen Jr., Philadelphia, Sec.

The committee which has been studying the Liggett situation, is composed of men known nationally for their experience in handling large real estate problems. Its recommendations will be from the standpoint of a property owner desiring to preserve the value of his property by preventing the loss of income through the repudiation of leases honestly contracted by both landlord and tenant.

Landlord's Committee Proposes Reduction of 25% in Rentals During 1933.—

Determined effort is being made by the committee representing the landlords to solve the company's lease problem out of court. A plan is being evolved whereby landlords would accept a 25% reduction in rent for one year, during which period an attempt would be made permanently to settle the rental question.

In a letter addressed to Liggett's landlords, the committee states that whereas the company operated at a small profit in 1930, on a sales volume of \$60,000,000, it is estimated the Liggett company will this year lose \$2,300,000, after depreciation and amortization of approximately \$1,400,000. Sales volume this year is estimated at about \$50,000,000.

Asking landlords whether they can afford the hazard of permitting the Liggett company to fail, the committee proposes a cut for one year of 25% from net original rent payable during 1932. No landlord who has already made a reduction is asked to cut his rent below 75% of the original rental. In case of leases on a percentage basis the committee proposes a cut of 25% from the amount paid by Liggett in 1931.

During next year the committee will receive monthly statements of the operation and condition of the Liggett company and will endeavor to work out a permanent plan equitable to all concerned if business does not so improve as to make possible restoration of original rentals for 1934. Under the temporary plan for 1933, any landlord would have the right, on 90 days' notice from the first of the following month, to cancel Liggett's lease and retake possession of his property.—V. 135, p. 3701.

Lit Brothers, Philadelphia.—Resumes Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 1 1/2% on the 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15, to cover accumulations for the quarter ended June 30 1932. The last previous quarterly distribution of 1 1/2% was made on April 1 1932.—V. 135, p. 141.

Loblaw Groceries, Ltd.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 4 and 24 weeks ended Nov. 12 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 3366.

Loft, Inc.—Opens Six Stores.—

This corporation, in line with a policy of expansion, has opened six new stores within the past two weeks, located at Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Stapleton, N. Y., Huntington, L. I., Glencove, L. I., and 77th St. and Broadway, New York City.—V. 135, p. 3008.

Los Angeles Mountain Park Co.—Interest Not Paid.—

The directors have notified holders of 6 1/2% bonds due 1939, of which there is approximately \$2,400,000 outstanding, that there are insufficient funds to meet interest due Dec. 1.

The company was organized in 1924 to develop 19,500 acres just north of the westerly portion of Beverly Boulevard and adjacent to Santa Monica, Sawtelle, Brentwood and Westgate, including Castellammare Mesa and Miramar Estates.—V. 125, p. 255.

Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Co., Chicago.—Merger.—

Affiliation of the Glen Cove Mutual Insurance Co. with the above company is announced by John C. Baker, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Glen Cove concern. The latter will continue to operate from the home office in New York.—V. 135, p. 3702.

Luther Mfg. Co.—Comparative Balance Sheet.—

Assets—		Liabilities—		
	Oct. 1 '32.	Sept. 26 '31.	Oct. 1 '32. Sept. 26 '31.	
Construction	\$481,236	\$468,972	Capital stock	\$350,000 \$350,000
Cash and accounts receivable	11,671	21,575	Profit and loss	348,688 424,186
Merchandise and stock in process	59,737	74,018		
Investments	144,070	207,363		
Prepaid insurance	1,974	2,258		
Total	\$698,688	\$774,186	Total	\$698,688 \$774,186

—V. 135, p. 998.

McCroy Stores Corp.—November Sales.—

1932—November—1931. Decrease. | 1932—11 Mos.—1931. Decrease.
 \$3,129,455 \$3,469,521 \$340,066 | \$33,841,031 \$36,413,587 \$2,572,556
 On Nov. 30 the company had 242 stores in operation as against 244 at the end of November 1931.—V. 135, p. 3366.

McGraw Electric Co.—Increases Operations.—

As a result of increased demand for its new automatic toaster product introduced early in September, this division of the McGraw Electric Co. has stepped up its operations from a six-day to a seven-day week basis, President Max McGraw announced. Four hundred additional employees were hired by the company at the time production of the improved "Flexible Clock" Toaster was begun. The company originally began production on a five-day week basis, then increased to six days, and now will operate Sundays as well.

Mr. McGraw stated that the company has just shipped one carload of "Toastermasters" to New York to cover back orders. He added that the company is particularly optimistic about the future of this new product because of the fact that demand for it has increased uniformly all over the country rather than in particular sections, indicating, he believes, that it has a strong country-wide appeal.—V. 135, p. 2183.

McKesson & Robbins, Inc.—Changes Par Value of Common Stock.—

The stockholders on Dec. 9 voted to change the par value of the authorized and outstanding common stock from shares of no par value to shares of \$5 par value. See also V. 135, p. 3533.

McLellan Stores Corp.—November Sales.—

1932—Nov.—1931. Decrease. | 1932—11 Mos.—1931. Decrease.
 \$1,654,780 \$1,768,828 \$114,048 | \$16,776,124 \$18,198,609 \$1,412,475
 —V. 135, p. 3366, 2502.

Madison-Michigan Building Corp.—Bonds Off List.—

See Chicago Mill & Lumber Co. above.

Medford Hotel, Milwaukee.—Committee Organized.—

Holders of 6% gold bonds dated April 1 1923, now in default as to interest, who have filed claims against the estate of the late Nat Stone, are being informed that a committee has been organized to represent them by counsel at a court hearing in December.

The committee consists of David A. Edgar, President of Edgar, Ricker & Co.; Paul Binzel, Vice-Pres. of Morris P. Fox & Co., and Arthur M. Hewitt, Vice-Pres. of the First Wisconsin Co. As promptly as possible, all bondholders will be more fully informed as to the status of their bonds, and will be asked to deposit their bonds and claims with the committee.

Medinah Athletic Club.—Defaulted Bonds Off List.—

See Colwood Co. above.—V. 125, p. 3651.

Melrose Court (Hamilton Investment Co.), Dallas, Tex.—Plan of Reorganization.—

The 1st mtge. bondholders' committee has formulated and adopted a plan for the reorganization of the financial structure of the Melrose Court on behalf of the holders of the 6 1/2% first mortgage bonds, dated Dec. 15 1923, to Melvin L. Straus, as trustee, securing an issue of bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,400,000, of which \$1,205,000 are outstanding, unsubordinated and unpaid.

The Melrose Court is an eight-story furnished apartment building, located on land having a frontage of 400 ft. on Cedar Springs Rd. by a depth of 276 ft. on Oak Lawn Ave. and a frontage of 383 ft. on Dickson Avenue, Dallas, Tex. There is also a one-story garage, having a capacity for the accommodation of approximately 150 cars. The apartment building contains 338 rooms and 154 baths, which are divided up into 140 apartments, all completely furnished. The ground floor contains three shops, lobby space and a dining room, and the building is served by one freight and three passenger elevators.

Funds were not deposited for the payment of the semi-annual interest coupons due June 15 1931; whereupon this committee was formed and all known holders of the first mtge. bonds were requested to authorize the committee to proceed in the development of a readjustment of this situation by depositing their bonds with the designated depository. At the present time, 92% in principal amount of the outstanding bonds have been deposited.

In addition to the lien of the \$1,205,000 unsubordinated 1st mtge. bonds which are outstanding, the property is also subject to the lien of subordinated advances totaling \$381,758 previously made by S. W. Straus & Co. to pay taxes on the property and to maintain payments to the bondholders of bonds and coupons for which the funds were not supplied by the property. Title to the property is now held by a corporation whose stock

is owned by S. W. Straus & Co., as a result of proceedings instituted to foreclose the lien of these advances.

All taxes which have come due to date have been paid. On Aug. 3 1931, possession of the property was surrendered by the owner to Melvin L. Straus, as trustee for the first mtge. bondholders. As a result, the income from the property since that date has been applied or is being held for the benefit of the first mortgage bondholders.

Details of the Plan of Reorganization.

New Company.—A new corporation will be organized and will have an authorized capital consisting of such number of shares of capital stock as shall be determined by the committee. If and when acquired at foreclosure sale, title to the property thus acquired will be conveyed to the new company.

Capital stock of the new company will be issued for the benefit of the depositing first mtge. bondholders at the rate of one share of capital stock for each \$500 of bonds deposited. The capital stock of the new company thus issued for the benefit of the depositing first mtge. bondholders will amount to 92 1/2% of the total capital stock issued.

The remaining 7 1/2% of the capital stock of the new company will be issued to S. W. Straus & Co. in satisfaction of subordinated advances totaling \$381,759 made by it on account of taxes, interest and principal on the 1st mtge. bond issue and for the acquisition of title to the property.

All of the shares of the capital stock of the new company to be issued pursuant to this plan will be deposited under a trust agreement and trust certificates issued therefor. Trust certificates representing the ownership of 92 1/2% of the capital stock will be issued pro rata to the depositing 1st mtge. bondholders and trust certificates representing the remaining 7 1/2% of the capital stock will be issued to S. W. Straus & Co.

The trust will endure for a period of 10 years, but may be terminated prior to the expiration of this period by a majority of the trustees or by the direction in writing of the holders of 66 2/3% in amount of the outstanding trust certificates for capital stock. There will be three trustees, all of whom will be designated by the committee to serve on behalf of the holders of the trust certificates. Any member of the committee or any officer, director or employee of S. W. Straus & Co. or the depository may serve in the capacity of a trustee.

When the reorganization has been declared operative, the holder of a certificate of deposit for a \$1,000 1st mtge. bond will be entitled to receive a trust certificate representing two shares of the capital stock of the new company.

The funds arising from the operation of the property accumulated in the hands of the trustee and available to the committee will not be sufficient promptly to discharge all the expenses of foreclosure and reorganization. Therefore, it may be advisable, in order to discharge all such unpaid expenses, to obtain a conservative 1st mtge. on the property and utilize the proceeds for the discharge of any unpaid portion of the expenses of foreclosure and reorganization. By this means, the earnings of the property would become available for distribution to the depositing bondholders more promptly. If it is found advisable, the new company, with the cooperation of the committee, will endeavor to obtain a conservative 1st mtge. loan on the property, the proceeds of which would be used to discharge the expenses of foreclosure and reorganization.

In the event that the new company and the committee find that they are unable to arrange a 1st mtge. loan for the discharge of the unpaid portion of reorganization and foreclosure expenses, or in the event that it is deemed inadvisable so to do, the first earnings of the property will be utilized for any unpaid items of foreclosure and reorganization before any distribution will be made on the trust certificates to be issued.

Non-depositing bondholders are entitled only to their proportionate share of the foreclosure price and accrued income minus their proportionate share of the foreclosure expenses.

Holders of the 1st mtge. bonds who have not deposited same with the committee may do so until the close of business on Jan. 3 1933, and by so doing may share in the benefits of this plan of reorganization as depositors.

Committee.—Charles C. Irwin, Chairman, Frederick W. Straus, J. C. Wright, Robert E. Straus, and N. H. Oglesbee.

Straus National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago is depository.—V. 118, p. 846.

Melville Shoe Corp.—November Sales.

1932—November—1931.	Decrease.	1932—11 Mos.—1931.	Decrease.
\$1,537,355	\$1,694,689	\$157,334	\$18,493,388
\$23,738,696	\$5,245,308		

On Oct. 21 the corporation reduced prices approximately 10% on all lines of shoes, hence the above figures for November represent a small increase in unit sales.—V. 135, p. 3366.

Mid-Continent Laundries, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Year Ended—	June 25 '32.	June 27 '31.
Net sales	\$1,592,607	\$2,224,984
Cost of operations	1,492,910	2,219,115
Depreciation	122,356	148,455
Loss from operations	\$22,658	\$142,586
Other income	5,512	24,547
Total loss	\$17,146	\$118,039
Interest and amortization expense on funded debt	114,226	146,666
Net loss	\$131,373	\$264,705

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 25 1932.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$72,475	Contr. pay., purch. lien oblig.	\$10,528
Accounts receivable	x93,366	Accounts payable—trade	47,527
Inventories	35,703	Deposits by drivers—net	7,861
Other assets	9,974	Accrued interest, due & not pd.	21,756
Fixed assets	\$1,592,578	Accrued expenses	73,683
Laundry and dry cleaning routes, leases, contracts, agencies, &c.	811,003	3-yr. 7% gold notes, due 10-1-32	46,000
Deferred—Prepaid expenses	161,424	Contr. pay., due ser. to 1939	39,090
		1st lien collateral 6s.	982,400
		7% convertible debentures	621,600
		Reserve for contingencies	427,415
		Common stock	2592,390
		Deficit	40,726
Total	\$2,779,524	Total	\$2,779,524

x After allowance for doubtful accounts and for discounts, \$97,774. y After allowance for depreciation of \$461,330. z Represented by 118,478 shares of no par value.—V. 132, p. 504.

Midwest Refining Co.—Final Liquidating Dividend.

The final liquidating dividend amounts to \$125.72 1/2 a share, it was disclosed when minority stockholders received checks from Treasurer W. L. Greiner. There are 235 shares outstanding, the remainder being held by the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, the parent corporation.

The New York "Herald Tribune," Dec. 5, stated:

While it is assumed Standard of Indiana will receive its share of the Midwest assets in leases, royalties, plants and securities, instead of in cash, the book value of Midwest Refining holdings, as indicated by the payments to minority holders, is around \$75,500,000.

Two suits were filed in Denver, Colo., last week demanding an accounting. In the first, Henry Cline, Arthur Dewar and T. A. Pedley, minority stockholders, asserted that the Midwest company has cause for legal action against Henry M. Blackmer, former Midwest director and now a fugitive in Paris in connection with profits he derived in the Continental Trading Co.'s oil pool. They demanded full accounting of all transactions between Midwest and Standard Oil Co. of Indiana. They alleged the price offered for their stock is only one-fifth of its real value and alleged the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana owes Midwest \$13,000,000 not listed as a Midwest asset.

R. E. Ewalt and Frank C. Meyers also filed suit for accounting of transactions between the Midwest and the Wyoming Fuel Co., a Midwest subsidiary, in which plaintiffs are stockholders.—V. 135, p. 3175.

Missouri State Life Insurance Co.—New Control—Voting Trust Formed.

Management and control of this company will be centered in St. Louis for the next five years through the establishment of a voting trust for a large percentage of its 500,000 shares of stock. William T. Nardin, President of the company and President and General Manager of the Pet Milk Co., and Tom K. Smith, President of the Boatmen's National Bank at St. Louis, are members of the voting trust to be set up. The other member is Julius H. Barnes, formerly President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, now Chairman of the board of the Missouri State Life Insurance Co.

Under the voting trust arrangement Mr. Nardin will be re-elected President of the company and Mr. Barnes as Chairman of the board on Jan. 17.

When the Inter-Southern Insurance Co. went into receivership about 148,000 shares of Missouri State Life stock came under control of the Kentucky Home Life Insurance Co., which was organized to reinsure the business of the Inter-Southern concern. Control of Kentucky Home Life Insurance Co. was in the hands of Albert M. Greenfield of Philadelphia.

On Dec. 3 Mr. Barnes and those associated with him in the Kentucky Home Life bought the three-fourths stock interest of Mr. Greenfield and his associates, obtaining control of the 148,000 shares of Missouri State Life stock, which with other large blocks of stock will be put into a five-year voting trust.

The voting trust arrangement has been approved by Insurance Superintendent Thompson.

Since the proposed voting trust will be in complete control of almost a majority of the 500,000 shares of the company's stock, there will be several changes on the board of directors. Members who probably will not be on the new board include M. J. Dorsey, Harry S. Tressel and perhaps others (New York "Times").—V. 134, p. 3833.

Montgomery Ward & Co.—November Sales.

1932—Nov.—1931	Decrease.	1932—11 Mos.—1931	Decrease.
\$16,551,568	\$18,402,376	\$1,850,808	\$159,014,106
\$197,462,316	\$384,482,210		

—V. 135, p. 3366, 2841.

(Philip) Morris Consolidated, Inc.—Accumulated Div.

The directors on Dec. 8 declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% and a further dividend of 1 3/4% on account of accumulations on the 7% cum. class A stock, par \$25, both payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 20. Following the above payment, accruals will amount to 26 1/4% or \$6.56 1/4 per share.—V. 135, p. 1835.

Mortgage & Contract Co. of Detroit.—Reorganizes.

The capital structure, official personnel and directorate of the company, have been reorganized, it was announced Dec. 1.

The company was established originally in 1917 as the Detroit Land Contract Co. Its principal business has been making first mortgage loans and owning and dealing in land contracts. During its existence the company has purchased for itself and others approximately \$25,000,000 worth of land contracts and has assisted in financing the ownership of many thousands of homes in Detroit and surrounding communities.

Its capital structure has been reorganized as follows: Former collateral trust notes amounting to about \$3,000,000 have been refunded with part cash, part new notes and part class A preferred stock. The new notes run for five years with privilege of three years' extension if requested by the company. The old common stock has been surrendered and replaced by 13,632 shares of class B stock having a nominal value.

The newly elected board of directors are: Luman W. Goodenough, Chairman; H. Flinn, Fred Wardell, Oren S. Hawes, James E. Danaher, Guy S. Greene, Arthur C. O'Connor, John O'Connor, Andrew L. Malott, Robert H. Moore, Walter Gehrke. Newly elected officers are: Luman W. Goodenough, Chairman of the board; John O'Connor, Vice-Chairman of the board; Arthur C. O'Connor, President; Walter Gehrke, Vice-President and General Manager; James H. Flinn, Vice-President and Treasurer; Guy S. Greene, Vice-President; Jean M. Battelle, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer; Robert Kee, Assistant Secretary.

(G. C.) Murphy Co.—November Sales.

1932—November—1931.	Increase.	1932—11 Mos.—1931.	Increase.
\$1,562,627	\$1,559,246	\$3,381	\$15,642,348
\$16,220,229	\$577,881		

At Dec. 1 1932 the company had 175 stores in operation, as against 172 a year previous.—V. 135, p. 3365.

Mutual Life Insurance Co.—Reduces Dividend Rate.

The company has adopted a dividend scale for 1933 that will yield to policyholders approximately \$36,000,000, it was announced on Dec. 7. This is about 83% of the amount set aside for 1932 dividends. For the individual policyholder insured under an ordinary life policy at age 35, the 1933 dividend will be at least 85% of the 1932 dividend; under a 20-year payment life policy (premium paying period), 86%; under a 20-year endowment, 87%.

"Waiving fluctuations which may occur before the close of the year, as well as the effect of the standards yet to be set up by the convention of insurance commissioners for valuing securities, it is expected that after providing for the 1933 dividends the company's contingency reserve will remain substantially the same as at the end of 1931—\$63,000,000," it was stated.

"While Mutual Life has experienced no difficulties in promptly meeting its obligations, our gains from operations have been less principally because of prevailing conditions.

"The trustees and officers of the company believe that the practice of confining the new dividend scale to the net gains of the current year should be continued and that, under present conditions, the maintenance of our contingency reserve or surplus at approximately its present amount is very desirable. Mutual Life is in a very liquid condition."—V. 135, p. 3867.

National Cash Register Co. (Md.).—Recapitalization Proposed.

A circular letter to the stockholders dated Nov. 19 and signed by Edward A. Deeds, Chairman, and Frederick B. Patterson, says:

The directors believe that the capital structure of the company would be improved if there were only one class of common stock, of which every share had the same rights with respect to voting and dividends. Under such capital structure, the possibility of a majority of the directors again being elected solely by the holders of a majority of the common B stock would be removed. It is the conclusion of the directors, after full consideration, that the plan outlined below would result in greater stability of control, and in this and other respects would be to the advantage of all the stockholders. The directors accordingly recommend the adoption of this plan, as well as their proposal to reduce the capital of the company as set forth below.

The plan, and its effects upon the outstanding common A stock and common B stock, may be summarized as follows:

Common A Stock.—The 1,190,000 shares of A stock now outstanding would be increased by 238,000 shares (20%), distributed as a split-up pro rata among the holders of the present A stock. A new class of stock would be authorized as common C, entitled to the same rights per share as the A stock with respect to distributions on liquidation, voting and dividends, including dividends per share equal to dividends declared per share on the A stock as arrears. Arrears on the A stock now aggregate \$5,801,250. The C stock would be authorized in the amount of 200,000 shares, all of which would be issuable in exchange for the 400,000 outstanding shares of B stock. Upon the completion of such exchange and the retirement of all of the B stock, the A and C stocks would become and constitute a single class of common stock, entitled to elect all of the directors of the company under all conditions.

Common B Stock.—Holders of B stock who exchange such stock for C stock would surrender their right to participate in the election, under the conditions outlined below, of a majority of the directors, such holders would receive one-half share of C stock for each share of B stock, and would suffer a further diminution of their interest in the equity, in event of liquidation, through the 20% distribution on the A stock. Such holders, however, as the holders of C stock, would be entitled to receive dividends on such stock equal per share to any amounts paid on the A stock, without waiting for the payment of arrears in dividends on the A stock or for the curing of the deficiency in earnings, as set forth below.

Of the total of 1,590,000 shares of A and B stocks now outstanding, the A shares represent about 75% (the A shares having preference as to dividends). After the distribution of 20% in A stock, however, and the retirement of all of the B stock through exchange for C stock total shares then outstanding would be 1,628,000, of which the A shares would represent about 87% and C shares (having rights equal to the A shares) the remainder.

In connection with the foregoing, certain provisions of the charter are pertinent, which provisions may be summarized as follows:

The A stock is entitled to preferential cumulative dividends of \$3 per share per annum, before any dividend on the B stock. Subject to this prior right, the B stock is entitled to non-cumulative dividends of \$3 per share in any year. Both classes of stock participate equally share for share in additional dividends in any year. The A and B stocks participate equally share for share in distribution of assets in liquidation.

"The A and B stocks have equal voting rights except that the B stock has a right to elect a majority of the directors, and the A stock has the right to elect the remaining directors, unless at the time of election two quarterly preferential dividends on the A stock are in arrears, or unless earnings for a preceding fiscal year have been less than \$3 per share on the A stock and such deficiency has not been made good by subsequent excess earnings, in each of which cases the A and B stocks vote equally share for share in the election of directors."

Preferential dividends on the A stock are now in arrears, and there exists also a deficiency in earnings, as defined in the charter; and by virtue of the above charter provisions, the directors now in office were elected by the combined vote of the A and B stocks, voting as a single class. Directors will continue to be so elected, under the present provisions of the charter, until the arrears are made up and the deficiency in earnings is cured. Thereupon, the right to elect a majority of the directors will revert to the holders of the B stock. But with the retirement of the B stock, the above charter provisions would, of course, become inapplicable, and the A and C stocks (reconstituted as common stock), voting as one class, would elect all directors under all conditions.

In addition to the foregoing changes in the capital stock of the company, the directors propose and recommend that the capital of the company, represented by its stock without par value, be reduced from \$42,213,335 to \$24,420,000. This reduction of \$17,793,335, which will not affect any stockholders' proportionate interest in the assets of the company, will be transferred from capital account to capital surplus. A substantial portion of such capital surplus will be utilized in connection with certain adjustments in the company's books—namely, adjustments to reduce the book value of certain assets, to set up certain reserves, and to restore to earned surplus certain amounts formerly deducted therefrom; the effect of the latter would be to change earned surplus from a deficit to a credit. All such adjustments have been approved by Price, Waterhouse & Co.

A special meeting of the stockholders has been called, to be held on Dec. 15 1932, at which the foregoing recommendations of the directors will be submitted to the stockholders for their approval.

Scrip certificates will be issued for fractional shares of both A and C stocks. It is planned that application will be made to have the C stock listed or admitted to trading on the New York Curb Exchange during the period that any of the B stock remains outstanding.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1932.

[Giving effect as of that date to certain adjustments of the capital stock and surplus as outlined below.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$2,338,732	Accts. pay., trade & miscell.	\$385,046
Short-term marketable securities	2,099,000	Agents' bals. & protective commissions	744,039
Customers' instal. notes & accts. receivable	8,921,937	Accrued taxes	452,801
Agents' bals. & miscel. accts. receivable	2,393,468	Customers' deposits	116,457
Inventories	7,047,689	Purch. mon. obligs., &c.	4586,299
Def. & prep'd. expenses	273,439	Reserves	2,880,641
Invest. in foreign subs. & branches—less reserves	7,484,608	Capital stock	\$24,420,000
Other invests. at cost	835,633	Capital surplus	5,506,239
Prop., plant & eqpt. at book values less depreciation	8,659,907	Earned surplus	4,962,891
Pats., gd.-w. & oth. intang. assets	1		
Total	\$40,054,413	Total	\$40,054,413

As at Sept. 30 1932.
Earned Surp. Capital Surp.

Capital surplus to be created by reduction of stated value of capital stock from \$42,213,335 to \$24,000,000

Charges to be made against capital surplus: Formerly deducted from earned surplus—

Organization expenses	Cr. \$247,911	Dr. \$247,911
Pats. purchased May 1926 and written off	Cr. 2,000,000	Dr. 2,000,000
Premium paid for net tangible assets of Ellis Adding Typewriter Co. written off	Cr. 4,121,157	Dr. 4,121,157
Abnormal foreign exchange losses	Cr. 551,774	Dr. 551,774
Tools, &c. considered obsolete by the company's engineers		Dr. 1,250,000
Special reserves for investments in overseas subsidiary companies and branches		Dr. 3,150,000
Premium paid for net tangible assets of Remington Cash Register Co. written off		Dr. 966,254
Total credits or debits	Cr. \$6,920,842	Dr. \$12,287,095
Losses from operations nine months ended Sept. 30 1932	\$1,880,305	
Reserve for collection expenses	350,000	
Reserve for liquidation of inventories	750,000	
Total	\$2,980,305	
Less—Earned surplus at Dec. 31 1931	1,022,355	
		Dr. 1,957,950

Adjusted balances at Sept. 30 1932 (see above) \$4,962,891 \$5,506,239
a Including 60,000 shares (after split-up) of company's common A stock at \$489,869 cost, under five-year option to Chairman of the board at cost plus 4% interest less dividends; also balance due from officer on collateral not \$164,667. b At book values, less depreciation. c To be represented by 1,428,000 shares of common A stock and by 200,000 shares of common C stock, both of no par value (see note). d Of which \$295,599 is due within one year and \$290,700 after one year.

Note.—The present 1,190,000 shares of common A stock to be increased by 20% or 238,000 shares to 1,428,000 shares, and the present 400,000 shares of common B stock to be exchanged for 200,000 shares of common C stock. After completion of exchange the common A and common C stocks will become and constitute a single class of common stock.

80% of Stock Deposited in Favor of Recapitalization Plan.—

It is announced that upon inquiry at the office of the Secretary of the National Cash Register Co. to-day, the statement was made that up to early yesterday (Friday) morning approximately 80% of the necessary number of proxies had been received or were available to act favorably on the proposed recapitalization plan of the company, to come before the stockholders' meeting on Dec. 15. See also V. 135, p. 3703.

National Casket Co., Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Years End. June 30—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Net profit	\$638,412	\$963,359	\$1,309,281	\$1,724,617
Federal taxes (est.)	92,000	114,000	124,000	251,000
Preferred dividends	413,469	413,469	413,469	413,470
Common dividends	221,795	250,780	206,735	206,734
Balance, surplus	def. \$88,852	\$185,110	\$565,077	\$853,414
Shs. com. stk. out. (no par)	63,371	63,371	62,021	62,021
Earnings per share	\$2.10	\$6.87	\$14.60	\$17.09

x Includes \$260,170 representing return of additional Federal taxes (net) assessed on the year ended June 30 1919 and paid in 1926.

Comparative Balance Sheet June 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Physical properties	\$4,856,018	Capital stock	\$6,055,309
Merchandise	2,597,415	Mortgages & bonds	185,000
Accts. receivable	3,833,449	Accounts payable	153,731
Cash	396,021	Notes payable	300,000
Securities	29,210	Employees' stock subscription	10,165
Patent rights and trade marks, &c.	1,605,106	Reserve for taxes	92,000
Mortgages	26,800	Surplus	6,857,980
Total	13,344,020	Total	13,344,020

x Represented by 59,068 shares preferred stock and 63,371 shares common stock.—V. 134, p. 2164.

National Press Building Corp.—Deposits Urged.—

The protective committee for the first (closed) mortgage sinking fund 5½% gold bonds, due April 15 1950 (Louis P. Christenson, Chairman) states: At the request of holders of the bonds, we have agreed to act as a protective committee for the holders thereof who shall deposit their bonds

with coupons due Oct. 15 1932, and subsequently, attached with Manufacturers Trust Co., 149 Broadway, New York, or with its sub-depositaries, Federal American National Bank & Trust Co., 14th and G Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C., or Old Colony Trust Co., 17 Court St., Boston, Mass. The committee is composed of Louis P. Christenson, George A. Carpenter, A. O. Stanley. Counsel are Helfat & Corkland, New York; Nutter, McClennen & Fish, Boston, and Hamel, Park & Saunders, Washington, D. C. Lawrence J. Sheldon, Sec., 233 Broadway, New York, and George Ainslie Nugent, Asst. Sec., 500 Shoreham Building, Washington, D. C.—V. 135, p. 3176, 3008, 2841.

National Manufacture & Stores Corp.—Earnings.—

Years Ended May 31—	1932.	1931.
Net sales	\$3,747,085	\$5,148,120
Cost of sales, selling, administrative expense	4,430,902	5,619,104
Income charges	51,623	80,477
Net loss	\$753,440	\$551,461
1st preferred dividends		87,444
Class A dividends		60,970
Balance	\$753,440	\$699,875

Consolidated Balance Sheet May 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$107,317	Notes payable	\$656,975
Accts. & notes rec.	1,851,934	Accounts payable	201,245
Inventories	688,104	Bal. pay. to broker	28,380
Other assets	29,921	Reserve for taxes	32,255
Mach., fixtures, equipment, &c.	185,269	Accrued accounts	7,800
Investments	209,155	1st pref. stock	1,229,600
Leaseholds	39,868	Class A stock	1,045,200
Sinking fund	75,831	Common stock	1,683,077
Goodwill	45,833	Deficit	1,948,484
Deferred charges	33,634		216,037
Total	\$2,936,048	Total	\$2,936,048

x Represented by 115,177 shares of no par value.—V. 135, p. 642

National Radiator Corp.—Defaulted Bonds Off List.—

See Colwood Co. above.—V. 135, p. 2842.

National Screen Service Corp.—Smaller Distribution.—

A quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 20. This compares with 50 cents per share paid each quarter from July 1 1930 to and incl. Oct. 1 1932.—V. 130, p. 2404.

National Surety Co.—Surety Companies Liable for State Funds.—

In a decision handed down Dec. 5 by the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court, surety companies are held liable for indemnification of State funds on deposit in operating and closed banks, irrespective of cancellation notes. The decision is regarded as a victory for the State to protect bonded deposits in banks taken over by the State Banking Department. The decision upholds the action of the Dauphin County Court where three of the largest surety companies, National Surety Co., Maryland Casualty Co. and Union Indemnity Co., had filed a test suit on their right to cancel surety by giving 30 days' notice to the Commonwealth to proceed to collect.

Oral Argument Heard by Court on Question of Liability for State Deposits in Closed Banks.—

Judge George A. Welsh reserved decision in the U. S. District Court at Philadelphia Dec. 2 in the suit to determine whether the National Surety Co. must pay the State of Pennsylvania \$400,000 on bonds covering the State's deposits in the Franklin Trust Co. or whether the assets of the bank must be used for that purpose.

Counsel for Newton P. Stewart, a stockholder of National Surety, who filed the suit, maintains that the State must exercise its right as a preferred creditor and look to the bank for full payment of its deposit. Counsel for the State, on the other hand, argued that the surety company's inescapably obligated to pay the amount of the bonds regardless of whether any action is taken by the State against the bank, and he called attention to the fact that the National Surety Co. has already paid the State over \$400,000 on similar bonds on other banks.—V. 135, p. 3867.

National Tea Co., Chicago.—Sales.—

Period End. Dec. 3—	1932—4 Wks.—1931.	1932—48 Wks.—1931.
Sales	\$4,557,968	\$5,587,097
	\$60,174,700	\$71,202,430

—V. 135, p. 3534.

National Toll Bridge Co.—Payment on Debentures.—

The holders of the 10-year 6% conv. debts. are notified that, upon presentation of the debts. at the main office of Public National Bank & Trust Co., 76 William St., New York, on or after Dec. 9, for stamping thereon notation of payment, the National Toll Bridge Co. will make payment to the bearer of each bearer debenture and to the registered owner of each registered debenture so presented on account of the principal owing on such debenture at the rate of \$267.50 per \$1,000 principal amount of debts.—V. 129, p. 3976.

Neisner Brothers, Inc.—November Sales.—

1932—Nov.—1931.	Decrease.	1932—11 Mos.—1931.	Decrease.
\$1,186,760	\$1,194,901	\$8,141	\$12,632,342
			\$13,609,666

—V. 135, p. 3176.

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—November Sales.—

1932—November—1931.	Increase.	1932—11 Mos.—1931.	Increase.
\$2,661,159	\$2,529,843	\$131,316	\$27,725,231
			\$25,830,373

—V. 135, p. 3534.

Newton Steel Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 3009.

North American Bond Trust Certificates.—Offering.—

Distributors Group, Inc., is making formal offering of certificates of interest in this newly created North American Bond Trust, through a Nation-wide group of investment bankers. The trust, which has been created to provide the safeguards of broad diversification over prime obligations heretofore available only to large individual bond buyers, institutions and insurance companies, is an entirely new type of trust and the largest bond trust thus far formed. More than one year, it is stated, has been spent in constructing it.

The offering price of the certificates of interest vary from day to day with the market prices of the deposited bonds, but based upon the closing prices of underlying bonds as of Dec. 5, the current offering price will be approximately 82½%, including all charges, to provide a current return at present prices and based on bonds currently held of approximately 5.31%.

Bonds initially selected under the restrictions of the trust agreement comprise 200 separate issues. In general bonds, must be: (1) Obligations of the United States, Canada or certain Canadian Provinces; (2) bonds guaranteed by these governments; (3) bonds of corporations organized under the laws of the United States and Canada whose principal business is done in the United States or Canada; bonds, unless otherwise provided, must be outstanding in the amount of at least \$5,000,000; corporate bonds are required to show a ratio of earnings to fixed charges, over specified periods, computed on the "over-all" basis, which conform to prescribed standards set forth in the trust indenture.

Each North American Bond Trust Certificate is created for the account of the purchaser. While the certificates are primarily designed for established bond buyers, denominations as small as ½ interest are available. Distributors Group, Inc., is the depositor corporation and City Bank Farmers Trust Co. of New York is trustee.

In announcing North American Bond Trust Certificates, Hugh W. Long, President of Distributors Group, said: "We have had one aim in view—

to obtain for investors a high degree of safety of principal and income. Institutional investors have demonstrated that there is only one sound approach to this objective and that is through careful selection, broad diversification, and continuous supervision.

"North American Bond Trust is the result of more than twelve months of research and investigation during which more than 2,400 separate bond issues were analyzed and several hundred investigated in minute detail. Approximately 80% of the issues are secured by mortgage. Corporate issues are for the most part secured by obligations of operating companies. All the issues initially deposited, except equipment trust certificates, are listed or commonly dealt in on the New York Stock Exchange or the New York Curb Exchange. As a group the corporations whose bonds are held do business in every State of the United States. Utility bonds include obligations of operating companies doing business in 41 of the 48 States. All the corporations earned their fixed charges during the fiscal or calendar year covered in the latest available published reports."

"North American Bond Trust Certificates are a departure from the pattern of the common stock 'fixed' or unit type trust." Mr. Long pointed out. "The principle of the unit type trust is identity of units. In this trust a principle of identity of values has been followed. It is a commingled fund type trust. Bonds need not be selected from any given list of obligations. It is only necessary that they measure up to standards established in the trust agreement. The depositor may continue to deposit bonds of the 200 issues initially deposited (except that no more than 2% of the principal amount of the deposited bonds may be in issues of any one corporation), or any other bonds which meet the requirements. Sums received from the purchaser of certificates, excepting an initial charge for creation and cost of distribution are invested in additional bonds which become part of the deposited property. Each certificate is therefore at all times equal in value to every other certificate of the same denomination. Where the cost of a bond is not exactly equal to the sum to be invested the cash remainder is also deposited with the trustee and held by it until sufficient for the purchase of additional bonds."

In addition to an initial charge of five points per interest to cover the cost of creation and distribution, which is included in the offering price, provision is made for continuous investment supervision and trustee's fees for the life of the trust through a semi-annual charge at the rate of 3/4% per annum computed on the daily value of the deposited property.

More than 88% of the issues initially deposited are held by one or more of the five leading insurance companies of the country.

Approval by New York Stock Exchange.

The Committee on Stock List of the New York Stock Exchange has determined that it has no objection to the participation by member firms in the organization or management of North American Bond Trust Certificates (1952), or in the offering or distribution of such securities.

Distributors Group, Inc., depositor, requested the Committee to determine whether the investment trust created under an agreement dated as of Sept. 1 1932 between Distributors Group, Inc., as depositor, and City Bank Farmers Trust Co., as trustee, and pursuant to which North American Bond Trust Certificates are issued, is a fixed or restricted management type investment trust with which the association of a member of the New York Stock Exchange or a firm registered on the New York Stock Exchange, in connection with its organization or management or with the distribution of the certificates issued in respect thereof, appeared to be unobjectionable.

Hord, Curtiss & Co., a firm registered on the New York Stock Exchange, concurred in the above request.

Trust Property.—There is no "unit." The trust property consists (except for miscellaneous items of cash) of certain carefully selected bonds. At the execution of the trust agreement 311 bonds (representing 200 different issues of bonds) were deposited, together with certain cash for the currently distributable funds, and the trustee issued North American Bond Trust Certificates representing 360 equal undivided equitable interests in the entire deposited property.

A few of the requirements of the trust agreement relating to the eligibility of bonds for inclusion in the deposited property follow:

The bonds must be obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States, Canada, or certain provinces of Canada, or be obligations of American or Canadian corporations the principal business of which is conducted in the United States or Canada. Railroad and public utility bonds must have had a ratio of earnings to fixed charges of 1 1/2 to 1 averaged over a certain period (usually five years); other bonds a ratio of 2 to 1. The ratio is determined or checked by a recognized statistical agency. The "over-all" basis is used. All bonds (other than bonds of governments or equipment trust certificates) must be listed or commonly dealt in on the New York Stock Exchange or the New York Curb Exchange.

No more than 2% of the principal amount of bonds may be bonds of any one corporation and no more than 10% may be Canadian bonds. United States Government bonds may be held in any amount. Ordinarily the issue must be at least \$5,000,000 if the bond is to be eligible.

Additional "interests" are created as follows: The depositor calculates the value of each outstanding interest. For each additional new interest to be created, the depositor will deposit with the trustee an eligible bond or bonds and cash to an aggregate dollar value equivalent to the value of each interest then outstanding. The bonds thus deposited may or may not be of the same issues then held by the trustee so long as the bonds meet the requirements of Article Four of the trust agreement. Upon each deposit the trustee issues appropriate certificates, the characteristics of which are set forth in Article Three of the trust agreement.

Northern Securities Co.—Again Reduces Dividend.

A semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2% has been declared on the capital stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 9 to holders of record Dec. 15. Six months ago a distribution of 3% was made, as against 4 1/2% each six months from Jan. 10 1928 to and incl. Jan. 9 1932.—V. 134, p. 4335.

Ontario Bakeries, Ltd.—Plan of Reorganization.

A meeting of the holders of the 20-year 6% 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bond series A dated Jan. 2 1926 will be held Dec. 15 for the purpose of considering the default in payment of interest and sinking fund or in respect of the bonds and for the purpose of considering and passing resolutions for the following purposes:

(1) To sanction a scheme for the reconstruction or reorganization of the company and to authorize and direct the trustee to execute all necessary documents and do all acts and things to make the said scheme operative.

(2) To sanction the modification of the rights of the bondholders against the company and its property.

(3) To authorize and direct the trustee or any receiver or manager appointed by or upon the application of the trustee:

(a) To take possession of the property and assets comprising the mortgaged premises and to carry on, manage and conduct the business operations of Ontario Bakeries, Ltd.

(b) To sell and dispose of all the property and assets comprising the mortgaged premises and to accept in satisfaction or part satisfaction any shares, bonds, debentures, mortgages, debenture stock or any other securities of any company formed or to be formed, and to authorize the distribution in specie of any shares or securities.

(4) To make all requests and give all directions and authority to the trustee or to a receiver or manager appointed by or upon the application of the trustee which might be given by the bondholders by extraordinary resolution or otherwise and generally for or on behalf of the bondholders to do all such acts and things which could be done by extraordinary or other resolution of bondholders under the terms of the said mortgage deed of trust.

(5) To appoint a committee with power and authority to exercise and to direct the trustee to exercise on behalf of the bondholders such of the powers of the bondholders as are exercisable by extraordinary or other resolution as shall be included in the resolution appointing such committee.

(6) To consider and if thought advisable, to pass as an extraordinary resolution or extraordinary resolutions or otherwise pursuant to the provisions of the mortgage any other resolution or resolutions which the meeting may deem desirable for giving effect to any recommendations made at such meeting in respect of the foregoing or any other matters or in general for the sale or realization of the mortgaged premises; and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may properly be brought before a meeting of bondholders.—V. 135, p. 3534.

Oppenheim, Collins & Co., Inc.—Sales.

Three Months Ended Oct. 31— 1932. 1931. Decrease.
Net sales, Oppenheim, Collins & Co. \$1,568,530 \$2,321,161 32.4%
Sales of leased departments & alterations. 112,350 161,575 30.4%

Total sales \$1,680,880 \$2,482,736 32.2%
The 1931 figures do not include sales of the Cleveland store which was closed on Dec. 23 1931.—V. 135, p. 2184, 1505.

Otis Co.—Earnings.

Years End. Sept. 30— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929.
Net sales \$2,130,139 \$3,875,178 \$5,664,413 \$7,634,573
Loss after all charges 572,451 336,104 109,229 200,712

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
xOct. 1 '32.	ySept. 26 '31.	xOct. 1 '32.	ySept. 26 '31.
Cash, time dep. & short-term notes	\$1,512,541	\$1,480,537	\$31,936
Accts. rec. (less res.)	240,345	386,254	158,139
z Invent'y (less res.)	371,847	534,938	168,338
Prepaid items	96,597	100,526	Reserve for equip. & other expenses 210,000
Investments	49,834	50,962	Capital stock
Plant (less deprec.)	3,017,230	3,301,185	2,908,632
Total	\$5,288,396	\$5,854,405	b2,964,880
		Total	2,189,688
			2,477,098

x Not yet audited. y Taken from audited report. z The reserve deducted amounted to \$425,000. a Represented by 36,358 shares (par \$80). b Represented by 37,061 shares (par \$80).—V. 133, p. 3473.

Owl Drug Co.—Trustee Named.

George Elder, an accountant of Reno, Nev., has been appointed at Carson City, Nev., as trustee in bankruptcy for the company. Company went into voluntary bankruptcy in October.—V. 135, p. 2664.

Pacific Seaboard Foundation, Inc., San Diego, Calif.

Smaller Dividend.

A semi-annual distribution of 10 cents per share was made on the class A stock, no par value, on Nov. 1 to holders of record Sept. 30. Six months ago the corporation made a semi-annual distribution of 12 cents per share on this issue.

Paramount Publix Corp.—New Executive.

Glenn Griswold, who resigned recently as Vice-President of the Fox Film Corp., has joined the financial department of the Paramount Publix Corp. in an executive capacity.—V. 135, p. 3867.

Patino Mines & Enterprises Consol., Inc.—Earnings.

For income statement for 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 1671.

Penick & Ford, Ltd.—Ruling.

The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at Chicago has handed down a decision in the Penick & Ford-Corn Products Refining Co. patent litigation which affirmed in part and reversed in part the decision of the lower court. Its decision upheld the District Court in the dismissal of the counterclaim, but reversed it by finding no infringement of the Widmer patent. With reference to the latter patent, the Court said: "The patent is for a 'series of steps' and the evidence, in our opinion, establishes that the defendant does not use 'one' of those, to wit: the sterilization of the gluten water after use and before reuse."

As to the McCoy patent counterclaim, the Court said: "As the counterclaim washing of solids was old, there is no novelty from the defendant's own point of view in any of the claims of the McCoy patent relied on here."

Before passing on the infringement claims and the counterclaim, the Court discussed the Widmer disclaimer which was filed after the trial in the District Court and held it not valid.

The case was remanded to the District Court with directions to enter a decree in accordance with the views expressed by the Circuit Court. Each party will pay half of the costs of the appeal.

The case originally arose when Penick & Ford charged infringement by Corn Products of the Widmer patent for the manufacture of starch. Corn Products by counterclaim charged infringement of the McCoy patent for a closed wet starch system.

The District Court found infringement of nine claims of the Widmer patent and dismissed the counterclaim on the issue of validity. Corn Products appealed the decision to the Circuit Court of Appeals, which has now handed down its decision.—V. 135, p. 3555.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—Gross Sales.

1932—Nov.—1931. Decrease. | 1932—11 Mos.—1931. Decrease.
\$15,042,074 \$16,492,691 \$1,450,617 | \$136,334,560 \$152,426,028 \$16,091,468
—V. 135, p. 3368.

Pettibone-Mulliken Co.—Defaulted Bonds Off List.

See Colwood Co. above.—V. 135, p. 2665.

Pilot Radio & Tube Corp.—November Sales.

Month of November— 1932. 1931. Increase.
Net sales \$134,263 \$108,587 \$25,676
—V. 135, p. 3705.

Pittsburgh Coal Co.—Tenders.

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, will until noon, Dec. 19, receive bids for the sale to it of 20-year 6% sinking fund debenture gold bonds, dated Feb. 1 1929, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$1,100,478 at prices not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 134, p. 2357.

Pittsburgh Steel Co.—Tenders.

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, will until noon, Dec. 20, receive bids for the sale to it of 20-year 6% sinking fund debenture gold bonds, dated Feb. 1 1928, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$250,730 at prices not to exceed 105 and interest.—V. 135, p. 2169.

Plymouth Cordage Co.—Earnings.

12 Months Ended Sept. 30—		1932.	1931.	1930.
Operating profit for the year—after deprec. of plant & with inventories taken at the lower cost or market—loss	\$134,608	\$211,163	x\$326,560	
Other income—net—Dr.	41,370	44,172	Dr. 21,964	
Total income	loss \$175,978	\$255,335	\$304,596	
Charges to surplus—incl. res. for loss on foreign exchange, bad debts, &c.—	56,649	230,478	17,089	
Net profit	loss \$232,627	\$24,857	\$287,508	
Dividends declared	393,579	483,216	486,230	
Deficit	\$626,206	\$443,358	\$198,722	
Surplus at beginning of year	7,286,772	7,730,130	7,928,853	
Special charges	Dr. 1,635,213			
Surplus at end of year	\$5,025,353	\$7,286,772	\$7,730,130	
x After credit of reserve provided in previous year of \$949,160.67.				

Condensed Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.	
Cash	\$2,236,457	\$3,681,289	Accounts payable	78,559
U. S. Treas. notes	1,497,469		Adv. paym'ts by selling agents	46,027
Note of Town of Plymouth, Mass.	50,000		Dividend payable	92,502
Accts. & notes rec.	667,690	725,437	Accr. State & town taxes	91,489
Mdse. & supplies	3,149,736	4,010,848	Pension & Insur. fund—employ's.	30,829
Stock of sub. corp. owning & operat. Sisal plantation in Cuba	190,750	190,750	Cap. stk.—com.	y7,291,900
Adv. to sub. corp.	407,447		Cap. stock—empl. special stock	y102,420
Stock of Cordage Distrib's, Ltd. (Can. sell. agcy.)	50,000	50,000	Surplus	5,025,353
Loans to empl'ees	84,866	89,178		
Deferred charges	168,528	173,843		
Treasury stock—Common		243,981		
Employees' spec		4,529		
Real est. & equip. z	4,663,585	x6,318,353		
Total	\$12,759,081	\$15,895,655	Total	\$12,759,081

x After depreciation reserve of \$3,226,029. y In 1932 treasury stock is deducted at par from capital stock. z After depreciation reserve of \$4,915,777.—V. 134, p. 2739.

Pratt & Lambert, Inc.—Halves Dividend Rate.

