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The Financial Situation

THE news the present week regarding the Monetary and Economic Conference at London has continued conflicting and confusing, but has distinctly conveyed the impression that the American delegates are playing with fire. The value of the American dollar, as expressed in the terms of British, French and other European currencies, has been depreciating in a perfectly startling way, and in such a panicky fashion that under ordinary circumstances there could be no escape from the conclusion that a serious catastrophe must be impending. Yet the American delegates have acted as if this were no concern of theirs. They all showed a great propensity to air their views regarding this pet project or that, but as for dealing with the violent fluctuations in foreign exchange, that was clearly out of their line. No one appeared to recognize that under such a disruption of the foreign exchanges, the whole world may become engulfed in disaster, the United States with the rest.

On Wednesday the foreign value of the American dollar was down to 76½c. as against the 100c. which was its customary value before the Administration at Washington deliberately chose to take this country off the gold standard and to invite the very depreciation of the American unit that is now proceeding in such an astounding fashion. With the dollar worth nearly 25% less than its real intrinsic value only a few short months ago, the longings of the most ardent advocate of a debased and impaired unit ought to be satisfied. But among disinterested outside observers, there is grave questioning as to whether the decline in the dollar so earnestly sought by the advocates of a debased dollar may not be proceeding too fast. What is feared is that in the precipitate downward plunge of the dollar the movement for general depreciation may get out of hand, no matter what the complacency of the American delegates, with the result that a financial debacle may be in store. The pound sterling on Wednesday got as high as \$4.43⅛, and the French franc sold above five cents, though the par of the franc is 3.91¾c.

The deepest kind of friction has developed between France and the other countries of the so-called gold bloc, namely, Holland, Switzerland, Belgium and Italy, on the one side, and the United States on the other side, with the position of Great Britain uncertain, and the British authorities not altogether clear as to what would be the best course to pursue in the circumstances. The French want stabilization of the different currency units to precede everything else. The American Government wants the whole

question kept open. The British Government appears to side with the French, but apparently does not want to take a position antagonistic to that of the United States. Reports on Wednesday were that France and the other gold bloc countries had adopted a defiant attitude, feeling that in the present uncertain situation, with the American dollar declining so rapidly the position of the gold bloc countries was becoming very insecure, and that hence these gold standard countries might be forced off the gold basis. Accordingly, that they contemplated giving notice that unless some tentative scheme for stabilization was quickly agreed upon, so as to remove the menace in that respect which threatened, they would be obliged to ask for the termination of the Conference or withdraw from it altogether. This would obviously be most unfortunate, even though the American delegates have maintained their attitude of indifference, and efforts since then have been directed to prevent such an outcome, with yesterday's advices saying that President Roosevelt had yielded to the extent of agreeing to a proposition for letting the central banks undertake to hold the violent fluctuations under curb, and especially to suppress speculative attacks. It is explained that the purpose is simply to steady the exchanges, and that the program does not imply stabilization or pegging of the dollar at any level with relation to other currencies.

The spectacle is not an edifying one. Whether so intended or not, we have placed these gold bloc countries in a very ticklish position. If they think that their best interests are to be advanced by remaining on a gold basis, they ought to be allowed to act accordingly, and we ought not by our action directly or indirectly to endeavor to thwart them in their purpose. Whatever else we do our efforts ought to be constructive, and we ought not to engage in the task of forcing our views upon them. As things are now, our moves appear to be destructive, rather than constructive, and to promote bitterness and resentment where there ought to be amicable co-operation for the good of all. We can conceive of nothing more contemptible than attempts to force the gold bloc countries off the gold basis simply because we have chosen to pursue that course ourselves.

In the meantime evidence is accumulating that in calling the Conference the United States has been proceeding without preparation, and testimony to that effect is coming from unexpected quarters. As one instance, Walter Lippmann, who has always been held in high esteem by the Administration at

Washington, and whose views in the past have often been strongly commended by Mr. Roosevelt himself, expressed himself very strongly on that point in his daily article in the New York "Herald Tribune" on Wednesday morning. The article was written from London, whither Mr. Lippmann has gone for a close-range study of the convention. In the article referred to Mr. Lippmann gave expression to the following remarkable utterances—remarkable considering their source:

"Although it has been demonstrated again and again that large international conferences can do little more than register and celebrate agreements arrived at privately before they meet, the London Conference has been assembled without agreements made in advance. There were, to be sure, many conversations with many missions during the spring. But they appear either to have produced no understanding on the crucial issues, or, as in the case of the conversations with the French, downright misunderstandings. That being the case, the governments are very much to blame for bringing the Conference together at this time. There is not a man of any experience in any country who does not know that unless the preliminary preparation is well done, a great conference is a blaze of publicity attended by hundreds of aimless delegates, and experts can add only to the international confusion.

"Apart, therefore, from more or less abstract discussions and a certain amount of exploratory research, this Conference must wait while Great Britain, France and the United States try to work out the understandings they should have reached before they brought 67 delegations to London. If there were not involved all sorts of points of prestige, if in matters of this sort men could be honestly practical, the Conference would take a recess while the British, the French, and the Americans conferred privately. Since it is probably impossible to be as sensible as that, what we shall see, I suppose, in the next two weeks is the attempt to carry on these neglected but indispensable negotiations while the whole world is looking in at the window. This means that there will be little real privacy, and without privacy negotiations soon become declamatory and an obstinate insistence on popular formulae.

"Nevertheless, it is precisely such a private negotiation in the midst of intense publicity that has now to be attempted—atempted, that is to say, if anything whatever is to do done."

It will be observed that Mr. Lippmann does not hesitate to say that it was a mistake to bring the Conference together at this time. His criticism is based on the lack of understanding beforehand between the different countries on the main points that were to come up for discussion and consideration. As a result, "this Conference must wait while Great Britain, France, and the United States try to work out the understandings they should have reached before they brought 67 delegations to London." Mr. Lippmann also says, without reservation, that "If in matters of this sort men could be honestly practical, the Conference would take a recess while the British, the French, and the Americans conferred privately."

There is more than a substratum of truth in what Mr. Lippmann here says. As a matter of fact, the argument in support of the statement might be extended and enlarged. The simple truth is we have undertaken to do altogether too much, and there can be no doubt that we are now finding the undertaking too big and too onerous. Take the matter of rehabilitating silver, to which we have referred sev-

eral times recently. The Administration has gone to extremes in this, as in so many other instances. If the United States had confined itself simply to seeing if some larger use for silver could not be found we might have accomplished something along that line. Instead of that, so determined was our Government to revolutionize things and restore to silver the privileges and functions of which it was deprived as a matter of necessity half a century ago, that the law for fixing the relationship between the two metals actually provides that after fixing such relationship there shall be unlimited coinage of silver in this country. How can stabilization be effected where a requirement of that kind exists? Obviously under "unlimited" coinage, silver would flow here from all parts of the world, and the extent of the depreciation of the dollar would depend entirely upon the ruling price of silver in the markets of the world. The fear of the gold bloc countries undoubtedly is that the depreciation of the American dollar would proceed to great lengths, and it is this that makes them so determined to hold fast to the gold standard, and, as already said, the United States should not stand in their way of so doing.

IN THE meantime we are getting a taste in this country of what is involved in the different schemes for raising commodity prices, and what the cost of these schemes is likely to be to the consuming public. The reader is aware that raising commodity and security prices through degrading and debasing the dollar is only one of the means devised to that end. Through the Agricultural Adjustment Act, farm prices of leading commodities are to be placed on a permanently higher basis, and through the National Industrial Recovery Act industrial products are all to be raised to higher levels. On Tuesday, June 27, notwithstanding grain prices in the markets of the world were soaring because of the poor outlook for wheat in the United States and Canada, and some of the future options for wheat in Chicago touched \$1 a bushel and even higher, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration at Washington announced its decision to apply a processing tax of 30c. a bushels on wheat milling, effective July 9. The Acting Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Tugwell, made the announcement with the approval of President Roosevelt. The result is that beginning with July 9 bakers will be obliged to pay \$1.38 more for a barrel of flour, and the consumer, it is estimated, will pay a half a cent a loaf more for his bread. Let the reader ponder well what a tax of 30c. a bushel, or \$1.38 for a barrel of flour means. The farmer as a favored class is to get better prices for his products, but this is to be at the expense of the consuming classes, and the processing tax of \$1.38 for a barrel of flour is certainly not a light burden. Of course the theory is that the consuming classes also in all lines of activity are likewise to get higher prices, but where does the advantage from a larger income come in if the outgo is also to be larger; that is, if the consumer is obliged to pay correspondingly higher prices for everything he needs and consumes? Are we not all fooling ourselves when we entertain the notion that we are better off when we get better pay but have to use up the additional pay in providing for the things we need?

In the present instance it would have been perfectly logical if application of the processing tax had

been delayed for another year. The price of wheat has recently shown great appreciation, and the past week it has been advancing by leaps and bounds. And there appears to be a genuine basis for higher prices in the probabilities of a heavily reduced crop of wheat both in the United States and Canada. The winter wheat crop in the United States the present season will undoubtedly be the smallest for a generation. The Agricultural Bureau at Washington, in its May estimate, put the country's winter wheat crop of the United States for the current year at only 337,485,000 bushels, as against 462,151,000 bushels harvested in 1932 and 787,465,000 bushels harvested in 1931. The spring wheat crop in the United States is of much smaller dimension, but apparently is now also to be heavily reduced, owing to the extremely hot and dry weather of the last two or three weeks. Last year's spring wheat yield in the United States was 264,680,000 bushels.

As it happens, the adverse weather conditions in this country are paralleled by equally unfavorable conditions in the Northwestern Provinces of Canada, and the Canadian wheat crop last year aggregated 428,514,000 bushels. It is easy to see that with destructive weather on both the Canadian side and the American side the shortage in the two countries combined may reach a large aggregate, and when joined to the reduction in the winter wheat yield in the United States reach formidable proportions. Of course accumulated stocks of wheat are large, but a shortage of the dimension of that now foreshadowed could not fail to make a serious inroad on these accumulated supplies. In such a state of things there is a legitimate basis for higher prices on which the farmer can depend as an enduring feature. On the other hand, the processing tax is simply an artificial prop, which may or may not accomplish the object sought, inasmuch as it remains to be determined whether the cutting down of next season's acreage in wheat will actually be brought about as a result of the aid now extended to wheat raisers. The same remark might be made with reference to the efforts at the London Monetary and Economic Conference to get the different producing countries of the world to agree to produce less wheat the coming season. The effort might well be abandoned for the time being, since nature has now come to the rescue, as it nearly always does when artificial devices are not allowed to interfere.

The great rise in grain prices which has recently occurred is going to rebound to the advantage of the farming classes, entirely regardless of the aid to be extended through the processing tax. Of course, in those regions where the 1933 crop has been, or is to be, a complete failure, no benefit from the rise can be counted upon, since the wheat farmer will have no wheat to market. But there are many sections of the country where the left-over supplies not only of wheat but of corn and other grains (the prices of which latter have also risen very decidedly) are large, and in such cases the farmers certainly stand to benefit. We notice that a Chicago dispatch, June 27, to the New York "Times" states that statisticians estimate that the advance in commodity prices since the bank moratorium in March has added \$250,000,000 to the value of wheat still held on the farm, \$300,000,000 to corn, \$135,000,000 to oats, and \$60,000,000 to rye and barley—increasing the buying power of farmers to that extent.

There is not likely to be any objection to advances in grain prices or other farming products brought about through legitimate causes. On the other hand, the public will certainly not view with equal equanimity advances in prices having as their only foundation the provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act. There the industrial leaders, under the auspices of the Government, are all engaged in arranging new price schedules which shall assure much higher prices than those which have recently prevailed. The hours of labor are to be reduced and wages increased, and compensation is to be allowed in higher price schedules. How high these new price schedules are to be carried remains to be seen, but the Government representatives mean to see to it that an ample margin of advance is allowed for the purpose. As one illustration, the newspapers tell us that an advance of about 10% in the price of sulphite pulp used in the manufacture of paper has been made in the last 10 days. This became known, it is stated, at a meeting of a committee of the American Paper & Pulp Association to draw up that industry's code under the National Industrial Recovery Act.

With the advances made by importers in sulphite pulp prices sharp increases in the price of rags and old papers have been registered, it is stated. In the case of old papers the increase was from \$6 to \$14 a ton, or 130%. The advance in sulphite prices has carried up also the prices of writing paper, wrapping paper and paper bags, and, of course, as is always the case, the manufacturer sees to it that the advance in the finished product is more than sufficient to cover the increase in the price of the raw material. A subscriber writes to us complaining as to how this scheme of higher prices has worked out in his case. On May 29 he bought medium grade enamel paper and paid 7¼c. per pound for it. On June 26 he gave a similar order and had to pay 10½c. per pound for the same grade of paper.

THE Federal Reserve banks keep adding to their holdings of United States securities. For the week ending Wednesday, June 28, the further acquisition has been \$20,538,000. But the result has been the same as in the case of all other recent weeks, and the further additions to the holdings of United States securities has not served to enlarge the volume of Reserve credit outstanding. The explanation is found in the fact that with the proceeds paid out by the Reserve banks in acquiring the new holdings of United States securities the member banks have acquired funds with which to pay off their indebtedness at the Reserve institutions. Member bank borrowing is reflected in the discount holdings of the 12 Reserve banks, and these discount holdings during the week were reduced from \$222,056,000 June 21 to \$190,981,000 June 28, a contraction of \$31,075,000. This more than offset the expansion through new purchases of United States securities, and the result is that the total of the bill and security holdings, which constitutes a measure of the volume of Reserve credit outstanding, was reduced during the week from \$2,188,480,000 to \$2,177,227,000.

There was also a further reduction in the amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation, the total of which has fallen from \$3,090,286,000 to \$3,061,324,000. On the other hand, as a partial offset, the

amount of Federal Reserve *bank* notes increased from \$117,774,000 to \$120,081,000. This last continues to be a growing item, and no cash reserves are required against the same. Gold holdings further increased during the week from \$3,533,208,000 to \$3,543,765,000. With gold reserves larger and liability on account of Federal Reserve notes smaller, the Reserve ratio slightly further increased, notwithstanding the liability on deposit accounts increased from \$2,486,760,000 to \$2,509,783,000. The largest item in the deposits is the member bank reserve account, which has run up from \$2,205,302,000 to \$2,286,207,000. The ratio of the total gold reserves and other cash to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined stands at 68.8% this week against 68.5% last week. The amount of United States securities held as part collateral for Federal Reserve notes decreased during the week from \$504,200,000 to \$441,200,000.

THE stock market this week took a further sharp spurt upward. The controlling factors in this new rise in prices were the same as in previous weeks, namely, the continued revival of trade and industry, sensational rises in commodity prices, more especially wheat and cotton, and the continued depreciation of the American dollar as expressed in terms of foreign currency units. The rise in wheat on Monday and Tuesday was of sensational proportions, amounting to 6 to 7c. a day with speculation on the Chicago Board of Trade of huge dimension and with public participation on a scale not witnessed for a long time. The advance in wheat and other grains was based entirely on poor crop news regarding spring wheat conditions in the American Northwest and with similarly bad accounts regarding the growing crop in Western Provinces of Canada. The speculative furor was of course accentuated by the prodigious further rise in the foreign exchanges. The September option for wheat in Chicago sold up 98 $\frac{7}{8}$ c. on Tuesday and the December option sold above a dollar a bushel, touching \$1.01 $\frac{7}{8}$. On Wednesday sharp downward reactions occurred with further reactions on Thursday. The foreign exchanges continued to advance in equally sensational fashion, cable transfers on London touching \$4.24 $\frac{3}{8}$ on Monday, \$4.30 $\frac{5}{8}$ on Tuesday and \$4.43 $\frac{1}{8}$ on Wednesday. The French franc on cable transfers on Wednesday ruled as high as 5.13 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. On Friday the foreign exchanges turned sharply downward and commodity prices also moved lower. Following the rise early in the week, the stock market showed some shading down in the general list, but with many specialties touching new high figures for the year. The bond market continued to manifest strength throughout and many of the low-priced specialties moved sharply upward, especially in the case of the railroad issues. The rail list derived stimulus from the numerous returns of earnings which came in for the month of May and which in many instances showed very noteworthy increases as compared with the previous year in the case of the net earnings, even when there was no improvement in the gross results. At the same time car loadings for the current month of June in most instances ran well in excess of the corresponding period in the previous year, indicating that very favorable returns of earnings could be looked for, for the month of June. It was evident that as far as the roads are concerned they had now turned the corner for good.