A dividend of 12½ cents per share has been declared on the common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 15. Distributions of 25 cents per share were made on July 1 and Oct. 1 last, as against 50 cents per share on April 1 and 75 cents per share in each of the two preceding quarters.—V. 134, p. 4336.

Prudential Investors, Inc.—Earnings.

For income statement for six months ended June 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Comparative Balance Sheet June 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Cash.....	1,245,545	Capital stock.....	6,000,000
Coll. call loans.....	250,000	Surplus.....	1,730,776
U. S. treas. & oth. short-term notes.....	1,447,105	Pfd. stk. div. pay.....	75,000
Inv. in sub. cos.....	2,515	Unearned disc't.....	731
Investments.....	2,515	Accounts payable.....	2,515
Domestic bonds.....	627,202	Res. for taxes.....	2,862
Domestic stocks.....	4,214,975		
Foreign stocks.....	435,624		
Accr. int. receivable.....	24,541		
	8,781		
Total.....	7,811,884	Total.....	7,811,884

x Market value as of June 30 1932 was \$2,869,601. y Represented by 50,000 shares \$6 preferred stock and 525,000 shares common stock.—V. 133, p. 494.

Reo Motor Car Co.—To Decrease Stock.

The stockholders on Dec. 27 will vote on a proposal to reduce the authorized capital to \$10,000,000 from \$20,000,000 and to change the par value of the stock to \$5 a share from \$10 per share. Since 200,000 shares are held in the treasury this will make available for transfer to capital surplus the sum of \$9,000,000.

The directors will recommend to the stockholders that fixed assets be written down by \$4,479,766 and that a further amount of \$405,545 be set aside as reserve for other contingencies.—V. 135, p. 3368.

Republic Finance & Investment Co.—Merger.

See Federal Discount Corp. above.—V. 135, p. 3177.

Robbins & Myers, Inc.—Earnings.

Years Ended Aug. 31— 1932. 1931. 1930.
Net loss after depreciation and investment write-down..... \$577,048 \$514,319 \$149,655

Consolidated Balance Sheet Aug. 31.		Liabilities—	
1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Cash.....	\$165,617	Notes payable.....	\$5,000
U. S. & Can. Govt. securities.....	161,807	Accts. payable, &c.....	48,582
Customers' notes, accept. & accts. rec. (less reserve).....	z140,058	Reserves for contingencies, &c.....	50,688
Inventories.....	735,992	6% pref. stock.....	2,523,000
Sundry rec. & inv., incl. fully-owned subsidiaries.....	72,049	Common stock.....	y256,419
Permanent assets.....	616,441	Deficit.....	971,203
Patents & licenses.....	10,000		
Unexp. ins. prems., supplies, &c.....	10,521		
	10,633		
Total.....	\$1,912,486	Total.....	\$1,912,486

x Represented by 128,505 shares no-par value. y Represented by 126,975 shares no-par value. z Less allowance for doubtful, &c., \$27,438.—V. 133, p. 3979.

Reynolds Spring Co.—Correction—Rights.

A corrected notice has been issued by the New York Stock Exchange to the effect that rights offered to common stockholders of record Dec. 9 to subscribe at par, flat, for 10-year 6% convertible gold notes, due Jan. 1 1943, to the extent of \$2.75 principal amount for each share held, will expire on Dec. 29 (not Dec. 20 as previously announced). Subscriptions are payable at The Bank of The Manhattan Co., 135 Broadway, N. Y. City.

All notes not subscribed for by the stockholders may be sold by the board of directors at any time after Dec. 29 1932, for cash at a price not less than par, plus accrued interest on said notes.

Secretary E. W. Miller, in a letter to the stockholders, on Nov. 29, stated:

By action of the board of directors taken on Nov. 25 1932, the company will issue 10-year 6% conv. gold notes.

The notes will be payable in gold coin of the United States of equal to the standard of weight and fineness existing Jan. 1 1933, and bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum until payment or redemption, payable in like gold coin semi-annually on the first days of July and January, at the Bank of The Manhattan Co., 135 Broadway, N. Y. City, upon presentation and surrender of the respective coupons for such interest attached to said notes as they severally mature.

The notes will be known as 10-year 6% conv. gold notes and will be limited to an aggregate principal amount of \$407,000, at any one time outstanding. All notes shall be of like date, tenor and effect and will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 from 1-M upwards, and \$100 numbered from C-1 upwards and in denominations of less than \$100 numbered from 1 upwards.

The notes may be redeemed by the company at any time on an interest payment date and if less than the whole amount of notes outstanding are redeemed, then selection for redemption shall be by lot by the board of directors, upon payment of the principal amount of the note or notes redeemed, together with accrued interest, upon notice published in a newspaper having general circulation in Jackson County, Mich., and in a newspaper having general circulation in New York County, N. Y., not less than 30 days prior to said redemption date, from and after which redemption date all interest shall cease. Unless the note accompanied by all the matured coupons is presented for conversion, on or before the date so fixed for its redemption, all conversion privileges shall cease and be void after said date.

The notes may be converted into no par value common stock (or par value common stock should each share of the now authorized no par value common stock be given a par value by subsequent action of the company) at the option of the holders by surrender of the note with all unmatured coupons attached at the Bank of The Manhattan Co., 135 Broadway, N. Y. City, at any time after Jan. 1 1934, not subsequent to the date fixed for its redemption, for the principal amount of the note at the rate of \$8 per share; provided that no fractional shares of stock shall be issued as a result of this, but the company will issue to all holders of notes presenting the same for conversion into new stock who would otherwise be entitled to receive a fraction of a share of stock, a bearer scrip certificate entitling the holder thereof to receive a certificate for a whole share of stock upon surrender of such scrip certificate, together with one or more scrip certificates of like tenor, aggregating one or more shares of stock; and the scrip certificates will grant to the holders thereof only the right to obtain new shares of stock by combining with other scrip certificates as aforesaid; and the holders of said scrip certificates will have no right to vote, to receive dividends nor any other interest of a stockholder in the company but, upon surrender to the company of scrip certificates aggregating one or more whole shares of the company of scrip certificates surrendering said scrip certificates in exchange for certificates for whole shares of stock will receive from the company dividends which have been declared upon the shares delivered in exchange for said scrip certificates.

Should the number of shares of the company be changed, the then current and subsequent conversion rates will be adjusted proportionately to the change in the number of shares.

The company agrees that no mortgage will be placed upon its real property without the consent of 75% of these notes outstanding, while any such notes are outstanding unless all of these notes then outstanding are secured by said mortgage.

President Charles G. Munn, Nov. 28, in a letter to the stockholders, stated:

Due to the success of Bonnyware, in contracts and orders already in hand, which has increased our monthly shipments in the plastic molding

plant over 500%, and prospective contracts which would make a further increase of over 1,000%, the directors and management find we will need additional working capital in order to meet the demand for this product, without straining our present working capital requirements for any improvement in the cushion spring business.

Therefore, the directors have authorized a convertible note issue. (Details are given above.)

The Bonnyware Division operated at a profit of \$27,000 in September and \$36,000 in October, which convinces the board that adequate working capital should be provided to further the sales and development of this new and profitable division.

The convertible notes, when sold, will place the company in the position of having ample working capital without any current liabilities.

Earnings.

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 3869.

Safeway Stores, Inc.—Common Dividend Rate Reduced

from \$5 per Share per Annum.—The directors on Dec. 9 declared a quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 16. Previously, the company made quarterly payments of \$1.25 per share on this issue.

In commenting on the action of the directors in reducing the common dividend, President M. B. Skaggs, said:

"For all practical purposes our dividend policy must be decided a year in advance.

When establishing the dividend rate for the coming year the directors felt it prudent to fix it at a figure which, in all probability, can be comfortably maintained and at the same time out of current earnings provide for the further development of the business.

It was felt that the company by spending large sums on improvements and in the opening of additional outlets would make a constructive contribution toward the restoration of better business conditions and the relief of unemployment in the territory in which it operates.—V. 135, p. 3536.

Sauquoit Spinning Mills, Inc.—Bal. Sheet Sept. 30 1932.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash.....	\$23,096	Notes payable.....	\$40,000
Accounts receivable.....	11,301	Accounts payable.....	8,629
Inventories.....	84,740	Sundry accounts payable and accruals.....	10,245
Cash in closed bank.....	891	1st mortgage, 7% bonds.....	197,500
Property and plant.....	x559,264	Preferred stock.....	250,000
Prepaid expenses.....	1,069	Common stock.....	y50,000
		Capital surplus.....	122,313
		Earned surplus.....	1,674
Total.....	\$680,362	Total.....	\$680,362

x After reserve for depreciation of \$97,632. y Represented by 5,000 shares of no par value. The entire capital stock is owned by the Standard-Coosa-Thatcher Co. (which see).

Note.—The stipulated payment of \$10,000 to be made April 1 1933, for the retirement of 1st mtge. bonds, less \$4,000 par value bonds recently purchased for that purpose, is not included in current liabilities at Sept. 30 1932.

Schiff Co.—November Sales.

1932—Nov.—1931.	Decrease.	1932—11 Mos.—1931.	Decrease.
\$708,913	\$788,175	\$7,864,495	\$9,051,684
—V. 135, p. 3369.			\$1,187,189

Sears, Roebuck & Co.—Sales.

Period End. Dec. 3—	1932—4 Wks.—1931.	1932—48 Wks.—1931.
Sales.....	\$22,609,104	\$26,828,020
—V. 135, p. 3369.		\$252,606,258

Second National Investors Corp.—\$1.15 Pref. Div.

The directors on Dec. 2 declared, out of net income, a dividend of \$1.15 per share on the \$5 conv. pref. stock, no par value, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 16, to be applied against dividends in arrears. On July 1 last a dividend of \$1.25 per share was paid on account of accumulated dividends.

Following the above distribution, accumulations on the pref. stock will amount to \$5 per share.—V. 135, p. 2506.

Securities Company of New Jersey.—Bonds Offered.

J. S. Rippel & Co., Newark, N. J., are offering at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 6% collateral trust gold bonds, series 4. Total amount authorized and outstanding \$1,000,000.

Dated Nov. 1 1932; due Nov. 1 1942. Interest payable M. & N., without deduction for present normal Federal income tax up to 2% per annum. Principal and interest payable in gold coin of the United States of America at the Merchants & Newark Trust Co., Newark, N. J. Callable at the option of the company on any interest date on 60 days' notice at 100 and interest in whole or part. Tax free in New Jersey. Interest free of normal Federal income tax of 2%.

Each bond of \$1,000 secured by deposit with the trustee, of 40 shares of Fidelity Union Trust Co. of Newark, N. J., stock (par \$25 each). Present market value of \$65 per share equals \$2,600,000 on 40,000 shares deposited under trust agreement to secure the above \$1,000,000 issue.

The Securities Co. of New Jersey agrees at all times to maintain with the trustee a margin of at least \$250,000 on the amount of bonds outstanding.

The Fidelity Union Trust Co. of Newark, N. J., is the largest trust company and fiduciary institution in New Jersey, having a capital of \$6,666,675; surplus and undivided profits over \$9,000,000.—V. 132, p. 869.

Senior Securities, Inc.—Larger Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share on the capital stock, no par value, payable Dec. 10 to holders of record Nov. 30. A distribution of 25 cents per share was made on Sept. 10 last as compared with 35 cents per share paid in each of the three preceding quarters.—V. 135, p. 1837.

Sherry-Netherland Hotel (59th St. & 5th Ave. Corp.), N. Y. City.—Deposits.

The Real Estate Bondholders Committee (George E. Roosevelt, Chairman), in a notice dated Nov. 10 to the holders of 1st mtge. 5¾% sinking fund gold bond certificates, series A, states that over 75% in principal amount of the bonds have already been deposited with the committee. The committee urges those who have not already deposited their bonds, to send them at once to the depository of the committee, the Continental Bank & Trust Co., 30 Broad St., N. Y. City.

The committee in a report to depositors gives the following information: There are outstanding \$6,000,000 1st mtge. fee series A certificates. There are also outstanding \$790,000 series B certificates which, although secured by the same indenture, are junior to the lien of the series A certificates. In addition there is a second mortgage on the property in the amount of \$1,600,000 and a third mortgage in the amount of \$500,000. The committee, however, represents only holders of series A certificates.

Defaults have occurred in the payment of the coupons of the Nov. 15 1931 and May 15 1932 maturities, aggregating \$345,000. Moreover, no payments have been made on account of the coupons, aggregating \$172,500, which matured Nov. 15 1932. Real estate taxes for the last half of the year 1931 and the first half of the year 1932, totaling \$175,634, are also delinquent and unpaid.

As a result of a protest filed with the Board of Assessors of the City of New York, the 1932 real estate tax assessment was reduced from \$5,500,000 to \$6,350,000. Certiorari proceedings have been instituted in the New York Supreme Court in an effort to obtain a further reduction.

Insurance on the building is now carried in the amount of \$3,250,000. The committee is investigating the advisability of reducing this amount of insurance.

The Continental Bank & Trust Co. of New York, the successor trustee under the indenture securing the certificates, is in possession of the property and is operating it for the benefit of the certificate holders.

Since its opening the hotel has been managed by the Sherry-Netherland Corp., a corporation controlled by the Boomer-duPont interests, under an

agreement with the mortgagor company. Under such agreement the Sherry-Netherland Corp. retained the exclusive right to the use of the name "Sherry-Netherland" and also agreed to purchase furniture and equipment in an amount not in excess of \$300,000. Accordingly, furniture and equipment costing approximately that amount was purchased by the Sherry-Netherland Corp. and installed in the hotel. Such furniture and equipment was not subject to the lien of the indenture. To maintain the reputation which the hotel has enjoyed, the committee and the successor trustee found it essential to obtain the exclusive right to the use of the name "Sherry-Netherland" and to acquire the furniture and equipment which had been purchased by the Sherry-Netherland Corp. For this reason, the successor trustee has purchased from the Sherry-Netherland Corp. the furniture and equipment referred to above and has acquired the exclusive right to the use of the name "Sherry-Netherland" for the sum of \$150,000. The purchase price was paid by the successor trustee from the accumulated net earnings of the property on deposit with it.

The successor trustee is also considering the purchase or lease of certain tapestries, bronzes and other objects of art used in the decoration of the hotel but not included with the furniture and equipment which was purchased from Sherry-Netherland Corp. Moreover, there is contained in the hotel some additional furniture and property which was purchased by the mortgagor company and which in the opinion of the committee is subject to the lien of the indenture securing the series A certificates. The holder of the second mortgage, however, claims a lien on such furniture and personal property superior to the lien of the indenture. This claim of the holder of the second mortgage is being vigorously opposed by the committee and the successor trustee under the indenture.

The successor trustee has in its possession an instrument executed by Eli Bernheim and Frederick Brown, officers of the mortgagor corporation, purporting to be a guarantee of the payment of interest on the series A certificates through May 15 1935, and thereafter until the principal amount of the series B issue has been reduced to \$300,000. Mr. Brown has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, and Mr. Bernheim has informed the committee that he is unable to carry out his obligation under the guarantee. The committee will take steps to protect the interests of the certificate holders in this connection.

A condensed statement of the earnings of the property, prepared from reports furnished by Horwath & Horwath, Accountants and Auditors, is as follows:

	8 Mos. End. Aug. 31 '32.	Year Ended Dec. 31 '31.
Gross income	\$632,068	\$1,271,755
Operating expense	345,838	713,064
Operating profit before real estate taxes and interest on funded indebtedness	\$286,229	\$558,691
Real estate taxes (accrued for the period)	113,453	181,088
Operating profit before int. on ser. A certificates	\$172,776	\$377,603

As of Aug. 31 1932, there was available in the hands of the successor trustee \$156,540 and in the hotel account approximately \$50,000. Of this amount \$150,000 has been expended for the purchase of furniture and of the right to the use of the name "Sherry-Netherland" as above set forth. V. 135, p. 644; V. 134, p. 1598.

Sherwin-Williams Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Earnings.—

Years End. Aug. 31—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Earnings	\$74,167	\$388,470	\$784,732	\$1,006,936
Depreciation	91,656	100,308	104,222	140,880
Provision for deprec. of marketable securities		92,917	20,108	25,191
Pensions, &c.	26,557	21,146	28,250	68,750
Prov. acct. income tax	2,375	15,147		
Net profit	loss \$46,421	\$158,950	\$632,152	\$772,113
Preferred dividends	242,200	242,200	242,025	241,150
Ordinary dividends	160,000	340,000	360,000	270,000
Balance, surplus	df. \$448,621	df. \$423,250	\$30,127	\$260,963
Previous surplus	4,169,607	4,592,856	4,562,729	4,313,066
Other deductions				11,301
Total surplus	\$3,720,986	\$4,169,607	\$4,592,856	\$4,562,729
Shares com. stock outstanding (no par)	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Earnings per share	Nil	Nil	\$1.95	\$2.68

Comparative Balance Sheet Aug. 31.

	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
x Property account	9,323,264	9,331,258	Pref. 7% cum. stk.	3,460,000
Investments	539,266	539,130	y common stock	4,000,000
Inventories	1,714,582	1,936,957	Accts. payable, &c	341,765
Accounts and bills receivable	1,515,583	1,583,951	Bank loan	150,000
Marketable secur.	648,616	593,747	Bal. pay. to assoc. eos. on curr. acct.	256,854
Mtges. receivable	31,000		Deprec. & renewal reserve	2,275,663
Cash	418,795	737,446	Pension reserve	20,000
Insurance & taxes prepaid, &c.	44,160	44,350	Surplus	3,720,986
Total	14,235,267	14,796,852	Total	14,235,268

x Includes land and buildings, leaseholds, machinery and equipment; also good-will, formulae and trade marks. y Represented by 200,000 shares of no par value.—V. 135, p. 3869.

Simms Petroleum Co.—Reduction in Capital Approved.—The stockholders on Dec. 6 voted to reduce the authorized capital stock from 1,000,000 shares to 500,000 shares. The stockholders also authorized the cancellation of 169,271 shares held in the company's treasury. The capital stock of the company in the hands of the public had been reduced from 835,381 shares on Sept. 30 1930, to 495,500 shares on Sept. 30 1932. See also V. 135, p. 3369.

Southern Cities Corp.—Sentenced in Stock Fraud.—Lynn E. Wolfe and Murray H. Olf, who were convicted of mail fraud growing out of the sale of stock of the corporation were sentenced, Dec. 8, to seven and five years, respectively, in Atlanta Penitentiary. Federal Judge Alfred C. Coxe, who imposed sentence, released both in bail of \$20,000 each pending an appeal. David Winniman and Henry S. Tuber, who pleaded guilty and testified for the government, received suspended sentences with the approval of John S. Pratt, Special Assistant Attorney-General.

Southwest Dairy Products Co.—Earnings.—For income statement for 10 months ended Oct. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3641.

Spokane (Wash.) Dry Goods Co.—Reduces Capital.—This company, operating the Crescent store, has added \$400,000 to surplus by reducing capitalization to that extent. Earlier this year the company paid off \$200,000 of pref. stock and reduced capitalization by this amount. This second larger reduction was transferred to surplus rather than used to retire any further stock in order that the money might be available if needed when business conditions pick up, according to President J. L. Paine. The capital now stands at \$1,200,000 while the new surplus, after liberal charge-offs to place the company in a most conservatively sound position, stands at \$360,000.—V. 134, p. 1598.

Standard Oil Co. (Kansas).—Dissolved.—President C. B. Wrightsman, Dec. 1, in a letter to the stockholders, states in substance:

The sale of the company's refinery and pipe line properties to Standard Oil Co. (Indiana) and the subsequent sale, to the Standard Oil Co. of Kansas (the Delaware corporation), of all the assets of the company other than the 5,000 shares of the capital stock of the Delaware corporation, have been completed, the company has been dissolved, and its assets are now ready for distribution to its stockholders all as authorized by the stockholders at the meeting held on Sept. 26 1932, and at the adjournments

of that meeting taken to await the consummation of the sales above mentioned.

Accordingly, upon surrender of stock certificates for cancellation to the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of New York, 56 Wall St., N. Y. City, the stockholders will be entitled to receive one share of the capital stock of the Standard Oil Co. of Kansas, the Delaware corporation, for each share of the capital stock of the company surrendered as aforesaid.

The stock of the Delaware corporation is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and may now be traded in.

Stockholders should note that the offices of the Delaware corporation and of the former officers of the Kansas corporation are in the Beacon Building at Wichita and not Neodesha, Kansas.—V. 135, p. 2350.

Standard-Coosa-Thatcher Co.—Earnings.—

Years Ended Sept. 30—	1932.	1931.
Net income after depreciation and other charges	\$175,101	loss \$744,281
Earnings per share 200,000 shs. com. (par \$25)	\$0.66	Nil

Condensed Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1932.

Assets—	1932.	Liabilities—	1932.
Cash	\$222,713	Notes payable	\$250,000
Notes and accept. receiv.	108,975	Accounts payable	233,884
Accounts receivable	x\$03,202	Accrued accounts	75,372
Sundry advances, interest, &c.	13,917	Reserves	272,607
Inventories	1,432,270	Preferred stock	612,800
Real estate mortgages	125,000	Common stock (par \$25)	5,000,000
Capital stock of Sauquoit Spinning Mills, Inc.	275,000	Capital surplus	1,012,848
Other investments	12,204	Earned surplus	543,959
A. H. Thatcher, trustee	57,794		
Employees' notes & accts. rec.	83,597		
Property and plant	y4,787,251		
Prepaid expenses	29,547		
Total	\$8,001,469	Total	\$8,001,469

x Less reserve for discounts of \$8,848. y Less reserve for depreciation of \$3,415,583.—V. 135, p. 3705.

State Theatre Co., Boston.—Earnings.—

Years Ended Aug. 31—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Net profit	\$241,800	\$247,715	\$246,600	\$229,152
Depreciation	89,717	87,712	84,053	80,778
Amort. of bd. disc. & exp	17,666	17,666	17,666	17,666
Preferred dividends	17,840	17,838	17,828	17,808
Balance, surplus	\$116,577	\$124,499	\$127,053	\$112,900
Previous surplus	581,103	456,604	328,567	215,667
Adj. of taxes prior years			984	
Balance, surplus	\$697,680	\$581,103	\$456,604	\$328,567
Earns. per sh on 86,358 shs. no par com. stock outstanding	\$1.35	\$1.44	\$1.48	\$1.30

Balance Sheet August 31.

Assets—	1932.	1931.	Liabilities—	1932.	1931.
Fixed assets	x\$2,223,822	\$2,311,069	Preferred stock	\$230,600	\$230,600
Cash	106,381	438,040	Common stock	x\$63,580	\$63,580
Accts. receivable	3,976	5,061	6% gold bonds	1,134,500	1,201,800
U. S. Gov. secur.	405,805		Dep. on leases	4,020	6,000
Int. acc. thereon	6,945		Notes payable	698	2,372
Treasury bonds	86,805		Accts. payable	11,017	9,501
Sinking fund for preferred stock	64,835	45,140	Accrued interest	21,700	24,360
Deferred charges	190,117	241,911	Real estate taxes	46,505	44,415
Total	\$3,088,686	\$3,041,221	Real income tax	18,926	20,830
			Divs. payable	4,460	4,460
			Sink. fund paym't	55,000	52,200
			Surplus	697,680	581,103
Total	\$3,088,686	\$3,041,221	Total	\$3,088,686	\$3,041,221

x After deducting \$640,780 reserve for depreciation. y Represented by 86,358 shares of no par value.—V. 133, p. 3980.

Studebaker Corp.—To Discontinue SPA Truck Corp.—As a result of the recent merger of the White Motor Co. and the Studebaker Corp., the SPA Truck Corp., a division of Studebaker, will be discontinued after Jan. 1, it was announced on Dec. 7. The personnel and affairs of the corporation will be transferred to the Studebaker division of the White company, which will have a Pierce-Arrow division and an Indiana division. The export business of the White company is being transferred to the Studebaker Pierce-Arrow Export Corp.—V. 135, p. 3537.

Supervised Shares, Inc.—Stock Offering.—A new restricted management investment trust—Supervised Shares, Inc.—has been formed and is offering its stock to the public through the nationwide dealer organization of American Trustee Share Corp., which is controlled by Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. The new trust has an authorized capital of 15,000,000 shares, all of one class and all having equal voting rights. Initial investments will be selected from an "approved list" of 56 common stocks of leading American railroad, industrial and public utility corporations, banks and insurance companies. Directors.—The board of directors of Supervised Shares, Inc. comprises Prescott S. Bush, Ralph T. Crane, E. R. Harriman and Laurence G. Tighe, all members of the firm of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., and M. E. Taylor, President of the corporation. Investment Policy.—The investment policy mapped out for the new company embodies several innovations in the management of common stock trusts of the restricted type. These include: (1) A flexible program for the investment of funds, which will permit the corporation to place its funds in call loans or U. S. Government securities when the purchase or retention of common stocks may not be deemed advisable. (2) Granting to stockholders the privilege of a voice in the management. Additions to the original approved list of 56 stocks can be made by the directors only if the corporation shall not have received objections to such action from the holders of 25% or more of its outstanding shares. Removals from the list, however, may be ordered at any time by the board of directors. (3) Management supervision by Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. through its investment management department. Advisory Contract.—The corporation has entered into an investment advisory contract with Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. to provide all investment, advisory and statistical services, research facilities and services of like character, at a quarterly fee not to exceed 1-16 of 1% of the average liquidating value of all outstanding shares on each business day throughout the period. Self-Liquidating.—The new trust will be highly self-liquidating. With the par value of its shares set at 10 cents each, all sums received by the corporation in excess of that amount will be allocated to surplus, increasing the flexibility of administration. Any stockholder may require the corporation to purchase, to the extent that it has assets legally available for such purpose, all or any part of his shares at their liquidating value. To Report Quarterly.—Stockholders will be supplied more liberally with information than those of most trusts. Quarterly statements will be issued, each containing the approved list of companies as then constituted, a complete list of securities held and other pertinent information. Dividend Policy.—The dividend policy of the corporation, as outlined in a resolution adopted by the directors, provides for the declaration and payment of quarterly dividends, commencing about April 15 1933. In this resolution the board has determined for the present to consider as available for dividends the net cash income of the corporation representing cash dividends received and the proceeds from the sale of rights, warrants and regular stock dividends, without taking into account profits or losses from the sale of securities, except where this may be considered desirable. Companies on Approved List.—The 56 companies on the "approved list," from which the corporation will draw its initial investments, have been selected because of their experienced and able management, past record of consistent growth and favorable outlook. It is not anticipated that funds shall be invested in all of these companies at any one time. The amount invested in each security is designed to provide a well balanced scheme of diversification, with not more than 7 1/2% of the total assets of the corporation invested in the common stock of any one company. The corporation is not permitted to purchase securities on margin, to make short sales or to mortgage or pledge any of the securities held in its portfolio. The "approved list" is made up of the following common stocks:

Air Reduction
Allied Chemical
American Can
American Gas & Electric
American Power & Light
American Smelting
American Telephone
American Tobacco
Atchison
Bankers Trust
Borden
Chrysler
Coca-Cola
Columbia Gas & Electric
Commonwealth Edison
Consolidated Gas of New York
Consolidated Gas of Baltimore
Corn Products
Drug, Inc.
du Pont
Eastman Kodak
Electric Auto-Lite
General Electric
General Motors
Gillette
Great Atlantic & Pacific
Guaranty Trust
Hartford Fire Insurance
—V. 132, p. 869.

George W. Helme
Insurance Co. of North America
International Business Machines
International Harvester
Kennecott
Liggett & Myers
National Biscuit
National City Bank
National Steel
Norfolk & Western
North American
Otis Elevator
Pacific Gas & Electric
Pennsylvania RR.
Procter & Gamble
Public Service of New Jersey
Reynolds Tobacco
Sears, Roebuck
Standard Brands
Standard Oil of California
Standard Oil of New Jersey
Travelers Insurance
Union Carbide
Union Pacific
United Aircraft
United Gas Improvement
United States Steel
Woolworth

from the date thereof, secured or unsecured, except for the purpose of refunding the bonds; (2) to alter the terms or rights of the preferred stock; (3) to authorize or issue any stock having preference over or parity with the preferred stock; (4) to effect any merger or consolidation of the new company, or for dissolution or the sale of substantially all of its assets.
Management Contract.—It is contemplated that the new company will enter into a management agreement with a management company to be selected initially by the underwriter and approved by the committee as part of the reorganization. Such management agreement will provide, among other things, that the management fee (which shall be inclusive of the salaries and other compensation of all executives, officials and managing employees of the new company) shall be entirely reasonable and in no case exceed 3% per annum of the annual gross income of the property. Such contract shall not be for a longer period than five years and any renewal, extension or alteration, or the adoption of any new management contract, shall require the vote of a majority of the directors elected by the preferred stock.
In the event of the sale or other change in ownership of 50% or more of the common stock, or in case the property is leased as a whole, the management contract will automatically terminate within 30 days unless continuance is specifically approved by the directors, including the affirmative vote of a majority of the preferred stock directors.—V. 135, p. 1176.

Third National Investors Corp.—Smaller Dividend.—The directors on Dec. 2 declared, out of net income, a dividend of 45 cents per share on the common stock, par \$1, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 16. Six and twelve months ago, a dividend of 50 cents per share was paid.—V. 135, p. 2507.

(John R.) Thompson Co.—New Chairman.

William M. Collins, a director for several years, has been elected Chairman of the board of this company to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Charles A. McCulloch following the latter's appointment as a receiver for the Middle West Utilities Co. Mr. Collins will take an active part in the executive administration of the company.—V. 135, p. 3178.

Taylor Milling Corp.—Omits Dividend.—The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Jan. 1 on the no par common stock. In each of the three preceding quarters a distribution of 15 cents per share was made, as against 25 cents per share on Jan. 2 1932 and 62½ cents per share previously each quarter.—V. 134, p. 4675.

10 East 40th Street Corp., N. Y. City.—Reorg. Plan.—A plan for reorganization was announced Dec. 2 by the protective committee for the first mortgage 6% gold bond certificates, outstanding in the amount of \$5,373,500. Agreement upon the plan follows a thorough investigation of the situation by the committee which is headed by Alvin J. Schlosser, and includes James G. Blaine, Percy Cowan, Harvey D. Gibson, Robert F. Holden and George T. Purves. Prompt deposit of certificates in approval of the plan is urged by the committee which has fixed Dec. 22 1932 as the time limit for deposits. Manufacturers Trust Co., 149 Broadway, is depository for the committee and Warner Marshall Jr., 15 Broad St., is Secretary.

A memorandum and analysis of plan dated as of Nov. 26 1932 follows:

Foreclosure.—The plan contemplates the foreclosure of the mortgage securing the present \$5,373,500 1st mtge. 6% gold bond certificates under proceedings now pending in the N. Y. Supreme Court. It is contemplated that the committee or its nominee, acting solely on behalf of depositing certificate-holders, shall bid at the foreclosure sale such amount as in its discretion shall seem advisable.

New Company.—If the committee's bid shall be successful, it is proposed to organize a new corporation to acquire the property which will be capitalized substantially as follows:

1st mtge. 5% sinking fund gold bond cts., due Feb. 1 1933:	
Series A	\$2,686,740
Series B	500,000
\$6 non-cumulative preferred stock (no par)	26,868 shs.
Common stock (no par)	10,000 shs.

The amounts stated above are maximum. The exact amount of series B bond certificates to be authorized and issued will be governed primarily by final determination of the amount of cash required to complete reorganization. The exact amount of series A bond certificates and preferred stock to be issued will be governed primarily by the amount of certificates deposited under the plan.

Only those certificate-holders who deposit their certificates with the committee will participate in the plan. Non-depositing certificate-holders will receive only their pro rata share of the foreclosure sale price and other proceeds, less expenses.

Distribution of Securities.

Bonds.—Depositing certificate-holders, upon consummation of the plan, will receive \$500 par value of the new series A bonds and 5 shares of the preferred stock for each \$1,000 of present bond certificates with July 1 1932 and all subsequent interest warrants attached.

Creditors and Stockholders.—No provision is made in the plan for other creditors of the present company, nor for the stockholders. The foreclosure will wipe out the stock and the unsecured indebtedness held by affiliated companies, amounting to approximately \$1,400,000.

New Capital.—The financial requirements of the reorganization have been underwritten, subject to the conditions of an underwriting agreement, up to \$500,000 in new capital by interests identified with the present ownership and secured by a commitment from financial sources for the full amount of the funds involved. This underwriting makes available funds to aid in the acquisition of the property at foreclosure, to provide for all past due and currently due or accrued real estate taxes, to pay organization expenses and expenses of the reorganization, including the expenses and compensation of the committee and its counsel, and to provide working capital for the new company. Under the plan there will be no assessment upon depositing certificate-holders.

For the funds so furnished, the underwriter and/or its nominee will be entitled to receive series B bonds and all of the common stock of the new company for an aggregate purchase price equal to the principal amount of series B bonds issued. The committee reserves the right, however, in its discretion to issue series A bonds and preferred stock for part of such funds, on the same basis as issuable to depositors, should the underwriter request and the committee approve such modification.

Description of New Securities.

Bonds.—The bonds of series A and series B shall be alike in all respects, except that the sinking fund shall be applicable solely to the retirement of series B bonds so long as any of the same remain outstanding and except that the series B bonds shall be redeemable at par and accrued interest, whereas the series A bonds shall be redeemable at 105 and interest for the first four years, the premium being reduced by 1% for each succeeding four year period.

So long as any of the bonds of either series remain outstanding, all net income up to \$100,000 per annum, after bond interest but before depreciation, shall be set aside as a sinking fund for the retirement of the bonds by purchase or redemption at prices not exceeding the prevailing redemption prices.

The bonds will be secured by a mortgage, in form and substance satisfactory to the committee and its counsel, which will constitute a first (closed) lien upon the presently mortgaged premises, subject only to the Arnold Constable & Co. lease (the income from which will be subject to the mortgage) and will provide, among other things, that until at least 50% of the bonds have been retired, no dividends may be paid on the common stock of the new company and no stock of any class purchased nor retired. Pro rata monthly deposits on account of interest and taxes will be required; no change may be made in the Arnold Constable & Co. lease except upon designated board action based upon the recommendation of a qualified independent adviser, documentary evidence concerning which must be filed with the trustee, unless the lease has been subordinated to the mortgage; and such other restrictive provisions as the committee may deem advisable will also be provided.

Preferred Stock.—The preferred stock shall be redeemable at, and preferred over the common stock to the extent of \$100 per share and accrued dividends and shall be entitled to the benefit of a retirement fund equivalent to the aggregate amount of dividends or other cash distribution made on the common stock. Dividends on the preferred stock shall be cumulative to the extent, but only to the extent, that in any year there shall be net earnings applicable thereto, after depreciation but before bond sinking fund. The holders of the preferred stock as a class shall be entitled to elect a minority (viz. one less than a majority) of the board of directors of the new company and consent of the holders of two-thirds of the outstanding preferred stock shall be required for stated purposes, including (1) to authorize the creation of any debt maturing more than twelve months

Thompson Products, Inc.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—		1932.		1931.		Liabilities—		1932.		1931.	
Cash	-----	\$117,883		\$214,962		Notes pay. to bks.	-----	\$275,000		\$275,000	
Notes accept. and accts. receivable	-----	511,399		607,540		Account payable	-----	123,906		148,909	
Inventory	-----	811,232		854,637		Accrued accounts	-----	41,161		49,738	
Empl. and miscell. notes & accts. rec.	-----	79,626		42,918		Unpaid Fed. taxes	-----	-----		5,100	
Other sec. owned.	-----	124,304		96,892		Land contract pay	-----	135,000		150,000	
Affiliated cos.	-----	60,675		259,486		Note pay. to oth'	-----	17,358		-----	
Land, buildings, machinery, &c.	-----	3,500,553		3,410,515		Contr. pay. to oth'	-----	158,645		-----	
Good-will, patent rights, &c.	-----	827,434		830,424		Res. for employ. group insurance	-----	6,334		-----	
Prepaid exps., &c.	-----	78,112		124,530		Res. for acc. div.	-----	12,905		-----	
						7% pref. stock	-----	368,700		371,700	
						Common stock	-----	x2,631,600		2,631,600	
						Capital surplus	-----	633,731		633,731	
						Profit & loss surp.	-----	1,706,880		2,176,128	
Total	-----	\$6,111,220		\$6,441,904		Total	-----	\$6,111,220		\$6,441,904	

x Represented by 263,160 shares (no par).—V. 135, p. 3178.

309 W. 86th St. Building.—Dec. 1 Interest Defaulted.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc. in a letter to holders of 1st mtge. sinking fund 6% coupon gold bonds, due Dec. 1 1932 state:

In June 1 letter addressed to bond holders we advised that funds had not been provided to operate the sinking fund on Dec. 1 1931 and that the amortization payments were not made since that day. The real estate taxes which were in arrears last June remain unpaid and in addition thereto the taxes for the second half of 1932 will become delinquent on Dec. 1 1932.

The Continental Bank & Trust Co. of New York, as trustee, has an assignment under which all net rents are to be paid to the trustee for the benefit of the bondholders. No funds are available to pay the interest coupons which become due on Dec. 1 1932 or to operate the sinking fund.

These continued defaults make it imperative that the bondholders join for the purpose of taking such action as may be necessary for the protection of the security of these bonds. We therefore recommend the immediate formation of a bondholders' committee which can best effect the concerted action for the bondholders. The following active officers of S. W. Straus & Co., Inc. have consented to serve as members of the committee to represent all who deposit the bonds of this issue: S. J. T. Straus, Chairman, James E. Friel, John L. Laun, Nicholas Roberts and Frederick W. Straus.

The Continental Bank & Trust Co., 30 Broad St., New York, has been named as depository under a bondholders' deposit agreement with the committee dated as of Nov. 29 1932.—V. 120, p. 390.

Toronto Elevators, Ltd.—Earnings.

Years End. Sept. 30—		1932.		1931.		1930.		x1929.	
Operating profit	-----	\$380,633		\$350,532		\$279,058		\$281,914	
Interest	-----	37,340		39,366		33,760		19,395	
Prov. for depreciation	-----	85,853		85,026		80,000		52,904	
Prov. for Fed. inc. taxes	-----	20,748		20,651		11,704		14,779	
Net profit	-----	\$230,691		\$205,490		\$153,594		\$194,835	
Int. on loans refunded from proceeds of pref. stock	-----							20,838	
Divs. on pref. stock	-----	105,000		105,000		105,000		52,500	
Surplus	-----	\$125,691		\$100,490		\$48,594		\$121,497	
Earns. per sh. on 25,000 shs. com. stock (no par)	-----	\$5.03		\$4.02		\$1.92		\$4.85	

x Being for 10½ months operations of Toronto Elevators, Ltd., and a full year's operations of Sarnia Elevator Co., Ltd.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—		1932.		1931.		Liabilities—		1932.		1931.	
Cash	-----	\$103,871		\$159,111		Owing to grain pur.	-----	\$193,320		\$154,196	
Accounts receiv'le.	-----	986,458		233,635		Accts. pay. & accr. charges	-----	31,440		22,986	
Opt. accts. at current mark. price	-----	5,457		24,076		Can. Bk. of Com. (sec.)	-----	1,565,000		-----	
Grain purch. on joint account	-----	660,728		-----		Res. for exchange	-----	11,933		-----	
Accrued storage & elevation	-----	31,071		43,316		Int. & prin. pay. on City of Sarnia loan	-----	71,473		71,678	
Grain inventories	-----	1,253,325		128,229		Preferred stk. div.	-----	26,250		26,250	
Supp. adv. & prepaid expenses	-----	17,265		14,039		Prov. for Fed. inc. come taxes	-----	35,500		24,000	
Mortgage rec.	-----	-----		17,253		Deferred liabilities	-----	695,020		734,662	
Seat on Winnipeg Grain Exchange	-----	7,600		-----		7% cum. conv. preferred stock	-----	1,500,000		1,500,000	
Land, leases, elevator structures, equip., dks., &c.	-----	x2,241,130		2,291,892		xCommon stock	-----	120,000		120,000	
						Earned surplus	-----	376,972		287,781	
Total	-----	\$4,626,908		\$2,911,582		Total	-----	\$4,626,908		\$2,911,582	

x Represented by 25,000 shares of no par value. y After reserve for doubtful accounts of \$13,000. z After reserve for depreciation of \$317,888.—V. 133, p. 3477.

Transamerica Corp.—Estimated Earnings for 1932.

A statement, understood by the "Chronicle" to be authoritative, says: "Although it is still too early to estimate accurately the net asset value per share which the corporation may be expected to show as of Dec. 31 1932 because of market changes which may arise in the interim, deductions from known facts concerning the rate of income on controlled subsidiaries and on securities held for investment account indicate that the corporation will exceed last year's net profit showing by a margin of 150 to 200%." "It is probable that the corporation will report for 1932 consolidated net profits after all charges of more than \$5,000,000 and possibly more nearly \$6,000,000. The consolidated net profit this year may be expected to amount to between 21 and 26 cents a share." "Net profits in 1931, after deduction directly from income of the \$4,278,186 loss sustained on securities sold, amounted to \$1,987,651, or 8 cents a share on the average amount of capital outstanding during the year."

For 1932 the corporation will show a profit, instead of a loss, on securities sold, and, in addition, will have a profit available from its investment in the securities of non-consolidated subsidiaries, instead of the loss of \$1,910,917 last year.

"On a consolidated basis, gross revenues this year will show a decrease from the 1931 level, but the showing of the consolidated net will reflect the earning power of Bank of America, which has paid no dividends to the holding company this year, as well as the net profits of other non-consolidated subsidiaries in excess of dividends paid.

"Net asset value at the close of this year is impossible of estimation, but with the present portfolio intact it could be anticipated that the corporation will show a book value as of Dec. 31 1932 of about \$5.90 a share on capital stock to be outstanding as of that date. At the close of 1931 book value on stock then outstanding was \$5.54."—V. 135, p. 3706.

2480 Broadway Apartment Building (New York, N. Y.)

Protective Committee.

S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., in a letter to the holders of the 1st mtg. 6 1/2% serial gold bonds, dated Dec. 20 1921 state:

On June 29 we addressed a letter to holders of the above-described bonds advising that the coupons due July 1 1932 could not be paid on the due date. We again communicated with bondholders on July 21, when our negotiations for a possible adjustment of the financial situation confronting this property, were suddenly interrupted by the death of one of the principal owners.

Throughout the period that negotiations were pending proper control of the income for the benefit of the bondholders was had; first by a trust arrangement with the managing agents, and now through possession of the property by Continental Bank & Trust Co. of New York, as trustee under this bond issue.

The trustee has paid the real estate taxes for the second half of 1931 but the funds on deposit are insufficient to meet the real estate taxes for all of 1932, totaling approximately \$60,000, and to pay the July 1 1932 interest coupons. The trustee has advised that a question has arisen with respect to the proper application of the funds on hand and consequently these funds will for the time being be held intact.

Since negotiations were instituted with the owners we have endeavored to arrange a settlement which would be fair to all parties and would avoid the necessity of a bondholders' committee. We have not, however, been able to reach a definite agreement and because of the continued defaults we now feel that the bondholders must take concerted action in order to maintain the security for their bonds. This action can best be brought about through the agency of a bondholders' committee and for that purpose the following active officers of S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., have agreed to serve as a committee: S. J. T. Straus, Chairman, James E. Friel, John L. Laun, Nicholas Roberts and Frederick W. Straus.

Manufacturers Trust Co., 149 Broadway, New York, N. Y., has been named as depository under a bondholders' deposit agreement with the committee dated as of Nov. 26 1932.

Union Oil Associates.—Merger Progressing.

Practically unanimous approval of the merger of this company with the Union Oil Co. of California is expected, said Secretary John McPeak. Stockholders representing more than the necessary two-thirds of outstanding stock already have signified their approval, and additional consents are being received daily.

Mr. McPeak says: "Union Oil Co. stock is listed on the Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Seattle and Honolulu Stock Exchanges, and on the Portland Stock and Bond Exchange, while Union Associates stock is listed on the Los Angeles and San Francisco Stock Exchanges and on the Portland Stock and Bond Exchange. At those exchanges where Union Oil stock is listed, but not Union Associates, only the stock of Union Oil not owned by Union Associates is now listed. As a result the company will list the entire issue of its stock on those exchanges as well. Certificates may be transferred either in New York or Los Angeles.

"This will result in a wider market for the stock of the company, as Union Oil Associates is now listed only on the local exchanges. Union Oil Co. of California will have upward of 20,000 shareholders, while at the present time it has about 16,000, and it is believed that a wider distribution and direct ownership of Union Oil shares will be to the distinct benefit of the company and its stockholders."—V. 135, p. 3370.

United Amusement Corp., Ltd.—Earnings.

Years Ended Aug. 31—	1932.	1931.
Operating profit.....	\$304,798	\$355,239
Property revenue.....	59,157	58,599
Other income.....	90,230	94,110
Total revenue.....	\$454,186	\$507,948
Administrative and general expense.....	85,669	90,220
Depreciation.....	97,015	110,650
Mortgage, bond and other interest.....	88,435	93,423
Bond underwriting expense.....	7,800	7,800
Federal and provincial income taxes.....	16,347	x21,499
Net profit.....	\$158,920	\$184,356
Previous surplus.....	759,960	724,200
Total surplus.....	\$918,882	\$908,556
Dividends.....	137,578	148,594
Federal income tax adjustment.....	8,668	See x
Balance Sept. 30.....	\$772,634	\$759,961

x Includes Federal income tax adjustments.

Balance Sheet Aug. 31 1932.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Fixed assets.....\$3,058,201	6% 1st mtg. bonds.....\$1,356,800
Deposit with trustee.....5,000	Mtge. on land and building.....70,000
Interests in Assoc. Cos.....428,226	Accts. and dividends payable.....80,820
Supplies on hand.....3,074	Bond, int. and accrued charges.....48,240
Accounts receivable.....13,995	Fed. and Provincial Inc. taxes.....16,347
Accrued interest.....4,226	Reserves.....1,189,728
Bonds.....202,828	Class A stock.....x1,560,150
Cash.....82,801	Class B stock.....y203,025
Deferred charges.....127,102	Surplus.....772,633
Goodwill and franchise.....1,372,291	
Total.....\$5,297,744	Total.....\$5,297,744

x Represented by 66,246 shares of no par value. y Represented by 8,121 shares of no par value.—V. 135, p. 2007.

United Business Publishers, Inc.—Earnings.

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 135, p. 1674.

United Printers & Publishers, Inc.—Earnings.

Years Ended—	Feb. 29 '32.	Feb. 28 '31.
Gross profit from operations.....	\$2,355,376	\$3,754,229
Administrative, selling and other expenses.....	3,057,373	2,976,985
Net from operations.....	loss\$701,997	\$777,243
Other income.....	160,165	110,019
Net income from all sources.....	\$541,832	\$887,262
Depreciation.....	217,021	205,301
Interest on debentures.....	105,465	112,261
Other interest and Federal taxes.....	147,054	126,822
Net profit after above charges.....	loss\$1,011,371	\$442,878
Special inventory adjustments and line depletion and obsolescence due to consolidation.....		240,976
Credit to surplus.....	def\$1,011,371	\$201,901
Shs. of common stock outstanding (no par).....	250,453	250,432
Earnings per share.....	Nil	\$0.80

—V. 133, p. 817.

United Stores Corp.—Reopens Stock Plan.

The corporation has notified preferred stockholders that its offer to exchange pref. stock for 6 1/2% debentures of the Tobacco Products Corp.

of New Jersey has been reopened. Stockholders will have until Jan. 10 to make the exchange.

Under the terms of the offer holders of pref. stock of United Stores Corp. have the opportunity to exchange their shares for the Tobacco Products debentures in the ratio of \$50 principal amount of such debentures for each share of pref. stock surrendered for exchange. Holders of pref. stock of record Nov. 25 will receive the dividend payable Dec. 15 regardless of whether their pref. stock shall have been surrendered before that div. date.

The debentures will be issued in denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. As debentures in denominations of less than \$100 will not be issued, pref. stock will be accepted in exchange only in lots of two shares or any multiple thereof.

The original offer to exchange pref. stock of United Stores Corp. for 6 1/2% debentures of the Tobacco Products Corp. was made March 18 of this year, and expired April 20.

Under the original offer 173,495 shares were exchanged. A letter to stockholders reports that there remain outstanding 139,553 shares of pref. stock.

"Due to the recent bankruptcy of United Cigar Stores Co. of America, a number of preferred stockholders who did not accept the offer have now asked to be allowed to do so," the company states.