Industrial securities, both stocks and bonds, were helped along by the knowledge that under the Industrial Recovery Act, much higher levels of prices were being devised under Government auspices. There were many signs to indicate that industrial activity in various different lines was running on a much larger scale than in the corresponding period of the previous year. As one instance, the production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended Saturday, June 24 was reported at 1,598,136,000 kilowatt hours as against 1,440,541,000 kilowatt hours in the same week of 1932 the increase being almost 11%. The steel mills of the country also showed a further growth in activity they being now engaged (according to the "Iron Age") at 53% of ingot capacity as against 50% last week and only 15% at the beginning of April. At the same time the "Age" reported, that "the expansion in production had been closely paralleled by a comparable growth of consumption, especially on the part of automobile makers and other industries making consumer goods." The "Age" added, "it has been largely from tin-plate, bars, sheets, strip and other light rolled products that the steel industry has obtained the tonnage which has made heavier operations possible.

"While commodity prices as also foreign exchange rates weakened towards the close of the week, rates closed substantially above those which ruled a week ago. Thus the July option for wheat in Chicago closed yesterday at 90 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. against 80 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. on Friday of last week. July corn in Chicago closed yesterday at 52 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. against 48 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. on Friday of last week. Spot cotton at New York 10.45c. on Monday, with the close yesterday at 10.15c. against 9.50c. on Friday of last week. The spot price for rubber in New York closed yesterday at 6.32c. against 6.12c. on Friday of last week. Silver again fluctuated within narrow limits and the London price yesterday was 18 $\frac{5}{8}$ pence per ounce, against 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ pence on Friday of last week. As to the rise in the foreign exchanges with the downward reaction on Thursday and Friday, cable transfers on London closed yesterday at \$4.27 $\frac{7}{8}$ against \$4.22 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week. Cable transfers on Paris which as already remarked sold up to 5.13 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. on Wednesday closed yesterday at 4.94 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. against 4.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. on Friday of last week. In order to take care of the 5% Federal tax on dividends, a few companies this week announced slightly higher payments. Among these were the Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co., which increased its dividend to 80c. a share as compared with 75c. a share previously, and the Plymouth Cordage Co. to \$1.80 a share as against \$1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ a share three months ago. The Harbison-Walker Refractories Co. on June 30, resumed the quarterly dividend of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % on its 6% cum. pref. stock. The last regular quarterly payment of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % on this issue was made on Oct. 20 1932. Of the stock dealt in on the New York Stock Exchange 331 touched new high levels for the year during the week and 1 stock dipped to a new low level. On the New York Curb Exchange the record is 154 new highs for the year and 3 new lows. The call loan rate on the Stock Exchange again ruled unchanged all week at 1%.

Trading has again been quite large. On the New York Stock Exchange the sales at the half-day session on Saturday last were 1,696,390 shares; on Monday, 4,528,029 shares; on Tuesday, 5,642,695 shares; on Wednesday, 5,506,841 shares; on Thurs-

day, 4,593,510 shares, and on Friday, 3,673,920 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 295,750 shares; on Monday, 661,273 shares; on Tuesday, 893,799 shares; on Wednesday, 907,445 shares; on Thursday, 582,115 shares, and on Friday, 514,866 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week prices are higher in the case of many specialties, but otherwise irregularly changed. General Electric closed yesterday at 24 ex-div. against 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; North American at 32 against 32 $\frac{1}{4}$; Standard Gas & Elec. at 18 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 19; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 57 against 58 $\frac{3}{8}$; Pacific Gas & Electric at 28 $\frac{1}{4}$ ex-div. against 29; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 24 $\frac{1}{2}$; Electric Power & Light at 12 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 12 $\frac{3}{4}$; Public Service of N. J. at 52 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 53; International Harvester at 40 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 39 $\frac{1}{8}$; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 85; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 39 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 34 $\frac{7}{8}$; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 23 $\frac{1}{2}$; Woolworth at 46 against 44 $\frac{1}{4}$; Safeway Stores at 55 against 53 $\frac{1}{2}$; Western Union Telegraph at 55 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 55 $\frac{1}{4}$; American Tel. & Tel. at 127 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 127 $\frac{1}{2}$; Brooklyn Union Gas at 81 against 81; American Can at 90 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 91 $\frac{1}{2}$; Commercial Solvents at 29 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 22 $\frac{1}{2}$; Shattuck & Co. at 11 against 11 $\frac{5}{8}$, and Corn Products at 79 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 76.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 115 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 115 $\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Associated Dry Goods at 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 14 $\frac{3}{4}$; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 78 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 76 $\frac{3}{4}$; National Cash Register "A" at 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 18 $\frac{1}{2}$; International Nickel at 18 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 17 $\frac{1}{2}$; Timken Roller Bearing at 31 against 29 $\frac{1}{4}$; Johns-Manville at 51 against 52; Gillette Safety Razor at 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 14 $\frac{5}{8}$; National Dairy Products at 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 21 $\frac{3}{4}$; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 30; American & Foreign Power at 16 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 16 $\frac{1}{4}$; Freeport-Texas at 36 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 36 $\frac{1}{4}$; United Gas Improvement at 22 against 21 $\frac{1}{2}$; National Biscuit at 57 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 55 $\frac{3}{8}$; Coca-Cola at 95 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 92 $\frac{1}{2}$; Continental Can at 61 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 60 $\frac{1}{4}$; Eastman Kodak at 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 79; Gold Dust Corp. at 23 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 22 $\frac{3}{4}$; Standard Brands at 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 19 $\frac{3}{4}$; Paramount Publix Corp. cdfs. at 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 1 $\frac{3}{8}$; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at 46 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 45 $\frac{1}{2}$; Drug, Inc., at 60 against 53 $\frac{7}{8}$; Columbian Carbon at 62 against 58 $\frac{3}{4}$; Reynolds Tobacco class B at 45 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 45; Lorillard at 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 22 $\frac{5}{8}$; Liggett & Myers class B at 93 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 93, and Yellow Truck & Coach at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 6.

Stocks closely akin to the brewing industry showed large gains over Friday a week ago. Canada Dry closed yesterday at 25 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 18 $\frac{3}{4}$; Crown Cork & Seal at 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 51; Liquid Carbonic at 38 against 32; Mengel Co. at 11 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 8 $\frac{7}{8}$; National Distillers at 97 against 77 $\frac{1}{2}$; Owens Glass at 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 75 $\frac{1}{8}$, and U. S. Industrial Alcohol at 60 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 51 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The steel stocks continued to rule firm. United States Steel closed yesterday at 58 against 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; United States Steel preferred at 97 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 94 $\frac{1}{4}$; Bethlehem Steel at 41 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 37 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Vanadium at 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 24 $\frac{5}{8}$. In the auto group, Auburn Auto closed yesterday at 63 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 63 on Friday of last week; General Motors at 29 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 28 $\frac{1}{2}$; Chrysler at 35 against 34 $\frac{1}{4}$; Nash Motors at 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 20 $\frac{3}{4}$; Packard Motors at 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 5 $\frac{5}{8}$; Hupp Motors at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 6 $\frac{1}{8}$, and Hudson Motor Car at 11 $\frac{3}{8}$ against

11 $\frac{1}{2}$. In the rubber group, Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 36 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 15 $\frac{3}{4}$, and United States Rubber at 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 14.

The railroad shares have continued strong as a rule. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 32 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 28 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 66; Atlantic Coast Line at 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 44; Chicago Rock Island & Pacific at 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 4 $\frac{7}{8}$; New York Central at 43 against 39 $\frac{1}{8}$; Baltimore & Ohio at 27 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 22 $\frac{1}{2}$; New Haven at 29 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 25 $\frac{1}{4}$; Union Pacific at 117 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 114 $\frac{1}{4}$; Missouri Pacific at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 5 $\frac{1}{8}$; Southern Pacific at 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 28; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 14 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 14 $\frac{1}{4}$; Southern Railway at 25 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 23; Chesapeake & Ohio at 41 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 41 $\frac{1}{4}$; Northern Pacific at 24 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 24, and Great Northern at 25 against 23 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The oil stocks have ruled firm on the good outlook for the oil trade. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 38 on Friday of last week; Standard Oil of Calif. at 36 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 35 $\frac{1}{4}$; Atlantic Refining at 28 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 28 $\frac{1}{8}$, and Texas Gulf Sulphur at 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 30. In the copper group, Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 16 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 16 $\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 19; American Smelting & Refining at 34 against 32 $\frac{7}{8}$; Phelps-Dodge at 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 13 $\frac{1}{8}$; Cerro de Pasco Copper at 24 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 24, and Calumet & Hecla at 7 against 7.

PPRICE trends on stock exchanges in the leading European financial centers were generally favorable in the early sessions of the current week, but in the mid-week session a period of uncertainty began. The movements at London, Paris and Berlin were dominated largely by the developments at the London Monetary and Economic Conference with regard to currency stabilization and by the sharp daily fluctuations in the United States dollar on foreign exchange markets. Securities were in good demand on all the European markets, while reports of the London Conference sessions were relatively optimistic, but when a further stabilization crisis began on Wednesday the markets were affected adversely. Industrial and trade indices of the foremost countries of Europe continue to register a measure of improvement, but this factor is currently of little importance in the stock markets compared to the momentous currency developments at London. The opinion is said to be gaining ground in Europe, however, that the bottom of the depression at length has been reached and passed, and a continued improvement in business is looked for unless new political disturbances arise.

The London Stock Exchange was cheerful and fairly active in the initial session of the week. British funds were a shade easier, but all other sections enjoyed an advance in quotations. Industrial stocks were buoyant and home rails also moved higher. The international list improved as a result of favorable advices from New York over the last week-end. A further strong and active session developed at London, Tuesday, with good overnight reports from New York furnishing part of the stimulus. British funds remained quiet, but industrial shares advanced briskly. Securities more directly affected by the commodity price advances were in best demand, while stocks of distilling companies advanced sensationally. Wednesday's deal-

ings were marked by hesitation in several groups of securities. British funds were unchanged, but in the industrial section some profit-taking developed while additional selling was occasioned by uneasiness regarding the London Conference negotiations. Distilling stocks remained good, however, and new support was noted also in some tobacco and textile shares. International stocks receded owing to the sharp adverse movement of the dollar. Irregular conditions again prevailed Thursday, because of the feverish foreign exchange market. British funds drifted slightly lower, and recessions appeared also in the international group of securities. Home industrial stocks were good, however, as fears of inflation caused steady buying. In quiet dealings yesterday, British funds improved, but recessions appeared in all other sections of the list.

The Paris Bourse displayed a firm tendency in the opening session of the week, with trading on a substantial scale. Initial gains were fairly large in the more prominent stocks, but a reaction toward the close wiped out part of the advances. Announcement by the Bank of France of an unchanged semi-annual dividend of 100 francs a share caused optimism. The market Tuesday was dominated mainly by inflation ideas. Fixed income securities were neglected, but stocks advanced sharply owing to the growing belief that the gold standard countries may find it necessary to abandon the metallic base. Wednesday's dealings started along much the same lines and further sharp gains appeared in most stocks, but the gains were lost in a final reaction, and at the close changes were nominal. Bonds dropped slowly, but steadily, throughout the session. Irregular tendencies were noted in Thursday's trading on the Bourse. Stocks were in demand for a time, but profit-taking at the higher levels brought quotations back again to where they started. Rentes and other fixed-interest obligations were heavy. Prices moved downward as a whole, yesterday, in a very quiet session.

The Berlin Boerse moved alternately downward and upward in the first dealings of the week, but the buying was more pronounced than selling, and some good gains were registered. Shares of companies likely to benefit from the Government construction program were in greatest request. Bonds receded because of the prevailing fears of inflation. Further advances in equities resulted, Tuesday, from favorable advices from New York and London. Political news was disregarded for the time being, and a buying wave swept prominent stocks substantially higher. Foreign investment buying with blocked mark funds was believed to be a factor. After a firm opening, Wednesday, prices declined at Berlin, partly because of an announcement that the city of Leubeck would redeem only 20% of its Treasury bills due July 1. The early gains were canceled and most securities showed net losses for the session. Uncertainty prevailed, Thursday, with regard to the London Conference, and prices moved rapidly upward and downward, with net changes at the end quite unimportant. Bonds were persistently weak. The trend yesterday on the Boerse was toward lower levels.

IN THIS third week of its existence, the World Monetary and Economic Conference at London was dominated almost entirely by the conflict on monetary stabilization between the gold standard

countries of Europe and those which are off the gold standard, the leadership of the latter group being thrust upon the Americans. Although the precise statements on stabilization policy by American representatives last week cleared up the initial confusion of the Conference on this broad and compelling subject, efforts to persuade Great Britain and the United States to agree to prompt de facto stabilization were continued relentlessly by France, Belgium, Holland and Switzerland. The gold standard group was augmented by Italy, Wednesday, and the efforts redoubled. There were again rumors from time to time that the Conference was about to fail because of the dissension on this matter, but soon after the mid-week session the hope developed that a way out of this dilemma may be found through an agreement by Great Britain, the United States and other important countries off the gold standard to control the wilder fluctuations of their monetary units and maintain them at some more or less definite relation to each other and to gold, while still retaining freedom of action with regard to eventual levels of de jure stabilization.

Arrangements for temporary "stabilization" of the pound sterling and the United States dollar, in the sense that wide fluctuations due to speculative influences will be prevented, were virtually completed in London yesterday, subject to the approval of President Roosevelt. Representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Holland, Switzerland, Belgium, Germany and Poland joined in the discussions. The proposal is said to call for action by the central banks and banks of issue of the various countries, with the aim solely of preventing excessive fluctuations in currency units, such as have marked the current week. It will be specifically indicated, dispatches state, that the agreement does not imply de facto or de jure stabilization by the several governments, and President Roosevelt thus will be unhampered in carrying out his domestic policies. In London it was learned authoritatively, a dispatch to the United Press said, that President Roosevelt was not prepared to agree even to temporary stabilization, and would decline to enter any agreement that might prevent him from exercising his power to decrease the gold content of the dollar. In reports from Campobello Island, New Brunswick, where the President sojourned yesterday on a brief holiday, it was stated that Mr. Roosevelt would have no objection to control of speculative fluctuations of the dollar by banks of issue. Although no official statement was issued by the President up to a late hour, it was considered assured that American financial representatives in London would be authorized to enter the proposed agreement. Administration officials in Washington studied the proposal carefully yesterday, dispatches from the capital stated, and all information was transmitted both to President Roosevelt and to Secretary of the Treasury Woodin, at the latter's home in New York.

While this debate was in progress, special subcommittees of the Conference settled down to work on some of the numberless other problems of a monetary and economic nature facing this sorely beset world. Monetary matters were discussed by the general committee named to consider them and by the several subcommittees designated to consider special phases. A good deal of attention was given the peculiar proposal by Senator Key Pittman for

withdrawal of gold coins from circulation, reduction of the metallic currency base to 25% by central banks and banks of issue, and possible use of silver as part of the monetary base. In the general Economic Committee and its subdivisions tariff policy received most attention, but there was also much discussion of accords on curtailment of wheat and sugar production by the leading producing countries. It was noted, moreover, that some questions of special interest to a few countries were discussed at meetings elsewhere in London, advantage being taken of the presence in the British capital of delegates from every important country on the globe. Foremost among such extraneous meetings were several between British and Russian officials, at which arrangements for ending the mutual embargoes of the two countries on the products of the other were considered.

Serious efforts were made late last week to bridge the differences on stabilization and provide a smoother path for the gathering, and for a time these were successful. Ramsay MacDonald, as President of the Conference, admitted that there had been a "little setback" because of this question, but he asserted somewhat euphemistically that lack of stabilization would not block the progress of the meeting on other important problems. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, as the leader of the United States delegation, made a brief statement to newspaper correspondents last Saturday in which he maintained that the American program for business revival is not irreconcilable with international co-operation. "It is, I think, obvious that in times of emergency such as this each country must resort to whatever reasonable methods are requisite to bring about an increase in commodity prices, with accompanying projects safeguarding that country in the face of the general chaos in international trade," the Secretary said. "There is no reason that I can conceive why these restrictive programs, having for their purpose business recovery with full employment, suitable wages and satisfactory price levels, should not have the united support of all those who are sincerely striving for the international economic co-operation so indispensable to permanent recovery."

The efforts to remove the stabilization problem from the center of the stage at London were not successful, but they did mollify the delegations from the gold standard group of countries momentarily and the atmosphere of the gathering improved measurably. For a time, early this week, more emphasis was placed on the other work of the general commissions and their subcommittees, but behind the scenes the stabilization struggle continued. The French were reported by the Associated Press, Monday, as bringing great pressure to bear on Great Britain to "hitch the pound sterling to the franc, in an effort to form a stabilized currency bloc with the dollar excluded." The attitude of the gold standard countries was expressed by President Bachman, of the Swiss National Bank, who made the sound observation that "monetary tampering is just a palliative which brings a lower standard of life and a general loss of savings." The choice of the British leaders on this question of stabilization, or continued fluctuations in currency, was not made known. Indeed, it may be assumed that no definite decision was made at the time between following the gold bloc or the United States, despite indications

that some prominent British and Dominion statesmen favored a policy of stabilization. Stanley Baldwin, leader of the Conservatives and a prominent member of the British Cabinet, declared in a speech at Glasgow, Sunday, that international measures for currency stabilization are necessary for a revival of trade and the success of the London Conference. Prime Minister R. B. Bennett of Canada asserted in London the same day that stabilization must be agreed upon by the nations in order to speed recovery. Notwithstanding such comments, it was generally understood in London early this week that the French had been unsuccessful in their efforts to obtain British support for prompt action on stabilization of all currencies.

WHEN the formal sessions of the Conference were resumed, Monday, important statements covering the American position on general policies were made by Senator James Couzens and Secretary of State Cordell Hull. Mr. Couzens spoke at length on the resolution introduced by him last week which aims at an increase in price levels through concerted international action for a wider use of credit to be made available by central banks. As an aid to this ambitious program, Mr. Couzens recommended a synchronized program of governmental expenditures. In a statement to the committee considering his resolution, the Senator indicated that he did not believe prices could be raised by monetary means alone. There is also the necessity of adjusting the debt structure, he stated. He emphasized especially the need for organizing creditors throughout the world and establishing some form of permanent body to act in an advisory capacity between organized creditors and organized debtors, to study by what means the necessary adjustments can be brought about with a minimum of delay and injustice. Secretary Hull reiterated the view that a program of lowering tariff barriers and increasing prices is not necessarily dependent upon preliminary currency stabilization.

Speedy progress was made by the Monetary Commission's subcommittees in their consideration of the several aspects of the Pittman resolution regarding gold and silver. Separate committees were detailed to study the sections of the resolution dealing with the two metals. The first of these groups debated the question of withdrawing gold coins from circulation and lowering the gold backing of currencies to 25%, and an affirmative decision on both these points was reported on Wednesday. This means merely that the proposals will be referred back to the main Monetary Commission with the approval of the subcommittee. Leon Fraser, President of the Bank for International Settlements, acted as reporter for this subcommittee, and he announced, Wednesday, that the resolution had been approved with slight alterations so far as it related to the two points mentioned. Dr. Wilhelm Vocke of Germany, supported by the Rumanian, Bulgarian and Czechoslovakian delegates, opposed the gold circulation portion of the resolution on the ground that it might require central banks to hand out all their gold to correct "disequilibria in trade balances," but the resolution was returned to the main committee with the substantial approval of all delegates on the understanding that Dr. Vocke's objections to this point would be considered by the main committee along with the resolution itself. The part of Senator Pitt-

man's resolution which provides for possible use of silver along with gold as a metallic base for currencies was reported to be meeting difficulties in the subcommittee assigned to study the proposal.

The stabilization problem began to regain prominence, Tuesday, when the representatives of the gold standard countries held a special meeting of their own to discuss means for maintaining their adherence to this standard. They reached no formal decision, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, beyond the expression of a general desire to act in common for the maintenance of their interests. An announcement at The Hague that the Bank of the Netherlands would deliver gold only before noon-time was misinterpreted and the rumor spread that Holland would abandon the gold standard. This added to the confusion of the London Conference, but the flurry subsided when Finance Minister Oud authorized the statement at Amsterdam that the rumors were unfounded and that Holland would remain firmly on the gold standard. A sharp fall in the international value of the Dutch guilder brought the London Conference face to face, however, with the problem of continued adherence to the gold standard by France, Belgium, Holland and Switzerland, with gloomy predictions rife that a "final spasm of collapse of the classic gold standard" was imminent. Protracted conversations were reported between the French Finance Minister, Georges Bonnet, and the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Neville Chamberlain, on the subject of fixing a definite ratio between sterling and the franc and thus enlisting British support for the gold standard countries in their efforts to retain their status. "Such conversations are understood to have been inconclusive," a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, as "Mr. Chamberlain is believed to have been reluctant to bind Great Britain to stabilization by agreement, although he disclaimed any intention of deliberate inflation."

In the formal Conference sessions, also, the problem of stabilization gained prominence. In a meeting of one of the monetary subcommittees, Tuesday, Finance Minister Bonnet of France stated that "monetary stabilization is at the base of all questions before the Conference." It is a necessary preliminary to financial and economic recovery, the French spokesman added. "No durable arrangements can be made until all the nations of the world have returned to stabilized currency," he warned. Ramsay MacDonald, as President of the Conference, conferred late Tuesday with Secretary Hull on the monetary question, but his quest for information on the possible eventual stabilization point of the dollar was reported to have been fruitless.

The commercial policy subcommittee of the Conference heard a further exposition of American views on tariff policies, Tuesday, from Representative S. D. McReynolds, of Tennessee. The American delegate emphasized that the resolution favoring tariff reductions in principle, which Secretary Hull introduced last week, was official and represented the views of the Washington Government. He engaged in an exposition of American party politics and their relation to the tariff problem, reports indicating that this was the only instance in many years in which domestic political differences were aired at an international gathering. The American Congress is now thoroughly behind the President, Mr. McReynolds said, and any agreement on tariffs

reached at London with the approval of President Roosevelt will be ratified by Congress.

The stabilization question was debated with increasing fervor on Wednesday, partly as a result of the arrival in London that day of Professor Raymond Moley, Under-Secretary of State and one of President Roosevelt's chief advisers. Mr. Moley made clear on his arrival that he is in no sense superseding Secretary of State Hull as head of the United States delegation, and he reiterated that he is acting merely as a liaison officer to keep the American group informed on latest developments in the United States, and to keep President Roosevelt informed of the course of underlying events at London. Despite such declarations, his arrival caused a flurry of expectation among the gold standard countries of a possible change in the attitude of the United States on stabilization.

French insistence on early stabilization of the currencies that now have no gold anchor was more pronounced than ever, Wednesday. The French were said to be "clamoring for temporary adjournment" of the London Conference, unless such stabilization can be arranged. A further special meeting on the problem was held by representatives of France, Belgium, Holland and Switzerland, with Italy also in attendance. Their efforts were centered, it was reported, on obtaining assurances from Great Britain that the pound sterling would be pegged at a definite relation to gold, at least for the duration of the Conference. A statement to the effect that such arrangements had been made would be necessary in order to prevent complete breakdown of the London Conference, it was intimated. In an Associated Press report of Wednesday it was indicated that practical measures for overcoming the stabilization impasse were under consideration by financial experts in meetings at the Bank of England. American experts were said to have conferred several times during the day with British experts on the form of aid which might be extended the gold standard countries in lieu of stabilization. In a Washington report of the same day to the New York "Herald Tribune," it was stated that Treasury officials were conferring on the stabilization problem.

THERE were numerous conferences on the stabilization question in London, Thursday, and as a result a proposal for a compromise designed to curb speculation in currencies and extreme fluctuations was evolved and submitted to the United States Government for approval. "The outcome of the deliberations," a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, "has been that what virtually amounts to an appeal to President Roosevelt has been sent to Washington for approval of a declaration to be signed by the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland and Holland, with the intent of ending speculation, which is playing havoc both with world currencies and with the Conference prospects." The proposed declaration is to the effect that these seven countries, being in favor of the gold standard and desiring to return to it as soon as possible, will assist each other in preventing purely speculative movements during a certain period, the dispatch stated. "The period is supposed to cover the duration of the Conference," the report continued. "If the President approves this declaration the present currency perils can be ended

and the way toward stability will become clearer. Should he refuse, no one here knows what may happen."

Representatives of all the gold standard countries met first early in the day to discuss the question anew, and conferences were held later with the British and then with Professor Moley of the United States. The bloc conferees consisted of Messrs. Bonnet and Rist of France, Francqui of Belgium, Colijn and Trip of Holland, Bachman and Sarrasin of Switzerland, and Jung and Beneduce of Italy. In a subsequent meeting these political and financial experts attempted to obtain a promise of British support from Prime Minister MacDonald and Chancellor of the Exchequer Chamberlain. But the British were represented as loath to break either with the gold standard group on the one hand or the United States on the other, and they pressed the American delegation to join in this declaration. The American representatives put the question up to Professor Moley, who called Professor O. M. W. Sprague into the meeting and discussed it broadly with the British and the gold bloc delegates. The proposal for temporary control evolved in this series of discussions then was cabled to Washington, and it was reported that at least one part of the American delegation is strongly urging Mr. Roosevelt to join in diminishing the speculative danger. Finance Minister Bonnet of France talked with press correspondents at the end of the day, and he denied that the gold bloc had issued any ultimatum that they would leave the gathering if they did not obtain satisfaction on the stabilization problem. "What he did express to Mr. MacDonald, and it is understood he said it strongly, was that the financial repercussions of the Conference on the gold standard countries already were such that it was becoming hard for some of the delegations to justify their continued presence here to the home governments, which were complaining," a London dispatch to the New York "Times" said.

Interest in the stabilization struggle so far overshadowed other matters at the Conference that by Thursday the various subcommittees were hardly bothering to do more than "go through the motions," dispatches stated. No definite progress was made by the committee which is considering plans for international curtailment of wheat production. A proposal for a 15% reduction in this year's wheat acreage was accepted in principle last week by the United States, Canada and the Argentine, but Australian delegates wavered on this matter. Arrangements were made for further study of the problem by the Prime Ministers of all the Australian States at a meeting in Sydney, and a draft of the wheat curtailment scheme was cabled to the Australian city. The Federal Government of Australia is making every effort to bring the States in line, but its action will be controlled by the decision of the State Executives. A committee on the co-ordination of production and marketing began to study the possibility of regulating sugar production, Tuesday. Suggestions framed by the International Sugar Council will be the basis of this study, it is indicated.

A French proposal for the joint operation of shipping lines under international contract but subject to maintenance of the national flags was placed before the Conference, Thursday, in order to end "ruinous competition in tonnage and speed." The Conference was asked to advise the Governments

to invite shipowners to come to multilateral agreements covering the main routes and limiting the tonnage of future ships, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said. It is expected American shipping men will oppose the French ship pool plan because ship subsidies will be involved, the report added.

One of the extraneous developments at London which excited interest was a series of discussions between the British Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, and the Soviet Foreign Commissar, Maxim Litvinoff. The possibility of resuming Anglo-Russian trade relationships was explored in these meetings, it was said. The embargoes imposed by the two countries on the products of the other resulted from the trial and imprisonment of several Britons who were employed on Russian engineering projects and accused of sabotage. Release of these British subjects also entered into the discussions in London, dispatches indicated. A "face-saving formula" for both countries may well result from these conversations, it is believed, but the only official announcements regarding the several talks were to the effect that they would be followed by other meetings.

EFFORTS toward a reduction of the heavy armaments of the world having proved completely unsuccessful in recent months, despite the most desperate attempts to reach an agreement, leading countries decided at a Geneva meeting, Thursday, to postpone further sessions of the ill-starred General Disarmament Conference for a period of 3½ months. The steering committee of the Conference reached a decision to this effect on Tuesday, and in a general session of the full gathering two days later the decision of the major Powers was duly rubber-stamped. The "truce" will last until Oct. 16, and in the meantime Arthur Henderson, as President of the Conference, is to confer privately with representatives of all heavily armed countries in an endeavor to find a basis for an agreement. It was noted with some interest that the proposal by Mr. Henderson for adjournment, made before the steering committee, was seconded only by British and French delegates, opposed by the German delegate, and received in silence by all others. In the formal meeting, Thursday, Count Rudolph Nadolny of Germany stated that country's formal opposition to adjournment. It would be interpreted, he warned, as "the beginning of the abandonment of our task, or, in other words, as a first-class funeral for the Conference." But the vote for adjournment nevertheless was overwhelming, only Germany and Hungary refraining. Norman H. Davis, the chief American delegate at Geneva, returned to this country last Saturday, and voiced the usual "pronounced optimism" regarding the disarmament negotiations. He conferred with President Roosevelt this week and reported to him what almost all news dispatches referred to ironically as the "gains" of the Geneva Conference.

SUBSTANTIAL modification of the German transfer moratorium covering the service on external indebtedness of German borrowers was arranged at a London meeting, Tuesday, between Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, and representatives of long-term creditors in Great Britain, the United States, Holland, Sweden and Switzerland. The moratorium decree, announced June 8, was originally intended to apply on all foreign debts of German borrowers, beginning

July 1, but in London meetings last week it was decided to exempt short-term credits, while suggestions for complete exemption of the German Government 7s (Dawes Plan loan) and partial exemption of the Reich international 5½s (Young Plan loan) were taken under advisement by Dr. Schacht. At the further meeting in London, Tuesday, the Reichsbank President confirmed that full service will be met in foreign currencies on the Dawes 7s, with interest to be met in the same fashion on the Young Plan 5½s. The problem of amortization payments on the latter loan remains to be decided in discussions with the Bank for International Settlements, which is trustee for the \$300,000,000 flotation. When the London conversations ended, it was announced officially that Dr. Schacht had agreed to utilize foreign exchange becoming available to the Reichsbank during the latter half of this year in making proportionate payments of interest on all other external long-term loans of German borrowers. The hope was expressed, moreover, that German export trade will improve sufficiently to make possible the resumption of full debt service beginning next year. In Berlin dispatches, yesterday, it was reported that 50% of interest and dividend payments will be met in foreign currencies, provided the foreign exchange becoming available to the Reichsbank is sufficient for such payments.

The latest London discussions resulted in an agreement, an announcement said, that the foreign exchange becoming available to the Reichsbank during the course of the next six months shall be used for paying a proportion of every coupon and other revenue payment falling due from July 1 to Dec. 31. "This proportion will be announced publicly before July 1," it was added, "and will be such as to make sure that such a proportion will be paid throughout this period. It is hoped that after six months a full payment of interest will be possible, but should this prove not to be the case, there will be another meeting of the representatives with Dr. Schacht in time to meet the position." The statement indicated that the Reichsbank will deal with the special position of the Dawes and Young loans. Representatives of the creditors were unable to accept the principle embodied in the moratorium decree that payment of marks by the debtor should discharge his obligation to pay in foreign currency, the announcement stated. Dr. Schacht informed the gathering, however, that it was not within his authority to discuss that phase of the matter. "It was arranged," the announcement said, "that the dealing with the untransferred balance accumulating with the Conversion Bank shall be dealt with by a small subcommittee which is to meet with Dr. Schacht beginning next week in Berlin."