"No plan of reorganization has as yet been proposed for United Cigar Stores Co. and it is accordingly impossible to predict what if any interest United Stores Corp. may have in that company in the future, and particularly what if any further investment in that company may be justified or may have to be made by United Stores Corp. to protect its interest or minimize its losses. The directors feel, however, that in fairness to the preferred stockholders the uncertainties of that situation should be suggested so that preferred stockholders who desire to do so may exchange their stock for the less speculative security of the 6 1/2% collateral trust debentures of Tobacco Products Corp. of New Jersey."

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is agent for the exchange of the stock for the debentures.—V. 135, p. 3013.

United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Production.

Copper Output (Lbs.)—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
January.....	3,043,930	2,824,696	4,447,540	4,675,640
February.....	3,031,459	3,221,198	3,737,914	4,047,610
March.....	3,049,976	3,236,882	3,362,598	5,207,946
April.....	3,019,072	3,074,758	4,094,740	5,364,570
May.....	3,020,100	3,369,080	4,013,796	5,465,350
June.....	3,007,702	3,284,984	3,580,772	5,020,000
July.....	3,038,902	a	3,898,170	4,470,338
August.....	2,938,998	a	4,028,442	4,593,462
September.....	2,969,622	a	3,771,274	5,140,000
October.....	2,969,008	a	3,404,000	6,038,000
November.....	2,913,886	2,784,000	3,800,000	4,776,000
December.....		2,917,000	2,473,000	4,742,000

a Operations suspended.—V. 135, p. 3370, 3178.

Universal Pictures Co., Inc.—Registrar, &c.

The Manufacturers Trust Co. is registrar for first preferred and common stocks and transfer agent for voting trust certificate for common stock of the above company.—V. 135, p. 3707.

Vortex Cup Co.—Earnings.

Period—	Year End. Sept. 30 '32.	Year End. Sept. 30 '31.	Year End. Sept. 30 '30.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30 '29.
Gross profit from oper.....	x\$912,584	\$1,379,428	\$1,576,592	\$1,201,971
Sell., adm. & gen. exp.....	518,855	687,030	793,754	513,216
Net profit from oper.....	\$393,729	\$692,397	\$782,838	\$688,755
Other income.....	13,726	14,679	23,818	19,619
Total profits & income.....	\$407,455	\$707,076	\$806,656	\$708,374
Int. paid & miscell. exp.....		3,916	6,917	7,253
Provision for Federal and Canadian income tax.....	55,700	83,500	86,100	84,500
Unrealized loss in conver. of accts. of Can. subs.....		13,856		
Net income.....	\$351,755	\$605,805	\$713,639	\$616,621
Class A dividends.....	185,594	187,500	187,500	Not reported
Common dividends.....	152,112	201,891	205,400	
Balance.....	\$14,049	\$216,414	\$320,739	
Common shares outstdg.....	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000
Earnings per share.....	\$1.35	\$3.98	\$5.01	\$4.53

x After providing for amortization of patents in the amount of \$28,776.

Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Cash & call loans.....	\$658,494	\$531,841	Accounts payable.....	\$30,376
Accts. & notes rec. (less reserve).....	153,945	233,643	Accrued int., taxes, royalties, &c.....	52,270
Inventories, &c.....	111,329	206,444	Prov. for Fed. and Canadian taxes.....	55,421
Plant & equip't.....	z757,310	803,513	Liability on purchase contract.....	
Invest. in common stock of Vortex Cup Co.....	100,123	70,707	Class A stock.....	x1,500,000
Prepaid expenses.....	46,913	31,593	Common stock.....	y525,000
Patents and goodwill.....	1,587,063	1,614,697	Surplus to date of organization.....	688,659
			Earned surplus.....	563,451
Total.....	\$3,415,178	\$3,492,443	Total.....	\$3,415,178

x Represented by 75,000 \$2.50 cum. class A shares. y Represented by 105,000 common shares, no par value. z Less reserve for depreciation of \$508,128.—V. 135, p. 2507.

Wailuku Sugar Co.—\$1 Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the capital stock, par \$20, payable Dec. 10 to holders of record Dec. 5. The last previous payment on these shares was 60 cents per share made on Dec. 24 1931 and compares with a total of \$1 per share paid in 1930 and \$2.40 a share in 1929.—V. 135, p. 1509.

(Hiram) Walker-Gooderham & Worts, Ltd.—Earnings.

Years End. Aug. 31—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
x Earnings.....	\$255,256	\$1,060,882	\$2,757,165	\$4,117,668
Dividends.....	814,108	2,310,000	2,640,000	1,971,249
Balance, surplus.....	def\$558,852	def\$1249,118	\$117,165	\$2,146,419
Previous surplus.....	5,340,282	6,868,479	7,084,174	5,156,283
Total surplus.....	\$4,781,430	\$5,619,361	\$7,201,339	\$7,302,702
Fed'l tax previous year.....	119,171	279,080	332,859	218,528
Balance, surplus.....	\$4,662,260	\$5,340,281	\$6,868,480	\$7,084,174

x After provision for depreciation, bad and doubtful accounts and contingency, but before Federal taxes.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Aug. 31.

	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Cash & call loans.....	\$72,136	\$121,536	Bills & accts. payable, incl. Government tax.....	\$128,608
Investments.....	4,414,774	6,179,665	Dividend payable.....	\$128,586
Accts. receivable.....	815,525	1,184,693	Reserve for deprec. on plant & equipment & contng.....	4,723,744
Inventories.....	9,191,627	9,692,577	Preferred stock.....	y10,286,900
Life insurance premiums.....	224,464	191,043	Common stock.....	z14,790,000
Prepaid deferred charges.....	103,521	188,735	Capital surplus.....	365,976
Plant and equipment.....	8,619,464	8,478,230	Surplus account.....	4,533,673
Inv. in other cos.....	921,396	721,396		
Invest. in wholly owned cos.....	10,504,580	12,000,000		
Total.....	\$4,867,488	\$8,757,876	Total.....	\$4,867,488

x Represented by 2,640,000 shares. y Represented by 514,345 shares of no par value. z Represented by 660,000 shares of no par value.—V. 135, p. 3707.

Wabasso Cotton Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Years Ended—	July 27 '32.	June 27 '31.	June 30 '30.	June 30 '29
x Operating profits.....	\$174,617	\$448,213	\$415,818	\$81,950
Interest on investments.....	63,847	72,519	68,741	73,918
Total income.....	\$238,464	\$520,732	\$484,559	\$155,868
Depreciation.....	231,500	222,751	249,445	150,000
Bond interest.....	250,594	256,149	263,584	93,160
Sinking fund.....	27,355	25,465	23,890	22,385
Bond discount.....	12,719	12,719	-----	-----
Net loss.....	\$283,705	sur\$3,648	\$52,361	\$109,676
Dividends paid.....	-----	-----	-----	52,500
Deficit for year.....	\$283,705	sur\$3,648	\$52,361	\$162,176
Previous surplus.....	386,862	383,214	435,575	671,826
Accrued int. on pay. on acct. of new stk. issue.....	-----	-----	-----	Dr17,371
Profit & loss, surplus.....	\$103,157	\$386,862	\$383,214	\$492,279
Shares of capital stock outstanding (no par).....	69,903	69,903	69,986	69,986
Earns. per sh. on cap. stk.....	Nil	\$0.05	Nil	Nil

x After deducting all manufacturing and other charges and expenses.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

	July 27 '32.	June 27 '31.		July 27 '32.	June 27 '31.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Real estate, buildings, plant, machinery, &c.....	9,607,332	9,419,545	Capital stock.....	4,192,240	4,192,140
Investm't in other companies.....	1,422,515	1,432,370	1st mtge. 6s.....	761,000	771,000
Cash.....	25,989	38,198	1st mtge. 6s, St. Maurice Valley Cotton Mills, Ltd.....	1,917,300	1,973,800
Accounts and bills receivable (less reserve).....	375,134	350,236	1st mtge. Shawinigan Cotton Co.....	773,000	792,500
Inventories.....	1,301,800	2,043,148	Mtge. & coll. tr. 7s.....	540,000	573,500
Cash in hands of trustee for bondholders.....	3,158	-----	Res. for sink. fund.....	204,241	176,886
Cash for sinking fund.....	151,095	-----	Deprec'n reserve.....	3,071,159	2,812,189
Deferred charges.....	262,378	278,080	Accts. & bills pay.....	233,866	317,646
			Bank loan (secur'd) Def'd liab. for machinery purch.....	550,000	885,000
			Oper. exp., wages, taxes, &c.....	51,946	48,598
			Bond int., divs. payable, &c.....	75,717	258,363
			General reserve.....	24,679	24,188
			Profit & loss acct.....	500,000	500,000
				103,157	386,862
Total.....	12,998,305	13,712,673	Total.....	12,998,305	13,712,673

x Investments: Investment of subsidiary in The Wabasso Cotton Co., Ltd., stock at cost, \$594,053; bonds of The Wabasso Cotton Co., Ltd. at cost, \$32,617; bonds of subsidiary companies at cost, \$3,045; sundry investments at cost, \$70,181; bonds of St. Maurice Valley Cotton Mills, Ltd., at cost, \$722,619. y Represented by 69,903 shares no par value—V. 135, p. 2008, 646.

Walgreen Co.—November Sales.—

1932—Nov.—1931.	Decrease.	1932—11 Mos.—1931.	Decrease.
\$3,471,781	\$3,987,497	\$515,716	\$41,731,799
\$49,460,626	\$7,728,827		

At the end of November 1932 the company had 470 stores in operation, against 466 stores on Nov. 30 1931.—V. 135, p. 3538.

Walker Vehicle Co., Chicago.—Fails to Pay Interest.—

The company failed to meet interest payments on its \$1,250,000 of 5½% notes and on a \$100,000 serial maturity due Dec. 1. The company has a 30-day grace period to pay the interest before the issues default. The company manufactures electric trucks and tractors. Control is held by the Commonwealth Edison Co. through its subsidiary, the Commonwealth Subsidiary Corp. The latter holds practically all the common stock. The notes of Walker Vehicle, however, are not an obligation of either Commonwealth or its subsidiary.—V. 123, p. 3054.

Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.—Management Again Assailed.—

The New York "Herald-Tribune" of Dec. 1 had the following: Renewing its attack on the management of this corporation, in the fight for stockholders' proxies to be voted at the annual meeting on Dec. 12, the law firm of Goldberg & Goldberg, of Salem, Mass., in a second letter to stockholders, asserted that the annual statement of the company and of Harry M. Warner were "insults to the intelligence of the stockholders." Max Goldberg, a member of the firm and a stockholder of the company, stated in the letter that there is no hope of even a majority of opposing stockholders wresting control of the company from the present management on Dec. 12 because only five out of eleven directors are to be elected. "Those whose terms of office do not expire this year and who will remain on the board of directors are Messrs. Harry M. Warner, Albert Warner, Jack L. Warner, Waddill Catchings, Henry A. Ruckins and Abel Cary Thomas." The Goldberg letter stated: "The bylaws provide, differently from most corporations, that the terms of office of only part of the board of directors expire each year. Thus you will notice that the Warners have entrenched themselves with a double line of trenches, so that in order to dislodge them it will be necessary not only to take the first line of trenches (by electing new men in place of the five directors whose terms of office expire this year), but also the second line of trenches at the annual meeting next year." The advantage of having five new directors, the letter stated, will be to give these directors an opportunity "to investigate and inquire into the many ramifications of the stories and rumors concerning the purchases of the many subsidiaries upon which more than \$100,000,000 have been expended, and as a result of which many losses have been sustained. They will investigate the causes of the staggering losses and determine to what extent the salaries and bonuses obtained by the Warners, their friends and relatives are represented in the loss column. They will investigate the truth of the alleged claim that the organization is honeycombed with the personal friends and relatives of the Warners at enormous salaries." No loss of operating experts will be entailed through defeating the five directors standing for re-election, the letter states, because three are "lawyers who have no more knowledge of the motion picture business than the writer." One of the places to be filled is a vacancy occasioned by death. "Regardless of how little knowledge the new directors may have of the motion picture business," the letter continued, "to displace those members whose terms of office expire will be of such slight loss to the company as to be insignificant in comparison to the great benefit resulting from the presence of these new directors on the board as a check on the Warner management."

Film Contract.—

See Columbia Pictures Corp. in last week's "Chronicle," page 3861.—V. 135, p. 3371.

Waukesha Motor Co.—Smaller Distribution.—

A quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share has been declared on the common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15. In each of the three preceding quarters a distribution of 50 cents per share was made, prior to which the stock was on a \$3 annual dividend basis.—V. 135, p. 3179.

Wauregan-Quinebaug Mills, Inc. (Conn.).—Merger.—

The stockholders on Nov. 28 approved the merger of the Quinebaug Mill; and the Wauregan Co. into a new company, known as the Wauregan-Quinebaug Mills, Inc. The directors are: Thomas H. West, Jr., President of the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., of Providence; Frank E. Richmond and Durcan Langdon of Providence; Gordon Harrower of Worcester and Providence; J. W. Powdrell and W. Irving Bullard of Danielson, Conn.; F. B. Ricketson of Taftville, and J. Arthur Atwood of Wauregan.—V. 135, p. 3013.

Welch Grape Juice Co.—Earnings.—

Year Ended Aug. 31—	1932.	1931.
Loss from operations after taxes & depreciation.....	x\$25,018	\$85,963

In addition, there was a write-down of inventories of \$214,913 and also a charge of \$49,651 covering refund to wholesalers for decline in price of stocks carried over from prior years and loss on foreign exchange and obsolescence, making total net loss for the year \$289,582.

Balance Sheet Aug. 31.

	1932.	1931.		1932.	1931.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Cash & certif. of deposit.....	\$626,598	\$861,818	Accts. payable.....	\$68,178	\$85,975
Accts. receivable.....	116,780	186,132	Accrued exp., &c.....	3,813	10,652
Inventory.....	516,489	814,683	Reserves.....	6,167	8,508
Mtgs. receivable.....	47,200	47,688	7% pref. stock.....	799,300	883,900
Personal & misc. accounts.....	30,560	24,404	Common stock.....	x314,890	325,000
Mutual funds.....	8,118	8,848	Long term indebt.....	15,000	-----
Real estate not used in business.....	5,667	5,863	Surplus.....	1,310,234	1,803,512
Sink. fund for red. of pref. stock.....	68	68			
Land, bldgs., mach. & equip.....	y1,047,819	1,061,061			
Farms.....	56,261	56,439			
Deferred charges.....	62,024	50,542			
Total.....	\$2,517,584	\$3,117,547	Total.....	\$2,517,584	\$3,117,547

x Par value \$5. y After depreciation of \$580,856.—V. 135, p. 3371.

Western Auto Supply Co., Kansas City, Mo.—Sales.—

1932—Nov.—1931.	Increase.	1932—11 Mos.—1931.	Decrease.
\$1,115,500	\$1,062,800	\$52,700	\$10,736,000
\$11,455,000	\$719,000		

—V. 135, p. 3371.

Western Grocer Co. (Iowa)—Defers Preferred Div.—

The directors have voted to defer the semi-annual dividend due Jan. 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. Six months ago, the company decreased the semi-annual payment to 1¼% from 3½%.—V. 135, p. 2187.

Weston Electrical Instrument Corp.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.—

	1932.	1931.		1932.	1931.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
a Land, buildings, mach., flxt., &c.....	\$1,628,793	\$1,806,759	b Capital stock.....	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Patents & goodwill.....	2	2	1st mtge. bonds.....	52,500	57,500
Cash.....	228,125	396,557	Notes payable.....	-----	350,000
Cts. of dep. and accrued interest.....	100,400	-----	Accts payable.....	47,798	76,526
Notes, trade accts. & receivable.....	253,981	368,953	Accrued accounts.....	29,617	69,237
Inventories.....	1,091,722	1,270,024	Fed. taxes (curr't).....	-----	20,055
County & munic. securities.....	110,366	221,510	Reserve for 1931 Federal tax.....	3,583	10,228
Inv. & accts. rec., W.E.I. Co., Ltd.....	116,286	95,658	Res'v'e for conting.....	123,045	120,957
Sundry dep. accts rec., invest., &c.....	39,200	33,930	Surplus to purch. class A stock, pending retire't.....	88,940	88,940
Empl. subscrip. to common stock.....	68,000	68,000	Earned surplus.....	911,918	1,109,056
2,600 shs. cl. A stk. held for retire't.....	88,940	88,940			
Deferred charges.....	31,587	52,166			
Total.....	\$3,757,403	\$4,402,499	Total.....	\$3,757,403	\$4,402,499

a After depreciation. b Represented by 37,400 no par shares of class A and 164,000 no par shares of common stock.—V. 135, p. 3707.

White Motor Securities Corp.—Sale Approved, &c.—

The stockholders on Dec. 8 approved a proposal to sell substantially all of the corporation's property and assets, but not including its good-will and cash, pursuant to a contract between this corporation and Commercial Investment Trust, Inc., dated as of Nov. 28 1932, providing, among other things, for the transfer, without recourse, of substantially all of the notes, installment contracts, acceptances and other commercial paper of this corporation in consideration of a cash payment to be made by Commercial Investment Trust, Inc., which cash payment, together with the cash on hand of this corporation after providing for the payment of all liabilities of this corporation, will be in excess of the full amount required under the provisions of the certificate of incorporation as amended, to distribute on Dec. 10 to the holders of the pref. stock 105% of the par value thereof and all accrued and unpaid dividends to the latter date. The stockholders also approved a resolution declaring that it is desirable to wind up and dissolve the corporation.

The White Motor Co. is the holder of all of the common stock of this corporation (except directors' qualifying shares).—V. 135, p. 3871.

Willys-Overland Co.—Hearings on Patent Suit.—

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 7: The patent suit filed in 1928 against the Willys-Overland Co. by the Waukesha Motor Co. of Waukesha, Wis., has opened in U. S. District Court at Toledo before Judge P. Hahn. Claims involving more than \$100,000,000 against many other large motor car makers are said to be awaiting the outcome of the suit.

The patent infringement and damage suit is based on patents claimed by the Waukesha Motor Co. as its own for the construction of firing chambers of gasoline motor cylinders to permit high compression without detonation. It was filed at the time Willys-Overland brought out the Whippet motor.

The suit will determine the breadth of the patents under which many large auto manufacturers are licensees. Millions of cars have been made by manufacturers during the last five years employing the principle on which the Waukesha Motor Co. claims its own patents.

The National Automobile Chamber of Commerce is supporting the Willys-Overland Co. in defending the suit which is looked upon as a test case. Major automobile companies have representatives and attorneys attending the trial.—V. 135, p. 2008, 2187.

Wilson & Co., Inc.—Tenders.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until 10 a. m. on Dec. 19 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 6% 25-year sinking fund gold bonds, series A, due April 1 1941, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$248,592 at prices not exceeding 107½ and int.—V. 135, p. 2508.

Winn & Lovett Grocery Co.—November Sales.—

Period End. Nov. 26—	1932—4 Sks.—1931.	1932—11 Mos.—1931.
Sales.....	\$392,612	\$429,508

—V. 135, p. 2669.

Wisconsin Investment Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2943.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—November Sales.—

1932—November—1931.	Decrease.	1932—11 Mon's—1931.	Decrease.
\$20,215,612	\$22,005,147	\$1,789,535	\$216,788,583
\$242,950,910	\$16,162,327		

—V. 135, p. 3179, 2669.

Wrought Iron Co. of America.—Defaulted Bonds Off List.

See Colwood Co. above.—V. 134, p. 3655.

Yaarab Temple Building Co.—Defaulted Bonds Off List.

See Colwood Co. above.—V. 128, p. 1578.

Zinke Renewing Shoe Corp.—Omits Preferred Dividend.

The company has decided to omit the quarterly dividend due Jan. 2 on the pref. stock, par \$1. The last regular quarterly distribution of 1¼ cents per share was made on this issue on Oct. 1.—V. 133, p. 2944.

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, Dec. 9 1932.

COFFEE—Spot coffee was quiet but firm; Rio 7s, 8½¢.; Santos 4s, 10¼ to 10½¢.; Victoria 7-8s, 8 to 8¼¢. Maracaibo, Trujillo, 10 to 10¼¢.; Ceuca, fair to good, 10¾ to 11¼¢.; prime to choice, 11¼ to 11¾; washed, 11¼ to 11½¢. Colombian, Oceana, offered at 10. Bucaramanga, natural, 10½ to 11; washed, 11 to 11½. Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 10¾ to 11c.; Medellin, 11½ to 11¾; Manizales, 10¾ to 11c.; Mexican, washed, 12½ to 13c.; Liberian, Surinam, 9½¢.; Ankola, 26 to 34c.; Mandheling, 36 to 33c.; genuine Java, 21 to 22c.; Robusta, natural, 8¼¢.; Mocha, 13½ to 14c.; Harrar, 12½ to 13c. Later spot was quiet with Rio 7s, 8½¢.; Santos 4s, 10c. Cost and freight offerings early to-day were rather small and about unchanged. For prompt or immediate shipment Santos Bourbon 2s were here at 10.70c.; 2-3s at 10.25c. to 10.55c.; 3s at 10.15c.; 3-4s at 10.15c.; 3-5s at 9.90c. to 10.00c., and Peaberry 3-4s at 9.95 to 10.20c. For shipment from Rio or Victoria 7s were offered at 7.85c. and 7-8s at 7.65c. On the 3rd futures here ended unchanged on Rio and unchanged to 2 points higher on Santos. At one time Santos was up 1 to 4 points. Under Brazil's new program retained stocks would be liquidated by June 1933. A cable said: "Sacrifice or benefit quotas estimated at 4,000,000 bags yearly. Full plan based on existence of the National Coffee Council until the end of June 1940, allowing for liquidation of retained stocks by the end of June 1933 and sufficient funds to handle the sacrifice quotas thereafter without endangering the National Coffee Council's obligations with the Bank of Brazil and foreign creditors on the 1930 £20,000,000 loan." The sales on the 3rd were 17 lots of Santos and only one lot of Rio, which was for July at 5.32.

On the 5th futures here declined 3 to 7 points on Santos while Rio was unchanged to 2 points higher. Spot coffee was easier with Santos 4s 10c. Thursday will be a holiday in Brazil. Cost and freight offers were at 9.60 to 10c. for Santos 4s. On the 6th futures advanced here 19 to 31 points on cables from Santos stating that there would be no change in the export tax. Sales were 27,500 bags of Santos, 1,000 bags of Rio and 2 lots of "H" contract (Colombian) at 10c. for May and 10.10c. for Sept. Spot coffee was firmer; Santos 4s, 10¼ to 10½¢.; Rio 7s, 8½¢.; Victoria 7-8s, 8 to 8¼¢. Santos cost and freight 9.80c. a rise of 20 points. From this level there were quotations upward to 10c. all for prompt shipment. January-December 1933, offerings for equal monthly shipment were quoted at 8.90c., Victoria 8s were held at 7.70c. On the 7th Santos futures here declined 14 to 16 points in profit taking while Rio ended 7 points lower to 1 higher with sales of only 2 lots. 36 lots of Santos were sold. A damper was the announcement that 46,000 bags of Farm Board coffee will be offered for sale on Dec. 15. Spot coffee was less active. On the 8th futures here closed unchanged to 8 points higher with small trading, there being a holiday in Brazil. The sales were 28 lots of Santos and only one of Rio. To-day Rio futures here closed unchanged with sales of 1,000 bags and Santos futures 4 points lower to 5 points higher with sales of 4,000 bags. Final prices are 15 to 25 points higher for the week.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial).....	8½ @	May.....	5.68 @ nom.
December.....	6.00 @ nom.	July.....	5.53 @ nom.
March.....	5.88 @ nom.	September.....	5.40 @ nom.

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial).....	10¼ @	May.....	8.21 @ nom.
December.....	9.50 @ nom.	July.....	8.03 @ nom.
March.....	8.57 @	September.....	7.88 @ 7.89

COCOA to-day ended 2 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 148 lots; December 3.58c.; Jan. 3.62c.; March 3.78 to 3.80c.; May 3.91c.; July 4.02 to 4.03c. and Sept. 4.13c. Final prices are 8 to 10 points lower for the week.

SUGAR.—On the 3rd futures advanced 3 to 6 points with sales of 15,400 tons. There was considerable covering of January. Spot raws were steadier but quiet at 2.85c. delivered. Cables from Amsterdam stated that the interna-

tional conference was successful. The proposal made last June at the Ostend conference was unanimously adopted, with respect to Cuba's exports for 1934 and 1935. It was agreed to eliminate surplus stocks by restriction of planting. When the price reached 1.75c., Java and Peru will surrender 5% of the quota in favor of Cuba. For the week ended Nov. 26 the melt of 14 United States refiners was 45,000 tons against 50,000 tons in the corresponding period last year. Deliveries in the same week this year were 53,765 tons, against 59,141. For the year to Nov. 28 the melt of these refiners is running 405,000 tons behind last year, while deliveries are 338,719 tons in arrears. The figures, in long tons, raw value, follow: Meltings: Jan. 1 to Nov. 26 1932, 3,505,000 tons; Jan. 1 to Nov. 28 1931, 3,910,000 tons. Deliveries: Jan. 1 to Nov. 26 1932, 3,629,138 tons; Jan. 1 to Nov. 28 1931, 3,967,857 tons. The November average raw sugar price in Honolulu was 3.06c., compared with 3.136c. for October. Cuban sugar exported from Jan. 1 to Nov. 26 totaled 2,451,686 long tons, of which 1,597,280 went to the United States and 854,406 to other countries. This compared with 2,457,892 tons exported in the 1931 period, of which 1,877,488 went to the United States and 580,404 to other countries. Available stock in Cuba on Nov. 26 last was 603,583 tons, against 769,588 on Nov. 28 1931. London terme closed easier. The raw market at 5s. 6d., equal to about 67½¢., f. o. b. Cuba, was comparatively unchanged.

On the 5th, futures were one point lower to one point higher, the latter on the distant months which had the support of some Cuban buying. Havana cabled: "Week ending Dec. 3, arrivals, 9398; exports, 29,675; stocks, 582,961; exports were 6858 to New York, 332 to Boston, 6731 to Baltimore, 7,400 to Savannah, 3,723 to Charleston, and 4,631 to the U. K." On the 6th, futures closed unchanged to one point higher, with sales of only 8,500 tons. It was officially announced that grinding will begin in the Camaguey province of Cuba on Jan. 1, instead of Feb. 1, in order to save the cane flattened by the recent hurricane. London was steady, sellers quoting 5s. 5¼d., equal to 67c. f.o.b. Cuba; terme quiet. Spot raws were quoted at .85 to 2.85c. Refined, 4.15. On the 7th, futures advanced one point with sales of only 6,600 tons. Spot raws were quoted at 90 with 85c. bid and trade quiet. In London, offerings were small at 5s. 6d., equal to 68¼¢. f.o.b. Cuba. Here at one time, some months were one point lower than at the previous closing, but Cuban buying caused a recovery. On the 8th, futures advanced one to two points net, with sales of 3,750 tons. Spot raws were up four points to 2.89 delivered, with sales of 3,000 tons of Cuban from store at that price. British refined sugar was reduced 3d. yesterday. Early cables reported the terme market drifting, with raws selling at 5s. 5¼d., equal to about 67¾¢. f.o.b. Cuba. Willett & Gray's figures for the week show receipts at 28,651 tons; melt, 31,830; importers' stocks, 83,685, and refiners' stocks, 48,416, against last year, respectively, 36,000, 33,000, 67,000 and 50,000. To-day, futures closed two points lower to one point higher with sales of 7,700 tons. Final prices are three to seven points higher for the week.

Closing quotations follows:

Spot (unofficial).....	0.90 @	May.....	0.84 @
December.....	0.72 @ Bid	July.....	0.88 @ 0.89
January.....	0.74 @ 0.75	September.....	0.93 @ 0.94
March.....	0.78 @		

LARD on the spot was quiet with prime 4.40 to 4.50c.; refined Continent, 4½¢.; South America, 5½¢. On the 3rd inst. futures declined 3 to 5 points. Cash trade was slow. Prime, 4.60 to 4.70c.; refined to Continent, 4¾¢.; South America, 5½¢. On the 5th inst. futures ended unchanged to 3 points lower on good buying by a leading packer. Cash business was quiet; prime, 4.50 to 4.60c.; refined to Continent, 4½¢. to 4¾¢.; South America, 5½¢. On the 6th futures ended 7 to 13 points lower on a weaker hog market, hedge selling and general liquidation. Cash was still quiet with prime, 4.40 to 4.50c.; refined to Continent, 4¾¢.; South America, 5½¢. On the 7th inst futures ended 3 to 8 points higher on a stronger hog market. On the 8th inst. futures closed 2 to 7 points higher. Hogs were 5 to 10c. higher with the top \$3.40. Prime, 4.40 to 4.50c.; refined to Continent, 4½¢.; South America, 5½¢. To-day futures ended unchanged to 3 points lower. Final prices are 5 points lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January.....	3.77	3.75	3.67	3.75	3.77	3.77
March.....	3.85	3.85	3.72	3.80	3.87	3.85
May.....	3.92	3.90	3.82	3.90	3.95	3.92

Season's High and When Made.		Season's Low and When Made.	
January.....	5.30	January.....	3.67 ec. 6 1932
March.....	4.35	March.....	3.72 Dec. 6 1932
May.....	5.42	May.....	3.82 Dec. 6 1932

PORK quiet; mess, \$15.25; family, \$16; fat backs, \$10.50 to \$12.50; Beef quiet; mess nominal; packet nominal; family, \$12 to \$13; extra India mess nominal; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$1.97½; No. 2, \$3.90; 6 lbs. South America, \$12; pickled tongues, \$33 to \$35. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams, 14 to 16 lbs., 8½¢; 18 to 20 lbs., 7½¢; 22 to 24 lbs., 6¼¢; pickled bellies, 6 to 8 lbs., 8¢; 8 to 10 lbs., 7½¢; 10 to 12 lbs., 7¼¢; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, New York, 18 to 20 lbs., 6¢; 14 to 16 lbs., 6¢. Butter, creamery, seconds, 21¼ to 24¼¢. Cheese, flats, 12½ to 18¢. Eggs, mixed colors, checks to special packs, 25 to 37¢.

OILS—Linseed was rather quiet of late. Everybody is awaiting the Government report to be issued on the 10th inst. Carlots quoted at 6.8¢. Coconut, Manila Coast, tanks, 2⅞ to 3¢; tanks, New York spot 3¼¢. Corn, crude, tanks, f. o. b. Western mills, 2⅞ to 3¢. China wood, New York drums, carlots, delivered 5½¢; tanks, spot, 4¼¢; Pacific Coast, tanks, 4⅞¢. Soya Bean, tank cars, f. o. b. Western mills, 2¾ to 3¢; carlot, delivered, drums, New York, 4¢; L. C. L., 4¼¢. Edible, olive, \$1.25 to \$1.40. Lard, prime, 8½¢; extra strained winter, 7½¢. Cod, Newfoundland 23¢. Turpentine 41½ to 47¢. Rosin \$3.10 to \$6.70. Cottonseed oil sales to-day including switches 9 contracts. Crude S. E. 89 under January. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	3.40@	Bid	April	3.75@	3.82
December	3.43@	3.55	May	3.82@	3.88
January	3.51@	3.58	June	3.85@	3.95
February	3.55@	3.65	July	3.96@	
March	3.72@	3.74			

PETROLEUM.—Tank car gasoline prices were advanced ½ to 6¢ by the Republic Oil Co. Other companies are expected to follow. The Standard Oil Co. of New York advanced the tank wagon price of kerosene 1¢ in the metropolitan area, including New York City, Long Island and Yonkers; also Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Binghamton and Burlington, Vt. Gasoline has shown little change of late. Consumption is falling off owing to the colder weather. Fuel oils were in rather better demand and steady. Grade C bunker fuel oil was in fair demand at 75¢. Diesel oil was quiet at \$1.65.

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 3rd inst., futures declined 4 to 5 points. On Dec. 3rd London was 1-32d. lower to 1-32d. higher and Singapore unchanged. No. 1 Standard for Dec. closed at 3.17 bid, March, 3.33 to 3.35¢; No. 1 B for May 3.42¢; July, 3.48 to 3.50¢; Sept., 3.60 to 3.64¢; spot Dec., 3-3-16 to 3-5-16¢; Standard thick latex, 37¢. On the 5th futures closed 2 to 4 points lower. London declined 1-32 to 1-16d. with spot 2-9-16d. The sales here were 680 tons closing with No. 1 Standard for December, 3.15¢ and March at 3.31 to 3.32¢; No. 1 B for May, 3.37 to 3.39¢; July, 3.45¢; Sept., 3.53 to 3.55¢. Outside spot and Dec., 3-3-16 to 3¼¢. Of the total of 40,098 tons of crude rubber exported by British Malaya during November, 21,247 tons were shipped to the United States; of the 37,931 tons exported during October, the United States received 21,042 tons, according to figures cabled to the Rubber Exchange of New York. During November, 1931, Malaya exported a gross quantity of 48,012 tons, of which 36,049 tons were for the United States. Malayan exports to other countries last month were: To the United Kingdom, 4,181 tons, against 4,192 tons in October; British possessions, 649 tons, against 1,278 tons; the Continent, 8,837 tons, against 7,251 tons; to Japan, 4,097 tons, against 3,128 tons; other countries, 400 tons, against 484 tons during October. Gross latex revertex exports were 587 tons, against 556 tons in the previous month.

On the 6th futures were unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 290 tons. London declined 1-32 to 1-16d.; spot, 2½d. Singapore was 1-32d. lower. No. 1 Standard here closed at 3.16¢ for Dec. and 3.31¢ for March. No. 1 B 3.38 to 3.39 for May and 3.45 to 3.48 for July; outside spot and Dec. 3-3-16 to 3¼¢. On the 7th futures closed 3 to 5 points higher with sales of only 140 tons or only about half the business of the day before. No. 1 Standard for Dec. closed at 3.20¢ bid; March sold at 3.36¢; No. 1 B for May 3.42 to 3.45¢; Sept., 3.58 to 3.61; outside spot and Dec., 3¼ to 3-5-16¢. On the 8th futures closed unchanged to 2 points off. Spot rubber was dull. London closed at 2½d. spot. New York was at one time 1 to 4 points lower but rallied later. Consumption for the year was placed at a little over 300,000 tons yesterday for the United States, as compared with actual consumption of 348,986 tons during 1931 and 377,231 tons for 1930. Figures up to October were 274,220 tons and it is doubted in some quarters whether consumption for the final two months of 1932 would approximate last year's total of some 44,000 tons for this period. No. 1 Standard Dec., 3.19 nominal; March, 3.34 to 3.35; No. 1 B, May, 3.41 to 3.45; July, 3.49¢; sales of futures 340 tons. Outside prices: Plantation R. S. sheets, spot and Dec., 3¼ to 3-5-16; 1933, the following all offering prices, Jan.-March, 3⅜; April-June, 3-9-16; July-Sept., 3-11-16; spot, Standard thick latex, 3⅞; Standard thin latex, 4-1-16; clean, thin brown, No. 2, 2⅞; rolled brown crepe, 2⅞; No. 2 amber, 2-5-16; No. 3, 2⅞; No. 4, 2-13-16. Paras, acre, fine, spot, 7½ to 7¾ nominal; Upriver, fine, spot, 7¼ to 7½ nominal. To-day No. 1 Standard futures closed unchanged to 6 points lower, with sales of 7 lots; Dec., 3.19¢; Jan., 3.24¢; Feb., 3.29¢; March,

3.34¢, and April, 3.37¢. Final prices are 3 to 10 points low r for the week.

HIDES.—On the 3rd, prices declined 5 to 10 points. On Dec. 3, the sales of spot hides included 2,000 November Argentine frigorifico, at 6⅜¢. Futures closed with 4.15¢ bid for old December, 4.05¢ for new December and 4.40¢ for old March, with June new, 5.25 to 5.35¢, and September new, 5.80 to 5.85¢. On the 5th, futures were unchanged to 10 points lower, with sales of 600,000 pounds; also 4,000 November frigorifico steers at 6-5-16¢. New and old Dec., 4.05¢; March new, 4.65 to 4.75¢; June, 5.15 to 5.25¢; Sept., 5.70 to 5.80¢. On the 6th, futures were 5 points lower to 15 higher. Dec. old and new, 4¢; March new, 4.80¢; June new, 5.20 to 5.35¢; Sept., 5.80¢. The tone was better. The higher stock market had some effect. On the 7th, futures were 5 points lower to 8 higher, 6,000 frigorifico steers sold at 6-3-16¢. The trading was quiet, closing with old December, 4.05¢ bid; new, 3.95¢ bid; March old, 4.45¢ bid; new, 4.77 to 4.89¢; Sept., new 4.80 to 4.90¢. On the 8th, futures closed 8 points lower to 3 higher. Spot hides were dull. Dec. old closed at 4¢ bid; new, 3.95¢ bid; March old sold at 4.40¢, new at 4.80¢; Sept. new at 3.80¢; New York calfskins, 9-12s, \$1.25; 7-9s, 75¢; 5-7s, 65 to 70¢. To-day, prices closed 5 points lower to 10 points higher with sales of 17 lots; Dec., 4¢; March, 4.75 to 4.85¢; May, 5.10¢; June, 5.30¢; July, 5.45¢, and Sept. 5.80 to 5.85¢. Final prices are 5 to 15 points lower than a week ago.

OCEAN FREIGHTS early in the week were dull. Later there was more activity. Rates were firmer later, especially for Canadian grain.

CHARTERS included: Wheat, 5,700 tons Albany, Greece or Adriatic, 10¢, Dec. 5-12; 7,000 tons, spot December, Greece 28s. Booked: 5 loads spot Hamburg, 5¢; 6 French-Atlantic, 5¢; 1½ loads Venice-Trieste, 11¢; 10 loads New York, Antwerp, Jan. 4, 6¢; 3½ loads Havre-Dunkirk, 5¢ pier, 6¢. State elevator; 10 loads Rotterdam, 5¢; 3 loads Venice-Trieste, 11¢. Booked: 45 loads New York-Hamburg, 6s.; 3 St. John-Hamburg, 9¢; Canadian, all heavy grain and 1,000 tons Gulf prompt Soya beans to Hamburg, 6¼¢. Wheat: Vancouver-United Kingdom, 22s. Trip: Prompt trip across via South Atlantic, 65¢. Sugar: Santo Domingo-Casablanca, \$2.25. Sugar: Cuba, second half December, United Kingdom-Continent, 15s. 3d. Scrap iron: Baltimore and Philadelphia to Italy, one discharge, \$2.75. Nitrates: Prompt Hopewell North Spain, \$2.10. Tankers: California, Brisbane-Melbourne Range, 15s.; Adelaide, 16s.; Fremantle, 17s. 6d., clean; part cargoes, California, Australia, 22s., 20s. 6d. and 19s. respectively (all in Australian currency), clean, January; 5% U. S. Gulf, United Kingdom-Continent, 12s. 9d., lubricating oil, December; California, three ports Japan, 22¢ per barrel, dirty, December-January; Baltimore, United Kingdom, 7s., clean, Jan. 1-10; Gulf, South Africa, 12s., clean, Dec. 25 to Jan. 5; Black Sea, Shanghai, 15s., clean, Dec. 20-30; part cargo about 3,400 tons, Constanza-Antwerp and Hamburg, 7s. 6d., clean, Dec. 10-25.

TOBACCO.—Has been steady here with the ordinary daily business. Burley tobacco opened well at the South. An Associated Press dispatch from Greenville, Tenn., on December 6th said: "Officials announced the sale of approximately 300,000 pounds of tobacco at an average of \$15.14 a hundred pounds at the opening to-day of the burley marketing season of the Southern Appalachian region. The average, which exceeded expectations of both warehousemen and growers, compared with \$11.65 for the opening day last year. Prices ranged from \$5 to \$27 a hundred pounds although a few baskets of trashy tobacco sold as low as \$2. Quality leaf brought from \$20 to \$25. Lexington, Ky., wired that prices of tobacco there rose on Dec. 6th approximately \$1, grade for grade, over Monday's opening, but offerings of large quantities of lower grade leaf held the average down to \$12.40 on a sale of 1,655,605 lbs. Other burley markets in that State opened on the 6th with prices virtually the same as paid in Lexington's opening the previous day, but from \$1 to \$4 increases in market averages over last year's opening. Maysville, the State's second largest burley market, sold 445,390 lbs., at an average of \$12.35. Paris maintained its record by recording the highest average, \$14.02 on a sale of 249,985 lbs. The high basket at Lexington brought \$27; at Paris, \$29 and at Maysville, \$30.

Danville has resumed activities. More than 13,000,000 lbs. have been absorbed on the eight Danville warehouse floors. Light sales, principally of low and medium quality weed, marked most of Virginia's markets. Danville, in the bright belt, alone recorded heavy sales, when the floor, congested for a week, was cleared of the block with the absorption of half a million pounds. Danville's sales for the week totaled 3,457,781 lbs., at an average of \$10.37 per hundred pounds. Prices on most lower quality grades of other bright tobacco floors averaged less than earlier in the week. A dispatch from Edgerton, Wis., to the U. S. Tobacco Journal said: "Farmers of the Northern district have disposed of approximately 1,000,000 lbs. of low grades of the 1931 crop in the bundle during the past week. This tobacco, while mainly for stemming purposes, contains a quantity of leaf that can be sorted out for the manufacture of cheap cigars. Three to seven cents per pound was paid, the average being less than five cents. Lexington, Ky., wired on Dec. 8th that the average price of burley tobacco continued to rise to-day on the market there, 1,925,945 lbs. selling for \$14 a hundredweight. A new high mark for leaf, \$32, was set. At Maysville the average of sales of 178,045 lbs. rose to \$13.60, the season's high price there. Prices continued fair at all markets excepting those for dark leaf in Western Kentucky which were so unsatisfactory that only negligible shipments of leaf were made to warehouses. Dark leaf averages ranged from \$2.50 to \$5.50 a hundredweight.

COAL.—The comparatively warm winter thus far has tended to restrict trade. A fair business is under way

but nothing more than that. Recently southern Illinois big lump has declined to \$2.35, central Illinois No. 5 to \$1.85 at the top and No. 6 to \$1.75. The top on Pocahontas and Sewell lump and stove is \$2.25 and on egg \$2.50.

SILVER.—Commercial bar silver reached a new low for all time here on the 3rd inst. when it sold at 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Futures, however, showed an advance at the close of 20 to 30 points, with sales of 275,000 ounces; Dec., 25.20 to 25.30c.; Jan., 25.25c.; March, 25.41c., and May, 25.57 to 25.64c. On the 5th inst. futures advanced 25 to 30 points with sales of 200,000 ounces. Commercial bar advanced to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. March ended at 25.70 to 25.85c.; May at 25.90c.; Dec., 25.45c.; Jan., 25.50c.; Feb., 25.58c.; April, 25.80c.; June, 26c.; July, 26.10c. On the 6th inst. there was an average rise of 25 points at the close, with sales of 2,350,000 ounces. Much of the trading was in switches, particularly of Jan. for May at 36 to 39 points premium. March ended at 25.95c.; May at 26.16c.; Dec., 25.72c.; Feb., 25.85c.; April, 26.05c.; June, 26.26c. On the 7th inst. commercial bar silver rose $\frac{1}{4}$ c. to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and futures advanced 20 to 25 points, with sales of 550,000 ounces. December ended at 26 to 26.08c.; Jan. at 26.08c.; March at 26.20 to 26.35c., and May at 26.36c. Futures on the 8th inst. declined 30 to 40 points after sales of 150,000 ounces. May was the most wanted. Commercial bar was unchanged at 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Closing prices were as follows: Dec., 25.50 to 25.65c.; Jan., 25.70 to 25.75c.; Feb., 25.76c.; March, 25.82 to 26c.; April, 25.89 to 26.05c.; May, 26 to 26.10c.; June, 26.08c. bid; July, 26.16 to 26.35c.; Aug., 26.26c. with 10 points higher for each succeeding month, all nominal. To-day futures closed 5 to 14 points higher, with sales of 550,000 ounces. Dec. closed at 25.70c.; Jan. at 25.75c.; March at 25.90c.; May at 26.10 to 26.14c., and July at 26.30c. Final prices are 68 to 80 points higher for the week.

COPPER was reduced to 5.25c. by Copper Exporters early in the week. This is the lowest price at which American copper has been sold abroad. On the 5th inst. offerings were made abroad at 5.225c. On the 6th inst. there was a further decline in the foreign price. Copper Exporters reduced their price to 5.20c. and sales are said to have been made in Paris at 5.17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. On the 8th inst. the European price was down to 5.10c. minimum. This price applied to a sale in Paris. At Berlin 5.15c. was secured while at London the range was 5.15 to 5.20c. The domestic market was 5 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Futures on the 8th inst. declined 5 points on new contract ending with Dec., 4.05c.; Jan., 4.09c.; Feb., 4.13c.; March, 4.16c. bid; Apr., 4.21c.; May, 4.26c. to 4.35c.; June, 4.31c. with 5 points higher for each succeeding month, all nominal. To-day futures here declined 8 to 15 points with Dec., 3.95c.; Jan., 4c.; March, 4.01c.; May, 4.15 to 4.35c.; July, 4.25c.; Sept., 4.35c. and Oct., 4.40c.; sales 25 tons.

TIN was in small demand and rather easier of late at 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. At the first session in London, on the 8th inst., spot standard advanced 5s. to £151 17s. 6d.; futures unchanged at £152 12s. 6d.; sales, 300 tons spot and 150 tons of futures; spot Straits advanced 5s. to £156 17s. 6d.; Eastern c.i.f. London dropped 5s. to £156 17s. 6d.; at the second session spot standard declined 7s. 6d.; futures off 5s. on sales of 25 tons of spot and 35 tons of futures. Futures here to-day closed with Dec., 21.80c.; March, 22.10c., and May, 22.30c.; no sales.

LEAD was rather quiet with business confined to carloads for prompt delivery. The maximum East St. Louis price was dropped from 2.90 to 2.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; New York, 3c. London at the first session dropped on spot 1s. 3d. to £11 5s.; futures off 2s. 6d. to £11 12s. 6d.; sales 150 tons of spot and 600 tons of futures; at the second session prices were unchanged, with sales of 200 tons of futures.

ZINC was quiet at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. East St. Louis. Ore prices in the tri-State district of late have been lower. In London, on the 8th inst., spot fell 1s. 3d. to £15 1s. 3d.; futures off 2s. 6d. to £15 6s. 3d.; sales 200 tons of spot and 625 tons of futures; at the second session prices advanced 1s. 3d. on sales of 25 tons of futures.

STEEL is still quiet as might be expected at this time of the year. The sales of structural steel keep up to the average of the last few weeks of 11,500 tons. Steel scrap in Chicago declined 25c., or 50c. in two weeks. Heavy melting steel was quoted at \$5 to \$5.50. Automobile production in Nov. increased 18%, the total being 61,206 cars and trucks, against 50,270 in October and 70,114 in Nov. last year.

PIG IRON has remained as dull as ever, nor is much change expected in the near future. Production in Nov. increased 1%. Indian iron is said to have been selling to New England at \$15 at dock and Dutch at \$14. According to one report the production in Nov. decreased 2%.

WOOL.—Boston wired a government report on the 6th as follows: "A fairly good movement is being reported by some houses on the finer quality Western grown wools. Graded strictly combing 64s and finer territory wool sold to-day in substantial weight at 44c. to 46c. scoured basis, the average price on the line being estimated at 45c. A sizable quantity of eight months' Texas wool was moved at 37c. to 38c., scoured basis. Twelve months' Texas wools are not moving freely but some choice offerings brought 43c. to 45c., scoured basis. In London on Dec. 2 offerings of 6,000 bales sold briskly to home and foreign buyers on the recent basis of prices. Offerings of 2,450 bales of English washed and greasy crossbreds also met quick sale, the bulk

being secured by the Continent at prices generally 5% above October levels. Best washed wools realized 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. and greasy 9d. Sales at pence per pound: Sydney, 3,380 bales, Merinos, greasy, 7-11d., Queensland 49 bales, Merinos, scoured, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Victoria, 155 bales, Merinos, scoured 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., crossbreds, scoured, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., West Australia 311 bales, Merinos, greasy, 8-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., New Zealand, 2,105 bales, crossbreds, scoured 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 15d., greasy, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. On Dec. 2 at the Auckland wool sales, a good selection consisting of 28,000 bales, was offered and more than 75% was sold. Competition was irregular with the Continent the principal operator, and prices eased toward the close. Prices quoted included halfbred 50-56s, good to super, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ @10d.; low medium, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ @7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Other prices: fine crossbred 48-50s, super to good, 8-9d., low to medium, 6-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 46-48s, super to good, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., low to medium, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; crossbred 44-46s, super to good, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., low to medium, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; 40-44s super to good, 3-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., low to medium, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., coarse crossbreds, 36-40s, super to good, 2-3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., low to medium, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2d. At Geelong Dec. 2, 19,000 bales offered and 94% sold. Super merinos, super greasy comebacks and fine greasy crossbreds were very firm, but medium and coarse greasy crossbreds were irregular.