LESS than four months after the German general elections of March 5, in which the National-Socialist party of Adolf Hitler received slightly less than half the votes cast, all of Germany has been brought under the single dominance of Herr Hitler and his followers, with every opposition party stifled. Control by the Nazis, or Fascists, was made absolute, Tuesday, when dissension between the dominant faction and their allies, the Hugenberg Nationalists, resulted in a decision by the latter group to discontinue their separate political existence. Dr. Alfred Hugenberg handed his resignation as Minister of Economics and Agriculture to Chan-

cellor Hitler. No action was taken on the resignation pending a conference between the Chancellor and President Paul von Hindenburg at the latter's estate in East Prussia, but the moves were generally accepted in Berlin as indicative of the end of all opposition and even of the political alliance of the Nazis and the Nationalists. The Fascists have systematically eliminated all opposing factors of any importance and now feel themselves strong enough to rule without any support, it is contended. The Social Democratic party was outlawed last week, and with the passing of that faction little opposition was left for the Nazis to face. The Catholic Centre party also will be reduced to political impotence, recent reports indicating that it will probably agree to "voluntary" dissolution rather than face summary action by the Nazi leaders. Vice-Chancellor Franz von Papen made a hurried visit to Rome, this week, with the reported intention of urging the Church authorities to restrain the German Catholic clergy from political activities.

In various ways, furtive as well as overt, opposition still is being shown to the encroachments of the National-Socialists, but such measures no longer take the form of organized political movements within the country. The Nazis took control of the Protestant church in Germany, last Saturday, and Dr. Bodelschwingh, who was recently elected Bishop, was forced to resign his post. Leaders of the Protestant church promptly decided, however, to organize and resist the official moves for regimentation of German Protestantism behind the Fascist movement. They will wage a stubborn fight for spiritual autonomy, dispatches state. Indicative of one form of opposition to Fascism that is developing was a night "air raid" over Berlin, last week, in which numerous leaflets containing Communist propaganda were said to have been dropped over the capital. The leaflets were quickly gathered by the authorities and the contents were not divulged, but the incident nevertheless caused a furore. The German press, speaking with complete uniformity, promptly demanded that Germany be given the right to a measure of aerial rearmament, so that measures of that kind can be combated. Close investigation failed to reveal the nature of the aerial propaganda expedition against the Nazis, beyond the general statement that the airplanes seemed to come from the East and disappeared again in the same direction. In a statement to foreign newspapermen at Berlin, on June 23, Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, who is considered Chancellor Hitler's "private foreign minister," remarked that nothing short of a combination of three or four foreign Powers can crush the new Germany of the Fascists.

POLITICAL and economic methods of aiding the Austrian Government in its current struggle against Austrian Fascist elements recently have been under consideration both in Western and in Eastern Europe. Several weeks ago it was widely reported that Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss had obtained renewed assurances from the great Powers regarding the \$40,000,000 loan promised the small Central European country a year ago, but this matter is still to be considered by several important Parliaments, and it is not likely that the advance will be made with any haste. It was stated in London, late last week, however, that Trade Minister Stockinger, of Austria, had received assurances from the

British Government and British trade interests which will greatly increase Austrian trade with England. Improved trade relations with Poland and with Yugoslavia also were said to be under negotiation. The idea of a Danubian bloc also has been revived, some dispatches state, with the aim of aligning Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Rumania and Bulgaria in a customs union. Rumanian and Bulgarian officials are prominent in such discussions, it is maintained.

The Austrian Government, meanwhile, is proceeding against the Nazi, or Fascist, group within the country in much the same manner that the Nazi Government of Germany is destroying all opposition of other parties. Alfred Frauenfeld, leader of the Austrian Nazis, was seized near the Italian border, last Sunday, as it was feared that he might cross over to Italian territory and proceed to Germany for conferences with the German Nazis, in defiance of an order issued by the Vienna Government. Fascist political activities have been declared illegal in Austria, and the several houses of the national Parliament decided early this week to cancel the mandates of their Nazi members. Two Nazi Senators, Herren Schattenfros and Haubenberger, made speeches, Tuesday, in which they warned the Austrian Government of the danger of suppressing all orderly expressions of opinion by opposition parties. In a Vienna dispatch to the New York "Times" it was remarked that "their statements that this course would produce anarchy left breathless the Social Democrats and Clericals, who could only shout references to the round-up of Clerical and Socialist opposition leaders in Germany and their internment in concentration camps."

THE National Bank of Holland on Wednesday, June 28, raised its discount rate from 2½ to 3½%, the former rate having been in effect since May 11 1933. Present rates at the leading centers are shown in the table which follows:

DISCOUNT RATES OF FOREIGN CENTRAL BANKS

Country.	Rate in Effect June 30	Date Establishe.	Pre-vious Rate.	Country.	Rate in Effect June 30	Date Establishe.	Pre-vious Rate.
Austria	5	Mar. 23 1933	6	Holland	2½	June 28 1933	3½
Belgium	3½	Jan. 13 1932	2½	Hungary	4½	Oct. 17 1932	5
Bulgaria	8½	May 17 1932	9½	India	3½	Feb. 16 1933	4
Chile	4½	Aug. 23 1932	5½	Ireland	3	June 30 1932	3½
Colombia	5	Sept. 19 1932	6	Italy	4	Jan. 9 1933	5
Czechoslovakia	3½	Jan. 25 1933	4½	Japan	4.38	Aug. 18 1932	5 11
Denmark	4	July 12 1932	5	Lithuania	7	May 5 1932	7½
France	3	June 1 1933	3½	Norway	3½	May 23 1933	4
England	2	June 30 1932	2½	Poland	6	Oct. 20 1932	7½
Estonia	5½	Jan. 29 1932	6½	Portugal	6	Mar. 14 1933	6½
Finland	5½	May 27 1933	6	Rumania	6	Apr. 7 1933	7
France	2½	Oct. 9 1931	2	South Africa	4	Feb. 21 1933	5
Germany	4	Sept. 31 1932	5	Spain	6	Oct. 22 1932	6½
Greece	7	May 29 1933	9	Sweden	3	June 1 1933	3½
				Switzerland	2	Jan. 22 1931	2½

In London open market discounts for short bills on Friday were ½@9-16%, as against ½@9-16% on Friday of last week and ½@9-16% for three months' bills as against ½@9-16% on Friday of last week. Money on call in London yesterday was ½%. At Paris the open market rate remains at 2¼% and in Switzerland at 1½%.

THE Bank of England statement for the week ended June 28 shows an increase in bullion of £1,307,426 bringing the total again to a new high mark of £190,584,121. A year ago the amount was only £136,953,579. Circulation expanded £3,103,000 but due to the gain in gold, reserves fell off only £1,795,000. Public deposits decreased £10,786,000 while other deposits rose £12,289,675. Of the latter figure, £9,925,181 was to bankers' accounts and £2,364,494 to other accounts. The reserve ratio

dropped to 46.76% from 48.33% a week ago. Last year the ratio was 35.08%. Loans on Government securities increased £1,725,000 and those on other securities £1,651,199. Other securities consist of discounts and advances which rose £3,965,840 and securities which fell off £2,314,641. The rate of discount has not changed from 2%. Below we show a comparison of the different items for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	June 28 1933.	June 29 1932.	July 1 1931.	July 3 1930.	July 3 1929.
Circulation a	£ 375,125,000	£ 363,083,121	£ 357,429,453	£ 363,583,008	£ 369,100,858
Public deposits	14,062,000	17,982,394	11,490,117	11,670,598	28,296,091
Other deposits	147,285,248	121,301,611	133,493,071	122,367,940	112,856,286
Bankers accounts	105,120,626	86,565,354	99,401,807	84,305,246	75,558,462
Other accounts	42,164,622	34,736,257	34,091,264	38,062,694	37,297,824
Govt. securities	75,373,000	67,169,656	32,930,906	49,075,547	37,281,855
Other securities	28,509,132	41,241,181	63,065,472	49,324,739	75,278,746
Disc't. & advances	16,642,593	14,889,401	34,319,300	29,916,820	52,321,206
Reserve notes & coin	75,459,000	48,870,458	66,991,655	53,645,000	46,605,073
Coin and bullion	190,584,121	136,953,579	164,421,108	157,228,008	155,705,931
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	46.76%	35.08%	46.20%	40.02%	33.01%
Bank rate	2%	2%	2½%	3%	5½%

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 in its weekly statement dated June 23, shows an increase in gold holdings of 63,644,150 francs. The total of gold holdings is now at 81,244,456,536 francs in comparison with 82,099,633,210 francs a year ago and 56,425,623,386 francs two years ago. French commercial bills discounted and creditor current accounts record increases of 591,000,000 francs and 885,000,000 francs, while bills bought abroad and advances against securities show a loss of 9,000,000 francs and 37,000,000 francs, respectively. Notes in circulation reveal a contraction of 408,000,000 francs, reducing the total of notes outstanding to 82,591,762,040 francs. Circulation a year ago was 80,667,455,805 francs and the year before, 76,927,419,120 francs. The proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities is now at 78.06% in comparison with 74.90% last year and 56.07% the previous year. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for three years:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	June 23 1933.			June 24 1932.			June 26 1931.		
		Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	
Gold holdings	+63,644,050	81,244,456,536	82,099,633,210	56,425,623,386						
Credit bals. abroad	Unchanged.	2,536,090,222	4,289,844,905	6,419,088,946						
a French commercial bill discounted	+591,000,000	3,420,788,527	3,929,245,989	5,575,566,633						
b Bills bought abr'd	-9,000,000	1,404,317,153	2,042,533,909	19,789,881,581						
Adv. agt. secur.	-37,000,000	2,667,698,021	2,714,806,285	2,718,703,967						
Note circulation	-408,000,000	82,591,762,040	80,667,455,805	76,927,419,120						
Cred. curr. acct.	+885,000,000	21,490,098,959	27,501,875,938	23,700,223,968						
Proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities	-0.30%	78.06%	74.90%	56.07%						

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

THE Bank of Germany in its statement for the third quarter of June reveals a decrease of 41,210,000 marks in gold and bullion. The Bank's golds stands now at 222,661,000 marks, in comparison with 823,388,000 marks last year and 1,411,173,000 marks the previous year. An increase appears in silver and other coin of 38,684,000 marks, in notes on other German banks of 3,201,000 marks, in investments of 326,000 marks, in other assets of 71,207,000 marks, in other daily maturing obligations of 27,300,000 marks and in other liabilities of 11,629,000 marks. A loss in note circulation of 84,232,000 marks brings the total of the item down to 3,368,275,000 marks. Total circulation last year was 3,716,917,000 marks and the previous year 3,725,980,000 marks. Reserve in foreign currencies, bills of exchange and checks and advances register decreases of 3,963,000 marks, 105,207,000 marks and 8,341,000 marks, respectively. The proportion of

gold and foreign currency to note circulation is now at 9.0% as compared with 25.9% a year ago and 40.4% two years ago. A comparison of the various items for three years is furnished below:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	June 23 1933.	June 23 1932.	June 23 1931.
Assets—	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Gold and bullion.....	—41,210,000	222,661,000	823,388,000	1,411,173,000
Of which depos. abroad	Unchanged.	51,583,000	90,368,000	117,688,000
Reserve in foreign curr.	—3,963,000	81,052,000	137,978,000	92,594,000
Bills of exch. and checks	—105,207,000	2,977,264,000	2,869,998,000	2,349,775,000
Silver and other coin.....	+38,684,000	336,173,000	311,047,000	214,476,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.	+3,201,000	14,262,000	11,727,000	22,708,000
Advances.....	—8,341,000	69,834,000	102,481,000	136,651,000
Investments.....	—326,000	320,190,000	364,431,000	102,916,000
Other assets.....	+71,207,000	405,391,000	765,523,000	579,980,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....	—84,232,000	3,368,275,000	3,716,917,000	3,725,980,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig.	+27,300,000	427,711,000	400,341,000	433,043,000
Other liabilities.....	+11,629,000	176,154,000	711,889,000	263,919,000
Propor. of gold & foreign curr. to note circ'n.	—1.6%	9.0%	25.9%	40.4%

MONEY market conditions have been unchanged this week, the ease induced by open market operations of the Federal Reserve banks continuing under further purchases of United States Government securities by the system. Call loans on the New York Stock Exchange have been 1% for all transactions, whether renewals or new loans. In the unofficial outside market call loans were reported done at 5/8% Monday to Wednesday, inclusive, and 3/4% Thursday and yesterday. Time loans were substantially unchanged at a range of 3/4 to 1 1/4%. An issue of \$75,000,000 in United States Treasury 91-day discount bills was awarded Monday at an average discount of 0.27%, and yesterday a \$100,000,000 issue at 0.28%. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral declined \$11,000,000 in the week to Wednesday night, according to the usual statement by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

DEALING in detail with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, 1% has been the ruling quotation all through the week for both new loans and renewals. The market for time money has been without noteworthy movement this week with only occasional transactions in 90-day money. Rates are nominal at 3/4% for 30 and 60 days, 3/4@1% for 90-day periods, 1% for four and five months, and at 1@1/4% for six months. The market for commercial paper has been somewhat stronger this week, though paper is still insufficient to meet the requirements for dealers. Rates are 1 1/2% for extra choice names running from four to six months and 1 3/4% for names less known.

THE market for prime bankers' acceptances has been quiet this week, with little local business available, though there has been a moderate outside demand. Paper has been scarce. Rates are unchanged. The quotations of the American Acceptance Council for bills up to and including three months are 1/2% bid, and 3/8% asked; for four months, 3/4% bid and 5/8% asked; for five and six months, 1% bid and 7/8% asked. The bill buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank is 2% for bills running from 1 to 90 days; 2 1/8% for 91 to 120 days, and 2 1/2% for bills due in 121 to 180 days. The Federal Reserve banks' holdings of acceptances have dropped during the week from \$8,827,000 to \$8,186,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents has also decreased during the week from \$36,948,000 to \$36,060,000. 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	1/4	1	1/4	1/4	1/4
	—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	1/2	3/4	1/2	3/4	1/2	3/4

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks.....	1% bid
Eligible non-member banks.....	1% 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.

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on June 30.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	3	June 1 1933	3 1/2
New York.....	2 1/2	May 26 1933	3
Philadelphia.....	2	June 8 1933	3 1/2
Cleveland.....	3	June 10 1933	3 1/2
Richmond.....	3 1/2	Jan. 25 1932	4
Atlanta.....	3 1/2	Nov. 14 1931	3
Chicago.....	3	May 27 1933	3 1/2
St. Louis.....	3	June 8 1933	3 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	June 2 1933	3 1/2

STERLING exchange is firmer than at any time since Great Britain abandoned the gold standard in September, 1931. The advance in sterling is commensurate with the drop in the dollar. The entire world is watching with the greatest anxiety the fluctuations in these two currencies. Foreign exchange trading is everywhere demoralized to a greater extent than has ever been known, and this has been the case since the United States went off the gold standard. In Wednesday's trading the pound went to \$4.43 1/8. At the same time the French franc rose to 5.13 1/2, which meant that the American dollar had depreciated to 76.5 gold cents in Paris. The range for sterling this week has been between 4.20 5/8 and 4.43 for bankers' sight bills, compared with a range of from 4.06 5/8 to 4.24 last week. The range for cable transfers has been between 4.20 3/4 and 4.43 1/8, compared with a range of from 4.06 3/4 to 4.24 1/4 a week ago. The market is extremely erratic, and while it is sometimes very active the volume of transactions is at no time sufficient to account for the actual quotations. Commercial bills are probably in the lightest volume ever known. Most of the transactions affecting any of the currencies seem to originate abroad. Foreign exchange traders state that sterling frequently goes up or down five or six cents before a transaction can be consummated, and gyrations in the other units are so great that trading is hazardous. At present developments at the Monetary and Economic Conference at London have the major effect on all foreign exchange quotations and frequently serve as the originating motive of actual transactions. Markets everywhere eagerly seize upon every scrap of news or rumor emanating from London and speculative traders in all markets endeavor to force all rumors to their advantage to the detriment of actual commercial demand for exchange. All important news items bearing upon the foreign exchange aspects and other questions arising at the London Conference are found on other pages. There is no possible way of determining at this juncture what steps, if any, may be taken towards stabilization of either the pound or the dollar, and it is this question more than anything else which affects market quotations.

Rumors have been rife for a long time that France, Holland, Switzerland and Belgium may be compelled

to abandon the gold standard. The recurrence and persistence of these rumors causes waves of sterling buying and the sale of other currencies and enlarges the flow of funds to London, with the result that rates increase. The movement of funds to London from all parts of the world solely in order to find safety likewise adds to the firmness of the pound. The flow of gold to the London market to take advantage of the high price of the metal is another strengthening factor. It is understood that there are from time to time considerable purchases of dollar securities in the London market, which also give firmness to the sterling rate and as these purchases serve to create sterling balances in London, they further increase the reservoir of funds characteristic of the London money market for the past year or more. While there is no means of ascertaining the operations of the Exchange Equalization Fund, foreign exchange authorities are convinced that the Fund frequently intervenes in Paris and other Continental centers to ease the pressure on the few remaining gold currencies. Paris dispatches indicate that the market there expects sterling to go to former gold parity of 4.8665. In view of the great degree of confidence universally entertained as to the financial integrity of London, it would seem almost impossible for the London authorities to prevent complete recovery of the pound, regardless of whether eventually there is an official return to gold.

It is not likely that the present large volume of funds now on deposit in London will be suddenly withdrawn. It seems entirely probable that the London market will hold the confidence of international traders for a long period, but were withdrawals to take place following the restoration of confidence in the business and monetary outlook in other countries, they would cause no anxiety in London as gold would not have to be surrendered. At present owing to the plethora of foreign deposits, together with the lack of investment demand, the London money market offers no opportunity for the profitable employment of funds. Call money against bills is quoted at $\frac{1}{2}\%$, two- and three-months' bills are at $\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 9-16%, four-months' bills 9-16% to $\frac{5}{8}\%$, and six-months' bills $\frac{3}{4}\%$ to 13-16%. On Monday the Bank of England bought £775,275 of gold bars. This purchase was believed to be partly from the Exchange Equalization Fund and partly from the open market. On Monday between £700,000 and £800,000 of bar gold was available in the open market, of which part was taken by an unknown buyer (Bank of England) and the rest for Continental account, at a premium of 7d. Bars were quoted 122s. 4d. On Tuesday £440,000 of bar gold available in the open market was taken for Continental account at a premium of 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Bars were quoted at 122s. On Wednesday £90,000 was available and was taken by the Continent at a premium of 8d. The bars were quoted at 122s. 4d. On Thursday £90,000 was available and taken by the Continent at 9d. Bars were quoted at 122s. 4d. On Friday the Bank of England bought £226,650 in gold bars. The open market quoted bars at 123s.; about £65,000 was available and was taken for Continental account at a premium of 9d. The Bank of England statement for the week ended June 28 shows an increase in gold holdings of £1,307,426, the total standing at the record high level of £190,584,121, which compares with £136,953,479 a year ago and with

the minimum of £150,000,000 recommended by the Cunliffe committee.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended June 28, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of exports of \$1,255,000, of which \$1,200,000 was shipped to England and \$55,000 to France. There were no gold imports. The Reserve Bank reported a decrease of \$1,200,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended June 28, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, JUNE 22-JUNE 28, INCL.

Imports—	None.	Exports—
		\$1,200,000 to England
		55,000 to France
		\$1,255,000 total

Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.
Decrease: \$1,200,000.

The above figures are for the week ended Wednesday evening. On Thursday there were no imports or exports of the metal and no change in gold held earmarked for foreign account. On Friday there were no imports of gold but \$900,000 of gold was shipped to England. Gold held earmarked for foreign account decreased \$900,000. There have been no reports during the week of gold having been received at any of the Pacific ports.

Canadian exchange continues at a severe discount, though much more favorable to Montreal than for some time owing to the improvement in sterling with respect to the United States dollar. On Saturday last Montreal funds were at a discount of 9 11-16%; on Monday at 9 $\frac{1}{2}\%$; on Tuesday at 9 $\frac{1}{8}\%$; on Wednesday at 8 $\frac{1}{2}\%$; on Thursday at 8 $\frac{3}{4}\%$, and on Friday at 8 $\frac{3}{4}\%$.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was firm. Bankers' sight was 4.22@4.22 $\frac{1}{2}$; cable transfers 4.22 $\frac{1}{8}$ @4.22 $\frac{5}{8}$. On Monday the market was erratic with the pound firm. The range was 4.20 $\frac{5}{8}$ @4.24 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight and 4.20 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4.24 $\frac{3}{8}$ for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling was up sharply. Bankers' sight was 4.22 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4.30 $\frac{1}{2}$; cable transfers 4.23 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4.30 $\frac{5}{8}$. On Wednesday sterling soared in an erratic and limited market. The range was 4.30@4.43 for bankers' sight and 4.30 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4.43 $\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers. On Thursday the pound was firm. The range was 4.24 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4.41 $\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight and 4.25@4.41 $\frac{5}{8}$ for cable transfers. On Friday sterling was calmer; the range was 4.25 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4.30 $\frac{1}{8}$ for bankers' sight and 4.26@4.30 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.27 $\frac{1}{2}$ for demand and 4.27 $\frac{7}{8}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.27; 60 day bills at 4.26; 90 day bills at 4.25 $\frac{3}{4}$; documents for payment (60 days) at 4.26, and seven-day grain bills at 4.27 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.27.

EXCHANGE on the Continental countries is of course utterly demoralized as a result of the uncertainties surrounding the general foreign exchange and foreign trade situation. These units are all quoted excessively high in terms of the dollar, but are generally at a discount with respect to sterling exchange. The perplexities confronting the Continental exchanges on the question of stabilization and anchorage to gold are treated in other columns covering the monetary and economic conference in

London. The French interests seem to be solidly supported by the gold standard countries, notably Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Italy. The market is harrassed by rumors that France will be compelled to abandon the gold standard. These conjectures are frequently and positively denied in Paris, where it is pointed out that the Bank of France, the French Treasury, the French Parliament and the people are all firmly persuaded of the necessity of staying on gold. The high quotations for francs in the New York market this week, are largely, if not entirely nominal. In Wednesday's market the franc went above five cents for the first time in the history of the present unit, or since the stabilization of the franc in June 1928. As noted above, this occurrence signified that the American paper dollar was valued at 76.5 gold cents in Paris. At the same time this figure meant that an ounce of pure gold in New York was worth theoretically about \$26.74, compared with the statute price of \$20.67. The heavy premium on gold in London has resulted in a considerable flow of gold from Paris to take advantage of the open market gold prices. However, this flow at present is offset by shipments of gold from Amsterdam and Zurich to Paris as the guilder and the Swiss franc are at a discount with respect to French francs. The Bank of France statement for the week ended June 23 shows an increase in gold holdings of fr. 63,644,050. Most of this gold came from Holland, but some came from Switzerland. The Bank of France total gold holdings now stand at fr. 81,244,456,536, which compares with fr. 82,099,633,210 on June 24 1932 and with fr. 28,935,000,000 in June 1928 when the franc was stabilized. The bank's ratio stands at 78.06% as of June 23, which compares with 78.36% on June 16, with 74.90% on June 24 1932 and with legal requirements of 35%.

German marks are quoted exceptionally high with respect to the dollar, but these quotations are only nominal, as all foreign exchange operations are under strict control of the Reichsbank. The Reichsbank has made a change in the transfer agreements which upsets the German decree of June 8, which met with unfavorable response from the foreign creditors of Germany. Details regarding this matter will be found in another column. The Reichsbank statement of June 23 reveals an exceptionally poor condition. Gold holdings total rm. 222,661,000, which compares with rm. 263,871,000 on June 15, and with rm. 823,388,000 on June 23 1932. On May 30, 1931 the Reichsbank had approximately rm. 2,390,327,000 in gold. The current ratio is at 9.0%, compared with 25.9% a year ago and with the legal minimum of 40% fixed when the mark was stabilized.

The London check rate on Paris closed on Friday at 86.28, against 86.40 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished on Friday at 4.94 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 4.87 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 4.94 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 4.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ and commercial sight bills at 4.94, against 4.87. Antwerp belgas finished at 17.64 for bankers' sight bills and at 17.65 for cable transfers, against 17.35 and 17.36. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 30.00 for bankers' sight bills and 30.10 for cable transfers, in comparison with 29.64 and 29.65. Italian lire closed at 6.61 $\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 6.62 for cable transfers, against 6.50 and 6.50 $\frac{1}{4}$. Austrian schillings closed at 14.40, against 14.25; exchange on Czechoslovakia at 3.76, against 3.71; on Bucharest at 0.83, against 0.78; on Poland at

14.40, against 14.35, and on Finland at 1.90, against 1.88. Greek exchange closed at 0.71 $\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 0.72 for cable transfers, against 0.69 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 0.70 $\frac{1}{2}$.

EXCHANGE on the countries neutral during the war is completely demoralized as a result of the uncertainties incident to the unsatisfactory situations of dollar-sterling exchange. The Dutch unit is the greatest sufferer at present. There seems to be a persistent speculative drive against the guilder. On Wednesday, June 28, the Netherlands Bank increased its rate of rediscount from 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. This increase in the rediscount rate is doubtless made to protect Holland against the gold drain. The 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % rate had been in effect only since May 11 last, when it was increased from 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. The high quotations for guilders in this market are largely nominal, reflecting the firmness in sterling. Guilders are at a discount with respect to sterling and French francs. In recent weeks Holland has suffered a considerable exodus of funds to London and has lost gold to Paris. The present weakness in the guilder with respect to London and Paris is attributed largely to the persistence of rumors that Holland will soon be forced to suspend gold payments. A recent speech by Sir Henry Deterding, head of the Royal Dutch Shell Company, advocating inflation for Holland, had the effect of increasing the pressure on guilders. The most recent statement of the Netherlands Bank shows a loss of 43,000,000 guilders during the week. Most of this gold went to France. Despite this loss and other losses of gold which have been proceeding for some weeks, it was stated officially in Amsterdam on Tuesday that the situation is well in hand and that the guilder remains sound, with a gold cover of more than 83%. Swiss francs, while also quoted excessively high in the New York market, are really only nominal although the unit is at a discount with respect to Paris and London. The Scandinavian units are higher in sympathy with sterling exchange, to which they are anchored.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 50.49, against 49.71 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 50.50, against 49.72, and commercial sight bills at 50.00, against 49.65. Swiss francs closed at 24.29 for checks and at 24.30 for cable transfers, against 23.92 and 23.93. Copenhagen checks finished at 19.04 and cable transfers at 19.05, against 18.79 and 18.80. Checks on Sweden closed at 22.04 and cable transfers at 22.05, against 21.79 and 21.80; while checks on Norway finished at 21.49 and cable transfers at 21.50, against 21.39 and 21.40. Spanish pesetas closed at 10.55 for bankers' sight bills and at 10.56 for cable transfers, against 10.41 and 10.42.

EXCHANGE on the South American countries presents no new features of importance. While rates are higher in terms of the dollar, these quotations are purely nominal as all foreign exchange and foreign trade operations of the South American countries are controlled by Government exchange commissions.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday nominally at 32.00 for bankers' sight bills, against 31 $\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 32 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 32.00. Brazilian milreis are nominally quoted 7.95 for bankers' sight bills and 8.00 for cable transfers, against 7.95 and 8.00. Chilean exchange is nominally

quoted 7 3/4, against 6 1/8. Peru is nominal at 19.25, against 19.25.

EXCHANGE on the Far Eastern countries is highly inactive owing to the uncertainties of the entire foreign exchange situation arising from the sterling-dollar-franc involvements. The Chinese units are generally firm owing to the ruling prices of silver, as buying or selling exchange on China is equivalent to a transaction in silver. Nevertheless these quotations are also nominal. The new China central mint located in Shanghai is expected to begin distribution on July 1 of the new standard silver dollar which is to replace the ancient tael. Japanese yen are quoted high but rates are nominal and transactions are negligible. The firmness in the yen is due to the interrelation of dollar-sterling exchange. Indian rupees are firm as the unit is anchored to the pound sterling at the fixed rate of 1s. 6. per rupee.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 26 3/4, against 26 1/2 on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 30 1/2@30 11-16, against 29 3/4@29 13-16; Shanghai at 27 1/8@27 1/2, against 26@26 11-16; Manila at 50 1/8, against 50; Singapore at 50 1/4, against 49; Bombay at 32 1/4, against 31 7/8, and Calcutta at 32 1/4, against 31 7/8.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. JUNE 24 1933 TO JUNE 30 1933, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York Value in United States Money.					
	June 24.	June 26.	June 27.	June 28.	June 29.	June 30.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	.141000*	.140000*	.140800*	.142900*	.142600*	.142700*
Belgium, belga	.173558	.173150	.174100	.178520	.178250	.176558
Bulgaria, lev	.008466*	.008500	.008433	.008533*	.008750*	.008400*
Czechoslovakia, krone	.037150	.037058	.037100	.038128	.038450	.038066
Denmark, krone	.188125	.188000	.188653	.193230	.194333	.190000
England, pound sterling	4.220500	4.214583	4.241666	4.345357	4.301071	4.264666
Finland, marka	.018600	.018516	.018700	.019150	.018983	.018860
France, franc	.048906	.048606	.048976	.050423	.049900	.049556
Germany, reichsmark	.295625	.294666	.295008	.302863	.303214	.300433
Greece, drachma	.007021	.007018	.007025	.007194	.007110	.007147
Holland, guilder	.498171	.490083	.497116	.512636	.510500	.504816
Hungary, pengo	.220000*	.220000*	.220833*	.223750*	.220000*	.221250*
Italy, lira	.065140	.065107	.065656	.067292	.067122	.066514
Norway, krone	.212230	.212146	.213023	.217458	.217500	.214212
Poland, zloty	.141500	.141500	.141250	.143437	.143333*	.144312
Portugal, escudo	.038505	.038618	.038675	.039131	.039166	.038837
Rumania, leu	.007637	.007462	.007610	.008250	.007433	.008050
Spain, peseta	.104292	.104092	.104342	.106795	.106930	.105457
Sweden, krona	.216976	.216800	.217816	.223166	.222555	.219416
Switzerland, franc	.239671	.238725	.240233	.245958	.245633	.243175
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017112	.017062	.017037	.017575	.017500*	.017525
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo dollar	.262083	.261666	.266041	.272083	.273333	.270833
Hankow dollar	.262083	.261666	.266041	.272083	.273333	.270833
Shanghai dollar	.262187	.261875	.266718	.271875	.273333	.270937
Tientsin dollar	.262083	.261666	.266041	.272083	.273333	.270833
Hong Kong dollar	.292500	.292187	.297543	.303437	.304533*	.300625
India, rupee	.317250	.317150	.318200	.325300	.327250	.321190
Japan, yen	.263000	.263500	.264500	.270750	.270562	.266000
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	.488750	.490000	.490625	.498750	.506875	.498125
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	.902187	.900729	.905104	.908693	.910500	.913281
Cuba, peso	.999212	.999212	.999212	.999265	.999265	.999212
Mexico, peso (silver)	.275340	.275300	.275083	.275525	.275320	.274975
Newfoundland, dollar	.899875	.897750	.902875	.905937	.908125	.910625
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.724452*	.722364*	.724195*	.735669*	.737795*	.733738*
Brazil, milreis	.076350*	.076350*	.076350*	.076475*	.076350*	.076350*
Chile, peso	.075250*	.075250*	.078000*	.076500*	.077425*	.076500*
Uruguay, peso	.579166*	.578333*	.579166*	.598333*	.587500*	.591666*
Colombia, peso	.862100*	.862100*	.862100*	.862100*	.862100*	.862100*
OTHER—						
Australia, pound	3.364166	3.360000	3.376666	3.449166	3.443750	3.394166
New Zealand, pound	3.372500	3.368333	3.385000	3.457500	3.456250	3.402500
South Africa, pound	4.172500	4.165000	4.195625	4.282500	4.245000	4.220000

*Nominal rates; firm rates not available.