In London on Dec. 5th, at the colonial wool auctions, offerings of 7,500 bales included the first supply of 3,125 bales of Puntas, greasy crossbred seen in this series. The Continent bought most at prices equal to the October rate. Prices ranged from 6 to 11d. per pound. Australian and New Zealand selections sold readily to Yorkshire and the Continent on the recent basis of values. Firm limits led to the withdrawal of about 500 bales. Details:

Sydney, 170 bales, merinos, greasy, 9 to 10d. Queensland, 958 bales, merinos, scoured, 16 to 17d.; greasy, 8 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. South Australia, 148 bales, merinos, scoured, 12 to 16d. West Australia, 659 bales, merinos, greasy, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand, 2,032 bales, crossbreds, greasy, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Bales, 350 bales, crossbreds, scoured, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 8d. New Zealand slipe ranged from 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., latter halfbred lambs.

In London on Dec. 5th the fourth series of Sydney wool sales opened. Prices were unchanged compared with the close of the previous series. In London on Dec. 6 offerings, 9,650 bales. Merinos and fine greasy crossbreds met with brisk sale to home and the Continent, fine crossbreds selling frequently at price 5% above October rates. In sympathy with weaker advices from New Zealand, lower grades of greasy and slipe crossbreds declined 5 to 10% below October levels. The reluctance of sellers to meet lower bids on these grades resulted in large withdrawals. Details:

Sydney, 1,085 bales, merinos, greasy, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Queensland, 1,924 bales, merinos, scoured, 16 to 22d.; greasy, 9 to 11d. Victoria, 1,239 bales, merinos, scoured, 14 to 18d.; greasy, 8 to 12d. West Australia, 855 bales, merinos, greasy, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand, 4,544 bales, crossbreds, scoured, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand slipe ranged from 5 to 12d., latter halfbred lambs. The sales will close on Dec. 13 instead of on Dec. 14.

London cabled on Dec. 6 that the National Council of Australian Wool Brokers reported that 2,304,000 bales were received into store from July 1 to Nov. 30, as compared with 2,206,000 in the corresponding period of 1931. Sales during the period totaled 1,053,000 bales as against 1,010,000 bales last year. There were 16,000 bales withdrawn as against 15,000 in 1931. Stocks on hand totaled 1,235,000 bales as against 1,181,000 last season. The average November price, greasy basis, was 8.53d. per pound. The average for the season was 8.59d. In London, on Dec. 7th, offerings, 7,823 bales of which 6,183 were sold. Demand good for fine kinds from Germany and France. Medium and inferior sorts were irregular and frequently bought in on low bids. Details:

Sydney, 3,109 bales, merinos, greasy, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Queensland, 1,694 bales, merinos, scoured, 15 to 18d.; greasy, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Victoria, 207 bales, merinos, scoured, 11 to 15d.; greasy, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; crossbreds, scoured, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. West Australia, 186 bales, merinos, greasy, 8 to 11d. New Zealand, 2,606 bales, crossbreds, scoured, 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy, 4 to 11d. New Zealand slipe ranged from 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., latter halfbred lambs.

In London, on Dec. 8 offerings were 6,273 bales. Liberal purchases by England and the Continent on the recent basis of values. Details:

Sydney, 1,803 bales, merinos, scoured, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy, 8 to 12d. Queensland, 311 bales, merinos, greasy, 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Victoria, 242 bales, merinos, greasy, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. West Australia, 177 bales, merinos, greasy, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand, 3,306 bales, merinos, scoured, 15 to 17d.; crossbreds, scoured, 8 to 13d.; greasy, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 11d. Cape, 433 bales, merinos, greasy, 7 to 9d. New Zealand slipe ranged from 4 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., latter halfbred lambs.

Boston wires a Government report as follows: "Mills continue to inquire about offerings of wool but purchases are confined mostly to immediate needs. Scattered sales of 56s and 48s, 50s of both fleeces and territory lines are being closed at about steady prices. Some Texas 12 months' wool is moving and fair quantities of average staple offerings have been sold at 41@43c., scoured basis."

WOOL TOPS futures sales to-day included March at 50.50 and 50.90c.; May at 51.30c., or net unchanged to 40 points higher. The closing was quiet, net unchanged to 15 points lower, with Dec. and Jan., 50c.; Feb. and March, 50.50c.; April and May, 51c., and June and July, 51.50c.

SILK.—On the 3rd inst. futures closed 2c. lower to 1c. higher, with sales of 80 bales. Dec. ended at \$1.36 to \$1.40; Jan. at \$1.37 to \$1.40, and Feb. to July, \$1.40 to \$1.42. On the 5th inst. futures closed unchanged to 1c. higher, with sales of 49 lots, and Dec. at \$1.37 to \$1.40; Jan. at \$1.38 to \$1.40; Feb., \$1.38 to \$1.40; March to June, \$1.40, and July, \$1.41 to \$1.42. On the 6th the ending was at a net advance of 1c. to 3c., with sales of only 520 bales; Dec., \$1.38 to \$1.42; Jan., \$1.40; Feb., \$1.41; March, \$1.41 to \$1.42; April and May, \$1.41 to \$1.42; June, \$1.41, and

July, \$1.41 to \$1.42. On the 7th inst. prices showed a gain for the day of 1c. to 3c., with sales of 870 bales. Dec. ended at \$1.40 to \$1.43; Jan. at \$1.43; Feb. at \$1.42 to \$1.43; March, April, May and June at \$1.43, and July at \$1.43 to \$1.44. On the 8th inst. futures closed 1 to 2c. higher, with sales of 1,020 bales. Dec. ended at \$1.41 to \$1.45; Jan., \$1.44 to \$1.45; Feb., \$1.44 to \$1.46; March and April, \$1.45; May, \$1.45 to \$1.46; June, \$1.45, and July, \$1.45 to \$1.46. To-day futures ended 1 to 3 points higher, with sales of 2,060 bales; Dec., \$1.44 to \$1.47; Jan., \$1.47; Feb., \$1.46 to \$1.47; March, \$1.46; April, May and June, \$1.46 to \$1.47, and July, \$1.46. Final prices are 5 to 6 points higher for the week.

COTTON

Friday Night, Dec. 9 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 298,545 bales, against 375,711 bales last week and 308,468 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1932 5,138,781 bales, against 5,487,933 bales for the same period of 1931, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1932 of 349,152 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	11,795	12,106	21,924	15,307	9,496	7,197	77,825
Texas City						8,048	8,048
Houston	11,944	17,246	22,071	12,363	10,459	39,488	113,571
Corpus Christi	261	610	567	804	320	317	2,879
New Orleans	9,415	13,085	12,490	15,873	6,395	16,045	73,303
Mobile	517	1,389	971	1,249	3,338	83	7,547
Jacksonville						401	401
Savannah	522	531	722	451	739	285	3,250
Charleston	182	564	41	470	232	1,542	3,031
Lake Charles						2,697	2,697
Wilmington	401	161	556	593	343	577	2,631
Norfolk	949	717	264	397	223	460	3,010
Baltimore						352	352
Totals this week	35,986	46,409	59,606	47,507	31,545	77,492	298,545

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1932 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Dec. 9.	1932.		1931.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1932.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1931.	1932.	1931.
Galveston	77,825	1,269,399	65,638	1,296,470	885,741	907,876
Texas City	8,048	137,054	5,344	91,502	69,763	52,385
Houston	113,571	1,790,971	70,371	2,256,514	1,805,247	1,648,245
Corpus Christi	2,879	265,116	3,624	393,611	94,237	112,194
Port Arthur, &c.		23,511	1,368	11,635	20,201	
New Orleans	73,303	936,847	52,361	634,481	1,060,613	796,358
Gulfport		606				
Mobile	7,547	158,656	18,023	219,248	134,702	235,467
Pensacola		85,944	17	48,352	33,096	
Jacksonville	401	6,702	208	20,565	20,024	14,675
Savannah	3,250	104,845	2,462	215,561	182,610	317,679
Brunswick		28,654	1,231	11,588		
Charleston	3,031	115,125	788	85,154	79,102	160,568
Lake Charles	2,697	129,527	2,328	102,663	83,006	57,817
Wilmington	2,631	33,336	393	32,711	29,754	23,319
Norfolk	3,010	35,804	1,736	51,191	58,781	70,064
N'port News, &c.		8,689				
New York					201,828	225,520
Boston				321	17,376	9,001
Baltimore	352	7,995	1,220	16,365	2,050	1,381
Philadelphia				1	5,389	5,313
Totals	298,545	5,138,781	227,112	5,487,933	4,783,520	4,637,862

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Galveston	77,825	65,638	37,675	65,161	107,464	60,125
Houston	113,571	70,371	64,275	107,031	84,435	66,348
New Orleans	73,303	52,361	55,284	58,290	64,031	38,918
Mobile	7,547	18,023	26,517	12,348	10,155	3,079
Savannah	3,250	2,462	16,167	12,459	9,642	8,530
Brunswick		1,231				
Charleston	3,031	788	8,254	4,842	3,138	3,556
Wilmington	2,631	393	1,568	4,249	5,648	3,594
Norfolk	3,010	1,736	4,294	6,680	8,993	8,319
Newport News						
All others	14,377	14,109	8,874	10,338	18,230	7,593
Total this wk.	298,545	227,112	222,908	281,398	311,736	199,962
Since Aug. 1.	5,138,781	5,487,933	6,314,286	6,053,287	6,338,579	5,724,220

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 276,936 bales, of which 36,761 were to Great Britain, 31,785 to France, 41,483 to Germany, 29,245 to Italy, nil to Russia, 107,762 to Japan and China and 29,900 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 345,277 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 3,490,085 bales, against 3,312,250 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Week Ended Dec. 9 1932. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	9,988	16,303	8,048	8,349		37,075	9,664	89,427
Houston	1,473	3,508	5,080	4,864		29,245	10,222	54,692
Texas City	1,028	3,534	5,430			3,612	985	14,589
Corpus Christi		1,252					632	1,884
New Orleans	17,028	6,588	13,253	14,658		17,570	5,565	74,662
Mobile	4,795		7,501	1,374		14,960	1,305	29,935
Pensacola	2,381							2,381
Savannah						100		100
Norfolk		100						100
Los Angeles			665			5,200	622	6,487
Lake Charles	68	200	1,506				905	2,679
Total	36,761	31,785	41,483	29,245		107,762	29,900	276,936
Total 1931	57,076	17,691	55,639	41,496		137,572	35,803	345,277
Total 1930	22,604	24,409	30,535	14,771		22,559	19,479	184,357

From Aug. 1 1932 to Dec. 9 1932. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	122,071	121,822	123,327	66,209		276,975	132,770	843,174
Houston	126,218	176,702	229,679	98,275		215,700	150,689	997,263
Texas City	8,984	8,162	24,679	1,053		3,612	3,302	49,792
Cor. Christi	23,319	54,864	35,613	16,002		69,836	41,339	240,973
Beaumont	468	420	2,163	100			159	3,140
Panama City	4,457		5,174					9,631
Gulfport	506	100						606
New Orleans	122,397	64,072	151,984	104,576		165,430	59,466	667,925
Mobile	38,805	8,135	77,546	11,273		25,119	9,292	160,170
Jacksonville	1,084		2,474				24	2,582
Pensacola	9,066	50	40,810	630			1,125	51,681
Savannah	65,769	1,350	44,100			5,994	4,680	121,893
Brunswick	10,676		16,431				1,547	28,654
Charleston	39,796		68,182			2,000	6,211	116,189
Wilmington			1,513	3,500			1,500	6,513
Norfolk	10,839	752	2,330					13,921
New York	276		169					300
Boston								1,598
Los Angeles	1,177	50	9,000			49,771	1,649	61,647
San Francisco	635		50	100				14,313
Seattle								360
Lake Charles	6,446	16,130	16,635	10,874		23,582	7,393	81,060
Total	592,989	452,609	856,939	312,592		851,252	423,704	3,490,085
Total 1931	508,656	148,523	690,173	265,242		1,332,765	366,891	3,312,250
Total 1930	663,048	578,698	1,008,521	247,037		587,932	339,557	3,454,072

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:

Dec. 9 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	11,000	5,500	9,500	30,000	2,000	58,000
New Orleans	8,569	4,669	7,593	24,280	339	45,450
Savannah	2,500					2,500
Charleston					150	150
Mobile	2,097	1,207	4,002	350		7,656
Norfolk						58,781
Other ports *	5,000	2,000	2,500	55,000	500	65,000
Total 1932	29,166	13,376	23,595	109,630	2,989	178,756
Total 1931	22,144	10,082	13,335	130,506	20,002	196,069
Total 1930	32,401	10,113	23,584	89,006	7,046	162,150

* Estimated.

COTTON has been alternately swayed by a big increase in the crop estimate by the Government and hedge selling on the one hand and by the insistent trade demand and the strength of the technical position on the other. The Washington estimate of the crop has been raised 780,000 bales to a total of 12,727,000 bales, but the decline of \$1 which greeted these figures was mostly recovered the same day. After a decline of over 4c. in the last three months, cotton shows signs of resistance to pressure, which was further emphasized by to-day's sharp advance.

On the 3rd inst. prices wound up 5 to 11 points lower, with the English and Egyptian cables lower and selling pressure increased partly in hedge business. Liverpool declined 12 to 26 English points, and Alexandria 42 to 65 points. Liverpool was affected by the war debt question and the break in Alexandria. Manchester was dull, and sales fell below production. Farm Board interests were believed to be selling here, and the Red Cross was supposed to be selling.

On the 5th inst. futures declined 4 to 7 points, with the trading small on the eve of Thursday's Government report and with uncertainty about sales tax measures. Some are reported to be endeavoring to obtain guarantees from sellers to pay all Federal taxes that may be imposed. The defeat of the dry repeal resolution was called a bear point. But the trade kept buying on a scale down of a point or two, and that acted as a buffer. The net decline was therefore small. The mills bought October noticeably. Liverpool and Wall Street bought, but the South sold for hedge account, and the Continent also sold. There was a tendency to increase the estimates of the size of the crop. One was 12,402,000 bales. The average guess of 86 members of the New York Stock Exchange was 12,146,000. For the first three months of the season the world's consumption of American cotton shows an increase, while that of foreign cotton shows a decrease. The New York Cotton Exchange Service said: "Spinners of the world are using more American cotton and less foreign cotton than they were a year ago, but the increase in consumption of American is slightly greater than the decrease in consumption of foreign growths, with the result that total consumption of all kinds of cotton is slightly larger than last year. In the first quarter of this season, from Aug. 1 to Oct. 31, the world used approximately 323,000 more bales of American cotton, but 274,000 less bales of foreign growths than in the same period last season. Hence world consumption of all cottons was approximately 49,000 bales more than last year. Total consumption of American cotton in the three months was 3,319,000 bales, against 2,996,000 last year. Consumption of foreign cottons was 2,504,000 compared with 2,778,000. Consumption of all cottons was 5,823,000 compared with 5,774,000. Spinners of the Orient are using relatively more foreign cotton and less American than a few months ago, but world totals for the first quarter of this season do not reflect this change because of the large increase in consumption of American cotton in the United States."

As regards the crop, Montgomery, Ala., advices said: "The difficulty in estimating this crop was due mainly to the very spotted condition following very varied weather, not only as to the belt at a whole, but as to nearby and adjacent localities. In many sections stands and growth differed widely from one farm to another, hence the difficulty in

forecasting this crop. Where there was early planting followed by protracted rains, outturn was poor; where plantings were late results were better. In the Southeastern belt early planting and early fertilization proved disadvantageous as compared with the later plantings in the northern sections, and similar conditions prevailed throughout the belt. There has been no plowing nor breaking up of the ground nor preparation for next season's prospective crop thus far." Manchester reported cloths dull and yarns irregular. Here print cloths were unchanged and less active.

On the 6th inst. prices advanced 11 to 16 points, with stocks higher, offerings smaller, and that determined trade buying which talk about higher crop estimates does not in the least discourage. It is a support under the market all the time. Crop estimates ranged from 12,018,000 to 12,316,000 bales against 17,098,000 last year. The guesses on the crop are now nearly a million bales larger than those of last August and the carryover is enormous, but, on the other hand, the price is under 6c. per pound. The total world's supply of all kinds of cotton, domestic and foreign, is stated at 39,878,000 bales against 40,481,000 a year ago. Liverpool was noticeably higher than due, and Alexandria was higher. Worth Street had a better inquiry, but not much business, as bids were too low, holders firm at 3 1/2c. for 64x60's 38 1/2-inch for print cloths. Manchester was quiet.

On the 7th inst. prices ended 1 to 5 points lower, with a slight increase in hedge selling and some evening up for the Government report on the 8th inst. Liquidation of January was also something of a feature. At the same time the technical position was considered good, and there was enough covering and other buying to prevent any marked decline. Print cloths were more active and firmer at 3 1/2c. for 38 1/2-inch 64x60's. Denims were strong. Liverpool was higher than due. The Far East sold to some extent. Wall Street bought.

On the 8th inst. cotton declined 20 points at first on an increase in the Government crop estimate of 780,000 bales, or a total of 12,727,000 bales against 17,098,000 last year and 13,932,000 in 1930. Most of the decline was regained later on covering and trade buying. The close was at a net loss of 3 to 8 points. The yield per acre was 162.1 pounds against 201.2 last year and a 10-year average of 151.4 pounds. The acreage picked was 37,589,000 acres, or an increase of 2.7% over the acreage for harvest on which the September, October and November reports were forecast. The average weight of running bales will be somewhat heavier than usual. The rally was considered significant. Many commission houses comment on what they term the strength of the technical position. Prices are over \$20 a bale cheaper than three months ago. New spot holders show an increased indisposition to sell. Manchester was quiet, but Worth Street was more active, encouraged by the later rally in cotton. Two Cotton Exchange "seats" sold at \$10,000 to \$10,500.

To-day prices advanced 16 to 18 points net, closing at very nearly the top. The rise more than wiped out the loss suffered yesterday after the publication of the Government report. Liverpool came lower than due, but swung into line with the strength in our market during the last hour of their session. Spinners, Liverpool and the Continent bought, and hedge selling fell off materially. Worth Street reported a substantial demand, and Manchester quoted cloth and yarns as steady with a small trade. The ability of the market to advance in the face of bearish news shows its apparent underlying strength. Final prices show an advance for the week of 4 to 8 points. Spot cotton ended at 5.90c. for middling, an advance for the week of 10 points.

Staple Premiums
60% of average of
six markets quoting
for deliveries on
Dec. 15 1932.

15-16 Inch.	1-inch & longer.	
.08	.24	Middling Fair.....White.....
.08	.24	Strict Good Middling.....do.....
.08	.24	Good Middling.....do.....
.08	.24	Strict Middling.....do.....
.08	.24	Middling.....do.....
.08	.21	Strict Low Middling.....do.....
.07	.20	Low Middling.....do.....
		*Strict Good Ordinary.....do.....
		*Good Ordinary.....do.....
		Good Middling.....Extra White.....
		Strict Middling.....do.....
		Middling.....do.....
		Strict Low Middling.....do.....
		Low Middling.....do.....
		Good Middling.....Spotted.....
.08	.24	Strict Middling.....do.....
.08	.24	Middling.....do.....
.08	.21	*Strict Low Middling.....do.....
		*Low Middling.....do.....
.08	.21	Strict Good Middling.....Yellow Tinged.....
.08	.21	Good Middling.....do.....
.08	.21	Strict Middling.....do.....
		*Middling.....do.....
		*Strict Low Middling.....do.....
		*Low Middling.....do.....
.08	.20	Good Middling.....Light Yellow Stained.....
		*Strict Middling.....do.....
		*Middling.....do.....
.07	.20	Good Middling.....Yellow Stained.....
		*Strict Middling.....do.....
		*Middling.....do.....
.08	.21	Good Middling.....Gray.....
.08	.21	Strict Middling.....do.....
		*Middling.....do.....
		*Good Middling.....Blue Stained.....
		*Strict Middling.....do.....
		*Middling.....do.....

Differences between grades established for deliveries on contract Dec. 15 1932 are the average quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

		.66 on	Mid.	
		.53	do	
		.41	do	
		.27	do	
				Basis
		.30 off	Mid.	
		.59	do	
		.95	do	
		1.32	do	
		.41 on	do	
		.27	do	
				Even
		.30 off	do	
		.59	do	
		.24 on	do	
				Even
		.29 off	do	
		.59	do	
		.95	do	
				Even
		.23 off	do	
		.41	do	
		.61	do	
		.95	do	
		1.32	do	
		.39 off	do	
		.59	do	
		.94	do	
		.56 off	do	
		.95	do	
		1.31	do	
		.20 off	do	
		.39	do	
		.64	do	
		.94	do	
		1.30	do	

*Not deliverable on future contracts.

The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week have been:

	Sat. Dec. 3	Mon. Dec. 4	Tues. Dec. 5	Wed. Dec. 6	Thurs. Dec. 7	Fri. Dec. 8
Middling upland.....	5.75	5.70	5.80	5.75	5.75	5.90

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Dec. 3.	Monday, Dec. 5.	Tuesday, Dec. 6.	Wednesday, Dec. 7.	Thursday, Dec. 8.	Friday, Dec. 9.
Dec.—						
Range.....	5.58-5.65	5.55-5.60	5.59-5.67	5.61-5.70	5.38-5.60	5.54-5.76
Closing.....	5.60-5.61	5.55	5.66	5.61	5.58-5.60	5.74
Jan. (1933)						
Range.....	5.60-5.65	5.56-5.63	5.57-5.68	5.62-5.70	5.43-5.61	5.55-5.78
Closing.....	5.60-5.61	5.56	5.67-5.68	5.63-5.64	5.59	5.76
Feb.—						
Range.....	5.66	5.60	5.72	5.68	5.64	5.81
Closing.....	5.66	5.60	5.72	5.68	5.64	5.81
March—						
Range.....	5.72-5.76	5.65-5.74	5.68-5.79	5.73-5.82	5.53-5.72	5.66-5.90
Closing.....	5.72-5.73	5.65	5.77-5.78	5.74-5.75	5.69-5.71	5.86-5.87
April—						
Range.....	5.76	5.70	5.82	5.80	5.74	5.91
Closing.....	5.76	5.70	5.82	5.80	5.74	5.91
May—						
Range.....	5.81-5.85	5.75-5.84	5.79-5.90	5.85-5.92	5.75-5.83	5.71-6.01
Closing.....	5.81-5.82	5.76-5.77	5.88-5.89	5.86	5.80	5.96-5.97
June—						
Range.....	5.85	5.80	5.93	5.91	5.85	6.02
Closing.....	5.85	5.80	5.93	5.91	5.85	6.02
July—						
Range.....	5.90-5.94	5.84-5.95	5.88-5.99	5.94-6.02	5.75-5.93	5.87-6.10
Closing.....	5.90-5.91	5.85	5.98-5.99	5.96	5.90-5.91	6.08
Aug.—						
Range.....	6.00-6.00	5.90	6.09-6.09	6.02	5.98	6.14
Closing.....	5.97	5.90	6.09	6.02	5.98	6.14
Sept.—						
Range.....	6.01	5.95	6.12	6.08	6.07-6.07	6.14-6.14
Closing.....	6.01	5.95	6.12	6.08	6.07	6.20-6.20
Oct.—						
Range.....	6.05-6.12	6.00-6.09	6.05-6.16	6.11-6.20	5.93-6.11	6.06-6.28
Closing.....	6.05-6.07	6.01	6.16	6.15	6.07	6.20-6.26
Nov.—						
Range.....						
Closing.....						

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Dec. 9 1932 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Dec. 1932.....	5.38 Dec. 8	5.76 Dec. 9
Jan. 1933.....	5.43 Dec. 8	5.78 Dec. 9
Feb. 1933.....	5.53 Dec. 8	5.90 Dec. 9
Mar. 1933.....	5.53 Dec. 8	5.90 Dec. 9
Apr. 1933.....	5.75 Dec. 5	6.01 Dec. 9
May 1933.....	5.75 Dec. 5	6.01 Dec. 9
June 1933.....	5.75 Dec. 8	6.10 Dec. 9
July 1933.....	5.75 Dec. 8	6.10 Dec. 9
Aug. 1933.....	6.00 Dec. 3	6.09 Dec. 6
Sept. 1933.....	6.07 Dec. 8	6.14 Dec. 9
Oct. 1933.....	5.93 Dec. 8	6.28 Dec. 9

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows: Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday) we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

	1932	1931	1930	1929
Dec. 9—				
Stock at Liverpool.....	678,000	670,000	770,000	727,000
Stock at London.....	111,000	148,000	148,000	86,000
Stock at Manchester.....	111,000	148,000	148,000	86,000
Total Great Britain.....	789,000	818,000	918,000	813,000
Stock at Hamburg.....	481,000	303,000	525,000	449,000
Stock at Bremen.....	253,000	200,000	339,000	233,000
Stock at Havre.....	19,000	14,000	16,000	7,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	65,000	84,000	118,000	81,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	89,000	66,000	68,000	58,000
Stock at Genoa.....	89,000	66,000	68,000	58,000
Stock at Ghent.....	89,000	66,000	68,000	58,000
Stock at Antwerp.....	89,000	66,000	68,000	58,000
Total Continental stocks.....	907,000	667,000	1,066,000	828,000
Total European stocks.....	1,696,000	1,485,000	1,984,000	1,641,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	45,000	36,000	80,000	103,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	523,000	549,000	428,000	607,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe.....	100,000	136,000	101,000	132,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	572,000	740,000	673,000	423,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	513,000	365,000	468,000	754,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	4,783,520	4,637,862	4,148,603	2,646,069
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	2,256,650	2,205,713	1,815,747	1,461,857
U. S. exports to-day.....	67,065	39,604	1,144	3,650

Total visible supply.....10,556,235 10,194,179 9,699,494 7,771,576

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

	1932	1931	1930	1929
American—				
Liverpool stock.....	356,000	286,000	389,000	326,000
Manchester stock.....	65,000	57,000	70,000	51,000
Continental stock.....	854,000	591,000	951,000	742,000
American afloat for Europe.....	523,000	549,000	428,000	607,000
U. S. port stocks.....	4,783,520	4,637,862	4,148,603	2,646,069
U. S. interior stocks.....	2,256,650	2,205,713	1,815,747	1,461,857
U. S. exports to-day.....	67,065	39,604	1,144	3,650
Total American.....	8,905,235	8,366,179	7,803,494	5,837,576
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock.....	322,000	384,000	381,000	401,000
London stock.....	46,000	91,000	78,000	35,000
Manchester stock.....	53,000	76,000	115,000	86,000
Continental stock.....	45,000	36,000	80,000	103,000
Indian afloat for Europe.....	100,000	136,000	101,000	132,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat.....	572,000	740,000	673,000	423,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	513,000	365,000	468,000	754,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	513,000	365,000	468,000	754,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,651,000	1,828,000	1,896,000	1,934,000
Total American.....	8,905,235	8,366,179	7,803,494	5,837,576

Total visible supply.....10,556,235 10,194,179 9,699,494 7,771,576

	1932	1931	1930	1929
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	5.04d.	5.21d.	5.43d.	9.47d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	5.90c.	6.20c.	9.85c.	17.25c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool.....	7.87d.	8.55d.	8.80d.	15.05d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....				13.75d.
Braoch, fine, Liverpool.....	4.76d.	4.97d.	4.20d.	7.70d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	4.89d.	5.30d.	5.15d.	8.90d.

Continental imports for past week have been 140,000 bales. The above figures for 1932 show an increase over last week of 38,103 bales, a gain of 362,056 over 1931, an increase of 856,741 bales over 1930, and a gain of 2,784,659 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 period of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Dec. 9 1932.						Movement to Dec. 11 1931.					
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Dec. 9.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Dec. 11.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Dec. 11.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birm'ng'm	1,952	20,725	1,508	10,876	2,059	53,493	1,858	40,545				
Enfauila	121	5,958	113	6,865	213	10,440	142	9,641				
Montgomery	358	21,784	1,337	51,066	449	35,641	1,185	71,845				
Selma	870	49,775	2,497	63,006	1,308	70,807	744	90,035				
Ark., Blytheville	492	150,356	5,630	89,471	2,502	83,007	3,601	59,519				
Forest City	1,448	18,220	966	24,920	425	25,503	706	20,302				
Helena	3,328	63,007	2,351	51,587	3,503	49,987	1,038	49,531				
Hope	854	42,887	1,857	32,451	1,133	53,876	2,445	27,150				
Jonesboro	1,015	12,026	234	7,488	814	16,824	954	6,489				
Little Rock	5,720	92,075	5,189	69,674	8,949	122,800	4,438	74,177				
Newport	2,638	40,602	2,824	30,211	350	35,164	1,308	19,238				
Pine Bluff	3,517	87,148	4,612	72,666	4,095	111,722	5,408	62,455				
Walnut Ridge	2,541	55,449	4,460	21,418	863	36,870	2,758	15,937				
Ca., Albany	8	1,238	8	3,122	49	5,031	16	4,490				
Athens	920	16,674	450	49,314	125	19,529	350	31,570				
Atlanta	6,736	59,806	8,739	148,305	984	29,795	1,360	137,846				
Augusta	2,499	77,147	1,336	116,739	2,724	144,226	1,705	135,485				
Columbus		12,306		26,458	1,500	33,867	500	21,967				
Macon	619	15,332	114	40,834	368	18,247	423	31,604				
Rome	919	9,866	450	13,192	775	7,441	300	7,193				
La., Shreveport	1,184	66,255	2,917	83,971	1,651	89,016	444	116,517				
Mis., Clarksdale	4,982	101,269	4,242	84,571	3,174	132,693	3,453	104,391				
Columbus	640	11,061	61	13,156	492	16,864	503	16,282				
Greenwood	4,685	107,977	4,410	114,745	5,106	152,901	4,459	128,540				
Jackson	1,263	29,944	970	33,649	384	19,743	361	25,703				
Natchez	428	6,692	139	8,259	455	8,561	673	9,266				
Vicksburg	2,528	28,530	1,782	24,961	788	32,292	1,378	24,169				
Yazoo City	800	30,777	1,605	29,910	2,242	38,215	1,688	28,978				
Mo., St. Louis	6,856	74,255	6,896	227	8,092	74,721	8,133	1,187				
N.C., Greensboro	312	6,664	406	13,005	352	13,135	1,099	28,326				
Oklahoma—												
15 towns*	27,699	567,919	26,440	225,600	5,566	425,904	12,255	133,129				
S.C., Greenville	5,563	52,067	2,538	81,335	4,771	55,854	2,359	44,415				
Tenn., Memphis	71,858	973,222	61,818	501,043	61,738	1,026,812	63,281	483,184				
Texas, Abilene	6,493	58,815	5,686	3,513	558	39,113	626	3,801				
Austin	350	18,750	337	3,619	703	22,410	315	4,826				
Brenham	291	14,808	406	9,846	42	16,412	63	9,051				
Dallas	4,134	69,471	1,692	27,782	3,186	110,254	1,837	55,560				
Paris	1,666	41,721	334	19,262	784	67,923	989	22,331				
Robstown	28	6,245	90	690	52	30,688	364	4,641				
San Antonio	172	9,961	147	816	255	13,527	39	1,199				
Texarkana	787	35,273	689	27,991	1,976	39,759	2,683	18,983				
Waco	1,988	61,112	1,480	19,036	926	68,181	960	24,765				
Total, 56 towns	181,338	3,225,169	169,810	2,256,650	136,481	3,459,245	139,201	2,205,713				

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 41,003 bales and are to-night 50,937 bales more than at the same period last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 44,857 bales more than the same week last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS:

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Dec. 9 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1932	5.90c	1924	23.25c	1916	18.75c	1908	9.25c
1931	6.00c	1923	35.00c	1915	12.65c	1907	12.15c
1930	10.30c	1922	25.10c	1914	7.50c	1906	10.95c
1929	17.20c	1921	18.10c	1913	13.40c	1905	12.60c
1928	20.00c	1920	16.25c	1912	12.75c	1904	8.10c
1927	19.35c	1919	39.20c	1911	9.20c	1903	12.40c
1926	12.40c	1918	29.10c	1910	15.10c	1902	8.50c
1925	20.20c	1917	29.95c	1909	14.95c	1901	8.50c

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	Sales.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Barely steady	---	---	---
Monday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Steady	---	---	---
Tuesday	Quiet, 10 pts. adv.	Steady	200	600	800
Wednesday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Barely steady	2,000	700	2,700
Thursday	Quiet, unchanged	Steady	2,334	800	3,134
Friday	Quiet, 15 pts. adv.	Steady	300	---	300
Total week			4,834	2,100	6,934
Since Aug. 1			55,030	113,400	168,430

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows

Dec. 9—	1932		1931		
	Shipped—	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis		6,896	74,817	8,133	81,957
Via Mounds, &c		104	1,670	715	13,017
Via Rock Island		---	100	---	357
Via Louisville		757	6,734	69	3,594
Via Virginia points		3,731	62,685	4,563	73,627
Via other routes, &c		19,700	140,417	12,275	141,108
Total gross overland		31,188	286,423	25,755	313,660
Deduct Shipments—					
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c		352	7,985	1,220	16,687
Between interior towns		208	3,605	309	4,954
Inland, &c., from South		17,734	73,687	4,588	113,360
Total to be deducted		18,294	85,277	6,117	135,001
Leaving total net overland*		12,894	201,146	19,638	178,659

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 12,894 bales, against 19,638 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 22,487 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1932		1931	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports at Dec. 9	298,545	5,138,781	227,112	5,487,933
Net overland to Dec. 9	12,894	201,146	19,638	178,659
Southern consumption to Dec. 9	105,000	1,894,000	90,000	1,790,000
Total marketed	416,439	7,233,927	336,750	7,456,592
Interior stocks in excess	*41,003	857,008	* 3,289	1,415,686
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Nov. 1	---	50,540	---	142,496
Came into sight during week	375,436	---	333,461	---
Total in sight Dec. 9	---	8,141,475	---	9,014,774
North, spinners' takings to Dec. 9	40,217	401,039	31,358	395,629

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1930 (Dec. 12)	339,135	1930	9,989,599
1929 (Dec. 13)	453,501	1929	10,211,859
1928 (Dec. 14)	477,886	1928	9,892,058

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 Dec. 9.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed'day.	Thurs'd'y.	Friday.
Galveston	5.60	5.55	5.65	5.60	5.55	5.70
New Orleans	5.63	5.56	5.69	5.69	5.69	5.81
Mobile	5.40	5.35	5.45	5.45	5.40	5.55
Savannah	5.66	5.61	5.73	5.68	5.65	5.81
Norfolk	5.83	5.70	5.85	5.70	5.81	5.97
Montgomery	5.40	5.30	5.40	5.40	5.25	5.50
Augusta	5.78	5.65	5.78	5.75	5.70	5.86
Memphis	5.35	5.30	5.40	5.40	5.35	5.50
Houston	5.50	5.45	5.55	5.50	5.50	5.65
Little Rock	5.30	5.26	5.38	5.33	5.28	5.46
Dallas	5.20	5.15	5.25	5.25	5.20	5.35
Fort Worth	5.20	5.15	5.25	5.25	5.20	5.35

COTTON GINNING REPORT.—The Bureau of the Census on Dec. 8 issued the following report showing the number of bales of cotton ginned in each of the cotton-growing States the present season up to Dec. 1 in comparison with corresponding figures for the two preceding seasons. It appears that up to Dec. 1 1932 only 11,631,361 bales of cotton were ginned, against 15,018,403 bales for the corresponding period a year ago and comparison with 12,837,099 bales two years ago. We give below the report in full:

REPORT ON COTTON GINNING.

Number of bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1932 prior to Dec. 1 1932, and comparative statistics to the corresponding date in 1931 and 1930.

State.	Running Bales. (Counting Round as Half Bales & Excl. Linters)		
	1932.	1931.	1930.
Alabama	892,801	1,364,654	1,380,035
Arizona	46,548	53,973	94,439
Arkansas	1,163,981	1,473,008	815,079
California	106,473	133,303	162,992
Florida	15,233	42,960	50,521
Georgia	815,435	1,344,634	1,512,698
Louisiana	590,192	813,706	682,141
Mississippi	1,095,359	1,517,907	1,377,068
Missouri	254,541	201,072	146,130
New Mexico	53,453	68,839	77,764
North Carolina	615,223	732,464	723,254
Oklahoma	896,393		

The average yield of cotton per acre for the United States in 1932 was 162.1 pounds per acre, compared with 201.2 pounds last year. The ten-year average for the years 1921-1930 was 151.4 pounds.

The estimated acreage harvested (picked) is 37,589,000 acres, which is 2.7% more than the acreage for harvest on which the Sept. 1, Oct. 1 and Nov. 1 forecasts were calculated. Current information indicates that about 1.7% of the planted acreage was abandoned this year, which indicates the cotton acreage in cultivation July 1 to have been 38,227,000 acres.

The increase in prospective production over the Nov. 1 forecast is due partly to better yields per acre being realized in all the major States. Part of the increase is also due to the fact that early reports of acreage planted to cotton were unduly low, necessitating increases in estimated acreage in nearly all States.

Reports indicate that the average weight of running bales this season will be somewhat heavier than usual, although less than last season. This difference between the weight of running bales and 500 pound gross weight bales will mean that total ginnings in running bales will probably be about 300,000 bales less than the calculated 500 pound bales.

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture makes the following report from data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians, co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture and Agricultural colleges. The final total ginnings for the season will depend upon whether the various influences affecting the harvesting of the portion of the crop still in the field, will be more or less favorable than usual.

State.	Acreage for 1932 Crop.			Yield per Acre.			Production (Ginnings) 500 Lb. Gross Wt. Bales a		
	Left for Harvest	Total Abandoned After July 1.	In Cultivation July 1.	10-Yr. Aver. 1921-1930.	1931.	1932 (Dec. 1 Est.)	1930 Crop. b	1931 Crop. b	1932 Crop Est.
Virginia	74	1.0	75	246	289	181	42	42	28
No. Carolina	1,373	0.8	1,384	242	271	223	775	756	640
So. Carolina	1,842	1.0	1,861	135	245	180	1,001	1,005	695
Georgia	2,985	2.0	3,046	142	194	135	1,593	1,393	845
Florida	91	5.0	96	24	175	79	50	43	15
Missouri	390	1.5	396	246	397	350	151	289	285
Tennessee	1,104	1.6	1,122	180	255	195	377	594	450
Alabama	3,159	1.3	3,201	158	200	141	1,473	1,420	930
Mississippi	3,830	1.5	3,888	184	209	144	1,464	1,761	1,150
Louisiana	1,801	0.8	1,816	164	220	162	715	900	610
Texas	13,922	1.9	14,192	126	165	153	4,038	5,320	4,445
Oklahoma	3,123	2.0	3,187	133	178	166	854	1,261	1,080
Arkansas	3,530	1.8	3,595	160	256	171	874	1,907	1,260
New Mexico	112	1.7	114	302	412	325	99	101	76
Arizona	113	0.0	113	308	313	347	d155	d115	d82
California	123	0.5	123	329	440	490	264	177	126
Other	17	0.0	17	c190	363	286	7	12	10
U. S. total	37,589	1.7	38,227	151.4	201.2	162.1	13,932	17,096	12,727
Lower Calif. e	27	0.0	27	c244	182	230	45	26	13

a Not including production of linters which is usually about 6% as much as the lint. b Allowances made for inter-State movement of seed cotton for ginning. c Less than a 10-year average. d Including 24,000 bales of Pima Egyptian long staple cotton in 1930. 14,000 bales in 1931, and 12,000 bales in 1932. e Not included in California figures nor in United States total.

FOREIGN COTTON CROP PROSPECTS AS OF DEC. 1 1932.—The Department of Agriculture at Washington, in giving out its cotton crop report on Dec. 8, also issued the following comments regarding foreign cotton crop prospects:

The production of cotton in foreign countries during the 1932-33 season is now preliminarily estimated at about 11,500,000 bales of 478 pounds, which compares with 10,400,000 bales produced in 1931-32, and 11,900,000 bales in 1930-31. This foreign production plus the estimate of United States production gives a preliminary figure for the total world production of 24,200,000 bales which is 3,300,000 bales less than the 1931-32 production due of course to the marked decrease in the domestic crop. This is the smallest estimated world production since the 1927-28 season when the world crop was estimated at 24,000,000 bales. The present estimate of the world production is 1,900,000 bales less than the five year average production from 1927-28 to 1931-32.

The increase in the estimated foreign production this season is accounted for by the larger crops in India and China, the present indications being that the production in these two countries will be larger by about 800,000 and 600,000 bales respectively than they were last year. The Russian crop is now estimated at 50,000 to 150,000 bales larger. An unofficial estimate of production in Uganda indicates an increase of 87,000 bales. In Mexico the crop is now expected to be 115,000 bales less than in 1931-32 and in nine of the Northern States of Brazil the production has been estimated at 19,000 bales less than last season.

COTTON ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION IN COUNTRIES REPORTING FOR 1932-33, WITH COMPARISONS.

Country.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	Percentage 1932-33 as of 1931-32.
Acreage—	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Per Cent.
United States	45,793	45,091	40,693	37,589	92.4
India, a	20,812	20,508	19,654	18,466	94.0
China, b	5,132	5,228	4,800	5,300	110.4
Russia	2,608	3,911	5,346	5,400-5,800	101.0-108.5
Egypt	1,911	2,162	1,747	1,135	65.0
Uganda	663	740	866	c1,045	120.7
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	369	387	336	330	98.2
Mexico	492	390	319	188	58.9
Greece	50	50	46	49	106.5
Bulgaria	14	14	13	30	230.8
Syria and Lebanon	60	60	75	25	33.3
Spain	24	45	14	20	142.9
Total above countries	77,929	78,584	73,909	69,577 to 69,977	
Estimated world total, including China	87,700	86,700	82,400	78,100	94.8
Production—	1,000 Bales	1,000 Bales	1,000 Bales	1,000 Bales	Per Cent.
United States	478 lbs. net	478 lbs. net	478 lbs. net	478 lbs. net	74.4
India	14,828	13,932	17,096	12,727	74.4
China, b	4,289	4,372	3,401	c4,200	123.5
Russia	2,116	2,250	1,700	2,300	135.3
Egypt	1,279	1,589	1,851	1,900-2,000	102.6-108.0
Uganda	1,768	1,715	1,288	872	67.7
Brazil, d	435	341	383	d364	95.0
Mexico	108	158	163	c250	153.4
Bulgaria	246	178	210	95	45.2
Spain	4	4	5	11	220.0
Total above countries	25,078	24,546	26,100	22,723 to 22,823	
Estimated world total, including China	26,500	25,800	27,500	24,200	88.0

Compiled by the Division of Statistical and Historical Research from data received through the Foreign Agricultural Service, including information received up to Dec. 8. Official sources, International Institute of Agriculture and Bureau of Agricultural Economics except as noted.

a Second estimate which includes only area planted up to Oct. 1. b Estimates of the Chinese Millowners' Association for 1929-30. From 1930-31 to date the estimates of the Chinese Millowners' Association have been adjusted to make them comparable with estimates for previous years. c From an unofficial source. d Nine Northern States which during the three years 1929-30 to 1931-32 produced 72% of the total Brazilian crop.

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, Dec. 3.	Monday, Dec. 5.	Tuesday, Dec. 6.	Wednesday, Dec. 7.	Thursday, Dec. 8.	Friday, Dec. 9.
December	5.58 Bld.	5.52-5.53	5.64 Bld.	5.62	5.57-5.59	5.71-5.74
Jan. (1933)	5.58	5.51	5.64-5.66	5.61 Bld.	5.58-5.59	5.74 Bld.
February	—	—	—	—	—	—
March	5.68	5.61	5.74-5.75	5.71-5.73	5.68	5.84-5.85
April	—	—	—	—	—	—
May	5.78	5.71	5.84	5.82-5.83	5.78-5.79	5.95
June	—	—	—	—	—	—
July	5.88	5.81-5.82	5.92-5.94	5.91	5.87-5.88	6.04 Bld.
August	—	—	—	—	—	—
September	—	—	—	—	—	—
October	6.02 Bld.	5.96	6.11	6.10	6.06-6.08	6.24
November	—	—	—	—	—	—
December	—	—	—	—	—	—
Spot	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.
Options	Steady.	Steady.	Very st'dy.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that the week has been generally favorable for gathering the last of the cotton crop. The weather has been mostly mild, with little or no rain and picking of the cotton still in the fields made good advance.

	Rain.	Rainfall	Thermometer		
Galveston, Texas	3 days	0.24 in.	high 70	low 51	mean 61
Abilene	—	dry	high 76	low 24	mean 50
Brownsville	1 day	0.14 in.	high 78	low 56	mean 67
Corpus Christi	1 day	0.06 in.	high 78	low 52	mean 65
Dallas	—	dry	high 70	low 30	mean 54
Del Rio	1 day	0.01 in.	high 74	low 42	mean 58
Houston	3 days	0.27 in.	high 76	low 44	mean 60
Palestine	2 days	0.36 in.	high 74	low 36	mean 54
San Antonio	2 days	0.03 in.	high 76	low 42	mean 59
New Orleans, La	1 day	0.88 in.	high 77	low 55	mean 62
Shreveport	3 days	0.08 in.	high 74	low 33	mean 54
Mobile, Ala	1 day	1.01 in.	high 70	low 39	mean 54
Savannah, Ga	—	dry	high 74	low 42	mean 57
Charleston, S. C	—	dry	high 71	low 42	mean 58
Charlotte, N. C	—	dry	high 64	low 36	mean 52
Memphis, Tenn	3 days	0.15 in.	high 69	low 26	mean 52

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:

	Dec. 11 1932.	Dec. 11 1931.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge—2.1	5.3
Memphis	Above zero of gauge—6.2	17.0
Nashville	Above zero of gauge—9.7	12.2
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge—2.4	12.7
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge—12.8	26.8

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.

Week Ended	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1932.	1931.	1930.	1932.	1931.	1930.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Sept. 9	183,676	167,441	362,547	1,271,735	728,548	648,873	193,916	170,559	419,625
16	235,434	241,800	389,481	1,344,300	749,994	714,784	307,999	263,246	455,392
23	255,127	322,698	385,693	1,462,801	811,978	818,124	356,228	384,682	489,033
30	322,464	445,906	555,848	1,571,911	945,683	949,334	441,574	579,611	687,508
Oct. 7	311,264	517,721	509,927	1,695,492	1,141,662	1,098,865	434,845	713,700	659,458
14	347,025	519,398	423,079	1,802,899	1,349,792	1,225,720	454,432	727,528	549,934
21	395,485	380,980	441,613	1,859,862	1,559,483	1,395,237	432,448	590,671	611,130
29	387,507	453,232	448,230	2,030,251	1,750,430	1,503,734	527,896	644,179	556,727
Nov. 4	404,069	403,664	397,331	2,133,283	1,905,108	1,592,117	507,101	559,202	485,714
11	377,879	417,118	372,279	2,201,601	2,052,038	1,684,197	446,197	564,048	464,359
18	425,242	402,386	338,371	2,248,953	2,176,891	1,712,633	472,574	527,239	366,807
25	308,468	317,628	298,028	2,251,477	2,200,307	1,770,725	310,992	341,044	356,120
Dec. 2	375,711	312,183	255,569	2,246,716	2,209,002	1,797,995	370,950	320,878	282,842
9	298,545	227,112	222,908	2,256,650	2,205,713	1,815,747	257,542	223,823	240,657

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1932 are 5,939,545 bales; in 1931 were 6,841,025 bales, and in 1930 were 7,568,061 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 298,545 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 257,542 bales, stock at interior towns having decreased 41,003 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 223,823 bales and for 1930 they were 240,657 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period:

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1932.		1931.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Dec. 2	10,518,132	—	10,260,542	—
Visible supply Aug. 1	—	7,791,048	—	6,892,094
American in sight to Dec. 9	375,436	8,141,475	333,461	9,014,774
Bombay receipts to Dec. 8	131,000	476,000	27,000	281,000
Other India ship's to Dec. 8	4,000	13,000	16,000	132,000
Alexandria receipts to Dec. 7	40,000	482,000	42,000	773,000
Other supply to Dec. 8 * b	8,000	207,000	12,000	236,000
Total supply	11,076,568	17,229,523	10,691,003	17,328,868
Deduct—	—	—	—	—
Visible supply Dec. 9	10,556,235	10,556,235	10,194,179	10,194,179
Total takings to Dec. 9 a	520,333	6,673,288	496,824	7,134,689
Of which American	354,333	5,134,288	396,824	5,164,689
Of which other	166,000	1,539,00		

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Dec. 8. Receipts at—	1932.		1931.		1930.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	131,000	476,000	27,000	281,000	100,000	504,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since Aug. 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1932	1,000	13,000	13,000	27,000	8,000	92,000	195,000	295,000
1931	—	4,000	15,000	19,000	6,000	75,000	394,000	475,000
1930	—	7,000	14,000	21,000	56,000	272,000	555,000	883,000
Other India—								
1932	1,000	3,000	—	4,000	29,000	103,000	—	132,000
1931	2,000	14,000	—	16,000	37,000	95,000	—	132,000
1930	—	19,000	—	19,000	34,000	131,000	—	165,000
Total all—								
1932	2,000	16,000	13,000	31,000	37,000	195,000	195,000	427,000
1931	2,000	18,000	15,000	35,000	43,000	170,000	394,000	607,000
1930	—	26,000	14,000	40,000	90,000	403,000	555,000	1,048,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 104,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 4,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 180,000 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:

Alexandria, Egypt, Dec. 7.	1932.		1931.		1930.	
Receipts (Cantars)—						
This week	—	200,000	—	210,000	—	250,000
Since Aug. 1	—	2,512,936	—	3,860,572	—	3,655,979
Exports (Bales)—						
This Week						
Since Aug. 1						
To Liverpool	7,000	42,346	8,000	85,875	—	53,141
To Manchester, &c	—	33,583	10,000	65,487	7,000	52,818
To Continent & India	15,000	168,459	18,000	208,653	21,000	197,691
To America	—	12,535	—	6,691	—	2,308
Total exports	22,000	256,923	36,000	366,706	28,000	305,958

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Dec. 200,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 22,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in yarns is quiet and in cloths is steady. Merchants are buying very sparingly. We give prices to-day below and leave those of previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1932.				1931.				Cotton Midd'g Up'ds.
	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	
Sept. 9	10 1/4 @ 11 1/4	8 5 @ 9 0	6.38	7 1/2 @ 8 1/2	7 2 @ 7 4	—	—	3.70	
16	9 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 3 @ 8 6	5.88	7 @ 8 1/4	7 2 @ 7 4	—	—	3.74	
23	9 1/4 @ 11	8 3 @ 8 6	6.07	8 1/4 @ 9 1/4	7 6 @ 8 2	—	—	5.19	
30	9 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 3 @ 8 6	5.73	8 @ 9 1/4	7 6 @ 8 2	—	—	4.31	
Oct. 7	9 1/4 @ 11	8 3 @ 8 6	5.79	7 1/4 @ 8 1/4	7 6 @ 8 2	—	—	4.56	
14	9 @ 10 1/4	8 3 @ 8 6	5.64	8 @ 9 1/4	7 6 @ 8 2	—	—	4.77	
21	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 3 @ 8 6	5.46	8 @ 9 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	—	—	4.97	
28	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 3 @ 8 6	5.02	8 1/2 @ 10	8 0 @ 8 4	—	—	4.97	
Nov. 4	8 1/4 @ 14 1/4	8 3 @ 8 6	5.39	9 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	—	—	5.12	
11	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 3 @ 8 6	5.60	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	—	—	5.06	
18	9 @ 10 1/4	8 3 @ 8 6	5.61	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	—	—	4.89	
25	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 3 @ 8 6	5.44	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	—	—	4.90	
Dec. 2	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 3 @ 8 6	5.30	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	—	—	5.14	
9	8 1/2 @ 10	8 3 @ 8 6	5.04	9 1/4 @ 11	8 0 @ 8 4	—	—	5.21	

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 276,936 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

HOUSTON	To Japan—Nov. 27—Santos Marie, 3,700; Forth-bridge, 7,700. Dec. 1—Amyerick, 12,833. Dec. 5—Indian City, 53. Dec. 6—Nairnbank, 2,842.	27,128
To Liverpool—Dec. 2—West Harshaw, 1,045	1,045	
To Manchester—Dec. 2—West Harshaw, 428	428	
To Naples—Dec. 1—Ida, 700	700	
To Venice—Dec. 1—Ida, 1,850	1,850	
To Trieste—Dec. 1—Ida, 616	616	
To Fiume—Dec. 1—Ida, 100	100	
To Oporto—Dec. 2—Sahale, 1,842	1,842	
To Bremen—Dec. 6—Tannenfels, 5,080	5,080	
To Lexives—Dec. 2—Sahale, 100	100	
To Corunna—Dec. 2—Sahale, 200	200	
To Dunkirk—Dec. 3—Toronto, 1,325	1,325	
To Gothenburg—Dec. 2—Sahale, 700	700	
To Copenhagen—Dec. 3—Toronto, 100	100	
To Gdynia—Dec. 3—Toronto, 2,825	2,825	
To Havre—Dec. 3—Bolton Castle, 2,483	2,483	
To Ghent—Dec. 3—Bolton Castle, 3,252	3,252	
To Antwerp—Dec. 3—Bolton Castle, 100	100	
To India—Dec. 6—City of Florence, 978; Monfiore, 25	1,003	
To China—Dec. 5—Indian City, 2,117	2,117	
To Guayaquil—Dec. 2—Velma Lykes, 100	100	
To Genoa—Dec. 6—Monfiore, 1,400	1,400	
To Naples—Dec. 6—Monfiore, 198	198	

NEW ORLEANS	To Japan—Nov. 29—Queen City, 4,117. Dec. 3—Nairnbank, 10,453.	14,570
To China—Nov. 29—Queen City, 3,000	3,000	
To London—Nov. 30—Iserholm, 75	75	
To Liverpool—Dec. 1—Oranian, 7,468; West Harshaw, 90 additional. Dec. 5—Bradesk, 3,114. Dec. 3—West Cohas, 3,886	14,558	
To Manchester—Dec. 1—Oranian, 995. Dec. 3—West Cohas, 1,400	2,395	
To Bremen—Nov. 29—Ingram, 9,285. Dec. 1—Youngstown, 3,742	13,027	
To Hamburg—Nov. 29—Ingram, 176. Dec. 1—Youngstown, 50	226	
To Lexives—Nov. 29—Ingram, 257	257	
To Oporto—Nov. 29—Ingram, 300	300	
To Riga—Nov. 29—Ingram, 150	150	
To Genoa—Dec. 2—Monfiore, 4,876. Dec. 3—Chester Valley, 1,100. Dec. 2—Megna, 8,000. Nov. 30—Recca, 582	14,558	
To Bombay—Dec. 1—Kotainten, 541	541	
To Rotterdam—Nov. 30—Syros, 935	935	
To Havre—Nov. 30—Syros, 2,760. Dec. 3—Nevada, 2,726	5,486	
To Dunkirk—Nov. 30—Syros, 62. Dec. 3—Nevada, 1,040	1,102	
To Ghent—Nov. 30—Syros, 1,362	1,362	
To Antwerp—Nov. 30—Syros, 75. Dec. 3—Nevada, 1,420	1,495	
To Venice—Dec. 3—Chester Valley, 100	100	
To India—Dec. 3—Kotainten, 100	100	
To Porto Colombia—Dec. 3—Ulua, 300	300	
To Guayaquil—Dec. 3—Ulua, 125	125	

SAVANNAH	To Japan—Dec. 2—Glaucus, 100	100
LOS ANGELES	To Japan—Nov. 28—Asama Maru, 2,700. Dec. 5—President Van Buren, 2,500	5,200
To Bremen—Dec. 4—Justin, 665	665	
To India—Dec. 5—President Van Buren, 622	622	

LAKE CHARLES	To Liverpool—Nov. 29—West Cohas, 68	68
To Bremen—Nov. 26—Youngstown, 621. Dec. 7—Bockenheim, 885	1,506	
To Gothenburg—Dec. 7—Bockenheim, 100	100	
To Havre—Nov. 26—Colorado Springs, 100	100	
To Gdynia—Dec. 7—Bockenheim, 100	100	
To Dunkirk—Nov. 26—Colorado Springs, 100	100	
To Ghent—Nov. 26—Colorado Springs, 305	305	
To Rotterdam—Nov. 26—Colorado Springs, 400	400	

GALVESTON	To Liverpool—Dec. 1—Bradesk, 2,130. Dec. 2—Wandever, 5,142	7,272
To Manchester—Dec. 1—Bradesk, 993. Dec. 2—Wandever, 1,723	2,716	
To Havre—Dec. 2—San Francisco, 2,868; Colorado Springs, 1,989. Dec. 1—Phoenicia, 2,994. Dec. 7—Bolton Castle, 5,372	13,223	
To Dunkirk—Dec. 1—Phoenicia, 490. Dec. 2—San Francisco, 1,940. Dec. 5—Toronto, 650	3,080	
To Ghent—Dec. 2—Colorado Springs, 142. Dec. 7—Bolton Castle, 3,324	3,466	
To Rotterdam—Dec. 1—Phoenicia, 800. Dec. 2—Colorado Springs, 708	1,508	
To Lisbon—Dec. 2—Sahale, 200	200	
To Oporto—Dec. 2—Sahale, 2,018	2,018	
To Corunna—Dec. 2—Sahale, 150	150	
To Bilbao—Dec. 2—Sahale, 25	25	
To Japan—Dec. 2—Indian City, 3,931. Dec. 3—Santos Maru, 3,000; Chastine Maersk, 12,826. Dec. 3—Hanover, 14,668	34,425	
To China—Dec. 2—Indian City, 1,800	1,800	
To Guayaquil—Dec. 1—Velma Lykes, 372	372	
To Gothenburg—Dec. 5—Toronto, 850	850	
To Copenhagen—Dec. 5—Toronto, 400	400	
To Gdynia—Dec. 5—Toronto, 1,125; Endicott, 100	1,225	
To Bremen—Dec. 6—Tannenfels, 4,100. Dec. 5—Endicott, 3,493	7,593	
To Hamburg—Dec. 6—Tannenfels, 455	455	
To Antwerp—Dec. 7—Bolton Castle, 300	300	
To Venice—Dec. 6—Ida, 6,815	6,815	
To Trieste—Dec. 6—Ida, 1,284	1,284	
To Fiume—Dec. 6—Ida, 250	250	

CORPUS CHRISTI	To Havre—Dec. 5—West Moreland, 1,230	1,230
To Dunkirk—Dec. 5—West Moreland, 22	22	
To Ghent—Dec. 5—West Moreland, 350	350	
To Rotterdam—Dec. 5—West Moreland, 282	282	

PENSACOLA	To Liverpool—Dec. 5—Oranian, 1,650	1,650
To Manchester—Dec. 5—Oranian, 731	731	

NORFOLK	To Havre (?)—City of Newport News, 100	100
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TEXAS CITY	To Liverpool—Dec. 1—Bradesk, 473	473
To Manchester—Dec. 1—Bradesk, 555	555	
To Bremen—Nov. 30—Ditmar Koel, 3,444. Dec. 6—Tannenfels, 1,986	5,430	
To Havre—Dec. 1—Phoenicia, 1,438. Dec. 2—Colorado Springs, 1,146. Dec. 7—Bolton Castle, 750	3,334	
To Dunkirk—Dec. 1—Phoenicia, 200	200	
To Ghent—Dec. 2—Colorado Springs, 220. Dec. 7—Bolton Castle, 731	951	
To Rotterdam—Dec. 2—Colorado Springs, 34	34	
To Japan—Dec. 3—Chastine Maersk, 2,197; Hanover, 948	3,145	
To China—Dec. 3—Hanover, 467	467	

MOBILE	To Liverpool—Nov. 28—Maiden Creek, 1,315. Dec. 5—Wanderer, 939	2,254
To Manchester—Nov. 28—Maiden Creek, 689. Dec. 5—Wanderer, 1,852	2,541	
To Genoa—Nov. 29—Chester Valley, 50	50	
To Venice—Nov. 29—Chester Valley, 1,224	1,224	
To Trieste—Nov. 29—Chester Valley, 100	100	
To Bremen—Nov. 29—Delfshaven, 5,676. Nov. 30—Antinous, 1,621	7,297	
To Rotterdam—Nov. 29—Delfshaven, 700	700	
To Hamburg—Nov. 30—Antinous, 204	204	
To Antwerp—Nov. 30—Antinous, 605	605	
To Japan—Dec. 3—Santa Clara Valley, 10,400	10,400	
To China—Dec. 3—Santa Clara Valley, 4,560	4,560	
Total	276,936	

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.	.50c.	.50c.	.55c.	.35c.	.50c.
Manchester	.45c.	.50c.	.50c.	.55c.	.75c.	.90c.
Antwerp	.35c.	.50c.	.45c.	.60c.	.75c.	.90c.
Havre	.27c.	.42c.	.35c.	.55c.	.50c.	.65c.
Rotterdam	.35c.	.50c.	*	*	.40c.	.55c.
Genoa	.40c.	.55c.	*	*	.40c.	.55c.
Oslo	.40c.	.55c.	.40c.	.55c.	.40c.	.55c.
Stockholm	.40c.	.55c.	.35c.	.50c.	.40c.	.55c.

*Rate is open. † Only small lots.

LIVERPOOL.	By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:			
	Nov. 18.	Nov. 25.	Dec. 2.	Dec. 9.
Forwarded	53,000	52,000	55,000	54,000
Total stocks	641,000	653,000	695,000	678,000
Of which American	320,000	344,000	367,000	356,000
Total imports	73,000	76,000	108,000	29,000
Of which American	52,000	59,000	69,000	18,000
Amount afloat	214,000	201,000	191,000	222,000
Of which American	156,000	132,000	135,000	154,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	Quiet.	Moderate demand.	A fair business doing.	A fair business doing.	More demand.	More demand.
Mid. Up'lds	5.14d.	5.12d.	5.15d.	5.17d.	5.03	5.04d.
Futures. Market opened	Steady, 5 to 9 pts. decline.	Quiet, 4 to 5 pts. decline.	Steady, 1 to 3 pts. decline.	Steady, 1 to 2 pts. advance.	Steady, 5 to 7 pts. decline.	Quiet, 1 to 2 pts. decline.
Market, 4 P. M.	Quiet but steady, 12 to 13 pts. decline.	Quiet, 2 to 4 pts. decline.	Steady, 4 to 5 pts. advance.	Steady, 2 to 4 pts. decline.	Very st'dy, 8 to 9 pts. decline.	Steady, 5 to 7 pts. advance.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Dec. 3 to Dec. 9.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.						
	12.15 p. m.	12.30 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	4.00 p. m.								
New Contract.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
December	4.90	4.87	4.88	4.90	4.93	4.92	4.89	4.78	4.81	4.79	4.86	4.86
January (1933)	4.92	4.88	4.89	4.91	4.94	4.93	4.90	4.79	4.82	4.80	4.87	4.87
February	4.93	4.89	4.90	4.92	4.95	4.94	4.91	4.80	4.83	4.81	4.88	4.88
March	4.94	4.90	4.91	4.93	4.96	4.95	4.92	4.81	4.84	4.83	4.90	4.90
April	4.94	4.91	4.92	4.93	4.96	4.95	4.93	4.82	4.85	4.84	4.91	4.91
May	4.95	4.92	4.93	4.94	4.97	4.96	4.94	4.83	4.86	4.85	4.91	4.91
June	4.95	4.92	4.93	4.94	4.97	4.96	4.94	4.83	4.86	4.85	4.92	4.92
July	4.96	4.93	4.94	4.95	4.98	4.98	4.95	4.84	4.87	4.86	4.93	4.93
August	4.96	4.93	4.94	4.95	4.98	4.98	4.95	4.85	4.88	4.87	4.94	4.94
September	4.96	4.93	4.94	4.95	4.98	4.98	4.95	4.85	4.88	4.87	4.94	4.94
October	4.97	4.94	4.95	4.96	4.99	4.99	4.97	4.86	4.89	4.88	4.95	4.95
November	4.98	4.95	4.96	4.97	5.00	5.00	4.98	4.87	4.90	4.89	4.96	4.96
December	5.00	4.97	4.96	4.99	5.02	5.02	5.00	4.89	4.91	4.91	4.98	4.98

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Dec. 9 1932.

FLOUR.—The demand was small but prices were mostly steady or firm. Production in November is stated as 10% smaller than in November last year.

WHEAT has declined at times but in the main has shown a rallying tendency with any encouragement. If the allotment plan goes through it is believed that cash wheat, already noticeably firm with receipts small, will be greatly benefited. It is noticed that farmers are not inclined to market wheat, corn or oats freely at the current low prices. On the 3rd prices closed 1/8c. lower to 1/8c. higher. Mills were said to be buying more freely on the possibility that Congress may impose a tax on grinding of all grain. Some had an idea that if such an act is passed it will not refer to the old crop and distant deliveries would be all the more valuable. In any case there was active buying of May and prices rallied 1 to 1 1/4c. from the low. There was also considerable buying of May against sales of July. In two days it is estimated 6,000,000 bushels of Manitoba were sold for export and possibly 300,000 bushels of hard winter at New Orleans to Antwerp.

On the 5th prices advanced 5/8 to 1 1/8c. The rise was halted by the defeat of the dry repeal resolution at Washington, the news of which came just at the close. Previous rumors that the resolution would be adopted caused buying but a reaction of 1/2c. occurred later. Liverpool prices were not up to expectations but there was a fair milling demand and much of the early advance was held. On the 6th prices declined 3/4 to 1c. despite the rise in the stock market of 1 to 6 points and some other bullish factors including a decrease of 6 1/2% in the winter wheat acreage and a condition of 73.6. This is the lowest on record at this time and compares with 79.4 a year ago and 83.3 a 10-year average. Professionals were bearish if anything. Some regard the outlook as too uncertain to warrant aggressive operations either way. Before the close there was a recovery but it was only 1/8 to 1/4c. The defeat of the prohibition repeal resolution was a damper.

On the 7th prices advanced 3/8 to 7/8c. on expectation that an allotment plan will be passed by Congress and that cash wheat will be in good demand. December to the surprise of many had been sparingly offered. It led the rise on Wednesday. On the 8th prices declined early 1/2 to 5/8c. partly in sympathy with a drop in cotton but later wheat rallied with cotton and closed 1/8c. lower to 1/8c. higher. Cash grain was firmer with farmers' offerings lighter at present low prices. The tightening of cash wheat is beginning to attract attention.

Winnipeg, Man., wired that in spite of more than 500,000 bushels of Canadian wheat being exported overnight, selling from Chicago sent prices to new low levels in all futures there on the 8th, but a last-minute lightening of pressure enabled the close to show losses of only 1/8 to 1/4c. Argentine exports increased slightly to 880,000 bushels this week and Russian shipments from the Black Sea totaled 952,000. To-day prices ended unchanged to 3/8c. higher, influenced largely by the strength of corn and unfavorable reports from the winter wheat belt. There was quite a good deal of buying in expectation of a favorable war debt settlement. And the Government report is expected to be decidedly bullish. Export sales in all positions were estimated at 1,000,000 bushels. Final prices show an advance for the week of 3/8 to 1 1/4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	64 1/2	65	64 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	43 3/4	44 1/4	43 3/4	44 3/4	44 3/4	44 3/4
May	47 3/4	48 3/8	47 1/2	48 1/8	48 1/8	48 1/4
July	47 3/4	48 1/2	47 3/4	48 3/8	48 3/8	48 3/4
Season's High and When Made.	66 1/4	Apr. 26 1932	Season's Low and When Made.	41 1/2	Nov. 25 1932	
December	65	Aug. 10 1932	May	46 3/8	Nov. 25 1932	
July	60 1/2	Oct. 4 1932	July	47 1/4	Nov. 28 1932	

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	44 1/4	44 3/4	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4	44
May	47 3/4	47 3/4	46 3/4	47 3/8	47 3/8	47
July	48 3/4	49	48	48 3/8	48 3/4	48 3/4

CORN has followed the trend of wheat prices pretty closely which means that in the main it has been steady.

INDIAN CORN.—On the 3rd prices ended unchanged to 1/4c. lower. Deliveries except on the 1st have been small. Prices were 1/4c. higher for a while and also 1/4c. lower. In other words there was a swing in the fluctuations of only 1/2c. on only fair sized trading. Charters in two days were 1,100,000 bushels. The country sold only 21,000 bushels. There was no great pressure to sell, and not much incentive to buy. On the 5th inst. prices closed 1/8 to 1/4c. higher after having been that much lower earlier. The country offerings were small but so was the shipping demand. It was as broad as it was long.

On the 6th prices declined impressed by the weakness of wheat. The drop was to new lows for May and July. Stop loss orders were met on the way down. Later there was a partial recovery leaving the net decline 3/8 to 3/4c. for the day. On the 7th inst prices advanced 1/4 to 1/2c, December leading as in wheat. Cash houses bought December which was not freely offered. Shipping sales were 310,000 bushels including a cargo to Buffalo. On the 8th prices closed unchanged to 1/4c. higher with receipts at Chicago of only 67 cars. Farmers are greatly dissatisfied with present prices of corn as well as of wheat and oats. In Iowa and Illinois particularly, farmers are disgruntled. In some sections it appears country elevators are being shut down until spring owing to the smallness of the movement. To-day prices closed unchanged to 1/8c. higher with the weather unfavorable, the country movement small and cash demand good. There was a fair shipping demand. Final prices show a rise on December for the week of 1/8c., while other months are 1/4c. lower.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	41	41 1/4	40	40 1/4	41 1/4	41 1/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	22 1/2	23	22 3/4	22 3/4	22 3/4	23
May	27 3/4	27 3/4	27 1/2	27 3/4	27 3/4	27 3/4
July	29 1/4	29 1/4	28 3/4	29 1/4	29 1/4	29 1/4
Season's High and When Made.	39 3/4	Apr. 26 1932	Season's Low and When Made.	21 3/4	Nov. 30 1932	
December	40 1/2	Aug. 8 1932	May	26 1/2	Dec. 6 1932	
July	34 3/4	Oct. 4 1932	July	28 3/4	Dec. 6 1932	

OATS have fluctuated within narrow limits without striking features of any kind. On the 3rd prices fell to an all-time low for Dec. of 13 3/8c., a net decline of 1/4c. Cash oats, it seems, sold at 13c. in October 1861 and 11c. in January 1843. The closing was unchanged to 1/8c. lower. On the 5th prices closed 1/4 to 3/8c. higher, with Dec. in the lead. On the 6th prices declined early 1/2c. with corn, but rallied later with that grain and ended 1/4c. lower to 1/4c. July touched a new low level for the season. On the 7th inst. prices advanced 1/4 to 1/2c., with offerings smaller and industries buying. On the 8th prices closed 1/8c. lower to 1/8c. higher in light trading. To-day prices ended 1/8 to 1/4c. higher, with offerings scarce and commission houses buying on a fair scale. Final prices are 1/4 to 1 1/8c. higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	25 1/2-26	26-26 1/2	26-26 1/2	26 1/4-26 3/4	26 1/4-26 3/4	26 1/4-26 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	13 3/4	14 3/4	14 3/4	15	15	15 1/4
May	17 3/4	17 3/4	17 1/2	17 3/4	17 3/4	17 3/4
July	17 3/4	17 3/4	17 3/4	17 3/4	17 3/4	17 3/4
Season's High and When Made.	25	Apr. 26 1932	Season's Low and When Made.	13 3/4	Dec. 3 1932	
December	23 1/2	Aug. 8 1932	May	17 3/4	Dec. 3 1932	
July	19 3/4	Nov. 7 1932	July	17 3/4	Dec. 6 1932	

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	21 3/4	22	21 3/4	21 3/4	21 3/4	21 3/4
May	23 3/4	23 3/4	23	23 3/4	23 3/4	23 3/4

RYE has latterly advanced as it is believed it would be greatly benefited by the allotment plan, if it goes through, causing an increased consumption of rye flour. On the 3rd prices were unchanged to 5/8c. lower owing to the reaction in wheat, with little rallying tendency. On the 5th prices following wheat advanced 1/2 to 3/4c. On the 6th prices declined 5/8 to 1 1/4c. under the influence of the drop in wheat. On the 7th prices advanced 1/2 to 1c. with wheat up and December wanted. On the 8th prices closed 1/2 to 7/8c. higher on the idea that rye will look cheap if the allotment plan goes into effect as in that case it is assumed that the consumption of rye would be much increased. To-day prices ended 1/4 to 3/8c. higher in response to the strength of other grain. Final prices are 3/4 to 1 1/2c. higher than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	28 1/2	29 3/4	28 1/2	29 3/4	29 3/4	30
May	32 1/2	33 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	33 3/4	34
July	33 1/2	33 3/4	33 3/4	33 3/4	33 3/4	34
Season's High and When Made.	45 1/2	June 3 1932	Season's Low and When Made.	26 3/4	Nov. 1 1932	
December	42 3/4	Aug. 10 1932	May	30 3/4	Nov. 1 1932	
July	36 1/2	Oct. 15 1932	July	31 3/4	Nov. 2 1932	

BARLEY has been quiet awaiting further developments in the matter of beer legislation. On the 3d, barley was quiet and unchanged. On the 5th, prices advanced 1 3/8c. on an incorrect report that the repeal resolution had passed the House. On the 6th, prices closed 1/8c. lower on the defeat of the repeal resolution. May closed at 32 5/8c. On the 7th inst., prices advanced 1/8c. May closed at 32 3/4c.; Dec., 28 3/4c. On the 8th, prices were dull and 1/4c. lower, May closing at 32 1/2c. To-day prices ended unchanged.

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN		Oats, New York—	
Wheat, New York—		No. 2 white	26 1/4 @ 26 3/4
No 2 red, c.i.f., domestic	65 3/4	No. 3 white	25 1/4 @ 25 3/4
Manitoba No. 1, f.o.b. N. Y.	57 3/4	Rye No 2, f.o.b. bond N. Y.	41 3/4
		Chicago, No 2	not
Corn New York—		Barley—	
No 2 yellow, all rail	41 1/2	N. Y., c.i.f., domestic	47
No 3 yellow, all rail	41	Chicago, cash	25 @ 41

FLOUR		Rye flour patents	
Spring pat. high protein	\$3.95 @ \$4.20	Seminola, bbl., Nos. 1-3	4.25 @ 4.65
Spring patents	3.60 @ 3.85	Oats goods	1.45
Clears, First spring	3.55 @ 3.75	Corn flour	1.00 @ 1.10
Soft winter straights	3.15 @ 3.35	Barley goods—	
Hard winter straights	3.20 @ 3.35	Coarse	2.35 @
Hard winter patents	3.25 @ 3.55	Fancy pearl, Nos. 2, 4 and 7	4.15 @ 4.30
Hard winter clears	3.10 @ 3.20		
Fancy Minn patents	5.00 @ 5.70		
City mills	5.00 @ 5.70		

All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c.—are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	bbls. 196 lbs	bush. 60 lbs	bush. 56 lbs	bush. 32 lbs	bush. 48 lbs	bush. 56 lbs
Chicago	205,000	24,000	1,736,000	186,000	8,000	114,000
Minneapolis		1,161,000	89,000	185,000	95,000	484,000
Duluth		942,000	8,000	6,000	36,000	139,000
Milwaukee	9,000	8,000	58,000	19,000	2,000	268,000
Toledo		63,000	3,000	79,000		
Detroit		22,000	2,000	6,000		22,000
Indianapolis		25,000	527,000	118,000		
St. Louis	144,000	227,000	515,000	67,000		27,000
Peoria	35,000	1,000	377,000	20,000		11,000
Kansas City	16,000	661,000	232,000	32,000		
Omaha		155,000	198,000	19,000		
St. Joseph		18,000	71,000	29,000		
Wichita		68,000	1,000	2,000		1,000
Sloux City		9,000	30,000	4,000		8,000
Buffalo		4,500,000	2,639,000	143,000	31,000	989,000
Total wk. '32	409,000	7,884,000	6,504,000	915,000	172,000	2,063,000
Same wk. '31	453,000	3,088,000	2,719,000	799,000	168,000	376,000
Same wk. '30	431,000	3,172,000	4,554,000	1,430,000	191,000	582,000

Since Aug. 1—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
1932	7,034,000	192,399,000	88,364,000	47,460,000	5,416,000	20,681,000
1931	8,864,000	181,077,000	51,560,000	34,769,000	3,638,000	13,556,000
1930	8,398,000	225,726,000	76,523,000	60,546,000	14,098,000	30,473,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Dec. 3 1932 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	bbls. 196 lbs	bush. 60 lbs	bush. 56 lbs	bush. 32 lbs	bush. 48 lbs	bush. 56 lbs
New York	229,000	2,038,000	279,000	137,000	64,000	5,000
Philadelphia	27,000	1,000	9,000	10,000	2,000	
Baltimore	15,000		21,000	1,000	2,000	
Newport News	3,000	131,000				
New Orleans*	42,000	27,000	33,000	36,000		
Galveston		31,000				
Montreal	77,000	5,423,000	380,000	90,000	48,000	41,000
Sorel		1,535,000				
Boston	21,000	192,000	1,000	14,000		
Halifax	12,000					
Total wk. '32	426,000	9,378,000	723,000	288,000	116,000	46,000
Since Jan. 1 '32	15,183,000	159,363,000	7,738,000	12,159,000	11,408,000	8,510,000
Week 1931	443,000	4,078,000	64,000	517,000	67,000	337,000
Since Jan. 1 '31	22,052,000	181,496,000	2,995,000	12,759,000	2,595,000	22,897,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Dec. 3 1932, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	576,000	7,000	35,917			
Boston	248,000					
Philadelphia	295,000					
Baltimore	341,000		2,000			
Newport News	131,000		3,000			
New Orleans	2,000		7,000	1,000		
Galveston	274,000		3,000			
Montreal	5,423,000	380,000	77,000	90,000	48,000	41,000
Sorel	1,535,000		12,000			
Total week 1932	8,825,000	387,000	139,917	91,000	48,000	41,000
Same week 1931	3,992,000	1,000	181,360	406,000	37,000	274,000

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1932 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since— July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Dec. 3 1932.	Since July 1 1932.	Week Dec. 3 1932.	Since July 1 1932.	Week Dec. 3 1932.	Since July 1 1932.
United Kingdom	98,367	1,032,969	3,875,000	38,239,000	18,000	361,000
Continent	13,085	422,647	3,920,000	49,626,000	369,000	3,011,000
So. & Cent. Amer.	1,000	56,000	1,017,000	7,426,000		2,000
West Indies	13,000	162,000	2,000	73,000		19,000
Brit. No. Am. Cols.	5,000	26,000				4,000
Other countries	9,465	89,716	11,000	339,000		
Total 1932	139,917	1,789,332	8,825,000	95,703,000	387,000	3,397,000
Total 1931	181,360	3,283,334	3,992,000	89,054,000	1,000	47,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Dec. 3, was as follows:

	GRAIN STOCKS.				
	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
United States—					
Boston	42,000		2,000	1,000	
New York	910,000	248,000	19,000		3,000
" afloat		236,000	113,000		
Philadelphia	1,165,000	17,000	52,000	6,000	3,000
Baltimore	1,446,000	27,000	28,000	5,000	2,000
Newport News	120,000				
New Orleans	846,000	238,000	49,000		
Galveston	1,237,000				30,000
Fort Worth	5,117,000	63,000	1,062,000	2,000	82,000
Wichita	2,224,000				
Hutchinson	5,884,000				9,000
St. Joseph	6,502,000	293,000	424,000		
Kansas City	39,400,000	261,000	43,000	39,000	66,000
Omaha	16,872,000	834,000	1,541,000	48,000	20,000
Sloux City	1,716,000	73,000	137,000	6,000	16,000
St. Louis	5,649,000	1,795,000	419,000	7,000	22,000
Indianapolis	1,201,000	1,042,000	1,136,000		
Peoria	28,000	47,000	661,000		
Chicago	13,480,000	9,111,000	4,274,000	1,376,000	563,000
" afloat	1,205,000			480,000	
On Lakes	1,407,000	758,000		158,000	
Milwaukee	5,814,000	1,515,000	836,000	56,000	681,000
" afloat	115,000	353,000		139,000	
Minneapolis	25,552,000	879,000	9,794,000	4,078,000	4,307,000
Duluth	12,680,000	184,000	2,404,000	1,033,000	588,000
Detroit	280,000	12,000	38,000	40,000	36,000
Toledo			No report		
Buffalo	11,058,000	6,322,000	2,190,000	560,000	199,000
" afloat	9,198,000	1,413,000	147,000	113,000	990,000
On Canal	228,000	360,000			
Total Dec. 3 1932	171,376,000	26,081,000	25,369,000	8,147,000	7,617,000
Total Nov. 26 1932	176,014,000	26,322,000	25,914,000	8,210,000	7,337,000
Total Dec. 5 1931	217,654,000	9,623,000	16,089,000	9,625,000	4,517,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Wheat, New York, 1,273,000 bushels; New York afloat, 2,582,000; Boston, 1,038,000; Buffalo, 1,743,000; Buffalo afloat, 6,389,000; Duluth, 2,000; Erie, 1,395,000; on Lakes, 377,000; Canal, 1,181,000; total, 15,980,000 bushels, against 26,693,000 bushels in 1931.

	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
	Canadian	2,647,000	554,000	909,000	362,000
Montreal	54,968,000	1,020,000	1,711,000	611,000	
Other Canadian	41,534,000	2,636,000	439,000	952,000	
Total Dec. 3 1932	99,149,000	4,210,000	3,059,000	1,925,000	
Total Nov. 26 1932	100,647,000	3,579,000	2,917,000	1,753,000	
Total Dec. 5 1931	56,543,000	5,931,000	9,201,000	4,403,000	

Summary—

American	171,376,000	26,081,000	25,369,000	8,147,000	7,617,000
Canadian	99,147,000	4,210,000	3,059,000	1,925,000	
Total Dec. 3 1932	270,523,000	26,081,000	29,579,000	11,206,000	9,542,000
Total Nov. 26 1932	276,661,000	26,322,000	29,493,000	11,127,000	9,090,000
Total Dec. 5 1931	274,197,000	9,623,000	22,020,000	18,826,000	8,920,000

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ended Friday, Dec. 2, and since July 2 1932 and 1931, are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	Week Dec. 2 1932.	Since July 2 1932.	Since July 1 1931.	Week Dec. 2 1932.	Since July 2 1932.	Since July 1 1931.
		Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
North Amer.	12,791,000	155,257,000	155,250,000	399,000	3,661,000	1,488,000
Black Sea	520,000	14,632,000	90,800,000	3,162,000	19,879,000	3,054,000
Argentina	794,000	17,332,000	33,652,000	3,306,000	113,886,000	215,895,000
Australia	1,838,000	36,392,000	45,537,000			
India			600,000			
Oth. countr's	280,000	16,285,000	18,240,000	468,000	15,916,000	12,246,000
Total	16,223,000	239,898,000	344,079,000	7,335,000	153,342,000	232,683,000

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDED DEC. 7.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Dec. 7, follows:

Following the cool weather of last week over the eastern half of the country, there was a decided reaction to warmer, and unusually high temperatures prevailed over nearly the entire country. The table on page 3 shows that the weekly means ranged generally from about 5 deg. to as much as 20 deg. above normal in all sections, except locally in the Southeast and a few places in the far West. The relatively warmest weather was experienced in Central and Northern States. In the East, low temperatures extended well into the South early in the period, with freezing weather reported from first-order stations to south-central Georgia, but in the Mississippi Valley temperatures did not go as low as 32 deg. south of extreme southeastern Iowa. Sub-zero weather was confined to a limited north-central area, the lowest temperature reported being 8 deg. below zero at Devils Lake, N. Dak., on the morning of the 5th.

The table shows also that precipitation during the week was decidedly scanty. The Eastern, Southern, and Southwestern States had practically no rain, and only light to moderate amounts occurred in the Lake region and upper Mississippi Valley. There were light to moderate rains in California, and heavier amounts at points along the north Pacific coast.

The milder and mostly fair weather of the week

in Utah. The rains in California were of benefit; but they were not sufficiently heavy to properly condition the soil for plowing. In the Pacific Northwest the mild weather and ample moisture were very favorable for growth, but the low temperatures at the close of the week caused some apprehension; it is still too early to determine the result.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Cold at beginning of week, followed by unusually warm weather; practically no rain. Weather favorable for winter grains, pastures, and butchering, but moisture now needed for marketing tobacco. Spinach and dug potatoes show considerable damage from freeze of 27th. Husking corn nearing completion. Digging and trimming orchards continue.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Fine weather for threshing peanuts and housing corn, especially on bottom lands where ground has been too wet for hauling. Fall truck and small grains doing well; still some sowing of late wheat.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Dry, with mild days, but rather raw nights. Winter cereal sowing continues and good stands developing generally. Some cotton ginning. Sirup making practically finished. Some hog killing.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Week favorable for farm work. Practically no rain; nights mostly cold in interior, with frost, but days mild. Winter cereals and truck mostly good; some wheat and oats sown. Harvesting practically finished. Sirup making continues.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Cold and windy. Most tender truck has been killed in north and northwest and some damaged in central; retarded by wind, cold, and deficient sunshine. Strawberries unharmed and doing well. Citrus coloring; shipments increasing. High tides damaged lowland crops on Atlantic coast.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Moderately cold first three days; unseasonably warm thereafter. Fair, except scattered light showers latter part. Corn mostly gathered. Sowing oats continues; mostly coming up well. Digging potatoes and sweet potatoes practically finished. Winter vegetables mostly fair progress and condition. Pastures mostly fair, but getting short. Cabbage for spring crop being rapidly transplanted in coast region. Satsumas being gathered rapidly.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Occasional light rain, but mostly fair and unseasonably warm. Favorable for seasonal farm activities; housing remnants of cotton and corn. Progress of gardens, pastures, and truck fair to good.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Adequate sunshine with light, local rains Saturday or Sunday. Freeze early in week but mild latter part. Harvesting and grinding sugar cane progressing rapidly, with good to excellent results. Little plowing done. Oats and winter truck making fair growth.

Texas.—Houston: Quite warm throughout State; little or no precipitation. Practically all summer crops harvested and soil being plowed for winter plantings where not too dry. Winter grains and pastures made only poor progress due to droughty conditions, but cattle and truck generally continue good. General soaking rain badly needed.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Warm, fair, and dry. Favorable for gathering remnants of cotton and corn. Soil too dry for plowing. Wheat generally deteriorated account droughty conditions; condition poor to fair and much late-planted not yet up. Native pastures short; very little grain pasture.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Mild temperatures, light rainfall and low humidity very favorable for picking cotton and gathering corn; some cotton still in fields on northeastern lowlands but about all gathered elsewhere. Very favorable for growth of wheat, oats, winter pastures, and winter truck, except in a few localities where still too dry. Also favorable for plowing, butchering, and cleaning fields.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Winter grains made excellent progress and late-sown up to good stands. Weather ideal for farm work. Much corn gathered and considerable plowing done. Weather fine for saving hog meat. Stock grazing on stalk lands in good condition.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Temperatures moderate to high; precipitation light; sunshine ample. Winter grains made some growth. More favorable for corn gathering which is well advanced. Favorable for livestock and outdoor work. Dry winds hampered tobacco handling.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Dec. 9 1932.

Still generally in the grip of between-seasons quietude, textile markets have nevertheless shown rather uniform, though mostly moderate, improvement during the past week. Woolen and silk goods made progress toward launching their Spring movements, which have not yet completely emerged from the sampling stage; floor covering producers are preparing their new offerings for introduction in mid-January, expressing hope for the outlook; the rayon industry has improved upon its heavily sold-ahead position since books were opened Dec. 1 for February orders of viscose yarns; cotton goods, undeterred by a bearish government crop report, have undergone a decided expansion in sales of print cloths which has ushered in a firmer undertone and some slight advances in prices on certain constructions. Developments in the outside world, especially in political channels, are of course being closely followed, but their immediately unfavorable character has not had much apparent reflection in dry goods markets. Doubtless the dry goods trade's relative immunity to adverse outside news at the moment is influenced by the equanimity with which securities and leading commodity markets have also been digesting recent indications of the ineffectiveness of the Lame Duck Congress, harbouring a vast number of divergent programs and opinions, in the face of problems, notably War Debts, Farm Aid, and the Budget, the solution of which seems to be the main obstacle to early genuine economic revival. It is understood that a large number of conservative observers still subscribe to the belief that the national financial stabilization which followed the mid-Summer gold scare, leading up to a comparatively substantial seasonal business recovery this autumn, marked the turning point of the depression, and that the improvement which economic fundamentals have undergone in the interim is sufficiently far-reaching and deep-rooted to weather further delays in needed political readjustments. This is perhaps the key to the hopefulness which still predominates in most industrial channels, and in textiles in particular, in the face of seasonal business slackening in most directions and the probability that the Federal budget will not be put in definite balance, nor the war debts furor settled, until the Government has passed into the control of the new administration. The silk goods trade is gradually opening up outlets for the spring movement, with dress manufacturers placing small orders on a rather wide variety of fabrics in order to insure buyers a good selection from which to order. Heavy sheers are being actively sampled by makers of quality

dresses. Retail stocks are said to be very low, and while retailers are at the moment fully occupied with holiday business, and not yet prepared to take spring goods, it is believed that January will bring a decided improvement in retail orders. Featuring finished goods offerings are the so-called "cruise collections," which comprise fabrics suitable for making up into outfits to be worn on the short sea trips popular at the moment. Winter resort apparel has gone into something of a decline, as fewer people are now able to spend time in Florida, for instance, with many of those who previously went to winter resorts now preferring a "cruise." The new fabrics are mostly of roughish, wooly character. New offerings of carpets and rugs, it is intimated, will reveal a variety and brilliance of color not previously to be had. Popular prices, and doubtless decided popular approval, will apply to the new offerings, as the trend in the carpet trade is distinctly away from sombre and subdued effects toward color. The outlook for rayons is viewed with general optimism, present expectations being that mills will be able to operate at 100% of capacity through February. Stocks in producers' hands, it is indicated, will prove decidedly subnormal at the end of the year, though shipments during the year are estimated to have fallen but little below the 1931 level.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—A spurt in sales of print cloths, developing suddenly, featured the current week in cotton goods markets, sales during two or three days running considerably ahead of estimated production. The new buying was largely traced to a few prominent operators, but also brought a distinctly broader buying movement from the trade at large, to the accompaniment of a firmer undertone in cotton goods as a whole, and occasional advances of 1/16c. on some of the leading print cloths constructions. Emboldened by the improved demand, sellers resisted continuing efforts by some buyers to exact concessions, with greater stubbornness, and it is understood that a considerable amount of business was turned down because it was only available at concessions. While some of the ordering was for nearby shipment or late in December, the bulk of it carried over into the first quarter, as buyers are endeavoring to end the year with as little as possible on their shelves. Sentiment with regard to the first quarter prospects is sufficiently optimistic among sellers to render some of them averse to taking many large orders for first quarter delivery at current prices, on the theory that higher levels are likely to rule once the spring buying movement gets into full swing. Raw cotton held relatively steady in the face of a bearish Government crop report, and thus contributed considerably to the resistance of goods prices to persistent bids for concession. Yardage of print cloths sold this week is estimated at materially in excess of 10,000,000 yards. Inventories in both distributors' and retailers' hands are reported to be still light, and with public demand holding up relatively well at retail it is hoped that consumption of cotton goods in the forthcoming season, accelerated by style and quality appeal at very low prices, will result, in combination with low supplies, in a very respectable total of spring volume, possibly at materially better values, at least for the producing end of the trade, which needs them most. Further progress is hoped for to-day from another meeting of print cloth manufacturers in the South to go further into the matter of planning a dissemination of price and sales statistics in the trade, with a view to maintaining a more stable market. Print cloths 27-inch 64x60's constructions are quoted at 2 1/4c., and 28-inch 64x60's at 2 3/8c. Gray goods 39-inch 68x72's constructions are quoted at 3 1/2c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 4 3/8c. to 4 1/2c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Markets for woolens and worsteds, without having undergone a sudden or decided spurt in activity, are nevertheless approaching the new year in a spirit of comparative optimism, with prices steadier and the raw product also displaying more stability, and with good prospects that the goods trade is going to begin 1933 with a decidedly better volume of orders on its books than existed at the inception of 1932. One of the greatest sources of confidence on the part of producers is the growing conviction that raw wool prices have seen their lowest levels. Orders for men's wear fabrics are now reported to be coming along in regular fashion, though individual commitments are in a great many cases very small, and where ordering is still lagging, sampling has reached a point which presages good buying at a not too distant date in the season. The new women's wear fabrics for coats and suits are reported to have met with the general commendation of buyers, and producers are expectant of substantial business on these cloths as producers and distributors hand down the demand of an appreciative public.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Local linen markets have been quiet recently, with the trade unsettled by wide fluctuations in sterling, though the past few days, during which sterling has been steadier, have witnessed better buying in some directions. Holiday items of course are leading the current activity, with handkerchiefs and novelty household lines in demand. Advance orders for men's suitings and women's wear dress goods are slow. Burlaps have been quiet but show a slightly steadier tone, more recognition of the significance of the smallness of the local surplus stocks being a factor. Light weights are quoted at 3.05c., and heavies at 4.25c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

Alabama.—*Supreme Court Rules Against Formation of State Educational Finance Corporation.*—In an opinion recently handed down by the State Supreme Court the Legislature was denied the right to authorize a new corporation, to be made up of the Superintendent of Education, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and Industries, and the Attorney-General. The corporation was to be entitled "Alabama Educational Finance Corporation," by Senate Bill No. 51 and it was designed to aid and extend the public school system of the State. A Senate resolution was passed requesting the Justices of the Supreme Court to answer the question of constitutionality of the proposal, which empowered the said corporation to issue \$15,000,000 of bonds and provide for payment of this debt from funds in the State Treasury appropriated for school purposes and also from any special school taxes. The Supreme Court held that the new act would violate Section 213 of the Constitution, regarding the creation of a State debt. Under date of Dec. 2 we were advised by Thomas E. Knight Jr., Attorney-General, that the Justices had given an advisory opinion on this question from which there is no appeal.

Connecticut.—*Changes in List of Legal Investments for Savings Banks.*—In a bulletin issued on Dec. 8 the State Bank Commissioner announces the following changes in the list of investments found legal for savings banks:

Additions.
Toledo Edison Co. 1st mtge. 5s. 1962.
Reading Co. equip. trust, series N, 5s, semi-annually, 1933 to 1942.
Deduction.
Flint, Mich.

Massachusetts.—*Addition to List of Legal Investments for Savings Banks.*—According to news dispatches from Boston on Dec. 7, the State Bank Commissioner has added to the list of securities found legal for investment by Massachusetts savings banks the \$27,500,000 Toledo Edison Co. 5% first mortgage bonds, series of 1962.

New York City.—*Board of Aldermen Cut \$585,028 from 1933 Budget and Adopt Final Figure of \$556,555,993.*—At a meeting which ran late in the night of Dec. 5 the Board of Aldermen made cuts totaling \$585,028.75 from the 1933 budget and adopted a final total of \$556,555,993.98, representing a decrease of \$74,810,303.89 under the 1932 budget of \$631,366,297.87. Almost half of the reductions which were made on that date by the Board consisted of graduated salary reductions for exempt officeholders, the other items figuring in the cuts being curtailments of previous services and the abolition of several minor departments. On the same day the Board of Estimate, in an effort to meet the demands of the city's bankers adopted a resolution to slash \$20,000,000 from the city payrolls if the special session of the Legislature (V. 135, p. 3884) repeals the mandatory salary provisions. In regard to the actions of both branches of the municipal assembly, looking toward economies in the operation of the city government, we quote in part as follows from the New York "Herald Tribune" of Dec. 6:

The Board of Aldermen, lower branch of the municipal assembly, nibbled \$585,028.75 from the 1933 budget last night, almost half of it in graduated salary reductions for exempt officeholders, and adopted a final total of \$556,555,993.98. The last minute reductions included the abolition of several minor departments. Given until midnight to act, the Board stopped the clock in order to keep within the technical deadline fixed by law.