THE following table indicates the amount of gold bullion in the principal European banks as of June 29 1933, together with comparisons as of the corresponding dates in the previous four years:

Banks of—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
	£	£	£	£	£
England	190,584,121	136,953,579	164,421,108	157,228,008	155,705,931
France a	649,955,652	656,797,065	451,404,987	312,415,122	292,997,605
Germany b	8,553,900	37,156,700	61,149,150	123,454,300	92,611,850
Spain	90,379,000	90,212,000	96,985,000	98,842,000	102,450,000
Italy	72,073,000	60,990,000	50,489,000	56,301,000	55,434,000
Neth lands	67,576,000	81,466,000	39,873,000	25,994,000	36,400,000
Nat. Belg.	76,343,000	72,906,000	40,947,000	34,333,000	28,561,000
Switz/land	66,703,000	87,919,000	29,411,000	23,156,000	19,842,000
Sweden	12,023,000	11,444,000	13,270,000	13,491,000	12,971,000
Denmark	7,397,000	8,031,000	9,551,000	9,570,000	9,591,000
Norway	6,569,000	6,561,000	8,132,000	8,143,000	8,155,000
Total week	1,248,156,673	1,250,406,344	965,633,245	902,927,430	814,719,386
Prev. week	1,252,582,295	1,242,875,341	963,312,714	913,064,062	811,773,872

a These are the gold holdings of the Bank of France as reported in the new form of statement. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany are exclusive of gold held abroad, the amount of which the present year is £2,579,150.

The Submergence of Political Parties.

The action of the Hitler Government in suppressing nearly every important party except the National Socialists, or Nazis, brings the Reich close to the day when only a single party, and that completely dominated by the Government, will represent the active political thought of the country. One by one the Communists, the Socialists, the Bavarian People's party, the State party, and the Nationalists have either been put under the ban or have avoided dissolution by themselves going out of existence, and the days of Dr. Bruening's Catholic Centre party appear to be numbered. Unless the Vatican proves powerful enough to stay Chancellor Hitler's hand, organized political Catholicism in Germany will shortly cease to exist as a party force, and Germany will be ranged with Soviet Russia and Italy as a country in which a recognized political Opposition no longer exists. What will have happened, moreover, will be in complete accord with the frankly proclaimed theory that Opposition parties have no place in the modern "unified" State. The State, in this new conception of politics, is supreme, the State "will" is the supreme law, the only opinion that can lawfully express itself through an organization is the opinion promulgated by the Government, and the test of loyalty is unquestioning conformity. There may still, perhaps, be personal differences of opinion that will be tolerated because in practice it will not be possible wholly to suppress them, but dissent will be forbidden to organize itself, take a party name, or engage in electoral or political activities.

The ostensible reasons for the suppression of some of the German parties, and the circumstances under which others have ceased to exist, are, of course, different. The Communists had less reason than any other party to expect tolerance from the Hitler regime, for not only did they espouse a system of government which was subversive of the established institutions of the Reich, but their opposition took on consistently a violent character whose aims appeared to be both obstructive and destructive. The Socialists, on the other hand, with a long record of constructive action, were brusquely denounced as treasonable and their party organization forcibly destroyed. The suppression of the Bavarian People's party was a blow at the political "particularism" which had vigorously opposed the progress of Hitlerism from the beginning, and which stood stubbornly in the way of a political unification of the Reich. The disappearance of Dr. Alfred Hugenberg's Nationalists is the most striking case of all, for it was only with Nationalist aid that Hitler was able to take and hold power, and Dr. Hugenberg himself occupied one of the most important posts in the Hitler Cabinet. His extraordinary pronouncement at the World Economic Conference, however, in favor of territorial expansion for Germany appears to have been made without authority and was repudiated by the Government, and his resignation, which had been for some time expected, was followed immediately by the complete surrender of the party directorate and the absorption of the party by the Nazis.

All this is more than a successful assault upon Opposition parties. It is primarily a blow at the parliamentary system, at least as that system has been commonly understood and operated, and at the political rights of minorities in the face of a domi-

nant and well knit majority. In a remarkable interview on Monday with Karl A. Bickel, President of the United Press, Chancellor Hitler stated frankly his attitude at that point. "Parliaments," he declared, "are doomed. The idea of personal leadership is the principle of to-day and for to-morrow. Parliaments do not express the will of the people. They function almost exclusively in behalf of the so-called big interests. What are parliaments? Merely consortiums working on the principle of majority rule but assuming no actual responsibility. Personal leadership, on the contrary, is founded on the principle of sole, final responsibility. After all, what is dictatorship? All great, successful business enterprises of the world are run as dictatorships, on the basis of courageous, single responsibility. It is when things begin to go badly, when firms or governments are threatened with bankruptcy, that people begin to hide behind the convenient anonymity of boards of conservators." Referring to the course of Chancellor Dollfuss regarding the Nazis in Austria, Chancellor Hitler said: "I am not suppressing the majority with the aid of a minority. I am not hiding behind barbed wire fences. The power I wield to-day is one I have legally achieved. I always have been willing and ready to appeal to the people of my nation. If I should call for a national plebiscite to-day, everybody knows I would win 75 to 80 per cent of the entire vote cast. I need no protection from the people; I depend on them; they depend on me."

Leaving aside the high degree of self-confidence with which Hitler views his own position, there can be no doubt that the interview voices with essential accuracy the ideas of those who, with political parties out of the way as obstructive forces, look for the complete subjugation of the parliamentary system to the demands of dictatorship. The extent to which such subjugation has been carried is, of course, best seen in Russia and Italy. The Italian Parliament in particular survives as little more than a form, and for years has ceased to perform any important functions except to register the proposals of Mussolini. The Polish Parliament has long enjoyed only a formal minimum of independence, and at times not even that, under the dictatorship of Pilsudski. There is a dictatorship in Jugoslavia with a consequent submergence of parliamentary authority, and the new Government of Spain seems at least very intolerant of party dissent. Two recent dispatches, as it happens of the same date, show how the idea is spreading in other quarters. The Dublin correspondent of the New York "Times," writing on June 23, reported that the young people of the Irish Free State "are beginning to tire of parliamentary institutions and are moving in the direction of a dictatorship" under the influence of the successes of Mussolini and Hitler, and quoted the "United Irishmen," the official organ of the right wing military organization known as the Army Comrades, as saying that the younger members of the organization "are generally without respect for the electoral system which enables men without ability, industry, patriotism, reputation or common honesty to become members of the nation's Parliament more readily than the best men of the community." A Paris dispatch to the "Times" of the same date reported a widespread discussion in the Chamber of Deputies and in the press of the possibility that the Government, emulating the example of President Roosevelt,

might soon assume "full powers" for the reorganization of the national finances, it having "become obvious that the Legislative Assembly, here as elsewhere, is not capable of pushing through such measures of economy and reorganization as are essential" to balance the budget and prevent an open revolt of the taxpayers.

How far the United States, with a vigorous and resourceful President and a Congress overwhelmingly of one party, has gone in suppressing a party minority and acquiescing in the dictatorial demands of the Executive and his "brain trust" was called sharply to the attention of the country in the statement issued on Sunday by Representative Snell of New York, Republican leader in the House. The statement, of course, is partisan, and intended as the opening gun of the campaign to capture seats in the House for Republicans in the Congressional elections next year, but its statements of fact are entitled to weight. For all practical purposes, the independence of the House in the first session of the Seventy-third Congress was only that of a rubber stamp. "Bills were written in the Executive departments of the Government, sent to the House and ordered passed as written. In some cases, bills have been passed before they were printed, before any copies were available even for the leaders of the House or members of the committees sponsoring them, without anyone knowing what they contained." Under the provisions of the Domestic Farm Allotment Act and the National Recovery Act, "Federal officials are empowered to put a Federal agent on every farm and in the office of every factory for the express purpose of dictating to agricultural and industrial producers conditions under which they must run their private affairs, and imposing penalties of the law for disregard of bureaucratic orders." In some instances, Mr. Snell declared, the Acts passed were "in direct violation" of the Constitution, "and in practically all instances" the extraordinary powers granted to the Executive were "in violation of the traditions and practices" of the Republic from its beginning.

It is a sobering reflection that there is not at the present moment, in this country or in many others, any effective party organization representing the conservative thought of the nation. Step by step, under the influence of the world depression, peoples and governments have turned their backs on the lessons of intelligence and experience, thrown accustomed ideas of government and administration overboard, and run feverishly about in search of something new that would prove a panacea. To-day the whole trend is in the direction of radical political and economic experiments, most of them precarious because of the violent break with the past which they involve, some of them wholly visionary, and not a few mere specious revampings of policies which have been disastrous in the past and must assuredly be so in the future. It is out of this willingness to cut loose from historical moorings, throw all responsibility upon the Government, and look to government to do for the individual what the individual should do for himself, that support for dictatorship as a short cut to recovery and stability springs.

Meantime, the indispensable function of an Opposition in subjecting new policies to critical examination, insisting upon full and fair discussion, and exposing extravagance or error if there be such, ceases to be performed, for an Opposition party stands

small chance of remaining effective under any form of dictatorship even if its identity continues unimpaired. What is going on in Germany, or what has gone on in Russia and Italy, is hardly likely to be repeated in detail elsewhere, but the principle may be applied even though the methods differ. The political problem that is confronting most countries, the United States included, is not merely that of whether an Administration or Cabinet shall be given extraordinary powers to deal with extraordinary conditions, but whether, in the process of centralizing unprecedented authority in a few hands, representative government can continue, legislatures retain their constitutional independence, and the conservative thought of the country be taken into the national councils as it has been in Great Britain.

Legislation Getting Ahead of Modern Humans.

The important topic of discussion at all recent conventions of business organizations is the features of the new Industrial Recovery Act. One of the most interesting sessions of the kind was held at Atlantic City, N. J., this week, by the National Association of Retail Grocers, the presence of Senator Nye of North Dakota, and his address adding zest to the meeting.

Four years ago Senator Nye introduced four "fair trade" bills in Congress, and he asserts that a number of the features embraced in those bills are embodied in the new Industrial Recovery Law. The thought which he has given to the subject enabled him to command the attention of trade representatives from all parts of the country covering a line of business of vital importance to every household.

"Everything now depends on the honesty and judgment of President Roosevelt and his good fortune in choosing his administrators," the Senator stated.

That assertion puts us back to the very foundation of the Government. The Republic was founded upon the presumption that all men were not only created equal but that they were honest, and a very large portion of our ills which have beset us, at least in the Twentieth Century, may be attributed to the fact that a large percentage of the population has drifted very far from the straight and narrow path which our forefathers trod.

Agriculture was the great industry in America when the Republic was formed. Honest toil, hard work in making clearings, and much manual labor in tilling the soil and reaping crops was the lot of the pioneers. A dependence of families upon each other gave them common ties and created a spirit of helpfulness and sympathy which has been driven into the background by a growing greed for gain.

Advancement in civilization, wonderful discoveries of steam and electricity as sources of power, perfection of the telegraph, the telephone and the radio as means of communication, of railroads for transportation of passengers and freight, and of automobiles and trucks as compared with the slow and antiquated methods afforded by corduroy roads and canals. Perfection of machinery for the manufacture in tremendous quantities of fabrics made of materials never dreamed of by our forefathers have all tended to commercialize the entire population.

The creation of luxuries was naturally followed by a desire of possession, and out of this situation has grown greed and selfishness to an extent never conceived of in the olden days.

Senator Nye raises the question whether our progress in lawmaking is not proceeding too fast to be adapted to the purposes of human beings as they exist to-day.

Children used to be taught that the chief end of man was to love and serve God. In how many households is that doctrine instilled in the rising generation of to-day? If the Golden Rule were followed it would be one of the greatest promoters of happiness in modern times. To insure the perfect working of the idealistic measures now being framed and passed by Congress President Roosevelt may have to search for a Diogenes and send him all over the land in an effort to find some honest and capable men who will be able to supervise the new economic machinery so that the altruistic benefits so much desired may be assured to a suffering people.

Greed and selfishness have been at the bottom of much of our troubles, and men will certainly have to change their nature if our new laws are to be effectually administered for the benefit of all classes of inhabitants. After the modern Diogenes makes his report it may be necessary to send missionaries over the land to educate men to a high sense of morality which will enable them to qualify for the tremendously responsible duties which the new statutes impose.

Business Leaders and Investors Need Reassurance.

Above everything else, what business, industry and transportation interests need in the United States is some settled policy which will afford a foundation upon which to build not merely for to-day but for a long period in the future. There must be greater assurance of stability than has prevailed in the past, an assurance which will stimulate enterprise and strong leadership and which will inspire utmost confidence of the public and of investors without whose capital very little progress is possible.

One of the early steps in the unscrabbling of big business was the decision of the Supreme Court which forced the old Standard Oil Co. to divest itself of a group of units over which it had control. President Taft regarded this as a remarkable decision which would effect much good.

The Standard Oil Co. itself and the several units are still conducting business as usual, and the relations between producer and consumer have remained substantially the same as before the Court decision was rendered.

There grew up the mighty United States Steel Corp. with a long list of subsidiaries, and also the Bethlehem Steel and a combination with Mahoning Valley mills as a nucleus. Concentration in this business has unquestionably been of general and public advantage. In normal times stabilization has given steady operation of great plants with no complaints as to quality, with price fluctuations based upon substantial causes and trade conditions.

What is true of oil and steel applies with equal force to many other of the big industries of this country. There was also accomplished segregation of the anthracite mining industry from the carriers of anthracite, but it is difficult to see in what respects the public has benefited by the change which affected an investment of a great many millions of dollars. The anthracite carriers did not particu-

larly suffer by the changes involved in this court proceeding for the reason that each important anthracite carrier tapped mines of its own, and as no other lines to the collieries have been constructed since the order of segregation was enforced, the tonnage from the mines finds the same outlets to consumers as it did before mine ownership passed into new hands.

One of the conditions of the anthracite decree was that the old Philadelphia & Reading RR. should surrender its holdings of Central Railway of New Jersey stock and the court's requirement in this respect was complied with. Now the Reading Co. is permitted to acquire the Central of New Jersey shares.

The country appears to have entered upon a period of rescrambling in an effort to undo some of the things enforced since the turn of the new century.

Probably no interests have suffered more or so continuously as have those of transportation under the edicts applied by the Inter-State Commerce Commission based upon the authority of the Inter-State Commerce Act. The rail carriers were forced to divest themselves of all connection with canals and other water carriers.

When the I.-S. C. Commission Act was framed the big railroads had an interest in transoceanic ships, in vessels plying the Great Lakes, in huge barges for carrying anthracite hauled by powerful sea-going tugs from the Delaware Capes to Boston to supply New England with fuel, and they owned river lines of boats.

Not only did the Government interfere indirectly with this business, long-established, but Congress actually appropriated money to foster competition against the land carriers by providing for traffic, particularly upon the Mississippi River.

Now there appears to be a professed desire to make amends for errors of the past and to give business a better opportunity.

The test of this expressed intention centers around the application of the new industrial law. Many of its features are so entirely new and unexpected that industrialists are surrounded by doubt as to the feasibility of some of the important provisions.