In a frantic effort to meet the demands of the bankers, who alone can avert a default of \$144,600,000 in city obligations, including the Dec. 15 payroll, the Board of Estimate, working to the same purpose as the lower branch, adopted a resolution fixing \$20,000,000 as the amount to be slashed from the payroll of the civil service employees if the Legislature at the special session, which convenes on Friday, repeals the mandatory salary provisions. As matters stand now, the budget totals \$556,555,993.98, as compared with \$631,366,297.87 for last year. About two-thirds of the previous reduction was brought about by giving up the old pay-as-you-go subway financing, an economy which has been denounced as merely a piece of smart bookkeeping.

Slash 700 in Exempt List.

Pending the general revision of the payroll, for which action of the Legislature is required, the Board of Aldermen adopted a schedule of reductions affecting some 700 non-civil service employees, including commissioners, deputies and other exempt appointees. Of the total savings effected by the Aldermen, \$258,032.75 represented salary reductions. The other items were \$106,880 through the abolition of the Department of City Planning, the Board of Taxicab Control, the office of Bill Drafting Commissioner and the office of assistant to the Mayor; \$166,066 by curtailment of city automobile service deductions and \$17,150 in reserve deductions and \$17,150 in reduction of the salaries of members of the Board of Aldermen. Acting on the suggestion of Mayor-elect John P. O'Brien, the committee proposed reducing the salary of Mayor from \$40,000 to \$30,000. It also recommended a 5% reduction of the salary of members of the Board of Aldermen, who now receive \$5,000 a year.

Schedule of Reductions.

The schedule of reductions proposed for other exempt salaries follows: \$3,000 to \$5,000—5%, reduction \$150 to \$250.
\$5,000 to \$7,500—5% on the first \$5,000 and 12% on the second \$2,500 reduction \$250 to \$550.
\$7,500 to \$10,000—5% on the first \$5,000, 12% on the second \$2,500 and 18% on the third \$2,500, reductions from \$550 to \$1,000.
\$10,000 and over—5% on the first \$5,000, 12% on the second \$2,500, 18% on the third \$2,500, 40% on the next \$5,000 and 20% on the remainder, reductions from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

The drastic measures approved by the two branches of the Municipal Assembly will serve as the basis for a new appeal by Comptroller Charles W. Berry for banking aid in the meeting the crisis which the city will face on Dec. 15, with more than \$144,000,000 in maturities coming due and no funds to meet them.

The inference that the bankers, forewarned of what the city authorities were about to do, had been impressed and were considering coming to the city's assistance, was drawn from the fact that representatives of 10 leading downtown banks conferred yesterday at the office of Charles E. Mitchell, Chairman of the National City Bank. Winthrop W. Aldrich, President of the Chase National Bank, and Duncan MacInnes, chief accountant of the Comptroller's office, also were present.

None of the banks represented were members of the consortium brought together by J. P. Morgan & Co., which came to the city's rescue last January, but all have been interested in the city's short-term financing.

Banks Advance \$40,000,000 to City to Prevent Default.—
Estimate Board Pledges New Budget Cut of \$20,000,000.—A default on \$40,000,000 of city revenue bills, payable at 3 p. m. on Dec. 7, was averted by a last minute decision of the bankers to carry the city up to Dec. 15. This action on the part of the bankers was taken after a resolution had been passed at a special session of the Board of Estimate calling for a budget reduction of \$20,000,000 in addition to the first \$20,000,000 salary slash discussed above. The second resolution is said to have been drafted by the bankers and the reductions called for are to be made on expenditures for materials, equipment and supplies, and apparently was approved by the Board only after John F. Curry, Tammany leader, had been consulted and had approved. The Chase National Bank and the National City Bank advanced \$40,000,000 until Dec. 14 and took in return revenue bills bearing 5% interest, which is $\frac{3}{4}$ % lower than that borne by previous issues. The bankers are stated to have given their assurance that they would extend the necessary assistance to the city in meeting all payments essential to be made up to and including those of Dec. 15, and, contingent upon action by the Legislature permitting the carrying out of the economy pledges, such further advances as may be necessary up to Feb. 1 1933. Long-term financing will not be considered by the bankers until the proper legislative measures have been passed. We are advised that altogether the bankers will have to advance about \$110,000,000, of which \$40,000,000 was made available on Dec. 7. On the 15th there is a \$52,000,000 credit on that amount of transit bonds due. On that day, the city will be permitted to draw on a \$74,000,000 credit arranged several months ago. The proceeds of this credit must be used to repay advances arranged on the 7th, which would leave outstanding of the \$110,000,000 some \$36,000,000. It was learned that the Chase and the National City will take care of the loans up to Dec. 15 and after that the outstanding balance of \$36,000,000 will be apportioned among a small group of banks associated with these two banks. We quote in part as follows from the "Herald Tribune" of Dec. 8 regarding the present status of the city's credit:

Following are statements by the interested parties yesterday as the bankers agreed to emergency financing on their own terms for the City of New York:

What Bankers Said.

Statement of Winthrop W. Aldrich, President of the Chase National Bank, and Charles E. Mitchell, Chairman of the National City Bank of New York:

With the assurance of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as covered by their resolutions of yesterday and to-day, there is solid ground for the belief that, provided the State Legislature gives the relief to the city from mandatory State laws, as requested, the repairment of the credit status of the city is in sight.

Certainly there can be no question of this if there is performance by the Board of Estimate under their two resolutions and if there is fulfillment of those promises inferred from recent statements and actions of the Mayor-elect.

On behalf of themselves and a small group of New York banks, the Chase National Bank and the National City Bank of New York have agreed to give to the city the necessary assistance in meeting all payments essential to be made up to and including Dec. 15.

If at that time there has been favorable action by the State Legislature on the requests of New York City authorities, the bankers are prepared to make such further advances as may be necessary up to Feb. 1 1933, constituting the time during which it is expected that the Budget will be open.

What the City Said.

The resolution passed by the Board of Estimate:

Resolved. That is the State Legislature opens the New York City Budget for 1933 as requested, it is the intention of the Board of Estimate to make further reduction in the Budget for the year 1933 other than reductions of salaries and wages already referred to by resolution of the board dated Dec. 6 1932, and it will be our determination to make such reductions in appropriations other than for salaries and wages to the utmost possible extent consistent with the absolute requirements of the operations of the city government, and it is the hope of the board that the amount of such reductions in appropriations will equal the amount of such reductions in salaries and wages.

Statement by Comptroller Berry.

This means that all the city's contingencies up to Dec. 15 will be met and that if the program is carried out we will have all the money we need to carry us through until the 1933 tax collections.

After Dec. 15 we will have the third installment of the revolving fund provided in the contract last January, amounting to \$74,000,000. Beginning Jan. 1, the picture will brighten considerably. We might say we will be on "easy street."

Mayor McKee Offers Plan for Reorganization of City Government.—Mayor Joseph V. McKee appeared before the Hofstadter legislative committee at its last day of public hearings on Dec. 8 and presented his own ideas as to what should be done to improve the city government. His plan differs somewhat from the charter revision proposal recommended on Dec. 1 by former Governor Alfred E. Smith in that he does not favor centralization of all functions, but approves a form which, while abolishing county government, would preserve local government and would in some respects enlarge the work of borough administrations. A summary of Mr. McKee's plan is given herewith as it appeared in the New York "Times" of Dec. 9:

Elimination of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Estimate and substitution of a single body, with minority representation.

Decentralization of government by the creation of autonomous local boards in each borough, to have charge of all details of local improvements but dependent on the central council for money, with retention of Borough Presidents as local board heads.

The Mayor and other city-wide elected officials and Borough Presidents to have no vote in council, but to be advisory members.

Creation of a Bureau of Budget, directly under the Mayor, to take in the present Budget Director, Bureau of Purchase, Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of Franchises.

The Sinking Fund Commission and the Banking Commission to be absorbed by the council.

The City Chamberlain to be made into an office for collection and custody of funds, and the Comptroller reduced to an auditing and fiscal office.

A shift of the fiscal year so that taxes would be collected before the expenditures were budgeted.

A centralized department for all building permits.

A merger of the Department of Water Supply with the Board of Water Supply, and the Board of Child Welfare with the Department of Welfare.

Abolition of the License Department and Bureau of Weights and Measures and absorption of their present functions by the Police Department.

A two-man Board of Elections instead of the present four.

More summary powers of removal for the Mayor.
A single commissioner for the Department of Taxes and Assessments and the creation of a Special Board of Review.
Absorption of duties of Board of City Record by the council, or, if that is not advisable, by an executive department.
Absorption of the duties of the Board of City Surveyors by the Civil Service Commission.
A merger of the parole and probation departments and of the psychiatric facilities of all city activities.

North Carolina.—New Constitution Drafted by State Constitutional Commission.—The following report on the drafting of a new constitution for this State by the State Constitutional Commission, which is now in the hands of Governor Gardner for transmission to the General Assembly, is taken from a Raleigh dispatch to the "United States Daily" of Dec. 7:

A draft of a new Constitution for the State of North Carolina has been submitted to Governor Gardner by the State Constitutional Commission to be transmitted to the General Assembly for submission to the citizens for adoption or rejection at the next general election.

The "short ballot" is not included in the draft signed by all of the nine members of the Commission, but is advocated in a supplemental report signed by four members, Judge John J. Parker, of the Fourth Circuit, U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals; George E. Butler, Clinton; Burton Craig, Winston-Salem, and J. O. Carr, Wilmington. The other members, signing the full report, in addition to the above, are Chief Justice W. P. Stacy of the North Carolina Supreme Court; Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell; Congressman Lindsay Warren; Judge Michael Schenck of the Superior Court, and Dr. Clarence Poe, Raleigh.

Veto Power Extended.

Veto power would be extended the Governor over acts of the General Assembly under the draft, but Dr. Poe suggests a substitute which would allow the majority vote of the General Assembly to override an objection by the Governor. Except for these two suggested substitutions, the draft is the unified product of the Commission and is recommended by the entire group.

The Commission announced that it sought to leave out of the Constitution draft many things now contained in it, taking the position that broad and extensive powers should be left in the hands of the General Assembly, the law-making body elected directly by the people, to meet changing conditions.

First Articles Similar.

Of the 12 articles in the new draft following the preamble, the first is a "declaration of rights" of the people about as in the present Constitution. Article 2 deals with the legislative department being similar to present provisions, except that the veto power is extended to the Governor and members of the General Assembly may not be appointed to offices they create or in which the pay has been increased, while they are members.

Article 3, dealing with the executive department, provides for the executive budget, now in operation by statute, and provides for succession to the governorship of the Lieutenant-Governor and the President, pro tempore, of the Senate, in order. Article 4, the judicial department provides for separate judicial and solicitorial districts, election of superior court judges by the State or by districts, and calling special terms of court by the Chief Justice, the Governor filling vacancies in judgeships, by appointment. A judicial council, composed of supreme and superior court judges, would be created, authorized to establish rules as to pleadings, practice and procedure in the superior and lower courts.

Public Debt Limited.

New public debt would be limited to two-thirds of the amount it was reduced in the preceding biennium, unless by a vote of the people, by Article 5, which provides for an agency to supervise local government, now by statute, and limits new debts to one-half the reduction of the preceding year and one-fourth of the number voting for Governor is necessary to carry a bond election. Article 6 deals with suffrage and Article 7 with education, the draft substituting a State board of education, named by the Governor, with the State Superintendent as Chairman, for the Board of Equalization. Homesteads, public welfare, militia, agriculture and industry, and amendments are dealt with in the remaining five articles.

Wisconsin—Constitutional Amendments Passed by Voters.—Under date of Dec. 5 we are informed by Theodore Dammann, Secretary of State, that at the general election held on Nov. 8, the voters approved four amendments to the State Constitution, the first and second of which will permit the salaries of the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor to be fixed by law, the third sets up a course of procedure for the impeachment of State officers, and the fourth relates to indebtedness secured by public utility and other income producing property of municipalities. The Wisconsin statutes permit the passage of a constitutional amendment when approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon. The official returns on these proposals are listed as follows:

Constitutional Amendments.

	For	Against
No. 1—Governor's salary	452,665	275,175
No. 2—Lieutenant-Governor's salary	427,768	267,120
No. 3—Impeachments	436,113	221,563
No. 4—Municipal indebtedness	401,194	279,631

United States.—Forty-three State Legislatures to Convene in 1933.—With the exception of five Southern States, namely Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky and Virginia, all of the States in the Union will hold regularly scheduled sessions during 1933, and there is a likelihood that there will be other special sessions such as have marked 1932. The Federal Congress also convened in regular session on Dec. 5 of this year. The legislative calendar for 1933 is as follows:

Opening Date.	State.
Jan. 2 1933	California, Idaho, Montana, Ohio, Tennessee.
Jan. 3 1933	Delaware, Minnesota, Nebraska, No. Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, So. Dakota.
Jan. 4 1933	Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Vermont.
Jan. 5 1933	Indiana.
Jan. 9 1933	Arizona, Arkansas, Iowa, Oregon, Utah, Washington.
Jan. 10 1933	Kansas, New Jersey, New Mexico, South Carolina, Texas, Wyoming.
Jan. 11 1933	West Virginia, Wisconsin.
Jan. 16 1933	Nevada.
April 4 1933	Florida.
June 28 1933	Georgia.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

ABBOTSFORD, Clark County, Wis.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed by the Village Clerk that a bid has not yet been received for the \$18,000 6% coupon annual special impt. sewer bonds recently offered—V. 135, p. 3721. He states that a local sale of these bonds is being attempted. Dated Jan. 1 1933. Due from Feb. 15 1934 to 1943, incl.

ABERDEEN, Grays Harbor County, Wash.—BOND AND COUPON CALL.—It is reported that Floyd A. Vanmen, City Treasurer, is calling for payment at his office from Dec. 1 to Dec. 26, various local impt. district bonds and coupons.

ALABAMA, State of (P. O. Montgomery).—LOAN GRANTED.—The Reconstruction Finance Corporation on Dec. 2 granted a relief loan of \$147,930 to this State for aid in the City of Birmingham and in Jefferson County. The following announcement of the loan was made by the Corporation:

The R. F. C., upon application of the Governor of Alabama, to-day made available \$147,930 to meet current emergency relief needs in the City of Birmingham and the County of Jefferson for the period Dec. 1 to Dec. 31 1932.

"These funds are made available under Title I, Section 1, subsection (c) of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932 with the understanding that the responsibility of the political subdivisions and the State of Alabama to make every effort to develop their own resources to provide relief is not in any way diminished.

"In support of the Governor's application for supplemental funds for the city of Birmingham and Jefferson County for November it was stated that local resources then available or which could be made available were inadequate to meet the relief needs. It is now stated that the condition of city and county finances has not improved.

"In the first seven months of 1932 a total of \$593,894 were expended for relief purposes. Of this amount \$164,742 came from local government funds, \$348,078 from private contributions and \$81,074 from other sources.

"The R. F. C. heretofore has made available \$348,774 to meet current emergency relief needs in political subdivisions of the State of Alabama."

ALLIANCE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. W. Woolf, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 27 for the purchase of \$30,000 6% school bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1933. Denom. \$10,000. Due one bond of that amount on Jan. 15 in 1934, 1935 and 1936. Interest is payable semi-annually on Jan. and July 15. 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 \$300, payable to the order of the Board of Education, is required.

ALPINE, Brewster County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 2 the State Comptroller registered 5 1/4 and 5 1/2% refunding bonds aggregating \$314,000. Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Due serially.

The above bonds have also been approved by the Attorney General.

ALTOONA, Blair County, Pa.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUES.—Ordinances have been introduced in the City Council providing for \$665,000 4% bonds, comprising an issue of \$353,000 refunding bonds, to mature on Nov. 1 in 1942 and 1947, and one of \$312,000 fund and refunding bonds, due Nov. 1 1952. Each issue is dated Nov. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000.

ANN ARBOR, Washtenaw County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$150,000 coupon relief bonds offered on Dec. 3—V. 135, p. 3885—was awarded as 4 1/2 to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at par plus a premium of \$555, equal to 100.37, a basis of about 4.40%. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Due \$50,000 annually from 1935 to 1937 incl. An official list of the bids submitted, all of which were for the bonds at 4 1/2% interest, is as follows:

Bidder—	Par.	Accrued Interest and Premium of—	Accrued Int. with a Discount of—
A. C. Allyn & Co., Chicago	-----	-----	\$1,395.00
Stranahan, Harris & Co., Toledo	-----	-----	675.00
First Detroit Co., Detroit	-----	\$90.00	-----
Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago	-----	555.00	-----

Financial Statement

Bonded debt as of July 1 1932 was as follows:

Broadway grade separation bridge	\$5,000.00
Fuller Street bridge	12,000.00
Water works bond general obligation	\$97,000.00
Pavement bonds	\$542,753.66
Curb and gutter bonds	30,350.00
Lateral sewer bonds	318,320.00
Grand total	\$1,722,423.66

Water works bonds are paid from revenue of water department. Above serial bonds paid each year from general taxes. Population, Census 1930, 26,867. Non-resident students of the University of Michigan not included in these figures. About 9,000 students. City tax rate per \$1,000 for 1929, \$11.24; rate for 1930, \$11.23; rate for 1931, \$10.63; rate for 1932, \$11.60. City taxes collected July 15 to Aug. 15 or 5% penalty if paid in December. Assessed valuation \$41,278,835.

ARKANSAS, State of (P. O. Little Rock).—NOTE ISSUANCE AUTHORIZED.—The State Supreme Court is reported to have decided that the State Note Board has the authority to issue \$2,100,000 of short term notes in exchange for valid claims of contractors against the State Highway Department. This decision reversed the decision of the Pulaski County Court which had sustained the contention of Attorney General Norwood that authorization of the issue was not within the purview of the Governor's call for a special session—V. 135, p. 2655. It is stated the Supreme Court held the subject was so closely related to matters outlined in Governor Parnell's call that it might reasonably be considered as within it. The special session of the Legislature was called to refund \$47,000,000 of road district bonds—V. 135, p. 159. Interest bearing notes will be given to contractors for warrants which are uncashable because of the highway fund shortage.

ASBURY PARK, Monmouth County, N. J.—REFINANCING ARRANGED.—Thomas H. Pratt, Commissioner of Revenue and Finance, stated on Dec. 6 that the city had completed arrangements in the past three months for renewal of temporary bonds in amount of \$1,750,000, and during the past two weeks had renewed \$740,000 maturing notes in the same manner. The Commissioner said that all interest charges have been met, although salaries of municipal employees for the months of October and November remain unpaid.

AUDUBON, Camden County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Edwin C. Hand, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 19 for the purchase of \$16,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered relief bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on Dec. 1 from 1934 to 1941 incl. Principal and interest (June and Dec.) are payable at the Audubon National Bank, Audubon. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$16,000. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Borough, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

BEEMER, Cuming County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$5,000 issue of 6% Paving District No. 2 bonds is stated to have been purchased at par recently by the First Trust Co. of Lincoln. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1932. Due \$1,000 from Sept. 1 1938 to 1942, incl.

BEDFORD (P. O. Katonah) Westchester County, N. Y.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—LIST OF BIDS RECEIVED.—Rutter & Co. of New York made public offering on Nov. 29 of \$189,000 4.60% coupon or registered highway bonds at prices to yield 4.20% for the maturities from 1934 to 1937, incl.; 1938 to 1942, 4.25%; 1943 to 1947, 4.30%, and 4.40% for the bonds due from 1948 to 1952, incl. The issue, awarded to the bankers on Nov. 25 at a price of 100.38, a basis of about 4.57%—V. 135, p. 3721, is stated to be legal for investment by savings banks and trust funds in New York State. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder—	Int. Rate.	Rate Bid.
Rutter & Co. (Successful bidder)	4.60%	100.38
George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.	4.70%	100.32
Dewey, Bacon & Co.	4.70%	100.19
M. & T. Trust Co.	4.80%	100.389
Wachsman & Wassall	4.90%	100.29
A. C. Allyn & Co.	5.00%	100.61

Financial Statement as of Nov. 1 1932.

Total bonded debt (not incl. current issue)	\$625,400.00
Water debt (included in above)	218,000.00
Sinking fund for general debt	None
Sinking fund for water debt	None
Temporary certificates of indebtedness	27,055.07
Assessed valuation, realty only	36,140,037.00
Total assessed valuation	36,932,408.00
Total actual valuation (established)	45,000,000.00
1932 tax rate per \$1,000—inside Village of Mt. Kisco	6.3237
—outside Village of Mt. Kisco	9.4726
Population 1930 census, 8,653; present est., 9,100.	
Total budget 1932 including special districts	382,559.12
Amount of taxes for 1932 unpaid	36,443.47

Tax Collection Report.

Year—	Total Levy.	Collected at Close of Year of Levy	Balance Uncollected as of Close of Year
1929-----	321,240.96	314,596.42	6,644.54
1930-----	354,768.05	345,384.63	9,373.42
1931-----	338,640.73	325,465.86	10,174.85
1932-----	382,559.12	346,115.65	*36,443.47

* Five months of year still to collect.
Fiscal year for collection of taxes ends April 1. Taxes due April 1 each year.
Information sent by Edward P. Barrett, Supervisor of Town of Bedford, Katonah, N. Y.

BELLEVILLE, Essex County, N. J.—NOTE SALE.—John J. Daly, Town Clerk, informs us that an issue of \$36,000 6% tax anticipation notes, due Dec. 15 1932, was sold recently at a price of par to the Merchants National Bank, of Newark.

BELMONT COUNTY (P. O. St. Clairsville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. E. Taylor, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time) on Dec. 19 for the purchase of \$25,000 6% poor relief bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1932. Due March 1 as follows: \$4,400 in 1934; \$4,700, 1935; \$5,000, 1936; \$5,300 in 1937 and \$5,600 in 1938. Interest is payable in March and Sept. A certified check for 5% of the amount of the bonds, payable to the order of the County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.

BEXAR COUNTY (P. O. San Antonio), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The \$136,000 issue of 5 1/4% road and bridge funding Series I bonds that is scheduled to be offered for sale soon—V. 135, p. 2522—was registered by the State Comptroller on Nov. 29. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 20 1932. Due from 1934 to 1952.

The above bonds have also been approved by the Attorney General.

BEXLEY (P. O. Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—S. W. Roderick, City Auditor, states that the proposed sale of \$24,800 5 1/4% Main St. improvement bonds, original set for Dec. 3—V. 135, p. 3553—has been postponed to Dec. 10.

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (P. O. Cowley), Wyo.—OFFERING DETAILS.—Pursuant to the offering on Dec. 10 of the \$4,400 funding bonds, report of which was given in V. 135, p. 3721, we are now informed that bids will be received for bonds bearing 5% interest. Dated July 1 1932. It is stated that no bid for less than par will be considered. A certified check for 10% of the bid is required.

BLUE EARTH COUNTY (P. O. Mankato), Minn.—BONDS OFFERED.—It is reported that B. E. Lee, County Auditor, considered popular subscriptions and bids at 2 p. m. on Dec. 8 for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 4 1/4% funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated Jan. 1 1933. Due on Jan. 1 1938. Legal opinion of Junell, Oakley, Driscoll & Fletcher of Minneapolis, or H. W. Moody of St. Paul will be furnished.

BOONTON, Morris County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Albert P. Smith, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 19 for the purchase of \$40,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered sewer bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Nov. 1 1937. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1/10th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) are payable at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York. The bonds will not be sold at less than a price of 99 and the amount to be raised through the sale is \$39,600. A certified check for 2% of the 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. (Previous mention of this offering was made in—V. 135, p. 3886.)

BRAINTREE, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$33,000 coupon sidewalk construction bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 135, p. 3886—was awarded as 3 3/4% to Brown Bros. Harriman & Co., of Boston, at a price of 100.375, a basis of about 3.62%. Dated Dec. 15 1932. Due serially from 1933 to 1937 incl. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder—	Int. Rate.	Rate Bid.
Brown Bros. Harriman & Co. (successful bidder).....	3 3/4%	100.375
Jackson & Curtis.....	3 3/4%	100.034
R. L. Day & Co.....	4%	100.39
Newton, Abbe & Co.....	4%	100.06

BRISTOW, Butler County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that a \$4,500 issue of 5% refunding bonds has been purchased by Schanck & Co. of Mason City.

BUFFALO TOWNSHIP (P. O. Sarver), Butler County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$12,000 4 1/4% coupon funding bonds offered on Nov. 21—V. 135, p. 3553—was purchased at par and accrued interest by local investors, after no offers had been received by the township in response to a request for sealed banking bids. The bonds will mature \$2,000 annually on Oct. 15 from 1933 to 1938 incl.

BUTLER COUNTY (P. O. Hamilton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. F. Tom Boli, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 27 for the purchase of \$14,250 6% poor relief bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1932. Due March 1 as follows: \$2,500 in 1934; \$2,700, 1935; \$2,850, 1936; \$3,000 in 1937, and \$3,200 in 1938. Principal and interest (March and Sept.) are payable at the County Treasurer's office. 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 \$142.50, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, is required. A complete transcript of the proceedings with reference to the issuance of the bonds will be furnished the successful bidder.

CACHE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Logan), Utah.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of refunding bonds is reported to have been purchased recently by the Cache Valley Banking Co. of Logan.

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento).—BOND SALE.—The \$725,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-ann. park bonds offered for sale on Dec. 8—V. 135, p. 3886—was jointly awarded to the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., and Kean, Taylor & Co., both of New York, for a premium of \$41,361. Equal to 105.7049, a basis of about 3.84%. Dated Jan. 2 1929. Due on Jan. 2 as follows: \$67,000 in 1951; \$250,000, 1952 and 1953, and \$158,000 in 1954.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful bidders re-offered the above bonds for public subscription at a price to yield the investor 3.70% on all maturities.

OTHER BIDS.—Newspaper reports gave the other bids as follows: The First National Bank of New York, together with the First Detroit Co., Inc., the Anglo-California Co. and Darby & Co., offered 105.567. This was followed by a tender of 105.558, submitted by R. H. Moulton & Co. and associates. A bid of 105.267 was named by the Chase Harris Forbes Corp. and the First of Boston Corp., jointly.

Halsey, Stuart & Co. headed a group including F. S. Moseley & Co., the Wells-Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., and R. W. Pressprich Co., which bid 105.12. The National City Co. and Weedon & Co., jointly, offered 104.746. Dean, Witter & Co. bid 104.533. The Guaranty Co. of New York, and Blyth & Co., jointly, offered 104.439.

CALUMET COUNTY (P. O. Chilton), Wis.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$300,000 issue of highway improvement, series D bonds that was authorized recently by the County Board—V. 135, p. 3886—is more fully described as follows: Dated May 1 1933. Coupon bonds of \$1,000 each, bearing interest at a rate of 4 1/4%, payable May and Nov. Due on May 1 as follows: \$90,000 in 1944; \$140,000, 1945, and \$70,000 in 1946. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

CAMPBELL, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The city failed to receive a bid at the offering on Dec. 7 of \$108,853.88 6% refunding bonds—V. 135, p. 3721. Dated Jan. 15 1933 and due on Nov. 1 from 1934 to 1942 incl. A similar failure was registered at the previous offering on Nov. 5 of \$223,858.65 bonds.

CASSOPOLIS, Cass County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—J. B. Stemm, Town Clerk, states that local banks will purchase the issue of \$6,000 water system bonds which was submitted for consideration of the voters at an election on Sept. 19—V. 135, p. 2020. The bonds, as previously announced, were to be dated Nov. 1 1932 and mature \$1,000 annually on Nov. 1 from 1933 to 1938, incl. Interest rate was not to exceed 4 1/2%.

CENTERBURG, Knox County, Ohio.—BOND EXCHANGE EFFECTED.—E. F. Hoover, Village Clerk, states that the issue of \$6,750 6% refunding special assessment and general obligation bonds offered on Sept. 2, at which time no bids were received—V. 135, p. 1854—has since been exchanged for a like amount of bonds that had matured. The issue is dated Sept. 1 1932. Due on A. & O. 1 from 1934 to 1938 incl.

CHARLESTON, Charleston County, S. C.—BOND EXTENSION PROPOSED.—According to a report appearing in the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 9, this city has asked the holders of \$909,000 in street paving bonds to agree to an extension of principal payment for a period of 10 years. Mayor Burnet R. Maybank, of this city, is said to have explained that the city finds itself behind in providing for principal maturities, and proposes that one-tenth of the amount of the bonds be taken up and paid each year beginning next year, the bonds so called to be chosen by lot. Holders are requested to forward their bonds to the Bankers Trust Co. of New York City. Caldwell & Raymond, of New York, are stated to have passed on the legality of the arrangement.

CHICAGO, Cook County, Ill.—STATEMENT ON BOND FUNDING CONFERENCES.—Frank McNarr, Vice-President of the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, in response to inquiry as to what progress had been made at the recent conferences between members of New York City and Chicago investment banking institutions relative to the latter city's finances, particularly the \$27,489,190 January and February 1933 bond and interest maturities—V. 135, p. 3886—stated as follows: "Our purpose in coming to New York was to inform bankers here in detail what has been done along constructive lines to improve Chicago's financial situation. They are well pleased with our report. Together, we are trying to work out some plan of financing which will be of the greatest advantage to Chicago. We have reached no final decision as to the form which the financing will take. We hope to reach this decision soon, and it is probable that no further conferences will be necessary."

WARRANT REDEMPTION NOTICE.—City Comptroller M. S. Scymzak announced on Dec. 7 that the following described tax anticipation warrants will be paid on or before Dec. 13, after which date interest accrual will cease, upon presentation of same, through any bank, to the office of the City Treasurer, or to the Guaranty Trust Co., New York: Issued account of 1930 taxes, Firemen's Pension Fund, No. 14, dated Oct. 15 1930 in amount of \$25,000.

ADDITIONAL WARRANTS CALLED.—Lewis E. Myers, President of the Board of Education, announced Dec. 9 that the following described warrants will be paid, on or before Dec. 13, after which date interest shall cease to accrue, upon presentation of same, through any bank to the office of the City Treasurer, Halsey, Stuart & Co., of Chicago, or at the Guaranty Trust Co. New York: Educational fund, 1930, Nos. E-119 to E-1281, for \$1,000 each, and Nos. E-1289 to E-1299, for \$5,000 each, 5 1/4%, dated Sept. 1 1930. Also building fund, 1930 warrants, Nos. B-2390 to B-2401, for \$5,000 each, bearing interest at 5 1/4% and dated Nov. 1 1930.

CICERO, Cook County, Ill.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held on Jan. 31 1933 the voters will consider a proposed \$750,000 funding bond issue, according to report.

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST REQUIREMENTS AVAILABLE.—The trustees of the sinking fund deposited a check in amount of \$236,395.25 on Dec. 1 with the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati, in order to provide for principal and interest requirements on the city's obligations which become due during the month of December. Most of the payments are made through the Irving Trust Co., of New York, fiscal agent for the city.

CLIFTON HEIGHTS, Delaware County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—Enoch H. Eastburn, Secretary of the Board of School Directors, informs us that the bids received at the offering on Dec. 5 of \$15,000 4 1/4% bonds—V. 135, p. 3722—were rejected. Bonds are to be dated Aug. 15 1930 and mature Aug. 15 1960.

COCONINO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Flagstaff), Ariz.—BONDS CALLED.—It is reported that the following 6% bonds are called for payment: School building bonds, maturing on Dec. 30 1932, will be paid at the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. Also \$10,000 school building bonds maturing on Dec. 30 1933, will be paid at the office of the County Treasurer.

COLUMBIA COUNTY (P. O. Hudson), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Hugh McC. Potter, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Dec. 15 for the purchase of \$298,000 series A of 1932, not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered highway bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1933. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$18,000 from 1933 to 1953 incl., and \$10,000 in 1954. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) are payable at the Bankers Trust Co., New York. Bidder to express the interest rate in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must name one rate for all of the bonds. A certified check for 2% of the issue bid for, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York, that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the county.

Financial Statement Dec. 1 1932.

Gross Debt:	
Highway bonds.....	\$1,741,000
Bridge bonds.....	254,500
County home bonds.....	25,000
County hospital bonds.....	125,000
Funding notes.....	157,900
Funding bonds.....	350,000
Certificates of indebtedness in anticipation of present bond issue.....	250,000
	\$2,903,400

Assessed valuations (1932):	
Real property.....	\$36,935,136
Personal property.....	960,000
Special franchise.....	1,073,425
	\$38,968,561

Population, census, 1930, 41,617.
Tax collections: 1929 levy, \$731,150.89; 1930 levy, \$625,589.11; 1931 levy, \$859,714.85; total outstanding all years, \$29,706.29.

CONCORDIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. El Paso), El Paso County, Tex.—BOND SALE AUTHORIZED.—The County Commissioners are reported to have granted the District permission to sell \$6,000 in drainage district bonds to retire a like amount of their own bonds.

COOK COUNTY (P. O. Chicago), Ill.—NOTICE OF PAYMENT OF NOTE ISSUE AND REMAINDER OF BOND INTEREST.—Joseph B. McDonough, County Treasurer, announced on Dec. 3 that the \$100,000 highway tax note of 1930, number 1954, and dated Feb. 10 1931, will be paid on presentation, through any bank, to the County Treasurer's office. Interest accrual on the note will cease on Dec. 5 1932.

BOND INTEREST AVAILABLE.—The Treasurer, at the same time, served notice to holders of the bonds described below that the money for the payment of the balance of the interest due on the bonds is available and that same will be paid on presentation of coupons through any bank or to the County Treasurer:
Series V road and bridge 4% bonds, interest due June 1 1932.
Series W court house and jail 4% bonds, interest due June 1 1932.
Series AA nurses' dormitory 4% bonds, interest due June 1 1932.
Refunding 5% bonds, interest due July 1 1932.

CORTLANDT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Montrose), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$215,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Dec. 8—V. 135, p. 3554—were awarded as 5.10s to Phelps, Fenn & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.01, a basis of about 5.09%. Dated Nov. 1 1932. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1933 to 1942 incl., and \$11,000 from 1943 to 1957 incl. Bids received, at the sale were as follows:

Bidder—	Int. Rate.	Rate Bid.
Phelps, Fenn & Co. (Successful bidder).....	5.10%	100.01
Rutter & Co. and Batchelder & Co., jointly.....	5.20%	100.50
George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.....	5.20%	100.31
M. & T. Trust Co.....	5.20%	100.28

CUSTER COUNTY (P. O. Challis), Ida.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed that the offering scheduled for Nov. 17 of the \$100,000 issue of 6% semi-annual funding bonds—V. 135, p. 3385—was not held as the bonds were not approved by the voters at the election on Nov. 8.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. J. Husak, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Eastern standard time) on Dec. 16 for the purchase of \$4,797,600 6% coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows: \$2,914,000 series B Lorain-Carnegie bridge bonds, authorized at the November 1927 general election and payable from a tax unlimited as to rate or amount. Due as follows: \$63,000, April and Oct. 1 from 1934 to 1940 incl.; \$63,000, April and \$64,000, Oct. 1 from 1941 to 1956 incl.

- 1,500,000 county detention home and juvenile court building bonds, authorized at the November 1930 general election and payable from a tax unlimited as to rate or amount. Due as follows: \$32,000 April and \$33,000 Oct. 1 1934 and 1935; \$33,000 April and Oct. 1 1936; \$32,000 April and \$33,000 Oct. 1 from 1937 to 1940 incl.; \$33,000 April and Oct. 1 1941; \$32,000 April and \$33,000 Oct. 1 from 1942 to 1945 incl.; \$32,000 April and \$33,000 Oct. 1 from 1946 to 1949 incl.; \$33,000 April and Oct. 1 from 1950 to 1956 incl.
- 66,500 county portion road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,500 in 1934; \$7,000, 1935; \$8,000, 1936; \$7,000 in 1937 and 1938; \$8,000, 1939; \$7,000 in 1940 and 1941, and \$8,000 in 1942.
- 66,000 property portion road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,000 from 1934 to 1939 incl., and \$9,000 in 1940 and 1941.
- 45,500 property portion road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,500 in 1934; \$6,000 in 1935 and 1936; \$5,000 in 1937; \$6,000 in 1938 and 1939, and \$5,000 in 1940.
- 42,500 property portion road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,500 in 1934; \$5,000 from 1935 to 1937 incl.; \$6,000 in 1938; \$5,000 in 1939 and 1940, and \$6,000 in 1941.
- 36,000 property portion road impt. bonds. Due \$4,000 on Oct. 1 from 1934 to 1942 incl.
- 31,500 property portion road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,500 in 1934 and \$4,000 from 1935 to 1941 incl.
- 23,500 property portion road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,500 in 1934; \$3,000, 1935; \$2,000 in 1936 and 1937; \$3,000, 1938; \$2,000, 1939 and 1940; \$3,000, 1941; \$2,000 in 1942, and \$3,000 in 1943.
- 17,000 property portion road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1934 to 1940 incl., and \$3,000 in 1941.
- 12,500 property portion road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500 in 1934; \$2,000, 1935; \$1,000 from 1936 to 1938 incl.; \$2,000 in 1939; \$1,000 from 1940 to 1942 incl., and \$2,000 in 1943.
- 10,000 property portion road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1934 to 1937 incl.; \$1,500 in 1938; \$1,000 from 1939 to 1941 incl., and \$1,500 in 1942.
- 6,500 property portion road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500 from 1934 to 1936 incl., and \$1,000 from 1937 to 1941 incl.
- 6,000 property portion road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500 from 1934 to 1937 incl., and \$1,000 from 1938 to 1941 incl.
- 6,000 property portion road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500 from 1934 to 1937 incl., and \$1,000 from 1938 to 1941 incl.
- 5,500 county portion road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500 in 1934; \$1,000, 1935; \$500 in 1936 and 1937; \$1,000 in 1938; \$500 in 1939 and 1940, and \$1,000 in 1941.
- 4,000 property portion road impt. bonds. Due \$500 on Oct. 1 from 1934 to 1941 incl.
- 2,500 property portion road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$300 in 1934; \$200, 1935; \$300 from 1936 to 1939 incl.; \$200 in 1940, and \$300 in 1941 and 1942.
- 2,100 property portion road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$300 in 1934 and 1935; \$200, 1936; \$300, 1937; \$200, 1938; \$300, 1939; \$200 in 1940, and \$300 in 1941.

All of the above issues of bonds will be dated Dec. 16 1932 and payable as to both principal and interest (April and October) at the County Treasurer's office. 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. Bids may be made separately for each issue, or for "all or none." Split rate bids will not be considered, but different interest rates may be bid for each issue. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The proceedings incident to the proper authorization of these bonds have been taken under the direction of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Cleveland, whose approving opinion may be procured by the purchaser at his own expense. Delivery of these bonds must be accepted at Cleveland, O., on or before 10 a. m., Dec. 31 1932.

DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The two issues of 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % coupon semi-annual sewer bonds aggregating \$1,200,000 that were sold to a syndicate headed by the N. W. Harris Co. of Chicago—V. 135, p. 3027—were registered by the State Comptroller on Nov. 30. The issues are as follows:

- \$900,000 storm sewer impt. bonds. Due \$30,000 from Oct. 1 1933 to 1962 inclusive.
- 300,000 sanitary sewer impt. bonds. Due \$10,000 from Oct. 1 1933 to 1962 inclusive.

BONDS APPROVED.—The above bonds were approved by the Attorney-General on Nov. 29.

DEARBORN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Inkster), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—William G. Querfeld, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on Dec. 10 for the purchase of \$13,247.50 6% general obligation calamity bonds, issued in accordance with Act No. 12 passed at the extra session of the 1932 State Legislature. The bonds will be dated Dec. 15 1932 and mature on Dec. 15 as follows: \$1,747.50 in 1933; \$2,500 in 1934, and \$3,000 from 1935 to 1937 incl. A certified check for 5% of the bid must accompany each proposal.

DENVER (City and County), Colo.—BONDS CALLED.—It is announced by William F. McGlone, Manager of Revenue, that he is calling for payment on Dec. 30, on which date interest shall cease, various storm sewer, sanitary sewer, impt., surfacing, alley paving and street paving bonds. It is stated that upon the request of the holders of any of these bonds received 10 days before the expiration of the call, the Manager of Revenue will arrange for their payment at the Bankers Trust Co. in N. Y. City, but not otherwise.

DETROIT, Wayne County, Mich.—SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOR APPROVAL OF BOND ISSUE PROPOSED.—Mayor Murphy announced on Dec. 5 that he would ask Governor Wilber M. Brucker to call a special session of the State Legislature before Jan. 1 1933 for the purpose of obtaining authority to issue the proposed \$20,000,000 tax anticipation bonds, which has been declared imperative if the city is to meet its operating expenses and other obligations coming due during the remainder of the current fiscal year ending June 30 1933—V. 135, p. 3887. The Mayor stated that bond maturities and payroll charges in January and February of 1933 will amount to \$7,200,000, which sum must be obtained either from the proceeds of the bond sale or through advances made by large taxpayers against taxes not due before next July.

TAX LOAN CORPORATION CONSIDERED.—Organization of a \$5,000,000 tax loan corporation in an endeavor to bring about collection by the city of a large part of delinquent taxes, which in the current year approximate \$90,000,000, is being considered by financial and industrial leaders in the city, according to a report in the "Wall Street Journal", of Dec. 7, which continued as follows:

"Two large Detroit banks would supply \$500,000 of the capital of the organization and it is planned to seek remaining \$4,500,000 capital from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

"The corporation plans to loan property owners money for payment of taxes on either first or second mortgages at 4% interest. Penalty rates for delinquency is considerably higher. The mortgages thus purchased by the organization would be discounted with the R. F. C. for further relief to taxpayers."

DURHAM, Durham County, N. C.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Dec. 13 by W. E. Easterling, Director of the Local Government Commission, at his office in Raleigh for the purchase of \$300,000 tax anticipation notes. Bidders should specify the interest rate, the denomination or denominations and the city and bank therein at which principal and interest shall be payable. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%. Delivery of notes on or about their date at the place of purchaser's choice. Award will be made at the highest price, not less than par and accrued interest, offered for the lowest interest rate bid upon. Dated Dec. 28 1932. Due on Oct. 10 1933. The approving opinion of Masslich & Mitchell of New York will be furnished. The issuance of these

notes was recently authorized—V. 135, p. 3887. A certified check for \$1,500, payable to the State Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

EAST CHAMBERS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Anahuac), Chambers County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 5% school building bonds that was approved by the Attorney-General in April—V. 134, p. 3857—has been purchased by the State Board of Education, according to the County Judge.

EAST DETROIT, Macomb County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Adolph Arens, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 14 for the purchase of \$22,000 not to exceed 6% interest calamity bonds, issued in accordance with Act No. 12 of the Public Acts of the extra session of the 1932 State Legislature. The bonds will be dated Jan. 3 1933 and mature on Jan. 3 as follows: \$4,000 in 1935, and \$6,000 from 1936 to 1938 incl. Interest is payable semi-annually. A certified check for 2% of the bid must accompany each proposal.

EAST MOUNTAIN COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Gilmer), Upshur County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that at an election held on Nov. 14 the voters approved the issuance of \$30,000 in 5% school bonds. Nom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1932. Due \$15,000 on April 1 1933 and 1934.

EASTON, Northampton County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—E. T. Diefenderfer, Director of the Department of Accounts and Finance, will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a. m. on Dec. 27 for the purchase of \$470,000 not to exceed 4% interest coupon or registered street improvement funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$47,000 annually on Dec. 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl. Interest is payable in June and Dec. A certified check for 1% of the bonds, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. Sale of the issue is subject to the approval of the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania. (Previous mention of this offering was made in—V. 135, p. 3887.)

ERIE COUNTY (P. O. Buffalo), N. Y.—BUDGET ADOPTED.—The Board of Supervisors has adopted the budget for 1933 calling for total expenditures in that year amounting to \$11,522,545, which compares with \$11,727,573 in 1932. The figure for the following year includes an appropriation of \$1,611,000 for note retirement purposes, of which \$790,000, issued against 1929 taxes, must be redeemed as required by law, while the balance of \$821,000 constitutes notes issued against 1930 taxes, which the county is not required to retire until 1934. The Board, however, because of the protests of representatives of taxpayers, decided to pay off the notes in accordance with the advice of local bankers that a sound financial policy dictated such a move. The budget for 1933 provides for payment of \$2,285,000 of the county's floating indebtedness of about \$4,500,000, it was said.

NOTE SALE.—Edwin J. Kreinheder, Deputy County Treasurer, reports that local banks recently purchased an issue of \$600,000 5% tax anticipation notes.

ERIN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Roseville), Macomb County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Herman Schultz, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 12 for the purchase of \$26,000 not to exceed 6% interest calamity bonds, issued in accordance with Act No. 12 passed at the extra session of the 1932 State Legislature. The bonds will be dated Jan. 3 1933 and mature on Jan. 3 as follows: \$5,000 in 1935, and \$7,000 from 1936 to 1938 incl. Interest is payable semi-annually. A certified check for 2% of the bid must accompany each proposal.

FITCHBURG, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—John B. Fellows, City Treasurer, reports that the \$300,000 revenue anticipation issue of 1932 offered on Dec. 8 was awarded to the Second National Bank of Boston, at 2.34% discount basis plus a premium of \$3. Dated Dec. 8 1932. Denoms. \$50,000, \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Payable Nov. 8 1933 at the First National Bank of Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder—	Discount Basis
Second National Bank (plus \$3 premium-purchaser).....	2.34%
Worcester County National Bank.....	3.05%
State Street Trust Co.....	3.07%
Faxon, Gade & Co.....	3.23%
First National Bank.....	3.27%
F. S. Moseley & Co.....	3.50%

Official Statistical Data.	
Tax levy, 1931.....	\$1,687,694.05
Total amount collected as of Dec. 1 1931.....	1,178,882.85
Tax rate—\$29.20 per thousand.....	
Tax levy, 1932.....	1,738,037.92
Total amount collected as of Dec. 1 1932.....	1,188,623.03
Tax rate—\$31.60 per thousand.....	
Uncollected taxes for year 1931 (as of Dec. 1 1932).....	\$4,567.17

(Made up wholly of Polls, Motor Vehicle & Old Age taxes.) There are no uncollected taxes for years previous to 1931. There are no outstanding real estate taxes for any year previous to 1932.

Fiscal year ends Nov. 30 1932—
Dec. 1 1932—valuation.....\$54,999,200.00
Dec. 1 1932—total funded debt.....1,781,300.00
(Showing total funded debt to be approximately only 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ % of valuation.)

FORT DODGE, Webster County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—It is stated that a \$5,000 issue of refunding bonds has been purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport on an agreement made recently.

FOSTORIA, Seneca County, Ohio.—BOND SALE NOT CONSUMMATED—ISSUE RE-OFFERED.—The award on Sept. 10 of \$43,150 refunding bonds as 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ % to the BancOhio Securities Co. of Columbus, at a price of 100.11, a basis of about 5.73%—V. 135, p. 2021—apparently was not consummated, as the issue is being re-advertised for a second time on Dec. 24. Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. on that date by Gerald D. King, City Auditor. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1932 and will mature on Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,650 in 1934; \$5,000, 1935; \$4,500, 1936; \$5,000, 1937 and 1938; \$4,500, 1939; \$5,000 in 1940 and 1941, and \$4,500 in 1942. Interest is payable in March and September. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, is required. Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Counsellors at law, Cleveland, have given their opinion approving this issue of bonds and will furnish a final approving opinion to the purchaser free of charge.

FOUNTAIN HILL, Pa.—BOND SALE.—Frank T. Summers, Borough Secretary, reports that the issue of \$46,000 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % bonds offered on Dec. 1 was awarded to R. M. Snyder & Co. of Philadelphia at a price of 100.847, a basis of about 4.35%. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1933 and \$4,000 from 1934 to 1944 inclusive. Interest is payable in June and December.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Pasco), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of 6% annual road bonds offered for sale on Dec. 5—V. 135, p. 3723—was purchased by the State Finance Committee at par. Due serially in from one to six years. There were no other bids for the bonds.

FREEBORN COUNTY (P. O. Albert Lea), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on Dec. 12, by A. C. Hartz, County Auditor, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 drainage funding bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % payable J. & D. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Due \$10,000 from Dec. 1 1937 to 1946 incl. Prin. and int. to be payable at such place as designated by the purchaser in his bid. Blank bonds and approving opinion of Junell, Driscoll, Fletcher, Dorsey & Barker of Minneapolis will be furnished. A \$2,000 certified check, payable to the County Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

We were later informed that no bids for less than par will be considered and that it will be a strictly sealed bid sale with no oral bidding.

GALLIPOLIS, Gallia County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. P. Kling, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 17 for the purchase of \$16,500 6% refunding bonds. Dated Dec. 20 1932. Denom. \$500. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,500 in 1934; \$2,000 in 1935 and 1936; \$1,500, 1937; \$2,000 in 1938 and 1939; \$1,500, 1940 and \$2,000 in 1941 and 1942. Interest is payable in April and Oct. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal.

GARDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT, NO. 1 (P. O. Oshkosh), Neb.—BOND ISSUANCE CONTEMPLATED.—The Board of District Directors is reported to have adopted a resolution of determination to issue \$30,000 in improvement bonds.

GARDNER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Newton, Abbe & Co. of Boston, purchased on Dec. 6, \$75,000 temporary loan issue at 1.11% discount basis, plus a premium of \$1. The loan matures on April 1 1933 and was bid for by the following:

Bidder	Discount Basis.
Newton, Abbe & Co. (plus \$1 premium)	1.11%
Second National Bank of Boston (plus \$1 premium)	1.18%
Gardner Trust Co.	1.79%
First National Bank of Gardner	2.59%

GARFIELD HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Henri L. Mock, Clerk-Treasurer of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 21, for the purchase of \$30,000 6% refunding bonds, divided as follows:

\$20,000 series No. 2 of 1932 bonds. Due \$2,000 on Oct. 1 from 1934 to 1943, inclusive.
10,000 series No. 1 of 1932 bonds. Due \$1,000 on Oct. 1 from 1934 to 1943, inclusive.

Each issue is dated Dec. 1 1932. Denoms. \$2,000 and \$1,000. Interest is payable in April and October. A certified check for 3% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Clerk-Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

GASTONIA, Gaston County, N. C.—BOND REFUNDING PLAN.—At a regular meeting held on Nov. 22 the City Council is reported to have officially adopted a definite plan for refunding a portion of the city's debt, proposed as a means of reducing materially the annual debt service payments of the city by the refunding of \$804,000 in city bonds—V. 135, p. 843. It is stated that if the plan is successful it will mean a reduction of about \$90,000 in annual debt service payments, the new plan will cut the annual payments from approximately \$295,000 down to almost \$200,000. Their will be a small increase in the interest rate on the affected portion of the bonds, from 5.17% it will be stepped up to about 5.58% as an average rate. The proposal has received legal sanction from the city's bond attorney, according to report.

GEORGIA, State of (P. O. Atlanta).—LOAN GRANTED.—On Dec. 3 the Reconstruction Finance Corporation granted to this State a relief loan of \$1,324 for aid purposes in Coffee County.

The following announcement of the loan was made by the R. F. C.: "The Corporation, upon application of the Governor of Georgia, made available \$1,324 to meet current emergency relief needs in the County of Coffee for the period Dec. 1 to Dec. 31 1932.

"These funds are made available under Title I, Section 1, subsection (c) of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932 with the understanding that the responsibility of the County of Coffee and the State of Georgia to make every effort to develop their own resources to provide relief is not in any way diminished.

"Supporting data state that the City of Douglas receives practically all requests for aid within Coffee County. It is stated that the city has already borrowed by bond issues and by short-term loans to the extent permitted by the State constitution and that tax delinquencies have increased sharply.

"The R. F. C. heretofore has made available a total of \$471,660.22 to meet current emergency relief needs in various political subdivisions of the State of Georgia."

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY (P. O. Traverse City), Mich.—LIST OF BIDS.—The following is a list of the bids received for the issue of \$50,000 4 1/2% coupon calamity bonds awarded on Nov. 28 to John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago at 96.81, a basis of about 5.51%.—V. 135, p. 3887.

Bidder	Rate Bid.	Bidder	Rate Bid.
John Nuveen & Co. (successful bidder)	96.81	Crouse & Co., Detroit	96.13
		First Detroit Co., Detroit	95.37

GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Elbow Lake), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,000 issue of coupon refunding ditch bonds offered for sale on Dec. 5—V. 135, p. 3723—was purchased by the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, as 5s at par. Dated Jan. 1 1933. Due in from 5 to 15 years. There were no other bids.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS, Wayne County, Mich.—NOTES NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$105,000 tax anticipation notes offered at not to exceed 6% interest on Dec. 5—V. 135, p. 3887—was not sold, as no bids were received. Notes were to be dated Dec. 1 1932 and mature on Sept. 1 1933.

HACKENSACK, Bergen County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$179,000, offered at not to exceed 6% interest on Dec. 5—V. 135, p. 3887—were not sold, as no bids were received. The offering comprised \$125,000 public impt. bonds, due from 1935 to 1951 incl., and \$54,000 assessment bonds, due from 1935 to 1941 incl. Dated Feb. 1 1932.

HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT, York County, Pa.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the proposed award on Dec. 17 of \$50,000 4 1/2% school bonds, notice and description of which appeared in—V. 135, p. 3888—we have received the following:

The following information, except for the fiscal year 1932-1933 is taken from the annual financial reports for the respective years as shown.

Fiscal Year—	Assessed Real Estate Valuation.	School Purposes Mills—Per Capita.	Uncollected Tax at Close of Year.
1927-1928	\$4,349,111	21 1/4	\$2.50
1928-1929	4,423,699	22	2.50
1929-1930	4,547,908	22	2.50
1930-1931	4,604,843	22	2.50
1931-1932	4,628,069	25	3.00
1932-1933*	4,663,637	25	3.00

* These facts were taken from the treasurer's records as of Dec. 1 1932. The collection of tax for the present year is on about the same basis as for 1931-1932. Collection of taxes for the present fiscal year are only slightly below former years at this same date.

Bonded indebtedness including this issue of \$50,000 is as follows:

Date of Issue—	Amount Issued.	Amount Outstanding.	Required in Sinking Fund.	Amount in Sinking Fund.
1915	\$85,000	\$39,000	\$4,560.00	\$8,325.70
1927	22,000	20,000	2,771.50	2,771.50
1928	25,000	23,500	4,250.00	4,250.00
1931	225,000	225,000	9,540.00	17,017.50
1932	50,000	50,000	1,162.50	1,162.50

Totals \$357,500 \$22,284.00 \$33,527.20

Sinking funds show a total of \$11,243.20 more than present requirements. The District has no floating debt and the present issue of \$50,000 is without a vote of the electors, being within the 2% limit for loans without a vote of the electors.

Population as shown by the United States census: 1910, 7,057; 1920, 8,664; 1930, 11,805.

HIGHLAND PARK, Wayne County, N. J.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Borough Council on Nov. 28 authorized the sale of \$93,000 tax revenue bonds of 1931, the proceeds of which, together with a sum of \$17,000 that has accumulated in the 1931 tax account, will be used to pay off an issue in amount of \$110,000 that became due on Dec. 1.

HUNTINGTON (P. O. Huntington), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William Watt, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Dec. 14 for the purchase of \$60,000 not to exceed 5% int. coupon or registered sewer bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1933. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Jan. 1 from 1938 to 1949 incl. Rate of int. to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) are payable at the Bank of Huntington & Trust Co., Huntington. A certified check for \$1,200, payable to the order of the Town Supervisor, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vanderwater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

Financial Statement.

Valuations—1932:	
Assessed valuation, real estate and special franchise	\$48,310,423.00
Actual valuation (estimated)	100,000,000.00
Debt—	
Total bonded debt, including this issue	3,191,150.00
Water district bonds, included above	\$1,115,500.00
Sewer district bonds, included above	292,000.00
Certificates of indebtedness outstanding, excluding indebtedness to be refunded by this bond issue	79,309.69

\$61,000 general and \$7,000 district bonds mature Jan. 1 or Jan. 2 1933, and \$2,300 certificates of indebtedness mature Jan. 1 1933, the payment of which is already provided.

Population: 1920 Federal census, 13,893; 1930 Federal census, 25,582. Tax data: Town of Huntington has had a very successful tax collection record, and all unpaid delinquent taxes are assumed by the county, assuring the town a complete budget.

ILLINOIS (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—Edward J. Barrett, State Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Dec. 15, at his office 33 North La Salle St., Chicago, for the purchase of \$20,000,000 relief bonds, authorized at the recent general election. The proceeds of the sale will be used to redeem \$18,750,000 6% revenue anticipation notes previously issued for relief purposes throughout the State.—V. 134, p. 1229. A large part of the issue was subscribed for by Chicago banking institutions. The issue of \$20,000,000 bonds will be dated Dec. 15 1932. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$100 or any multiple thereof, registerable as to principal only. Due serially on Dec. 15 as follows: \$1,500,000 in 1934; \$1,600,000, 1935; \$1,700,000, 1936; \$1,800,000, 1937; \$1,900,000, 1938; \$2,000,000, 1939; \$2,100,000, 1940; \$2,200,000, 1941; \$2,300,000, 1942; \$2,400,000, 1943; and \$500,000 in 1944. Rate of int. to be named by the bidder. Prin. and int. (annually) are payable at the office of the State Treasurer. A certified check for 1% of the bonds, payable to the order of the State Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, will be furnished at the expense of the successful bidder, and all bids must be so conditioned. The notice of sale states that payment of the bonds is secured by a direct ad valorem tax levied upon all the taxable property in the State and from the allotment of money to the several counties under the Motor Fuel Tax Law, which amounts, based upon such allotments during prior years, is more than sufficient to pay the prin. of and int. upon all of said bonds at maturity. The following statement was issued by the State Treasurer in connection with the receipts and disbursements of the State Treasurer during the month of October and previously appeared in these columns in V. 135, p. 3386.

Statement of Indebtedness of the State of Illinois Outstanding Nov. 1 1932. Called bonds outstanding which have ceased to draw interest, viz:

New internal impt. stock	\$4,000
New internal impt. int. stock, payable after 1878	500
One old internal impt. bond	1,000
Twelve canal bonds	12,000
	\$17,500
State highway bonds	143,506,000
Soldiers' compensation bonds	38,020,000
Waterway bonds	7,000,000
Total bonded debt	\$188,543,500
Emergency relief, revenue notes	18,750,000
Tax anticipation notes, U. of I.	60,000
Tax anticipation notes held by motor fuel tax fund	9,485,000
Total indebtedness	\$216,838,500

Note.—In connection with details of the proposed financing, it is stated that the assessed valuation of the State, equalized for purposes of taxation, 1931, amounts to \$7,875,676,804, while the bonded debt, including the \$20,000,000 issue, is \$210,536,500. Population, 1930 census, 7,630,654.

INDIANA, State of (P. O. Indianapolis).—LOAN GRANTED.—A relief loan of \$81,428 was made to this State on Dec. 7 by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for aid purposes in a county and two cities of the State. The announcement of the loan reads as follows:

The Corporation, upon application of the Governor of Indiana, made available \$81,428 to meet current emergency relief needs in the County of Vanderburgh, including the City of Evansville, and the City of Vincennes in Knox County for the month of December 1932.

Supporting data declare that the political subdivisions for which supplemental Federal funds are made available have carried the relief load to date but that State and local resources now available or which can be made available are inadequate to meet the need during the remainder of this year.

The R. F. C. heretofore has made available \$582,200 to meet current emergency relief needs in Indiana.

IOWA, State of (P. O. Des Moines).—LOAN GRANTED.—On Dec. 6 the Reconstruction Finance Corporation made the following announcement of a \$7,400 loan to this State for relief purposes in Clay County:

The R. F. C., upon application of the Governor of Iowa, to-day made available \$7,400 to meet current emergency relief needs in the County of Clay during the remainder of the calendar year 1932.

Supporting data certify that resources now available or which can be made available are inadequate to meet the relief needs of Clay County during the remainder of this year.

The Corporation was likewise advised that after Jan. 1 the county "can sell bonds to take care of outstanding indebtedness at that time, but until then we are in urgent need of funds to take care of the large number of people who are unemployed and destitute."

The R. F. C. heretofore has made available a total of \$64,000 to meet current emergency relief needs in certain political subdivisions of the State of Iowa.

IRVINGTON, Essex County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$417,000 6% coupon or registered assessment bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 135, p. 3723—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due serially on Jan. 1 from 1935 to 1939 incl.

Financial Statement (Not Incl. Present Offering of \$417,000 Bonds)

Gross debt—Bonds (outstanding)	\$7,816,081.45
Floating debt (incl. temporary bonds outstg)	764,252.11
	\$8,580,333.56

Deductions—Water debt—None
Sinking funds, other than for water bonds—313,047.36

Net debt—\$8,267,286.20

Bonds to be issued—\$75,000.00

Floating debt to be funded by such bonds—None 75,000.00

Net debt, including bonds to be issued—\$8,342,286.20

Assessed Valuations—

Real property, including improvements (1932)—\$71,349,447.00

Personal property (1932)—6,969,800.00

Real property (1931)—\$70,805,874.00

Real property (1930)—69,947,378.00

Real property (1929)—67,937,257.00

Population—Census of 1920, 25,466; Census of 1930, 56,729

Tax rate—Fiscal year 1932, \$37.80 per thousand.

Debt statement under New Jersey State Law—Compiled under the New Jersey Bonding Act (Chapter 252, Laws of 1916).

Net town debt—\$3,684,184.58

Average assessed valuation of real property, including im-

provements for years 1930, 1931, 1932—\$70,700,899.66

Percentage of net debt as compared with such average

assessed valuation of property—5.21%

Tax collections to June 1 1932—1929 levy, 99.57%; 1930 levy, 98.28%; 1931 levy, 89.30%; 1932 levy, 45.75%.

These bonds issued for improvement purposes are direct general obligations of the town of Irvington, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied against all the taxable property therein.

JACKSON, Jackson County, Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$84,000 emergency welfare bonds of 1932 offered on Dec. 5—V. 135, p. 3888—was not sold as no bids were received. Bidders were asked to name the rate of interest the issue was to carry. Issue was to be dated Dec. 1 1932 and mature on Dec. 1 1935.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—R. W. Jenkins, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 15 for the purchase of \$24,000 4 1/2% poor relief bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1932. Due March 1 as follows: \$4,300 in 1934; \$4,500, 1935; \$4,800, 1936; \$5,100 in 1937, and \$5,300 in 1938. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) are payable at the County Treasurer's office. Conditional bids will not be considered and bidders must satisfy themselves as to the legality of the bonds.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Maquoketa), Iowa.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$15,000 issue of funding bonds of 1932 was purchased by the White Philips Co. of Davenport—V. 135, p. 3888—was sold as 5s at par. Due \$5,000 from 1943 to 1945.

JACKSON, Madison County, Tenn.—PURCHASER.—We are now informed that the \$35,000 B. & W. W. RR. refunding bonds that were sold as 5 1/4s at par—V. 135, p. 3029—were purchased by Little, Wooster & Co. of Jackson.

JAY, KEENE, CHESTERFIELD, WILMINGTON, BLACK BROOK AND FRANKLIN (Towns of) CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Ausable Forks), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$200,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 135, p. 3555—was purchased as 6s, at a price of par, by George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York, the only bidder. Dated Jan. 1 1933. Due serially on July 1 from 1934 to 1955 incl.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Beaumont), Texas.—WARRANT OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until Dec. 12, by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of time warrants.

KALAMAZOO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kalamazoo County, Mich.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The \$477,000 4 1/4% coupon series 33R refunding bonds awarded on Nov. 28 to the First Detroit Co. of Detroit, and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, jointly, at 100.05, a basis of about 4.24%—V. 135, p. 3888—are being re-offered for general investment at prices to yield 3% for the 1933 maturity, 1934, 3.50%; 1935, 3.75% from 1936 to 1938, 4% and 4.10% for the maturities from 1939 to 1947, incl. The bonds, according to the bankers, are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York and other States, and eligible as security for Postal Savings Deposits.

KINGMAN COLONY IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Nyssa), Malheur County, Ore.—COUPON DEFAULT NOTICE.—We are informed by a local investor that default has taken place in the payment of coupons due on Sept. 1 1931 and subsequently of its 6% bonds.

KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Vincennes), Ind.—LEGAL APPROVING OPINION REFUSED.—Because of litigation regarding the \$1.50 maximum tax limit law, passed at the special session of the State Legislature convened in July 1932 to consider remedial taxation legislation—V. 135, p. 1355—the bond attorneys for Walter, Woody & Heimerdinger, of Cincinnati, have declined to approve the issue of \$112,000 6% township poor relief funding bonds which the bond dealers contemplated purchasing. It was reported on Nov. 30. Sale of the issue is expected to be made, however, as communications have been received from other dealers regarding the issue, the report continued. The bonds were originally offered at not to exceed 6% interest on Oct. 25, at which time no bids were received.—V. 135, p. 3029.

KOSCIUSKO, Attala County, Miss.—CONTEMPLATED BOND SALE.—The city is said to be planning to sell \$74,000 in refunding bonds, divided as follows: \$38,000 street intersection and \$36,000 street improvement bonds.

LA CROSSE COUNTY (P. O. La Crosse), Wis.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a meeting held on Nov. 29 the County Board of Supervisors is stated to have ordered the issuance of \$500,000 bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5%. It is stated that the county will issue bonds in \$1,000 denominations, to be sold in two lots: \$250,000 as of Jan. 1 1933, and the remaining \$250,000 on June 1 1933. The bonds are to mature \$50,000 each January until 1943.

LAGRO TOWNSHIP (P. O. Lagro), Wabash County, Ind.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The township plans to sell an issue of \$30,000 bonds to the State Teachers' Retirement Fund to provide for operation of the school system for a full eight months' term. The school teachers will not receive any pay for the month of December due to a lack of funds, it was said.

LAKEWOOD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—\$1,000,000 BOND ISSUE DECLARED ILLEGAL.—The State Supreme Court ruled on Dec. 1 that the \$1,000,000 hospital construction bond issue voted at the general election in November 1929 is illegal, thereby sustaining the previous finding to that effect by the Appellate Court, according to the Lakewood "Suburban News & Herald" of the following day. The Court procedure came about as a result of the refusal of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, bond attorneys of Cleveland, to approve of the sale, in March 1932, of a block of \$125,000 of the bonds as 5 1/4s to McDonald-Richards Co. of Cleveland, at 100.66, a basis of about 5.18%—V. 134, p. 3135. This refusal was based on the fact that the election ballots had specified a 25-year maturity for the issue, whereas the Ohio bond statutes limited the period of time to 22 years. The newspaper report further commented on the matter as follows:

This means that Lakewood must start all over again if they decide to build a hospital, and such a move in a period of retrenchment is deemed unwise, especially so when the requirement for passage of bond issues have been raised to 60% against the heretofore 55% of the votes cast.

The law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey refused to approve the transcript because the ballots had specified the issue should run 25 years, whereas the Ohio law set 22 years as the maximum period in which the bonds could mature.

Law Director Curren then brought suit to force the sale of the bonds, and the case was lost in all the courts up to the Supreme Court, which upheld the findings of the lower courts.

None of the bonds have been sold and no site for the hospital has been acquired, although action had been taken in an effort to obtain a parcel of land at Franklin Boulevard and Bunts Avenue.

Although the electorate sanctioned the bond issue three years ago, it passed with barely a 55% majority, and opinion to-day is that a similar issue has little or no chance of reaching the 60% vote now required.

Sentiment against the expenditure of money for a new hospital at this time has been very pronounced, and it is felt that no action will be taken to resubmit it to the voters.

LANGDON, Cavalier County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that the \$11,500 issue of 5% warrant funding bonds authorized in August—V. 135, p. 1688—has been purchased by the State School Land Department. Due in 15 years.

LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$17,337.60 6% coupon ditch construction bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 135, p. 3888—was purchased at a price of par by C. Wildman & Son, of La Porte. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Due \$1,733.76 annually in form of 10 years.

LARCHMONT, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Eugene D. Wakeman, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8.30 p. m. on Dec. 19 for the purchase of \$68,000 4 3/4% coupon or registered highway improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 15 as follows: \$4,000 from 1934 to 1944 incl., and \$3,000 from 1945 to 1952 incl. Bids will also be considered for bonds bearing interest at a rate up to 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Prin. and int. (J. & D. 15) are payable at the Village Clerk's office. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

LAWRENCEBURG, Lawrence County, Tenn.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$40,000 issue of municipal building bonds that was sold recently—V. 135, p. 3888—was purchased by Mr. J. H. Stribling, as 6s, at par.

LEBANON, Wilson County, Tenn.—BOND LEGALITY QUESTIONS.—Pursuant to the approval of the taxpayers on Sept. 9, on the question of granting the city the right to annul the present abutting property assessments, and to issue bonds to handle the debt of approximately \$200,000 of which approximately \$80,000 will be refunded to those who have paid their assessments—V. 135, p. 2023—we are informed that in the opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, it is unconstitutional to refund property owners for payments made on street assessments paved under the Property Abutting Act and to have the city assume outstanding bonds issued for such purposes. It is said that a test case is being prepared which will go to the State Supreme Court for opinion within the next 60 days.

LIMA, Allen County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—An ordinance has been adopted by the City Council providing for an issue of \$10,000 not to exceed 6% interest second series municipal hospital bonds, being part of an issue of \$600,000 voted at the general election in November 1927. The \$10,000 bonds will be dated Jan. 15 1933 and mature \$400 annually on Jan. 15 from 1935 to 1959 incl. Principal and interest (Jan. and July 15) are payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees.

LOCKPORT, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Niagara County National Bank & Trust Co. of Lockport has purchased an issue of \$5,000 5% work relief bonds at a price of par. Dated Nov. 25 1932 and due on Nov. 25 1934. An issue of \$10,000 bonds for that purpose was purchased by the trust company on July 1—V. 135, p. 496.

LONGVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Longview), Gregg county, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Nov. 26—V. 135, p. 3556—the voters approved the issuance of \$50,000 in 5% semi-ann. school bonds by a wide margin. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Due \$5,000 from March 1 1934 to 1943 inclusive.

LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—We are informed that sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on Dec. 12, by the Secretary of the Board of Directors for the purchase of a \$2,016,000 issue of Colorado River Aqueduct construction bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5%, payable semi-annually. These bonds are part of the \$220,000,000 issue that was authorized on Sept. 29.—V. 135, p. 3888.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$62,100 6% coupon township poor relief bonds offered on Dec. 3—V. 135, p. 3888—were awarded to Walter, Woody & Heimerdinger, of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$330, equal to 100.53, a basis of about 5.82%. Dated Dec. 3 1932. Due \$4,000 on May and Nov. 15 from 1934 to 1940 incl., and \$3,050 on May and Nov. 15 1941. The Anderson Banking Co. and the Citizens Banking Co., both of Anderson, jointly, bid par plus a premium of \$51 for the issue. Three previous issues for relief bonds have been sold during 1932 as follows: \$26,000 in March, \$48,000 in June and \$20,000 in October.

MAPLE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bedford), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND EXCHANGE PLANNED.—It is planned to ask holders of \$17,000 6% school bonds that have matured to accept refunding obligations, bearing date of Sept. 1 1932 and due \$1,700 on Sept. 1 from 1934 to 1943 incl. The District attempted to sell this issue at public sale on Sept. 12, at which time no bids were received—V. 135, p. 2023. The Board of Education has been asked to declare its building program complete and retire the defaulted issue with the \$42,000 remaining from a previous issue of \$400,000. Three members of the board refused to agree to the plan unless residents of the west side of Maple Heights indicated a promised school building was not needed.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles A. Grossart, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 30 for the purchase of \$6,344.69 not to exceed 6% interest flood prevention bonds of 1932. Dated Dec. 30 1932. One bond for \$344.69, others for \$1,000. Due Jan. 30 1934. Principal and interest are payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 3% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal. No conditional bid will be considered and the opinion as to the validity of the bonds is to be furnished by the successful bidder.

MASSACHUSETTS (State of).—\$2,250,000 BRIDGE PROJECT CONSIDERED.—The Public Works Department has filed a report in the State Senate indicating that the cost of constructing the proposed new high-level bridge over the Weymouth-Fore River waterway would be \$2,250,000, and recommends that the cost of the project be borne in equal proportion by the cities and towns in the Metropolitan District and by the State. Maintenance of the structure would rest jointly with Norfolk County and the following municipalities: Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, Scituate, Marshfield and Weymouth.

MASSILLON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Lewis Holcombe, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time) on Dec. 21 for the purchase of \$8,000 5% improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1940 incl. Interest is payable in April and October. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 3% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Successful bidder to print at his own expense the necessary bonds and coupons. A certified copy of the transcript showing the legality of the issue will be furnished to the purchaser of the issue.

MEDINA COUNTY (P. O. Medina), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—L. F. Garver, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Dec. 19 for the purchase of \$23,000 5 1/4% Medina County Sewer District No. 1 refunding bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1932. Denoms. \$2,500 and \$2,000, six of the former amount and four of the latter figure. Due in from 1 to 10 years. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) are payable at the County Treasurer's office. Bids must be wholly unconditional and award will be made to the bidder offering the highest premium and the lowest rate interest. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, is required.

MENDON, Mercer County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$5,000 6% refunding bonds offered on Dec. 1—V. 135, p. 3556—was purchased at a price of par by the Citizens Banking Co., of Celina. Dated Oct. 1 1932. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$600 in 1934; \$700, 1935; \$600 in 1936, 1937 and 1938; \$700 in 1939, and \$600 in 1940 and 1941.

MESA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Fruita), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—We are informed that an election will be held on Dec. 26 to pass on the proposed issuance of \$16,000 in bonds that will care for outstanding registered warrants accumulating since December 1929. A contract has been entered into with Heath, Larson & Co. of Denver, for the sale of the bonds as 5 1/4s, at par, should the vote be favorable, according to report. Due serially from 1937 to 1957.

MICHIGAN, State of (P. O. Lansing).—LOAN GRANTED.—On Dec. 3 the Reconstruction Finance Corporation granted a relief loan of \$2,300 to this State for aid purposes in Kalkaska County.

The following announcement of the loan was made by the R. F. C.: "The Corporation, upon application by the Governor of Michigan, made available \$2,300 to meet current emergency relief needs in the County of Kalkaska for the period Nov. 16 to Dec. 31 1932.

"These funds are made available under Title I, Section 1, subsection (e) of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932 with the understanding that every effort must be maintained and developed in order that the County of Kalkaska and the State of Michigan may meet this emergency situation as soon as it is possible for them to do so.

"Supporting data state that the county during the first nine months of this year expended \$5,790.60 for direct relief and work relief. The case load has largely increased in recent months. The data likewise show that the County of Kalkaska has authorized a general obligation bond issue of \$7,000 for the purpose of raising money for the "welfare emergency," but that no bids have been received.

"The R. F. C. heretofore has made available a total of \$5,266.847 to meet current emergency relief needs in various political subdivisions of the State of Michigan."

MILWAUKEE COUNTY (P. O. Milwaukee), Wis.—ADDITIONAL BOND SALE.—On Dec. 6 an additional portion of \$186,000 coupon county relief, series B bonds was purchased as 5s, by Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago, and associates, according to Frank Bittner, County Auditor. This purchase brings the amount of bonds bought by the syndicate to \$786,000 of the entire issue of \$1,000,000—V. 135, p. 3889—and the sum of \$777,956.60, with accrued interest of \$7,205 from Oct. 1, was paid in cash on Dec. 7. This syndicate holds an option until Dec. 13 on the remaining \$214,000 of the issue.

MISSOURI, State of (P. O. Jefferson City).—BOND SALE AUTHORIZED.—It is stated by L. D. Thompson, Secretary of the Board of Fund Commissioners, that the Board of Fund Commissioners has authorized the sale of a \$3,000,000 issue of road, Series Q bonds.

BOND SALE.—The above issue of \$3,000,000 3 1/4% coupon or registered road, series Q, bonds was offered for sale on Dec. 8 and was awarded to a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co. of New York, the Mercantile Commerce Co., the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. and the First National Co., all of St. Louis, the First Securities Corp. of Minnesota, of St. Paul, Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City, the First Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee, and Laird, Bissell & Meeds of Wilmington, at a price of 96.1499, a basis of about 3.78%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due \$1,000,000 on Oct. 15 1950, 1951 and 1952. Prin. and int. (A. & O. 15) payable at the Chase National Bank in New York City.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful syndicate re-offered the above bonds for public subscription at prices to yield 3.70% accrued interest to be added. The bonds are offered subject to the approval of legality by Benj. H. Charles of St. Louis. They are legal investments in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and other States. These bonds are general State obligations.

OTHER BIDS.—The other bids received for the bonds were reported in news dispatches as follows:

"The Continental Illinois Co. and associates submitted the second highest bid of 96.14, or only 10 cents a bond less than the highest tender.

This group included also the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, the First of Boston Corp., the Northern Trust Co., the Boatmen's National Co., Rutter & Co. and L. F. Rothschild & Co.

"This was followed by a bid of 95.869, submitted by a syndicate composed of Halsey, Stuart & Co., the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., the Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Hallgarten & Co., Phelps, Penn & Co., Barr Bros. & Co., Inc., B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Darby, Penn & Co., G. M. P. Murphy & Co., William E. Compton Co., Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Wertheim & Co., the Hibernia Securities Corp., Baum, Bernheimer & Co., the Equitable Securities Corp. of Nashville, and the First Securities Corp., of Memphis.

"The First National Bank of New York and associates submitted a tender of 95.739. This group included Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, Kean, Taylor & Co., George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., R. W. Pressprich & Co., R. H. Moulton & Co., Dewey, Bacon & Co., and the City Bank & Trust Co., of Kansas City.

"A tender of 95.657 was named by the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., in association with Kidder, Peabody & Co., Lehman Brothers, F. S. Moseley & Co., Hemphill, Noyes & Co., the M. & T. Trust Co., Stranahan, Harris & Co., the Philadelphia National Co., and Whitaker & Co. The final tender 95.3699, submitted by the Bankers Trust Co., the National City Co., Brown Bros. Harriman & Co., Wallace, Sanderson & Co., Kelley, Richardson & Co., Blyth & Co., Wells-Dickey Co., Six & Co., Schaumburg, Rebhann & Osborne, the Commerce Trust Co., of Kansas City, and Smith, Moore & Co."

MOFFAT TUNNEL DISTRICT (P. O. Denver), Colo.—INTEREST PAYMENT AUTHORIZED.—We quote as follows from a recent issue of the Denver "Post," regarding the authorization of an interest payment of \$1,500,000 on the \$8,750,000 supplemental bonds of this district—V. 135, p. 2684:

"Payment of \$1,500,000 in interest on the \$8,750,000 supplemental bond issue was authorized yesterday by the Moffat Tunnel Commission.

"Paying the interest on the supplemental bonds was ordered by a decree of the U. S. District and Circuit Court of Appeals. It is forbidden by an injunction issued by the State Supreme Court, which has under consideration a case attacking validity of the bonds.

"To refuse to pay interest would make members of the commission liable on their bonds, attorneys declare, while to pay may place them in contempt of the State Supreme Court.

"Attorneys for the bondholders have filed a plea in bar with the State Court asking that the action there be dismissed on the grounds that it already has been decided by the Federal Court.

"The interest, under the Federal Court decree, must be paid Jan. 1. It is barely possible that the State Supreme Court will rule on validity of the bonds before that time.

"Money with which to pay interest on the bonds has been collected each year but held in a separate fund pending a ruling on their validity."

MONROE, Monroe County, Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$25,000 calamity bonds offered on Nov. 28—V. 135, p. 3725—was not sold. Bidder to name the rate of interest. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Due on Dec. 1 from 1934 to 1937 incl.

MONTANA, State of (P. O. Helena).—LOAN GRANTED.—The following is the announcement made on Dec. 8 by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation of a \$6,200 relief loan to this State for use in Ravalli County: "The Corporation, upon application of the Governor of Montana, made available \$6,200 to meet current emergency relief needs in Ravalli County for the month of December.

"These funds are made available under Title I, section 1, subsection (c) of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932 with the understanding that every effort must be maintained and developed in order that Ravalli County and the State of Montana may meet this emergency situation as soon as it is possible for them to do so.

"Supporting data show that Ravalli County has levied its full quota under the law for a poor relief fund during the past two years, but that this is wholly inadequate to care for the regular responsibilities of local government, and for destitution resulting from unemployment. The county has outstanding about \$250,000 of bonds which is the limit, it is claimed, that can be issued under the law.

"The Corporation heretofore has made available a total of \$496,538 to meet current emergency relief needs in various political subdivisions of the State of Montana."

MONTCLAIR, Essex County, N. J.—NOTE SALE.—Howard F. McConnell, Director of the Department of Revenue and Finance, announced on Nov. 28 that an issue of \$150,000 4 3/4% school notes had been sold privately.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$22,000 6% Carmonite Sanitary District No. 1 and West Oakwood Sewer District bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 135, p. 2735—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Due on Oct. 1 from 1934 to 1943 incl.

MOUNT PLEASANT (P. O. North Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 coupon or registered street improvement bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 135, p. 3889—were awarded as 5.30s to Wachsman & Wassall, of New York, at a price of 100.099, a basis of about 5.28%. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1933 to 1935, incl., and \$1,000 from 1936 to 1947, incl.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ore.—WARRANT PAYMENT NOTICE.—It is reported by J. M. Lewis, County Treasurer, that the warrants not paid due to lack of funds from Aug. 1, 1932 to Sept. 10, 1932, will be paid at his office after Nov. 28.

It is also reported that the warrants of School District No. 1 that were not paid for want of funds from Sept. 23 1932 to Oct. 13 1932, numbered from 29,756 to 32,395, will be paid upon presentation to E. T. Stretcher, District Clerk, after Nov. 28.

MURDOCK COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Dalhart) Dallam County, Tex.—BOND SALE NEGOTIATIONS.—We are informed that application was made to the State Educational Department to purchase at par, \$20,000 in 5% school bonds, of which amount the State canceled \$10,000, and construction was completed with the remainder of the bonds.

MUSKOGEE, Muskogee County, Okla.—BONDS CALLED.—L. W. McLean, City Treasurer, announces that he is calling for payment \$550,000 of water works bonds which are not due until Dec. 1 1933. The holders of these bonds are requested to forward them to the Commercial National Bank in Muskogee with a sight draft attached, for immediate payment. The above treasurer states that it is feared under present conditions the city officials cannot be absolutely certain that bonds purchased now which are to mature prior to Dec. 1 1933, will in every instance be paid at maturity. He says that in order to comply with the statute requiring the sinking fund to be invested and to avoid the uncertainty in making these short time investments in a limited class of securities, it has been deemed advisable to call at the present time the bonds of the city having this early maturity.

NASSAU COUNTY (P. O. Mineola), N. Y.—ASSESSED VALUATION FIGURES.—The equalized valuation of real and personal property for purposes of raising State and county taxes in 1933 is \$36,968,194 over the total for the present year, the figure for 1933 being \$983,241,416, as compared with \$946,273,322 in 1932. Real property for the following year is valued at \$981,586,616 and personalty at \$1,654,800. The equalized valuations of real and personal property for 1933 and the percentage of assessed to actual value was filed by the townships and cities as follows: Hempstead Township, \$506,498,069, 85%; North Hempstead Township, \$224,457,523, 81%; Oyster Bay Township, \$168,688,120, 60%; City of Long Beach, \$42,650,346, 95% and \$40,947,358, or 55%, for the City of Glen Cove.

NEWARK, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—John Howe, Director of Revenue and Finance, will receive sealed bids until 2 p.m. on Dec. 20, for the purchase of \$2,336,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

\$1,272,000 poor relief bonds. Due \$159,000 on Dec. 15 from 1934 to 1941, inclusive.
1,064,000 public works bonds. Due \$133,000 on Dec. 15 from 1934 to 1941, inclusive.

Each issue is dated Dec. 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. If the bids received do not permit of the award of 4 1/4% bonds, then the bonds shall bear such higher rate named by the successful bidder, to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and within a limit of 5 1/2%. Both issues to bear the same coupon rate. Principal and interest (June and Dec. 15) are payable at the National State Bank, Newark. Blank bidding form to be obtained from the Director of Revenue and Finance and proposals must be for not less

than par and accrued interest. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the official receiving the offers, must accompany each proposal. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the Continental Bank & Trust Co. of New York. The approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

(Previous mention of this offering was made in—V. 135, p. 3890.)

\$3,000,000 BONDS SOLD.—The City Commission on Dec. 6 adopted a resolution providing for the sale of \$3,000,000 tax revenue bonds, due in June 1933, to the Prudential Insurance Co. The proceeds of the sale will be paid over to Essex County in settlement of county and State taxes. Part of the money will be returned by the State to the city for school and other purposes. The resolution provides that as the bonds mature they will be turned back to the city in payment of taxes due from the insurance company. This method of financing was followed last year at this time, it was said. Sale of an additional \$3,000,000 bonds on the same basis is planned.

NEW BRITAIN, Hartford County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—C. L. Sheldon, City Treasurer, on Dec. 9 awarded an issue of \$100,000 4% water fund bonds, 13th series, 2nd issue, to Estabrook & Co., of Hartford, at a price of 99.765, a basis of about 4.02%. Dated Aug. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Aug. 1 from 1934 to 1953 incl. Principal and interest (Feb. and Aug.) are payable at the First National Bank, of Boston, or at the New Britain National Bank, New Britain, at holder's option. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.

Debt Statement, Nov. 26 1932

Assessed Valuation (Grand List)	\$133,155,419
Total Bonded Debt, including this issue	7,292,000
Water Bonds, included in total debt	1,400,000
Subway Bonds	481,000
Sinking Fund, not including Water or Subway Sinking Funds	254,918
Population, Census 1930	68,128

Note.—The above described \$100,000 bonds are general obligations of the City of New Britain and are payable, both as to principal and interest, from the revenues of the Water Department.

NEW BRUNSWICK, Middlesex County, N. J.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the offering on Nov. 29 of \$506,000 coupon or registered bonds, at not to exceed 6% interest, at which no bids were received—V. 135, p. 3890—the following statement of the financial condition of the city was made public:

Financial Statement (Oct. 30 1932).

Assessed value real estate 1932	\$40,472,396.00
Assessed value personal	3,146,525.00

Total assessed value taxable property 1932	\$43,618,921.00
Bonded debt	4,868,000.00
Water bonds included in above	1,021,000.00
Floating debt not including this issue	1,479,000.00

Year	1930	1931	1932
Tot. levy not incl. spec. assess.	\$2,192,518.31	\$2,107,836.38	\$1,990,414.39
Uncollected Oct. 30 1932	15,272.36	407,255.76	1,050,186.67

The second half of the 1932 taxes will not become delinquent until Dec. 1 1932.

Population, 34,700.

NEW CASTLE, Lawrence County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—William Burns, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 A. M. on Jan. 2 for the purchase of \$60,000 4 1/4% series of 1932 funding bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due, Dec. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1943; \$4,000 from 1943 to 1947 incl., and \$7,000 from 1948 to 1952 incl. Principal and interest (June and Dec.) are payable at the City Treasurer's office. The offering notice states that the bonds are free of all Federal, State, local or other taxation. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal.

NEW JERSEY (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—John McCutcheon, Secretary of the Issuing Officials, announced on Dec. 7 that sealed bids will be received by that body, at the office of the State Treasurer, until 12 m. on Dec. 15 for the purchase of \$5,000,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered, series A, Act of 1932, emergency relief bonds. These bonds are the initial block of the total of \$20,000,000 authorized for relief purposes at the general election on Nov. 8 1932. The proposition submitted to the voters called for the conversion, to relief purposes, of \$20,000,000 bonds of a larger issue previously voted for funding construction—V. 135, p. 3890. The \$5,000,000 bonds now offered will be dated Jan. 1 1933 and mature \$625,000 annually on Jan. 1 from 1934 to 1941, incl. Bidders are invited to name the interest rate in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and the entire issue must bear the same coupon rate. Principal and interest (J. & J.) will be payable at the First Mechanics National Bank, Trenton. The notice of sale states that the bonds will be a direct obligation of the State, and the faith and credit of the State is pledged for the payment of both principal and interest. Said principal and interest, it is said, will be exempt from taxation by the State or by any county, municipality or other taxing district of the State. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to Albert C. Middleton, State Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The opinions of the Attorney-General of the State and of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, approving the validity of the bonds will be furnished the successful bidder. Blank bidding proposal furnished upon application to Hon. Harry B. Salter at his office in the State House, Trenton. Permanent bonds are expected to be ready for delivery about Jan. 2 1933, and pending such delivery, temporary bonds or certificates may be furnished the successful bidder.

NEW ORLEANS, Orleans Parish, La.—BONDS CALLED.—It is announced by Bernard C. Shields, Secretary of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, that the fifth allotment of 4% new public impt. bonds, consisting of 600 bonds of \$1,000 each, dated Jan. 1 1907, maturing on Jan. 1 1942, will be payable on Jan. 1 1933, and the interest will cease on and after that date. Court house bonds Nos. 567 to 578, for \$1,000 each, are called for payment on Jan. 1 1933.

We are also informed that the following bonds called on the dates mentioned have not yet been presented for collection: No. 5667 for \$1,000 of the 4% constitutional bonds called on Jan. 1 1928, also Nos. 73,2603 and 8740 for \$1,000 each, and Nos. 511 and 1269, for \$500 each, called for Jan. 1 1932.

NEWTON (P. O. West Newton), Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Award was made on Dec. 9 of \$300,000 3 1/4% coupon sewer bonds to Hornblower & Weeks, of Boston, at a price of 102.76, a basis of about 3.27%. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 on Dec. 1 from 1933 to 1962 incl. Principal and interest (June and Dec.) are payable at the First National Bank, of Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston.

NORMANDY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Normandy), St. Louis County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—We are informed by the Clerk of the Board of Education that at an election held on Nov. 22, the voters approved the issuance of \$225,000 in 4 1/4 and 4 3/4% school building bonds by a count of 1,419 "for" to 512 "against." Due from April 1 1933 to 1953. No definite date of sale has been set.

NORTH BERGEN TOWNSHIP, N. J.—RE-FINANCING PLAN APPROVED.—William H. Kelly, State Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, on Dec. 1 approved of the plan for the re-financing of \$8,317,000 township notes into 20-year permanent bonds. The plan, which is stated to have been agreed upon by holders of the notes, was approved by Mr. Kelly, following a conference with a group composed of the Irving Trust Co., of New York, W. O. Gay & Co., New York, and the First of Boston Corp. This group holds more than 50% of the township's indebtedness, it was said. The resolution providing for the re-financing was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on Nov. 2 and reported on V. 135, p. 3383.

On Dec. 6 the State Municipal Finance Commission and township officials agreed on the exchange of more than \$8,000,000 5 1/2% 25-year serial bonds for a like amount of obligations in default. The signatures of the local officials and of George Skillman, Secretary of the Commission, will be affixed to the bonds in N. Y. City, it was said.

NORTH DAKOTA, State of (P. O. Bismarck).—CERTIFICATE SALE.—We are informed by F. L. Anders, Secretary of the Board of State Capital Commissioners, that the \$400,000 issue of 5% State Capitol Building Fund Certificates offered for sale on Dec. 1—V. 135, p. 3725—was purchased by the Bank of North Dakota, at par. Due from Dec. 1 1933 to 1942 incl.

NORWOOD, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The issues of \$192,400 5 and 6% bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 135, p. 3557—were awarded to the Weil, Roth & Irving Co., of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$5,290, equal to 102.74, a basis of about 4.86%. The award consisted of: \$75,000 6% Montgomery Ave. impt. bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1930. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$12,500 on Aug. 1 from 1933 to 1938, incl. Interest is payable semi-annually in Feb. and Aug. This issue was voted at the general election Nov. 5 1929.

25,000 6% series No. 1—1931 storm water sewer bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl. A. & O. interest.

22,500 6% series C—1931 water main extension bonds. Dated April 1 1931. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$4,500 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1937, incl. A. & O. interest.

20,000 5% series A—1927 water works plant bonds. Dated April 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$4,000 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1937, incl. A. & O. interest.

18,400 6% series A—1931 incinerator plant bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1930. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$600. Due \$4,600 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1936, incl. A. & O. interest.

16,500 series A—1931 traffic light bonds. Dated April 1 1931. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$5,500 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1935, incl. A. & O. interest.

15,000 5% Montgomery Ave. bridge extension bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 on Dec. 1 from 1933 to 1937, incl. J. & D. interest. This issue was voted at the general election Nov. 2 1926.

The following is an official list of the bids received at the sale:
Bidder
 Weil, Roth & Irving Co. (successful bidder).....\$5,290.00
 First National Bank, Norwood.....4,000.00
 Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati.....4,055.00
 N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati.....4,550.00
 Widman, Holzman & Katz, Cincinnati.....4,833.82
 Magnus & Co., Cincinnati.....3,548.41

NUECES COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Corpus Christi), Texas.—BOND VALIDITY UPHHELD.—We are informed that the election held on Sept. 3, at which a \$40,000 issue of not to exceed 6% water improvement bonds was approved—V. 135, p. 2024—was held legal by the court on Nov. 7. It is stated that the bonds are now being validated for registration.

OAKLAND COUNTY (P. O. Pontiac), Mich.—TERMS OF BOND REFUNDING PROPOSAL OPPOSED.—In connection with its application to the Public Debt Commission for approval of the proposal to refund \$7,363,500 Covert Road bonds, the county stated that it desired to make the stipulation that it does not guarantee the value of the refunding obligations, according to Dec. 3 issue of the "Michigan Investor." This point was objected to by Claude H. Stevens of Detroit, attorney for the bondholders, who argued that the county should not be permitted to trade new securities for those outstanding without guaranteeing that the new issue would eventually be tax-retired, it was said. The bondholders also objected to the proposed interest yield of 3% and the 20-year maturity date on the refunding obligations, contending that these terms should be the same as those on the old bonds, which represent a 4.80% interest rate on a maturity of 10 years.

OUACHITA PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Monroe), La.—BONDS VOTED.—An \$85,000 issue of flood levee construction bonds is reported to have been voted recently by a count of 232 "for" to 22 "against."

OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,500 6% refunding bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 135, p. 3557—were purchased at a price of par by the State Teachers' Retirement System, at Columbus, the only bidder. Dated Jan. 1 1933. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1934, and \$1,500 from 1935 to 1943 incl.

OGDENSBURG, St. Lawrence County, N. Y.—PROPOSED BOND SALE POSTPONED.—Merritt M. Morse, City Treasurer, reports that the proposed award of \$100,000 4½% coupon welfare emergency relief bonds, which had been scheduled for Dec. 6—V. 135, p. 3890—has been postponed until a later date.

Financial Information as of Close of Business Nov. 15 1932.

Assessed Valuation Subject to Tax—		
Real estate.....	\$8,671,525.00	
Public service.....	731,490.00	
Special franchise.....	303,060.00	
Total.....	\$9,706,075.00	\$970,607.50
10% of assessed valuation.....		
Total Debt—		
General bonded debt.....	\$497,400.00	
Assessment debt.....	83,049.49	
Water debt.....	261,000.00	
Temporary loans.....	74,000.00	
Total.....	\$915,449.49	
Less: Water bonds.....	261,000.00	
Total.....	\$654,449.49	
Less amount due from property owners on special assessments and amount levied in current budget for redemption of bonds due March 31 1933.....		37,830.51
Contractual margin.....	\$616,618.98	\$616,618.98
		\$353,987.52

Total debt as of March 31 1930, \$987,326.59; March 31 1931, \$971,274.52; March 31 1932, \$963,798.02 and Nov. 15 1932, \$915,449.49.

Tax levies year 1930, \$467,953.62; 1931, \$482,590.88; 1932, \$435,530.81.

Taxes unpaid for year 1930, None; 1931, None; 1932, \$32,800.70.

Surplus years ending 1928, \$74,537.06; 1929, \$34,554.61; 1930, \$17,739.31; 1931, \$18,219.72; 1932, \$45,690.78.

Tax rate all taxes, per \$1,000, years 1930, \$48; 1931, \$49; 1932, \$44.30.

No overlapping districts, no loans for current operations, bank deposits covered by City of Ogdensburg, or Government bonds.

OLEAN, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The city council has voted to issue \$50,000 work relief bonds.

PARK RIDGE, Cook County, Ill.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on Nov. 26 the voters defeated propositions providing for issues of \$115,000 city hall building bonds and \$10,000 street improvement bonds. Ordinances approving of these bonds were adopted on Oct. 4—V. 135, p. 2862.

PARKVIEW, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$5,771.08 6% Mastick Road special assessment redemption bonds offered on Nov. 23—V. 135, p. 3339—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Nov. 1 1932. Due serially from 1933 to 1937 incl.

PASSAIC, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$450,000 coupon tax title bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 135, p. 3726—was purchased as 68, at a price of par, by the Passaic National Bank & Trust Co., of Passaic, the only bidder. Dated Dec. 14 1932. Due Dec. 14 1935, subject to prior redemption at the option of the city, upon 30 days' published notice to that effect preceding the proposed redemption date.