The new law means the putting of industry upon an entirely new basis. After four years of hard struggling during the depression it appears as if the present is an unfortunate time in which further to unsettle business and surround industrial leaders with doubt and possible fear which will handicap initiative. Business men do not need to be ruled with an iron hand. They must have certain zones of freedom in order to conduct, with success, enterprises intrusted to their management, so that dividends may be paid in order to assure a return upon invested capital which will encourage investors and make it possible to obtain more capital when expansions become necessary.

Care must always be taken not to kill the fowl which lays the eggs; and in business of every kind the fowl is capital, and the eggs are profits, out of which are hatched interest and dividends.

L. Vogelstein on the Repercussion of Inflation on Silver Mining

L. Vogelstein, Chairman of the Board of the American Metal Co., Ltd., delivered an interesting address on silver at the meeting of the New York Section of the American

Institute of Mining & Metallurgical Engineers on May 23 1933, which we reproduce below:

Mr. A. L. Queneau has asked me to make a short address on "The Repercussion of Inflation on Silver Mining." I looked up in Webster's to make sure what the term "inflation" meant and believe that its original meaning is "a bloated condition like a balloon filled with gas or a soap bubble." It is very significant, however, that Webster defines "inflationist period", "The time of suspension of specie payments from 1862 and 1879." There are, however, many other periods and stages of inflation, such as our inflation in 1929, and quite different again our post-war inflation of 1919 and 1920. In fact, Webster gives one definition:

"Undue expansion or increase, as in paper currency, prices, &c."

The Chase National Bank has recently published two articles by their economist, Dr. Benjamin M. Anderson, in which he goes very thoroughly into the problem of inflation and its effect on business. It would be a pretentious assumption on my part if I were to attempt to improve on the statements made by this learned economist. I am, therefore, confining my remarks to a specific kind of inflation.

What we are interested in at the moment is not a theory, but a condition. Consequently, I shall concentrate my arguments on the question: "What would be the influence of a temporary or permanent currency inflation or devaluation of the dollar on silver mining?"

We are face to face with this problem; the only doubt in our minds is whether the devaluation is to be made permanent by raising the price of an ounce of gold to, say, \$25 or \$30, or any other value which would be equivalent to reducing the weight of gold in the dollar or whether the dollar will remain at present weight and fineness in which event the present discount will most likely disappear.

The price of an ounce of gold in London was, on May 12, 123 1/4 shillings at the sterling rate of \$3.98, equivalent to \$24.53 per ounce. The same day the official price of silver in New York was 33.77 cents reduced to the gold basis equivalent to 28.54 cents of gold currency. On April 13, before the gold embargo order was issued the official price of silver was 27.44 cents in New York. Therefore, while the price of silver advanced in United States currency 6.33 cents, its gold value shows only 1.1 cents advance.

I am thoroughly convinced that up to this time the deviation from the gold parity has had no effect on silver mining. In order to get a clear picture, let us review past experience and draw our conclusions for the future.

TABLE I.

	World's Silver Production. Troy Ounces.	New York Price Cents.
1890	126,000,000	104.6
1900	173,600,000	61.3
1910	221,700,000	53.5
1920	173,300,000	100.9
1925	245,200,000	69.1
1928	257,900,000	58.2
1929	261,000,000	53.0
1930	248,700,000	38.2
1931	192,700,000	28.7
1932	165,000,000(est)	27.9

Production is running at present at approximately 150,000,000 ounces per annum. A recent estimate made as to the source of silver production shows that barely 50% of silver is being produced direct from silver mines, while 50% is produced as by-product. During the heyday of our prosperity, the percentage coming from true silver mines was somewhat smaller, possibly 40% or slightly below, while by-product silver represented more than 60% of the annual output.

The effect of by-product silver, i. e., silver coming from lead and copper bullion, is best shown by a glance at the Mexican production.

TABLE II.

	Mexican Silver and Lead Production.	
	Silver. (Troy Ounces.)	Lead. (Metric Tons.)
1915	24,000,000	8,200
1920	66,500,000	82,500
1922	81,100,000	110,500
1924	91,500,000	164,000
1926	99,700,000	211,000
1928	108,500,000	235,000
1929	108,900,000	247,000
1930	105,400,000	232,000
1931	87,500,000	227,000
1932	69,400,000	132,800

The peak was reached in 1929 for silver and lead. The lead production between 1929 and 1932 decreased 36% while silver decreased 46%. A similar observation can be made in the United States except that we have to add copper as an important silver carrier.

TABLE III.

	United States Production.		
	Silver. (Troy Ounces.)	Copper. (Short Tons.)	Lead. (Short Tons.)
1925	66,200,000	837,400	686,500
1926	62,700,000	869,800	695,800
1927	60,400,000	842,000	684,200
1928	58,500,000	913,000	642,700
1929	61,300,000	1,001,000	686,000
1930	50,700,000	697,200	580,000
1931	30,900,000	521,500	390,300
1932	24,800,000	264,000	254,000

Reduction between 1929 and 1932: Silver, 60%; Copper, 74%; Lead, 63%.

We are fortunate to have for the United States detailed figures of the source of domestic silver production and you will find these statistics on table III-A. Although the Bureau of Mines' detailed statistics are at least a year behind, these figures speak clearly for themselves: In the period after 1922, silver production from silicious ores decreased even though the price remained steady, but by-product silver increased steadily until the collapse of the boom even though the silver price declined before the general collapse. Now let us look at Australia, where the pound sterling declined last year to practically 50% of its gold value. Both the lead and silver production in 1929 and 1932 are practically the same; this is due to the fact that a new lead mine entered the field of production off-setting the decrease which would otherwise have been encountered. The peak of production reached in 1929 with 9,900,000 ounces of silver and 177,268 metric tons of lead fell off in 1930 and 1931, but in 1932 the silver production was again about 9,700,000 ounces and the lead production 178,000 tons. To speak of Peru: the Peruvian pound was, in 1929, equivalent to \$4 United States gold and, in 1932, it

was equivalent to \$2.32 United States gold. In spite of this inflation in Peruvian currency, the production of silver in Peru declined from 21,500,000 ounces in 1929 to 6,317,000 ounces in 1932. The production of copper declined from 119,960,000 pounds in 1929 to 47,220,000 pounds in 1932. To complete the picture, a tabulation (table IV) has been compiled giving silver, copper, lead and zinc prices and silver production for the years 1915 to 1932. You may wonder what all these statistics have to do with the theme of my address.

Firstly, these references indicate that the by-product silver has a most important bearing on silver production or, in other words, that the silver production fluctuates more with the demand and supply of copper and lead than with the price of silver.

Secondly, these references indicate that, as far as Mexico, Australia and Peru are concerned—and the same is true of Canada—the discount of their money in terms of gold has had no material bearing on their silver production.

As being appropos at this time, may I be permitted to present the following calculation:

TABLE V.
Calculation.

If A bought 1,000 ounces of silver in New York on April 13 at the official price of 27.44c., he would have to pay	\$274.40
If A sold it on May 1 at 36.09c., he would have realized	360.90
Or a profit of	\$86.50
If the same transaction were carried out for account of a Mexican who has to pay in Mexican Pesos, he would have paid on April 13 for \$274.40 U. S. A. at 27.60	Pesos 994.21
and realized for \$360.90 U. S. A. at 29.23	Pesos 1,234.64
Or a profit of	Pesos 240.43
Or	\$70.28

In other words, A would have realized \$16.22 more than the Mexican. These examples could be multiplied for Canada and other countries.

If the conclusion is justified on the basis of previously mentioned statistics that the deviation from gold equivalent in other countries has not visibly affected silver mining in the respective countries, it remains to analyze the possible repercussion of inflation in the United States and whether such repercussions would be felt beyond the borders of our country and particularly in Canada and Mexico.

As I have shown before, the gold value of silver, as quoted in this country, has not shown an appreciable increase during the period when the dollar declined from 15 to 20% discount, but the currency value has fully reflected the gold depreciation. It stands to reason that this course will continue because silver is an international commodity and to a large extent a medium of foreign exchange. Therefore, provided there are no other influences at play, the United States currency price for silver will advance 25% with the price of an ounce of gold at \$25.82 and 50% with gold at \$31, &c. Assuming a 50% devaluation, and all other conditions being equal, the 27 cents price of April 13 would rise to 40½ cents United States currency. What would happen to other commodities? Nobody can say positively what the index curve would be because domestic and foreign, national and inter-national products make up the index. Judging by Great Britain's experience, the general commodity index will not fully express the depreciation from gold value. (See table VI.)

TABLE VI.

Comparison of British and American Commodity Indices and Pound Sterling Exchange.

The British Index was—		
In 1931	August, 99.5	September, 99.2
In 1932	August, 99.5	September, 102.1
The United States Index was—		
In 1931	August, 4.857	September, 4.518
In 1932	August, 3.476	September, 3.471
In 1931	August, 72.1	September, 71.2
In 1932	August, 65.2	September, 65.3

At any rate, a drastic devaluation is bound to have some effect on commodities and, in turn, on wages. Our present production of silver runs at the rate of barely 2,000,000 ounces; of this amount the smallest part comes from true silver mines. Since the closing of silver mines in the 90's, there are very few true silver mines left in this country which could produce profitably even at 60 or 70 cents under normal conditions; the best proof is the figure of our production in 1918-20 with a silver price of from \$1 to \$1.32 and an average of about \$1.10.

Production.

1918	67,810,000 ozs.	1919	56,682,000 ozs.	1920	55,362,000 ozs.
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If the high price prevailing for nearly three years could not stimulate production materially, what can we expect now? Mind you, in those years copper and lead production were running at a higher rate and, therefore, the by-product silver production was large.

Canada is in a different position. Firstly, over 60% of its production comes from true silver mines, largely in the Temiskaming district; secondly, her currency will run close to ours. There might be an increase in the Canadian production if the depreciation of the Canadian dollar is very large; the depreciation up to 20% had no effect.

Mexico, the largest producer of silver, is possibly the country to be most affected but on the other hand there are counter-balances weighing against such influence.

It is my belief from best information obtainable that the Mexican pure silver mines have not reduced their production during the period of price decline for silver. Of course, some old mines have petered out but some of the larger mines have increased their production. The falling off in Mexican silver production was principally due to the reduction in lead production. Mexican exchange has fluctuated somewhat, independent of the silver price, as I have indicated above. If there is an assurance that the Mexican miner can realize \$2 (Mexican) or more per ounce for some time to come, a certain amount of additional silver might come on the market, but this would be an insignificant amount for the world's market.

The main influence on silver production is the production of copper, lead and, to some extent, zinc. Of course, inflation and surely devaluation of the dollar will raise the currency prices of these metals in the United States and, to some extent, in Canada; but will such rise stimulate and sustain the demand? After all, the fact that copper was selling on a currency basis on May 12 of 7 cents, equivalent to 5.92 cents United States gold, has not yet increased the demand appreciably and it would be the height of folly to produce more copper than can be readily absorbed merely because it looks better in the balance sheet to inventory copper at 6½ to 7 cents than at 5 cents.

My conclusion from this review is that:

1. Inflation in foreign countries has never materially influenced silver mining in the respective countries.
2. Until and unless we definitely devalue the dollar, no material influence will be felt in this country and Canada.
3. Even in case of devaluation, the influence is problematical, especially owing to the probability of commodity and labor index rise.
4. Mexico, the largest silver producing country, seems to be immune to the effect of inflation and lowering of its money standard.
5. There is no important new district of straight silver mines known which could add substantially to production.
6. Silver production in the world is largely dependent upon the demand for non-ferrous metals, especially copper and lead.

It would be beyond the scope of this study and certainly beyond my capacity as a student of economy to predict the effect of a temporary or permanent monetary inflation or devaluation of the dollar in this country on the future of the non-ferrous metal industry, but surely this can be said: a price advance for non-ferrous metals without a decidedly increased demand would not affect silver production.

This study has left out of consideration the possibility of the use of silver as a means for inflation. It might serve, however, as a valuable guide for the governments so as to allay fears of increased silver production in case of a decided advance in the price of the metal.

TABLE IV.

YEARLY SILVER PRODUCTION AND METAL PRICES.

(Production from American Bureau of Metal Statistics.)
(New York Yearly Average Prices from "Engineering & Mining Journal.")

Year—	Cents Per Oz. Silver.	Cents Per Lb. Copper.	Cents Per Lb. Lead.	World Fine Ozs.	United States Fine Ozs.	United States %
1915	49.7	17.3	4.7	189,626,405	74,961,075	39.53
1916	65.7	27.2	6.9	180,112,525	74,414,802	41.32
1917	81.4	27.2	8.8	187,443,658	71,740,362	38.27
1918	96.8	24.6	7.4	204,199,399	67,810,139	33.21
1919	111.1	18.7	5.8	181,800,394	56,682,445	31.18
1920	100.9	17.5	8.0	173,200,618	55,361,573	31.96
1921	62.7	12.5	4.5	171,873,246	53,052,441	30.87
1922	67.5	13.4	5.7	210,533,502	56,240,048	26.71
1923	64.9	14.4	7.3	240,169,264	66,163,338	27.55
1924	65.3	13.0	8.1	238,779,157	64,221,655	26.90
1925	69.1	14.0	9.0	241,697,187	61,377,977	25.39
1926	62.1	13.8	8.4	253,049,173	60,918,000	24.07
1927	56.4	12.9	6.8	253,121,265	59,412,000	23.47
1928	58.2	14.6	6.3	255,066,812	56,149,000	22.01
1929	53.0	18.1	6.8	261,664,983	60,180,000	23.00
1930	38.2	13.0	5.5	247,222,102	50,234,000	20.32
1931	28.7	8.1	4.2	195,575,000	30,932,000	15.82
1932 a	27.9	5.6	3.2	160,000,000	23,980,000	14.98

a Production from United States Bureau of Mines.

TABLE III A.
PRODUCTION OF SILVER IN THE UNITED STATES, BY SOURCES.
(In fine ounces.)

Year—	Silver Price.	Placers.	Dry and Siliceous Ores.	Copper Ores.	Lead Ores.	Zinc Ores.	Copper, Lead and Copper Lead Zinc Ore.	Lead Zinc Ores.	Total.
1920	100.9	73,383	20,477,612	12,151,424	17,069,506	1,258,341	669,503	4,837,135	56,536,904
1921	62.7	81,375	24,117,251	4,782,538	14,912,990	6,163	449,417	1,983,222	46,332,956
1922	67.5	60,769	28,631,579	10,376,123	16,756,835	1,676,967	669,809	3,035,907	61,207,989
1923	64.9	57,752	27,636,947	14,684,333	20,139,928	2,171,186	1,348,025	4,317,503	70,355,674
1924	66.8	51,251	20,388,065	16,335,433	18,858,782	24,431	1,194,323	7,218,459	64,070,744
1925	69.1	50,303	17,099,876	18,051,937	18,777,853	181,886	970,370	11,577,855	66,710,080
1926	62.1	49,890	13,567,095	17,039,546	15,528,454	313,119	1,415,699	14,573,416	62,487,219
1927	56.4	49,829	11,775,384	14,556,572	15,762,197	1,685,764	2,171,792	13,624,144	59,625,682
1928	58.2	46,276	11,140,496	14,733,852	13,416,657	117,532	2,207,200	16,210,430	57,872,443
1929	53.0	45,125	11,107,873	17,948,845	11,699,491	1,576,715	2,836,912	15,645,950	60,860,011
1930	38.2	44,811	8,740,561	13,617,566	8,778,685	449,983	3,051,604	13,041,693	47,724,903
1931	28.7	46,521	4,369,200	9,573,651	6,114,975	6,023	2,790,101	6,955,157	29,856,628

Production—As reported by U. S. Geological Survey and U. S. Bureau of Mines.

Prices—Taken from American Bureau of Metal Statistics.

The Course of the Bond Market.

Bond prices prevailing firm this week, with the averages pushing ahead slightly into new high ground for the year. The lower grade railroad bonds made the greatest gains; Aaa rails also advanced, Aaa utilities were stationary, while Aaa industrials lost some ground. A firm bond market, while stocks fluctuated nervously during the week in response to confusing news from the London Conference, probably reflects the momentary hope that inflation will not be allowed to run extremes.