PATERSON, Passaic County, N. J.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The \$498,000 6% registered water system bonds purchased on Dec. 1 by B. J. Van Ingen & Co., of New York, at 100.54, a basis of about 5.96%—V. 135, p. 3890—were offered for public investment by the bankers on Dec. 5 at prices to yield 5.60%. Dated May 1 1932 and due serially on May 1 from 1934 to 1972 incl. The bonds are stated to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the States of New York and New Jersey.

PATERSON, Passaic County, N. J.—OPTION ON BONDS GRANTED.—No sealed bids having been received in response to the request for offers until Dec. 8 for the purchase of \$549,000 6% improvement bonds—V. 135, p. 3890—an option on the issue for a period of 90 days was then granted to B. J. Van Ingen & Co., of New York, according to Howard L. Bristow, Clerk of the Board of Finance. The bonds are dated May 1 1932 and mature serially on May 1 from 1938 to 1952 incl.

Financial Statement As of Nov. 15 1932.

Gross funded debt (outstanding).....	\$30,230,864.28
Floating debt (incl. temporary bonds outst'g.).....	5,221,421.06
Total gross debt.....	\$35,452,285.34
Deductions.	
Water debt—Notes, \$1,038,000; bonds.....	\$13,784,000.00
\$12,746,000.....	2,680,527.57
Sinking fund, other than for water bonds.....	259,131.66
Cash on hand.....	1,276,260.93
1931 taxes uncollected (offset for tax revenue notes).....	1,276,260.93
Total deductions.....	17,999,920.16
Total net debt.....	\$17,452,365.18

Total Levy (Not Incl. Special Assessments)	Uncollected Close of Levy Year	Balance Uncollected Nov. 15 '32	Percentage Uncollected Nov. 15 '32	Percentage Collected Nov. 15 '32
1927.....	\$7,467,312.94	\$1,746,158.58	\$233,924.48	3.13
1928.....	7,978,470.00	1,868,302.34	128,186.39	1.60
1929.....	8,840,530.07	2,227,733.36	159,846.97	1.80
1930.....	9,077,179.88	2,391,757.83	177,667.97	1.95
1931.....	8,198,101.17	2,503,769.19	1,276,250.93	15.56
1932.....	7,965,684.56	4,332,155.32	54.38	45.62

In the 1933 budget \$521,000 will be placed, for the purpose of wiping out uncollected taxes of 1927, 1928 and 1929. Through offsetting economies tax rate will not be increased by this operation.

Budget Information.

Parts Used for Payment of Maturing Debt and Payment of Local Purposes.		Part Used for Other Purposes.			
Total Budget	Interest on Debt.	Percent.	Percent.		
1930.....	\$4,380,789.39	\$1,843,364.26	42.07	\$2,537,425.13	57.93
1931.....	3,659,679.79	1,766,463.91	48.26	1,893,215.88	51.93
1932.....	3,550,553.80	1,270,933.13*	35.70	2,279,620.67	65.30

* Noticeable drop due to Passaic Valley Water Commission assuming entire debt service on water plus refund of early water debt incurred by city previous to organization of Commission.

Bonds Maturing Within Seven Years.

Year—	xTerm Bonds.	ySerial Bonds.	Total.
1932.....	\$167,000	\$727,500 (\$259,000)z	\$894,500
1933.....	210,000	727,000 (259,000)	937,000
1934.....	205,000	790,000 (264,000)	995,000
1935.....	285,000	806,000 (264,000)	1,091,000
1936.....	10,000	816,000 (274,000)	826,000
1937.....	110,000	846,000 (304,000)	956,000
1938.....	10,000	870,500 (329,000)	880,500

x The term bonds are payable out of the sinking fund, as to the condition of which see financial statement above. y The serial bonds are payable out of the annual tax levies. z The amounts in parentheses are serial water bonds included in the listed amounts of serial bonds. Such water bonds, and interest thereon, will be paid out of revenues of the Passaic Valley Water Commission.

Assessed Valuations.

	Real.	Personal.	Total.
1930.....	\$188,471,346	\$22,866,990	\$211,338,336
1931.....	184,227,082	27,361,165	211,588,247
1932.....	183,340,526	20,686,990	204,027,516

x Drop in ratables due to Paterson's purchase of Passaic Consolidated Water Co. now operated for city by Passaic Valley Water Commission, which has assumed all water debt service.

Tax rates per \$100 valuation.—1930, 4.26; 1931, 3.84; 1932, 3.87. Population (Federal census).—1910, 125,600; 1920, 135,875; 1930, 138,513; 1931 (estimated), 140,000.

PEMBINA COUNTY (P. O. Cavalier), N. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Dec. 13, by W. W. Felson, County Auditor, for the purchase of a \$12,000 issue of certificates of indebtedness. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Denom. \$500. Dated Dec. 15 1932. Due on June 15 1934. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 2% is required.

PENNSYLVANIA, State of (P. O. Harrisburg).—LOAN GRANTED.—The Reconstruction Finance Corporation on Dec. 5 made the following announcement of the granting of a relief loan of \$1,531,090 to this State for aid purposes in 51 counties:

"The R. F. C., upon application of the Governor of Pennsylvania, to-day made available \$1,531,090 to meet current emergency relief needs in 51 counties of that State for the period Dec. 1 to Dec. 31 1932.

"These funds are made available under Title I, Section 1, Subsection (c) of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932 with the understanding that the responsibility of the political subdivisions and the State of Pennsylvania to make every effort to develop their own resources to provide relief is not in any way diminished.

"Supporting data estimate the total relief needs of the 51 counties for the month of December at \$9,643,717. To meet this need it is reported that \$8,028,035 are available from funds on hand, of which \$3,903,112.34 are available from funds previously allocated by the R. F. C.

"The R. F. C. heretofore has made available a total of \$11,304,448 to meet current emergency relief needs in various political subdivisions of the State of Pennsylvania."

PEPPER PIKE (P. O. Chagrin Falls), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Maud G. Nycamp, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on Dec. 24 for the purchase of \$11,000 6% refunding bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Denom., \$100. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1934; \$1,500, 1935; \$1,000, 1936; \$1,500, 1937; \$1,000, 1938; \$1,500, 1939; \$1,000, 1940; \$1,500 in 1941, and \$1,000 in 1942. Principal and interest (April and Oct.) are payable at the Chagrin Falls Banking Co., Chagrin Falls. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—SEEK AUTHORITY TO USE BOND SERVICE FUNDS FOR CURRENT PURPOSES.—The petition of S. P. Davis Wilson, special counsel for City Controller Willb Hadley, to use part of the \$8,000,000, now in the sinking fund in anticipation of bond and interest requirements, for the purpose of meeting municipal payrolls and other current expenses of the city was heard in Common Pleas Court on Dec. 5, according to the New York "Journal of Commerce" of the following day.

COURT RULES AGAINST PROPOSAL.—The aforementioned newspaper reported on Dec. 9 that the Common Pleas Court had ruled against the proposal to divert sinking fund moneys for payroll purposes. This information was contained in a dispatch from Philadelphia, which is reprinted herewith:

"A taxpayer's suit to compel the city to meet overdue payrolls from \$8,000,000 deposited in banks here, against interest on city bonds and sinking funds, was lost to-day, Judges McDevitt and Parry in the Common Pleas Court saying in the opinion, "the credit of the city must be protected, not jeopardized."

"Desirous as it may be to provide wages earned by city employes and now overdue, the court can neither set aside constitutional and statutory provisions, nor exercise discretion vested in the City Treasurer," the court stated.

City Treasurer Kemp said, as result of the ruling, "all money to be held against interest charges will be segregated in a special named and isolated account which will be held inviolate."

PIERCE COUNTY (P. O. Tacoma), Wash.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.—It is reported that on Nov. 21 the County Commissioners authorized Deputy Prosecutor D. D. Schneider to draw up a resolution calling for the issuance of \$190,000 0% poor relief bonds to be used as security for a loan approved by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation on Nov. 17—V. 135, p. 3559. It is stated that the bonds will be drawn against the county and will bear 3% interest, payable semi-annually. According to the county officials the bonds are to be repaid in four annual installments.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—J. P. Barnes, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Dec. 14 for the purchase at discount basis of a \$150,000 revenue anticipation loan of 1932, dated Dec. 15 1932 and payable on April 15 1933 at the First National Bank of Boston. Denom. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. The notes will be authenticated as to genuineness and validity by the First National Bank of Boston, under advice of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

PONTIAC, Oakland County, Mich.—INTEREST PAYMENT ORDERED.—The City Commission has unanimously voted to pay interest on all general obligations that are now due to the extent that funds now available will permit, reports the "Michigan Investor" of Detroit of Dec. 3. This action, it was said, will take care of a civil suit filed in Grand Rapids for a claim of \$475 due on coupons from city water extension and improvement bonds issued in 1920. The city's financial department began at once to prepare checks for \$51,500 due on interest.
(A bondholders' protective committee has been formed in connection with the financial difficulties of this city.—V. 135, p. 3885.)

PORTAGE, Cambria County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—B. F. Rinehart, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 P. M. on Dec. 23 for the purchase of \$12,000 5% coupon refunding bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1932. Denom. \$500. Due \$6,000 on Nov. 1 in 1942 and 1952. Interest is payable in May and Nov. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the Borough, must accompany each proposal. Bonds are being offered subject to approval of the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Dec. 21, by Geo. R. Funk, City Auditor, for the purchase of three issues of bonds aggregating \$705,000, divided as follows:

\$300,000 public works bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5 1/2%, payable J. & D. Denominations \$1,000 and \$500. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1938 to 1940; \$17,000, 1941 to 1943; \$20,000, 1944 to 1946; \$23,000, 1947 to 1949, and \$26,000, 1950 to 1952, all incl. These bonds are authorized by Section 344 of the City Charter, and are general obligations.

210,000 5% new crematory bonds. Denominations \$1,000 and \$500. Dated Nov. 1 1932. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1935 to 1937; \$15,000, 1938 to 1940; \$17,000, 1941 to 1943; \$19,000, 1944 to 1946, and \$21,000 in 1947. These bonds are authorized by Section 342 of the City Charter, and are general obligations. Interest payable M. & N.

These bonds were sold on Nov. 16, the sale of which was not consummated.—V. 135, p. 3891

\$195,000 Fourth Street arterial highway bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable J. & D. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1938 and 1939; \$9,000, 1940; \$10,000, 1941 and 1942; \$11,000, 1943; \$12,000, 1944; \$13,000, 1945; \$14,000, 1946; \$15,000, 1947 and 1948; \$16,000, 1949; \$17,000, 1950; \$18,000, 1951, and \$19,000 in 1952. These bonds are authorized by Section 346 of the City Charter, and are general obligations.

Prin. and int. payable in gold at the office of the City Treasurer, or at the fiscal agency of the city in New York. The legality of these bonds has been approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, and all bidders will be required to submit unconditional bids. Bidders are requested to submit separate or alternate bids, based upon the delivery of the bonds. If delivery is demanded outside the city, delivery shall be at the expense of the purchaser. The bonds shall be sold to the highest responsible bidder for cash at not less than par and accrued interest. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check on some responsible bank in Portland, for an amount equal to 5% of the face value of the bonds bid for, payable to the city.

PRESCOTT, Yavapai County, Ariz.—PRICE PAID.—The \$50,000 issue of water works bonds that was purchased by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.—V. 135, p. 3891—was sold as 5s at par. Due \$5,000 from 1933 to 1938, and \$10,000 in 1939 and 1940.

RICHMOND, Henrico County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 5 p. m. on Dec. 15 by Landon B. Edwards, City Comptroller, for the purchase of 4% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$640,000, divided as follows:

\$100,000 Street paving bonds. Due on Jan. 1 1943.
300,000 sewer bonds. Due on Jan. 1 1967.
52,000 General improvement bonds. Due on Jan. 1 1967.
188,000 Curb and gutter bonds. Due on Jan. 1 1967.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1933. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Comptroller, or (at the option of the holder) unless the bonds be registered at the Bankers Trust Co. of New York City, or other fiscal agent of the city in New York. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the city officials and the seal impressed thereon. The purchaser will be furnished with the approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York, as to the validity and security of these bonds. A certified check for 1 1/2% of the face amount of the bonds bid for, is required. (The preliminary report of this offering appeared in V. 135, p. 3891.)

Official Financial Statement.	
General purpose bonds.....	\$24,315,642.00
Public school bonds.....	6,189,438.00
Gas works bonds.....	3,349,550.00
Water works bonds.....	3,506,000.00
Electric plant bonds.....	300,000.00
	\$37,660,630.00
Deduct—	
General purpose bonds maturing Jan. 1 1933.....	105,000.00
	\$37,555,630.00
Add—	
Bonds to be dated Jan. 1 1933, as per this notice of sale.....	640,000.00
	\$38,195,630.00
Other Debt—	
Certificates of indebtedness issued for following purposes:	
Pine camp construction.....	60,000.00
James River improvements.....	210,000.00
Total gross debt as of Jan. 1 1933.....	\$38,465,630.00
Less: Sinking funds.....	9,994,445.67
	\$28,471,184.33
Deduct—	
Water works bonds (included in total debt).....	\$3,506,000.00
Less: Sinking funds for water works bonds.....	1,003,230.34
Net water works bonds.....	2,502,769.66
Net debt as of Jan. 1 1933.....	\$25,968,414.67
The percentage of net debt to assessed value of taxable property is .094494. The percentage of net debt to estimated true value of real estate is .086983.	
Legal Debt Limit.	
Debt limit.....	\$43,746,160.00
Bonded debt.....	\$38,195,630.00
Other debt.....	270,000.00
Total debt.....	38,465,630.00
Legal margin for creation of additional debt.....	\$5,280,530.00
Note.—Under the city charter the city's gross funded debt is restricted to 18% of the assessed value of taxable real estate.	
Estimated true value of taxable real property (based on to-day's values).....	\$298,543,050.00
Assessed value of taxable property:	
Real estate.....	\$243,034,223.00
Personal tangible property.....	18,801,010.00
Machinery (for manufacturing purposes, &c.).....	12,979,019.00
Total.....	\$274,814,252.00
Ratio of assessed value of real estate to true value is .814067.	

Note.—The above ratio of assessed value of real estate to true value is obtained by comparing the assessed value of all real estate transferred since Jan. 1 1932, to date, with the actual sales price.

The present city tax rate: \$2.35 per \$100 of valuation on real estate, \$2.20 per \$100 of valuation on personal tangible property, .60c. per \$100 of valuation on machinery (for manufacturing purposes). Date of incorporation of municipality, July 19 1782. Area of city, 24 square miles. Population (U. S. Census 1900), 85,050; 1910, 127,628; 1920, 171,677; 1930, 182,929. The city's fiscal year begins Feb. 1, and ends following Jan. 31.

RIDGEFIELD, Bergen County, N. J.—BONDS PARTIALLY SOLD.—The Ridgefield National Bank purchased on Nov. 23 a block of \$40,000 bonds of the \$87,000 coupon or registered assessment issue offered at not to exceed 6% interest on Nov. 15, at which time no bids were received.—V. 135, p. 3558.

ROCK COUNTY (P. O. Janesville), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Dec. 20 by Arthur M. Church, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$400,000 issue of 4 1/2% relief bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1932. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$53,000, 1935; \$52,000, 1936; \$54,000, 1937; \$56,000, 1938; \$59,000, 1939; \$53,000, 1940, and \$56,000 in 1941. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Said bonds are issued pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes of 1931, and Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto. This sale was authorized on Nov. 5—V. 135, p. 3559. A certified check for \$2,000 must accompany the bid.

ROUNDUP, Musselshell County, Mont.—COUPON DEFAULT NOTICE.—We are advised that default has taken place in the payment of coupons due on Jan. 1 1932 of Improvement District No. 29 6% bonds.

ROUTT COUNTY (P. O. Steamboat Springs), Colo.—PRICE PAID.—The \$94,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-ann. court house refunding bonds that was sold to Boettcher, Newton & Co. of Denver.—V. 135, p. 2527—was purchased at par. Due on April 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1937 and 1938, and \$8,000, 1939 to 1948, all incl.

ROYAL OAK, Oakland County, Mich.—EXAMINATION OF BOND ISSUES ORDERED.—Edward M. Shafter, City Manager, has been instructed by the Board of City Commissioners to investigate all of the bonds issued by the city since 1920, as a result of the statement of Commissioner Frank E. Springsteen that bonds have been sold in a number of instances in excess of the legal limit and therefore should not be paid, according to the Pontiac "Press" of Nov. 29. Mayor Clawson has contended that the Commissioner failed to take into the account the fact that water bond issues are exempt from the bond issuing limit of 10% of the assessed valuation, it was said.

ROYAL OAK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Macomb County, Mich.—TO MAKE PARTIAL PAYMENT OF INTEREST CHARGES.—Agreement of the Board of Education to pay \$65,000 in interest charges during December on the total of \$1,720,000 bonds outstanding averted court proceedings to compel this action, which was contemplated by a bondholders' committee, according to report. The \$65,000 is said to be only half of the interest requirements due in 1932. The tentative agreement between the school board and representatives of the bondholders includes the promise of the district not to issue more than \$82,000 in scrip during 1933. In 1932 the amount issued was \$119,000.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. South Bend), Ind.—BONDS PARTIALLY SOLD.—It was reported on Nov. 25 that the Citizens National Bank, of South Bend, had purchased a block of \$176,000 bonds of the \$350,000 5% poor relief issue scheduled for sale on Nov. 21—V. 135, p. 3200. The bank agreed to purchase the remaining \$174,000 bonds at a later date. The entire issue of \$350,000 is due semi-annually on M. & N. 15 from 1934 to 1941 incl.

ST. LANDRY PARISH (P. O. Opelousas), La.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.—The \$119,000 issue of funding certificates offered on Dec. 2—V. 135, p. 3726—was not sold, according to the Superintendent of the Parish School Board. Interest rate was not to exceed 7%. Due from Dec. 1 1933 to 1942 incl.

SAN MATEO COUNTY (P. O. Redwood City), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Dec. 12 by E. B. Hinman, County Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$112,000 relief bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. It shall not be necessary that all bonds of the issue bear the same rate of interest. The bonds are to be awarded to the bidder offering to pay par and accrued interest on the same and naming the interest rate or rates which will result in the least interest cost to the county. The interest cost to the county will be computed by ascertaining the total amount of interest required to be paid by the county during the life of the bonds offered for sale, and deducting therefrom the amount of premium if any. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Due \$16,000 from Dec. 1 1935 to 1941, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. The approving opinion of Orrick, Palmer & Dahlquist of San Francisco will be furnished. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid is required. These bonds are part of the \$350,000 issue that was voted on Nov. 8—V. 135, p. 3559.

SAPULPA, Creek County, Okla.—BOND EXCHANGE.—We are now informed that the \$59,000 6% semi-ann. funding bonds authorized on Sept. 13—V. 135, p. 2370—has been exchanged with the holders of the original obligations. The bonds are divided as follows: \$4,000, 1935; \$5,000, 1936; \$4,000, 1937; \$2,000, 1938; \$5,000, 1939 and 1940; \$6,000, 1941, and \$9,000 in 1942.

10,000 bonds maturing as follows: \$2,000, 1935 and 1936, and \$1,000, 1937 to 1942.
4,000 bonds maturing as follows: \$1,000, 1937; \$2,000, 1938, and \$1,000 in 1939.
3,000 bonds maturing as follows: \$1,000 in 1935, 1937 and 1940.
2,000 bonds maturing in 1938.

SCHENECTADY, Schenectady County, N. Y.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the proposed award on Dec. 12 of \$320,000 coupon or registered bonds, at not to exceed 5% interest, notice and description of which appeared in V. 135, p. 3891, we have received the following:

Financial Statement, Dec. 1 1932.	
Bonded debt, not including above listed issues.....	\$11,476,373.95
Temporary loans.....	173,315.00
	\$11,649,688.95
Deduct—Water bonds, included in above.....	\$630,000.00
Sinking funds, other than for water bonds.....	128,178.27
Bonds other than water bonds, included in above, maturing in the year 1932, tax for payment of which is included in 1932 levy.....	38,500.00
Total deductions.....	\$796,678.27
Net debt.....	\$10,853,010.68
Assessed valuation for 1933 taxes, as equalized:	
Real estate.....	\$180,088,942.00
Franchises.....	6,285,010.00
Total.....	\$186,373,952.00
Population, 1925 State census, 92,786; 1930 Federal census, 95,652.	

Tax Collection Statement.					
Year—	Levy.	Collected to Date of Sale.	Sold to Investors.	Sold to City.	Uncollected.
1927.....	\$4,220,271.55	\$4,170,773.99	\$24,832.23	\$24,665.33	None
1928.....	4,496,433.65	4,439,750.61	34,510.56	22,172.48	None
1929.....	4,526,589.82	4,435,835.37	50,992.98	39,354.27	\$407.20
1930.....	4,514,620.80	4,421,086.22	53,658.30	39,876.28	None
1931.....	4,531,421.12	4,388,791.77	52,578.96	89,388.17	662.22
			Collections Including Dec. 5 1932.		
1932.....	5,055,593.78	\$4,693,413.80			\$362,179.98
1933.....	4,408,240.21				

Fiscal year is the calendar year. Beginning with 1929 and including 1932 city taxes have been payable one-half Jan. 1 and one-half July 1, and each installment became delinquent 30 days after due date. Beginning with 1933 city taxes are payable in quarterly installments, due Jan. 1, April 1, July 1, and Oct. 1, each installment becoming delinquent 15 days after due date.

Penalty is three-fourths of 1% per month during period of delinquency. Property on which taxes remain unpaid is usually sold in November of the current year to the bidder who will pay the taxes and incidental expenses of the sale and accept a tax sale certificate to run for the least number of years. Tax sale for 1932 has been deferred and is scheduled to be held Dec. 22 1932.

Tax sale certificates bear interest at the rate of 10% per annum. The owner of real estate may redeem it by payment of the amount for which it was sold, plus 10% interest, at any time within one year from date of sale. Property not bid for by other bidders at such tax sales is purchased by the corporation counsel in the name and for the benefit of the city.

SCITUATE, Plymouth County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—William F. Smith, Town Treasurer, reports that award was made on Dec. 9 of \$37,500 4% coupon water bonds to Hornblower & Weeks, of Boston, at a price of 100.315, a basis of about 3.95%. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Due \$2,500 annually from 1933 to 1947 incl. Principal and interest are payable at the Merchants National Bank of Boston.

SCOTCH PLAINS TOWNSHIP (P. O. Scotch Plains), Union County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were received at the offering on Nov. 29 of \$125,000 6% coupon or registered bonds—V. 135, p. 3559. The offering consisted of \$93,500 assessment bonds due from 1933 to 1938 incl., and \$32,000 general impt. bonds, due from 1933 to 1946 incl. Each issue is dated Sept. 15 1932.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BONDS CALLED.—It is reported that H. L. Collier, City Treasurer, is calling for payment from Nov. 24 to Dec. 18, various local impt. district bonds and coupons.

SHREVEPORT, Caddo Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by John McW. Ford, Commissioner of Accounts and Finance, until 10 a. m. on Dec. 12, and he will sell at a meeting of the Commission Council to be held in the Council Chambers at 10 a. m. on Dec. 13, a \$950,000 issue of 5% coupon liquidation bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1933. Due serially from Jan. 1 1934 to 1933, with amortized maturities, so that as nearly as possible the amount of principal and interest payable in each year shall be equal. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Chase National Bank in New York City. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, will be furnished. These bonds are issued for the purpose of liquidating the outstanding floating indebtedness of the city and are issued pursuant to a special constitutional amendment adopted by the voters of Louisiana on Nov. 8—V. 135, p. 3550. Bids will be received for all or part of said bonds and the city reserves the right to sell all or part, or to reject all bids. The bonds must be sold at not less than their par value. It is expected that the bonds will be ready for delivery on or shortly after Jan. 1 1933. A certified check for 1% of the amount bid is required.

SILVER LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Canton), Van Zandt County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$2,500 issue of school bonds was purchased by the State Permanent School Fund, as 5s at par, according to the Superintendent of Schools. Due \$125 from 1933 to 1952, inclusive.

SOUTH CAROLINA, State of (P. O. Columbia).—LOAN GRANTED.—The following is the text of an announcement made on Dec. 5 by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, regarding a relief loan of \$77,700 to this State for aid purposes in eight counties:

The R. F. C., upon application of the Governor of South Carolina, to-day made available \$77,700 to meet current emergency relief needs in eight counties of that State during the remainder of the calendar year 1932.

These funds are made available under Title I, Section 1, sub-section (c) of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932 with the understanding that the responsibility of the political subdivisions and the State of South Carolina, to make every effort to develop their own resources to provide relief is not in any way diminished.

To administer any funds made available by the R. F. C., the Governor of South Carolina has appointed a State Relief Council and a State Director of Relief. The State Director will have a staff of five supervisors who in turn will designate representatives in the various counties of the State. In each county there will also be a Relief Council selected and appointed by the State Council.

The Governor of South Carolina has not heretofore requested that the Corporation make supplemental Federal relief funds available to that State.

SPOKANE, Spokane County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$500,000 offered for sale on Dec. 6—V. 135, p. 3201—were purchased by a syndicate headed by Murphy, Favre & Co., of Spokane, as 5 1/4s as follows: \$400,000 refunding bridge bonds for a premium of \$104, equal to 100.026, a basis of about 5.74%. Due from Jan. 1 1935 to 1953. 100,000 funding and relief bonds, series A, for a premium of \$60, equal to 100.06, a basis of about 5.74%. Due from Jan. 1 1935 to 1943. There were no other bids for the bonds.

SPOKANE COUNTY (P. O. Spokane), Wash.—BOND VALIDITY UPHOLD.—We are informed that on Nov. 25 the State Supreme Court affirmed a ruling of the County Superior Court validating a proposed \$200,000 bond issue to pay off warrant obligations of the county incurred by providing for indigent relief.

SPOKANE COUNTY (P. O. Spokane), Wash.—WARRANTS CALLED.—The County Treasurer is reported to have called for payment at his office on Nov. 25 at par, various county, irrigation district and indigent soldier fund warrants.

SPRINGFIELD, Greene County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—A \$275,000 issue 4 1/4% sewer bonds is stated to have been purchased by Stix & Co. of St. Louis, subject to an election to be held on Jan. 12.

SPRINGFIELD, Clark County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The City Commission has adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance of \$60,000 4 1/2% poor relief bonds to be dated not later than Sept. 1 1932 and mature \$10,000 annually on March 1 from 1935 to 1940, incl. Principal and interest (March and Sept.) are payable at the fiscal agency of the City of Springfield in New York City.

STILLWATER, Washington County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of refunding bonds offered for sale on Dec. 2—V. 135, p. 3727—was purchased by the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, as 4 1/4s, paying a premium of \$85, equal to 100.17, a basis of about 4.23%. Dated Jan. 2 1933. Due from Jan. 1 1936 to 1947.

The only other bid received for the bonds was a premium offer of \$75 for 4 1/4s, tendered by the First Securities Corp. of St. Paul.

SUFFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Riverhead), N. Y.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—Ellis T. Terry, County Treasurer, reports that the issue of \$50,000 registered certificates of indebtedness offered on Dec. 8 was awarded as 4s to George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York, at a price of 100.11, a basis of about 3.94%. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 1934. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) are payable at the office of the County Treasurer, or at the Irving Trust Co., New York. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, has been obtained. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
George B. Gibbons & Co. (successful bidder)	4%	100.11
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler	4 1/4%	100.15
Wachsman & Wassall	4 1/2%	100.049

TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—SALE OF CITY BONDS TO SINKING FUND PLANNED.—Mayor Thacher plans to turn over to the sinking fund more than \$2,200,000 unsold city bonds to assist in balancing the fund's reserve, it was said.

TOOLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Shelby), Mont.—BOND SALE REPORT.—The \$7,500 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Nov. 21—V. 135, p. 3201—is reported to have been purchased by the State Land Board, subject to an opinion by the Attorney-General.

TRENTON, Mercer County, N. J.—PROPOSED BOND SALE DATE CHANGED.—The date of sale of the proposed award of \$605,000 not to exceed 5 1/2% coupon or registered bonds, original scheduled for Dec. 13—V. 135, p. 3892—has been changed to Dec. 20.

TROY, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Lawrence J. Collins, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Dec. 15 for the purchase of \$129,100 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows: \$79,900 revenue bonds. One bond for \$900, others for \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$15,900 in 1933 and \$16,000 from 1934 to 1937 incl. 49,200 welfare bonds. One bond for \$200, others for \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$9,200 in 1933 and \$10,000 from 1934 to 1937 incl.

Each issue is dated Dec. 1 1932. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, and bidder must name one rate for both issues. Principal and interest (June and December) are payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for \$2,500, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

Financial Statement Dec. 1 1932.

General debt	\$5,264,883.00
Water debt	1,052,075.33
Temporary improvement notes—Public improvements	1,045,000.00
Certificates of indebtedness—Emergency relief	175,000.00
Real estate assessed valuation for 1932	70,988,704.00
Franchise assessed valuation for 1932	3,523,338.00
Total assessed valuation for 1932	74,512,042.00
Population (1930 census)	72,756

TROY, Bradford County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—H. K. Mitchell, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 10 for the purchase of \$12,500 4 1/2% water system bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1932. One bond for \$500, others for \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1938 to 1942 incl., and \$2,500 in 1943; subject to call at any interest paying date. Interest is payable in June and December.

TULSA, Tulsa County, Okla.—BOND SALE NOT CONSUMMATED.—We are informed by our Western correspondent that the \$150,000 issue of park bonds authorized for sale last July—V. 135, p. 656—was purchased by the First National Bank of Tulsa on Sept. 30 on a bid which called for delivery of the bonds within 45 days. He states that the Nov. 15 time limit will be exceeded by at least another 30 days before the bonds are ready to deliver. It is said to be problematical whether the First National Bank will accept the bonds when they are ready for delivery.

TULSA, Tulsa County, Okla.—BOND SALE NOT CONSUMMATED.—We are informed that the sale of the \$100,000 coupon general street impt., series C bonds to C. J. Hindeman of Tulsa, as 5s at par (V. 135, p. 3391) was not consummated as the State's Attorney-General held it would be illegal for the city to sell only a part of the 1932 issue of \$350,000. The City Attorney gave it as his opinion that the sale of the entire issue could be legally held within the current year, so the \$350,000 bonds were offered for sale on Dec. 6.

UTAH, State of (P. O. Salt Lake City).—LOAN GRANTED.—The following announcement was made on Dec. 7 by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation regarding a relief loan of \$466,550 made on that date to this State for use in 21 counties:

"The R. F. C., upon application of the Governor of Utah, made available \$466,550 to meet current emergency relief needs in 21 counties of that State for the remainder of the calendar year 1932.

In support of the Governor's application, it is stated that on account of legal restrictions neither the State nor the municipalities are now able to make direct appropriations for emergency relief, and that State and local resources now available or which can be made available are inadequate to meet the need.

"The R. F. C. heretofore has made available \$663,539 to meet current emergency relief needs in Utah."

VIRGINIA, State of (P. O. Richmond).—LOAN GRANTED.—The following is the text of an announcement made on Dec. 2 by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, regarding a loan of \$97,385 made on that day to the State for relief purposes in seven counties and three local communities:

"The R. F. C., upon application of the Governor of Virginia, to-day made available \$97,385 to meet current emergency relief needs in seven counties and three local communities of that State for the period Dec. 1 to Dec. 31 1932.

"These funds are made available under Title I, Section 1, subsection (c) of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932 with the understanding that the responsibility of the political subdivisions and the State of Virginia to develop their own resources to provide relief is not in any way diminished.

"In support of the Governor's application it was certified that funds available from State and local resources are inadequate to meet the relief needs.

"The R. F. C. heretofore has made available a total of \$1,310,928 to meet current emergency relief needs in various Virginia political subdivisions."

WALKER COUNTY (P. O. Jasper), Ala.—BOND ELECTION.—We are informed by the County Clerk that an election will be held on Jan. 3 for the purpose of voting on a proposal to issue \$200,000 in refunding bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6 1/4%. Due \$20,000 annually in from 1 to 10 years.

WALWORTH COUNTY (P. O. Elkhorn), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1:30 p. m. on Dec. 16, by Leo D. Dunlap, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$250,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. county relief bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1936; \$25,000, 1937; \$35,000, 1938 and 1939; \$40,000, 1940, and \$50,000 in 1941 and 1942. These bonds were voted on Nov. 25 by the County Board for relief purposes—V. 135, p. 3892. Bids may be contingent upon approval of legality by counsel of bidder's choice and at bidder's expense. The bidder shall furnish printed bonds for execution by the county. A certified check for 5% of the issue must accompany the bid.

WARE, Hampshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Ware Trust Co. has purchased a \$20,000 temporary loan issue at a 3.24% discount basis. Dated Dec. 12 1932 and payable on May 12 1933. A rate of 3.50% was bid by Faxon, Gade & Co., of Boston.

WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—B. M. Hillier, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on Dec. 21 for the purchase of \$57,000 3% emergency relief bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$9,000 in 1934, and \$8,000 from 1935 to 1940 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) are payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 3%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 1%, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Will R. Lewis, County Clerk, will be received until 12 m. on Dec. 27 for the purchase of \$30,400 6% poor relief bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Due March 1 as follows: \$5,400 in 1934, \$5,700, 1935; \$6,100, 1936; \$6,400 in 1937, and \$6,800 in 1938. Principal and interest (March and September) are payable at the County Treasurer's office. 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 \$304, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

WARREN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Centerline), Macomb County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Irwin Koppelman, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Dec. 12 for the purchase of \$46,000 not to exceed 6% interest calamity bonds, issued in accordance with Act No. 12 passed at the extra session of the 1932 State Legislature. The bonds will be dated Jan 3 1933 and mature on Jan. 3 as follows: \$10,000 in 1935, and \$12,000 from 1936 to 1938 incl. Interest is payable semi-annually. A certified check for 2% of the bid must accompany each proposal.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Marietta), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank J. McCauley, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 22 for the purchase of \$47,000 5 1/2% poor relief bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 15 as follows: \$9,000 from 1934 to 1936 incl., and \$10,000 in 1937 and 1938. Interest is payable in June and December. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5 1/2%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$750, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, is required.

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT, Md.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$250,000 5% series AA coupon water bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 135, p. 3728—was awarded to the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., of New York, at a price of 96.527, a basis of about 5.37%. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1935 to 1937 incl.; \$10,000 in

1938 and 1939; \$15,000 from 1940 to 1948 incl., and \$20,000 from 1949 to 1952 incl.

The successful bidders are making public reoffering of the issue at prices to yield from 4.50 to 5.15%, according to maturity. The bankers state that the bonds are general obligations of the District and in addition are unconditionally guaranteed by endorsement of Montgomery and Prince George's counties. Assessed valuation of the District for 1932, as officially reported on Oct. 31 1932, stands at \$93,323,893, and the total bonded debt, including the present issue, amounts to \$9,510,900. Net bonded debt is reported at \$8,961,990 and the total assessed valuation for Montgomery and Prince George's counties at \$143,034,614. Bids received for the issues were officially given as follows:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Chase Harris Forbes Corp. (successful bidder)	96.527
Y. E. Booker & Co. and Auchincloss, Parker & Redpath, jointly	96.26
Brown Bros. Harriman & Co.	95.137
Mercantile Trust Co. and Union Trust Co. of Maryland, jointly	93.58

WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to the Town Treasurer will be received until 3:30 p. m. on Dec. 12 for the purchase at discount basis of a \$500,000 temporary loan.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Richmond), Ind.—NOTE SALE.—The issue of \$100,000 5% poor relief notes offered on Dec. 3—V. 135, p. 3392—was purchased at par and accrued interest by the Second National Bank of Richmond, the only bidder. Dated Nov. 15 1932. Due \$6,250 on May and Nov. 15 from 1934 to 1941 inclusive.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Wooster), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Elsie Williams, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 28 for the purchase of \$35,150 6% poor relief bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1932. Due March 1 as follows: \$6,250 in 1934; \$6,600 in 1935; \$7,000 in 1936; \$7,500 in 1937, and \$7,800 in 1938. Principal and semi-annual interest (March and Sept.) are payable at the County Treasurer's office. 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 3% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, is required. Unconditional bids only will be considered and the successful bidder will be furnished with the approving opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

WELLESLEY, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The issue of \$150,000 notes offered on Dec. 5—V. 135, p. 3892—was awarded to the Wellesley Trust Co. of Wellesley, at a discount basis rate of 0.67% of 1%. The loan is dated Dec. 5 1932 and due on March 30 1933. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder	Rate of Discount.
Wellesley Trust Co. (purchaser)	0.67%
Chase Harris Forbes Corp. (plus \$3 premium)	0.70%
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. (plus \$3 premium)	0.73%
Second National Bank of Boston (plus \$2 premium)	0.76%
Rutter & Co.	0.79%
Newton, Abbe & Co.	0.89%
Faxon, Gade & Co.	0.95%
F. S. Moseley & Co.	1.10%
First of Boston Corp.	1.49%
Wellesley National Bank	1.505%
Shawmut Corp. (plus \$1 premium)	0.93%

WENATCHEE RECLAMATION DISTRICT (P. O. Wenatchee), Chelan County, Wash.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on Dec. 13 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$192,500 of not to exceed 6% refunding bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,500 in 1934 and \$10,000, 1935 to 1953.

WEST BROWNSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—G. E. Wheeler, Secretary of the District, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 20 for the purchase of \$11,000 4 1/2% coupon (registerable) refunding bonds, dated Jan. 1 1933 and due on July 1 1947; optional after July 1 1933. Denom. \$1,000. Interest is payable in January and July.

WEST HAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT, New Haven County, Conn.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—Turner, Mansfield & Co. and Christianson & MacKinnon & Co., both of Hartford, jointly, made public offering on Dec. 2 of \$75,000 4 1/2% bonds at prices to yield 4.05% for the Nov. 15 1935 maturity, 1936, 4.10%, 1937 to 1939, 4.15% and 4.10% for the maturities from 1940 to 1943 inclusive. The bonds are payable at the Hartford Connecticut Trust Co. and have been approved as to legality by Robinson, Robinson & Cole. The District, which includes the entire town of West Haven, reports a grand list of \$60,926,504 and a net bonded debt in amount of \$2,537,481. Population is estimated at 26,000.

WHITTIER, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on Jan. 5 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$100,000 in relief bonds.

WICHITA COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Wichita Falls), Tex.—BOND REFUNDING REPORT.—Pursuant to the report given in V. 135, p. 3560, that the Legislature at its recent special session passed a bill authorizing the District to issue \$4,000,000 in refunding bonds, we are informed that there is no refunding plan under way at present.

WILDWOOD, Cape May County, N. J.—FURTHER INTEREST PAYMENTS DEFERRED.—The Board of City Commissioners on Nov. 22 authorized Joseph Clark, City Treasurer, to notify the Marine National Bank that further payments of interest charges will not be made on Beachfront Park bonds and temporary Beachfront Park bonds pending the outcome of litigation now in progress contesting the legality of the title to the property and the total of \$430,000 bonds outstanding, according to report. The city previously had been ordered to make payment of the interest due on these bonds.—V. 135, p. 1692.

WINDSOR, Windsor County, Vt.—BOND OFFERING.—F. B. Tracy, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Dec. 16 for the purchase of \$50,000 4 1/2% refunding bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1932. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1935 to 1945 incl., and \$3,000 in 1946 and 1947. Prin. and int. are payable at the National Shawmut Bank, of Boston. This bank will certify as to the genuineness of the bonds, and the purchaser will be furnished with the approving opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.

WINDSOR AND COLESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Windsor), Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$146,500 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 135, p. 3892—were awarded as 5.20s to the M. & T. Trust Co. of Buffalo at par plus a premium of \$352.39, equal to 100.24, a basis of about 5.18%. The bonds are dated Dec. 15 1932 and mature serially on Dec. 15 from 1933 to 1957, inclusive.

BONDS PUBLICLY REOFFERED.—The successful bidders are making public reoffering of the bonds at prices to yield 4% for the 1935 maturity, 4.05% for 1936 and 4.10% for that of 1937. Principal and interest are payable at the City Treasurer's office.

WISCONSIN, State of (P. O. Madison).—LOAN GRANTED.—The Reconstruction Finance Corporation made the following announcement on Dec. 8 of a relief loan of \$1,962,283 made on that date to this State for use in 57 communities:

"The R. F. C., upon application of the Governor of Wisconsin, made available \$1,962,283 to meet current emergency relief needs in 57 political subdivisions of that State for the remainder of the calendar year 1932. These funds are made available under Title I, Section 1, subsection (c) of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932 with the understanding that every effort must be maintained and developed in order that the various political subdivisions and the State of Wisconsin may be able to meet this emergency situation as soon as it is possible for them to do so.

"On Aug. 8 the R. F. C. made available \$3,000,000 to meet current emergency relief needs in certain areas of Wisconsin in accordance with supporting data filed at that time to cover the period Sept. 1 to Oct. 31 1932. With the exception of one of the more populous counties, the State has been able to spread those supplemental Federal funds to cover the period to Dec. 1. This was due to the fact that a number of communities took a longer time than was anticipated to develop effective organization and that banks which had previously refused to make loans to some communities, after being assured that part of the current relief

needs would be defrayed from Federal funds, adopted a more liberal policy and these communities were able to borrow additional money."

WOBURN, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN NOT SOLD.—William H. Weafer, City Treasurer, reports that no bids were received at the offering on Dec. 7 of a \$50,000 revenue anticipation loan, dated Dec. 7 1932 and maturing on March 7 1933. Denoms. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Bids were asked on a discount basis. Validity of the loan has been approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.

YAKIMA, Yakima County, Wash.—PROPOSED BOND SALE DEFEATED.—We are now informed that the proposition to offer for sale a \$40,000 issue of fire department bonds.—V. 135, p. 166—was rejected by the City Commission.

YALOBUSHA COUNTY (P. O. Water Valley), Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$4,000 issue of 5% refunding road bonds is reported to have been sold to an undisclosed purchaser. Dated June 1 1932. Legality approved by Benj. H. Charles of St. Louis.

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—TAX COLLECTIONS.—It was reported on Dec. 3 that general tax collections to that date in the second half of 1932 had reached \$2,194,668, as compared with \$2,218,709 in the first half, the aggregate of collections being short approximately 30% of the 1932 tax levy of \$6,381,367. Collections on behalf of the special assessment levy for 1932 show a delinquency of 50%, it was said. The total tax delinquency in Mahoning County (including Youngstown) has been estimated at \$7,000,000.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities

CALGARY, Alta.—COURT ASKED TO RESTRAIN PAYMENT OF MATURING BONDS IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS.—The trial division of the Alberta Supreme Court on Dec. 12 is expected to consider the petition of a group of taxpayers to restrain the city from making payment in United States dollars of bonds of the city maturing in New York City on Jan. 1 1933, according to a dispatch from Calgary to the New York "Herald Tribune" of Dec. 6, which is given herewith:

"Court action was started by Calgary's taxpayers to-day to restrain the city from paying in New York funds \$2,346,177 for bonds, due Jan. 1 in New York. It is claimed such payment with the Canadian dollar at a discount of 18%, involving a loss of \$422,311 to Calgary taxpayers, would be illegal and inequitable.

"A statement of claim on behalf of a number of the taxpayers was filed at the courthouse and served on City Solicitor L. W. Brockington. The plaintiff is Mrs. Lucille Stow, who sues in behalf of herself and other taxpayers of Calgary.

"It is expected the application will be heard by the trial division of the Alberta Supreme Court next Monday."

SUIT BLOCKED BY CITY.—A dispatch from Calgary, dated Dec. 6, stated that the city had blocked the court action through insisting "on its statutory right of 30 days' notice of legal action against the city." The dispatch reads as follows:

"Calgary City Council has blocked the court action, started by several taxpayers, to restrain the city from paying in United States money \$2,346,177 for bonds maturing Jan. 1 1933. The Council has insisted on its statutory right of 30 days' notice of legal action against the city.

"The bonds will mature in New York before the 30 days will be completed, so the city is left to make its own decision whether payment for the bonds will be in United States or Canadian dollars.

"Payment of bonds in United States money, according to the plaintiff taxpayers, would involve a loss of more than \$400,000 due to the Canadian dollar's discount of 18%.

"City Solicitor L. W. Brockington pointed out the Council's decision was made because the city might have won the case, whereas, 'we want to lose it.' If victorious, the city would be practically admitting its ability to pay in United States money, which it might be unable to do."

CARLETON PLACE, Ont.—OPTION ON BONDS GRANTED.—H. J. Leigh, Town Clerk and Treasurer, informs us that Harris, MacKeen & Co. of Toronto have taken a 15-day option on an issue of \$22,300 5% water works extension bonds at a price of 95, or an interest cost basis of about 5.41%. Bonds would mature in 20 years.

LENNOX AND ADDINGTON (United Counties of), Ont.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$105,000 5 1/2% bonds offered on Dec. 7—V. 135, p. 3892—was awarded to R. A. Daly & Co., of Toronto, at a price of 98.53, a basis of about 5.82%. Dated Dec. 15 1932. Due in from 1 to 10 years Harr's, MacKeen & Co., of Toronto, second high bidder, named a price of 98.03 for the issue.

MANIWAKI, Que.—PROPOSED BOND SALE.—P. Joanis, Secretary-Treasurer, states that arrangements are being made for the sale to the Provincial Bank of Canada, at a price of 96.50, of the issue of \$40,000 6% water works bonds offered on July 25, at which time no bids were received.—V. 135, p. 850. The issue is dated Aug. 1 1932 and the maturity has been reduced from 40 years to 25 years.

QUEBEC (Province of)—MUNICIPALITIES IN DEFAULT.—Oscar Morin, Chairman of the Quebec Municipal Commission, recently made public the following complete list of the municipalities and school commission in the Province that are at present in default on their principal and interest bond requirements, according to the Dec. 2 issue of the "Money Times" of Toronto:

- Municipal Corporation, Town of St. Joseph d'Alma.
- Municipal Corporation, Parish of St. Henri de Tallon.
- Municipal Corporation, Town of Bagotville.
- Corporation scolaire, Town of Bagotville.
- Corporation scolaire, Town of Sainte Anne.
- Municipal Corporation, Township of Tache, Chicoutimi Co.
- Municipal Corporation, Parish of St. Honore.
- Corporation scolaire, City of Chicoutimi.
- Municipal Corporation, Village of Saint Simeon.
- Corporation scolaire, Village of Saint Simeon.
- Corporation scolaire d'Escoumains, Co. Saguenay.
- Municipal Corporation, Parish Sainte-Camille-de-Lellis, Co. Bellechasse.
- Corporation scolaire, Sainte Camille.
- Municipal Corporation, Town of Black Lake, Co. Megantic.
- Municipal Corporation, Town of Greenfield Park, Co. Chambly.
- Corporation scolaire catholique de Saint Remi d'Amherst, Co. Papineau.
- Municipal Corporation du Canton d'Amherst, Co. Papineau.
- Municipal Corporation of the Village of Macamic, Co. of Abitibi.
- Municipal Corporation of the Township of Begin, Co. of Chicoutimi.
- School Corporation of the Township of Tache, Co. of Chicoutimi.
- School Corporation of St. Coeur-de-Marie, Co. Lake St. John East.
- Village de St. Jerome (Lac St. Jean).
- Municipalite St. Fulgence (Chicoutimi).
- Canton Bourget (Chicoutimi).

TORONTO, Ont.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The city council has approved of a number of by-laws providing for \$1,274,000 public improvement bonds.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED BOND ISSUES.—The \$440,000 bonds to be submitted for consideration of the voters at an election on Dec. 14—V. 135, p. 3728—are officially described as follows:

Purpose—	Amount.	Term of Int.			Total.
		Yrs.	Rate.	Fixed Charges—	
Roads, sidewalks streets & lanes	\$75,000.00	15	5%	\$3,745.58	\$3,750.00
Sewers & sewer connections	125,000.00	40	5%	1,315.44	6,250.00
Water works	100,000.00	40	5%	1,052.35	5,000.00
First Avenue Bridge	140,000.00	40	5%	1,473.29	7,000.00
	\$440,000.00			\$7,586.66	\$22,000.00
					\$29,586.66

WINDSOR, Ont.—COMMITTEE NAMED TO SUPERVISE FINANCES.—The following are the members of the committee that has been formed by the Ontario Municipal Board to supervise the financial activities of the municipal government, as a result of the recent admission by city officials that funds are not available with which to meet maturing obligations.—V. 135, p. 3728: Magistrate D. M. Brodie, Windsor (Chairman); Thomas Bradshaw, Toronto; Chester McDiarmid, Windsor; Donald McGregor, Windsor, and Archibald McPherson, London, Ont.