The Federal Reserve Banks purchased another \$20,000,000 of government securities this week. Plethoric credit was reflected in a slight lowering of money rates in New York and a tendency toward better prices for high grade corporate and government bonds. Demand deposits were reduced further this week, probably due to the Banking Act of 1933, which forbids the payment of interest on demand deposits. Reporting Member Banks in New York City have lost \$441,000,000 in net demand deposits in two weeks, while their time deposits gained \$62,000,000. The greater part of the loss in demand deposits is found in New York City

to be known as the Home Owners' Loan Corporation is created under the Act, the capital of which is limited to \$200,000,000, subscribed in full by the Treasury. The assessed value of homes on which loans will be granted is not to exceed \$20,000. A statement by W. F. Stevenson, Chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, regarding the provisions of the new law appeared in our issue of a week ago (page 4200). The text of the Act follows:

[H. R. 5240]

AN ACT

To provide emergency relief with respect to home mortgage indebtedness, to refinance home mortgages, to extend relief to the owners of homes occupied by them and who are unable to amortize their debt elsewhere, to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, to increase the market for obligations of the United States and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933."

Definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this Act—

(a) The term "Board" means the Federal Home Loan Bank Board created under the Federal Home Loan Bank Act.

(b) The term "Corporation" means the Home Owners' Loan Corporation created under section 4 of this Act.

(c) The term "home mortgage" means a first mortgage on real estate in fee simple or on a leasehold under a renewable lease for not less than ninety-nine years, upon which there is located a dwelling for not more than four families, used by the owner as a home or held by him as his homestead, and having a value not exceeding \$20,000; and the term "first mortgage" includes such classes of first liens as are commonly given to secure advances on real estate under the laws of the State in which the real estate is located, together with the credit instruments, if any, secured thereby.

(d) The term "association" means a Federal Savings and Loan Association chartered by the Board as provided in section 5 of this Act.

Repeal of Direct Loan Provision of Federal Home Loan Bank Act.

Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 4 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (providing for direct loans to home owners) is hereby repealed.

Creation of Home Owners' Loan Corporation.

Sec. 4. (a) The Board is hereby authorized and directed to create a corporation to be known as the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, which shall be an instrumentality of the United States, which shall have authority to sue and to be sued in any court of competent jurisdiction, Federal or State, and which shall be under the direction of the Board and operated by it under such bylaws, rules, and regulations as it may prescribe for the accomplishment of the purposes and intent of this section. The members of the Board shall constitute the board of directors of the Corporation and shall serve as such directors without additional compensation.

(b) The Board shall determine the minimum amount of capital stock of the Corporation and is authorized to increase such capital stock from time to time in such amounts as may be necessary, but not to exceed in the aggregate \$200,000,000. Such stock shall be subscribed for by the Secretary of the Treasury on behalf of the United States, and payments for such subscriptions shall be subject to call in whole or in part by the Board and shall be made at such time or times as the Secretary of the Treasury deems advisable. The Corporation shall issue to the Secretary of the Treasury receipts for payments by him for or on account of such stock, and such receipts shall be evidence of the stock ownership of the United States. In order to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to make such payments when called, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized and directed to allocate and make available to the Secretary of the Treasury the sum of \$200,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary and for such purposes the amount of the notes, bonds, debentures, or other such obligations which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized and empowered under section 9 of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, as amended, to have outstanding at any one time, is hereby increased by such amounts as may be necessary.

(c) The Corporation is authorized to issue bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,000,000,000, which may be sold by the Corporation to obtain funds for carrying out the purposes of this section or exchanged as hereinafter provided. Such bonds shall be issued in such denominations as the Board shall prescribe, shall mature within a period of not more than eighteen years from the date of their issue, shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed 4 per centum per annum, and shall be fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to interest only by the United States, and such guaranty shall be expressed on the face thereof. In the event that the Corporation shall be unable to pay upon demand, when due, the interest on any such bonds, the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to the Corporation the amount of such interest, which is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the Corporation shall pay the amount of such interest to the holders of the bonds. Upon the payment of such interest by the Secretary of the Treasury the amount so paid shall become an obligation to the United States of the Corporation and shall bear interest at the same rate as that borne by the bonds upon which the interest has been so paid. The bonds issued by the Corporation under this subsection shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation (except surtaxes, estate, inheritance, and gift taxes) now or hereafter imposed by the United States or any District, Territory, dependency, or possession thereof, or by any State, county, municipality, or local taxing authority. The Corporation, including its franchise, its capital, reserves and surplus, and its loans and income, shall likewise be exempt from such taxation; except that any real property of the Corporation shall be subject to taxation to the same extent, according to its value, as other real property is taxed.

(d) The Corporation is authorized, for a period of three years after the date of enactment of this Act, (1) to acquire in exchange for bonds issued by it, home mortgages and other obligations and liens secured by real estate (including the interest of a vendor under a purchase-money mortgage or contract) recorded or filed in the proper office or executed prior to the date of the enactment of this Act, and (2) in connection with any such exchange, to make advances in cash to pay the taxes and assessments on the real estate, to provide for necessary maintenance and make necessary repairs, to meet the incidental expenses of the transaction, and to pay such amounts, not exceeding \$50, to the holder of the mortgage, obligation, or lien acquired as may be the difference between the face value of the bonds exchanged plus accrued interest thereon and the purchase price of the mortgage, obligation, or lien.

The face value of the bonds so exchanged plus accrued interest thereon and the cash so advanced shall not exceed in any case \$14,000, or 80 per centum of the value of the real estate as determined by an appraisal made by the Corporation, whichever is the smaller. In any case in which the amount of the face value of the bonds exchanged plus accrued interest thereon and the cash advanced is less than the amount the home owner owes with respect to the home mortgage or other obligation or lien so acquired by the Corporation, the Corporation shall credit the difference between such amounts to the home owner and shall reduce the amount owed by the home owner to the Corporation to that extent. Each home mortgage or other obligation or lien so acquired shall be carried as a first lien or refinanced as a home mortgage by the Corporation on the basis of the price paid therefor by the Corporation, and shall be amortized by means of monthly payments sufficient to retire the interest and principal within a period of not to exceed 15 years; but the amortization payments of any home owner may be made quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, if in the judgment of the Corporation the situation of the home owner requires it. Interest on the unpaid balance of the obligation of the home owner to the Corporation shall be at a rate not exceeding 5 per centum per annum. The Corporation may at any time grant an extension of time to any home owner for the payment of any installment of principal or interest owed by him to the Corporation if, in the judgment of the Corporation, the circumstances of the home owner and the condition of the security justify such extension, and no payment of any installment of principal shall be required during the period of three years from the date this Act takes effect if the home owner shall not be in default with respect to any other condition or covenant of his mortgage. As used in this subsection, the term "real estate" includes only real estate held in fee simple or on a leasehold under a lease renewable for not less than ninety-nine years, upon which there is located a dwelling for not more than four families used by the owner as a home or held by him as a homestead and having a value not exceeding \$20,000. No discrimination shall be made under this Act against any home mortgage by reason of the fact that the real estate securing such mortgage is located in a municipality, county, or taxing district which is in default upon any of its obligations.

(e) The Corporation is further authorized, for a period of three years from the date of enactment of this Act, to make loans in cash subject to the same limitations and for the same purposes for which cash advances may be made under subsection (d) of this section, in cases where the property is not otherwise encumbered; but no such loan shall exceed 50 per centum of the value of the property securing the same as determined upon an appraisal made by the Corporation. Each such loan shall be secured by a duly recorded home mortgage, and shall bear interest at the same rate and shall be subject to the same provisions with respect to amortization and extensions as are applicable in the case of obligations refinanced under subsection (d) of this section.

(f) The Corporation is further authorized, for a period of three years from the date of enactment of this Act, in any case in which the holder of a home mortgage or other obligation or lien eligible for exchange under subsection (d) of this section does not accept the bonds of the Corporation in exchange as provided in such subsection and in which the Corporation finds that the home owner cannot obtain a loan from ordinary lending agencies to make cash advances to such home owner in an amount not to exceed 40 per centum of the value of the property for the purposes specified in such subsection (d). Each such loan shall be secured by a duly recorded home mortgage and shall bear interest at a rate of interest which shall be uniform throughout the United States, but which in no event shall exceed a rate of 6 per centum per annum, and shall be subject to the same provisions with respect to amortization and extensions as are applicable in cases of obligations refinanced under subsection (d) of this section.

(g) The Corporation is further authorized, for a period of three years from the date of the enactment of this Act, to exchange bonds and to advance cash, subject to the limitations provided in subsection (d) of this section, to redeem or recover homes lost by the owners by foreclosure or forced sale by a trustee under a deed of trust or under power of attorney, or by voluntary surrender to the mortgagee within two years prior to such exchange or advance.

(h) The Board shall make rules for the appraisal of the property on which loans are made under this section so as to accomplish the purposes of this Act.

(i) Any person indebted to the Corporation may make payment to it in part or in full by delivery to it of its bonds which shall be accepted for such purpose at face value.

(j) The Corporation shall have power to select, employ and fix the compensation of such officers, employees, attorneys, or agents as shall be necessary for the performance of its duties under this Act, without regard to the provisions of other laws applicable to the employment or compensation of officers, employees, attorneys, or agents of the United States. No such officer, employee, attorney, or agent shall be paid compensation at a rate in excess of the rate provided by law in the case of the members of the Board. The Corporation shall be entitled to free use of the United States mails for its official business in the same manner as the executive departments of the Government, and shall determine its necessary expenditures under this Act and the manner in which they shall be incurred, allowed, and paid, without regard to the provisions of any other law governing the expenditure of public funds. The Corporation shall pay such proportion of the salary and expenses of the members of the Board and of its officers and employees as the Board may determine to be equitable, and may use the facilities of Federal Home Loan Banks, upon making reasonable compensation therefore as determined by the Board.

(k) The Board is authorized to make such bylaws, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this section, as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Corporation. The Corporation is further authorized and directed to retire and cancel the bonds and stock of the Corporation as rapidly as the resources of the Corporation will permit. Upon the retirement of such stock, the reasonable value thereof as determined by the Board shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States and the receipts issued therefor shall be canceled. The Board shall proceed to liquidate the Corporation when its purposes have been accomplished, and shall pay any surplus or accumulated funds into the Treasury of the United States. The Corporation may declare and pay such dividends to the United States as may be earned and as in the judgment of the Board it is proper for the Corporation to pay.

Federal Savings and Loan Associations.

Sec. 5. (a) In order to provide local mutual thrift institutions in which people may invest their funds and in order to provide for the financing of homes, the Board is authorized, under such rules and regulations as it may prescribe, to provide for the organization, incorporation, examination, operation, and regulation of associations to be known as "Federal Savings and Loan Associations," and to issue charters, therefor,

giving primary consideration to the best practices of local mutual thrift and home-financing institutions in the United States.

(b) Such associations shall raise their capital only in the form of payments on such shares as are authorized in their charter, which shares may be retired as is therein provided. No deposits shall be accepted and no certificates of indebtedness shall be issued except for such borrowed money as may be authorized by regulations of the Board.

(c) Such associations shall lend their funds only on the security of their shares or on the security of first liens upon homes or combination of homes and business property within fifty miles of their home office: *Provided*, That not more than \$20,000 shall be loaned on the security of a first lien upon any one such property; except that not exceeding 15 per centum of the assets of such association may be loaned on other improved real estate without regard to said \$20,000 limitation, and without regard to said fifty-mile limit, but secured by first lien thereon: *And provided further*, That any portion of the assets of such associations may be invested in obligations of the United States or the stock or bonds of a Federal Home Loan Bank.

(d) The Board shall have full power to provide in the rules and regulations herein authorized for the reorganization, consolidation, merger, or liquidation of such associations, including the power to appoint a conservator or a receiver to take charge of the affairs of any such association, and to require an equitable readjustment of the capital structure of the same; and to release any such association from such control and permit its further operation.

(e) No charter shall be granted except to persons of good character and responsibility, nor unless in the judgment of the Board a necessity exists for such an institution in the community to be served, nor unless there is a reasonable probability of its usefulness and success, nor unless the same can be established without undue injury to properly conducted existing local thrift and home-financing institutions.

(f) Each such association, upon its incorporation, shall become automatically a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of the district in which it is located, or if convenience shall require and the Board approve, shall become a member of a Federal Home Loan Bank of an adjoining district. Such associations shall qualify for such membership in the manner provided in the Federal Home Loan Bank Act with respect to other members.

(g) The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized on behalf of the United States to subscribe for preferred shares in such associations which shall be preferred as to the assets of the association and which shall be entitled to a dividend, if earned, after payment of expenses and provision for reasonable reserves, to the same extent as other shareholders. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to subscribe for such preferred shares upon the request of the Board; but the subscription by him to the shares of any one association shall not exceed \$100,000, and no such subscription shall be called for unless in the judgment of the Board the funds are necessary for the encouragement of local home financing in the community to be served and for the reasonable financing of homes in such community. Payment on such shares may be called from time to time by the association, subject to the approval of the Board and the Secretary of the Treasury; but the amount paid in by the Secretary of the Treasury shall at no time exceed the amount paid in by all other shareholders, and the aggregate amount of shares held by the Secretary of the Treasury shall not exceed at any time the aggregate amount of shares held by all other shareholders. To enable the Secretary of the Treasury to make such subscriptions when called there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended. Each such association shall issue receipts for such payments by the Secretary of the Treasury in such form as may be approved by the Board, and such receipts shall be evidence of the interest of the United States in such preferred shares to the extent of the amount so paid. Each such association shall make provision for the retirement of its preferred shares held by the Secretary of the Treasury, and beginning at the expiration of five years from the time of the investment in such shares, the association shall set aside one-third of the receipts from its investing and borrowing shareholders to be used for the purpose of such retirement. In case of the liquidation of any such association the shares held by the Secretary of the Treasury shall be retired at par before any payments are made to other shareholders.

(h) Such associations, including their franchises, capital, reserves, and surplus, and their loans and income, shall be exempt from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, and all shares of such associations shall be exempt both as to their value and the income therefrom from all taxation (except surtaxes, estate, inheritance, and gift taxes) now or hereafter imposed by the United States; and no State, Territorial, county, municipal, or local taxing authority shall impose any tax on such associations or their franchise, capital, reserves, surplus, loans, or income greater than that imposed by such authority on other similar local mutual or co-operative thrift home financing institutions.

(i) Any member of a Federal Home Loan Bank may convert itself into a Federal Savings and Loan Association under this Act upon a vote of its stockholders as provided by the law under which it operates; but such conversion shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the Board may prescribe, and thereafter the converted association shall be entitled to all the benefits of this section and shall be subject to examination and regulation to the same extent as other associations incorporated pursuant to this Act.

Encouragement of Saving and Home Financing.

Sec. 6. To enable the Board to encourage local thrift and local home financing and promote, organize, and develop the associations herein provided for or similar associations organized under local laws there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$150,000, to be immediately available and remain available until expended, subject to the call of the Board, which sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, the Board is authorized to use in its discretion for the accomplishment of the purposes of this section without regard to the provisions of any other law governing the expenditure of public funds.

Sec. 7. The provisions of this Act shall apply to the continental United States, to the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Penalties.

Sec. 8. (a) Whoever makes any statement, knowing it to be false, or whoever willfully overvalues any security, for the purpose of influencing in any way the action of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation or the Board or an association upon any application, advance, discount, purchase, or repurchase agreement or loan, under this Act, or any extension thereof by renewal, deferral, or action or otherwise, or the acceptance, release, or substitution of security therefor, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

(b) Whoever (1) falsely makes, forges, or counterfeits any note, debenture, bond, or other obligation or coupon, in imitation of or purporting to be a note, debenture, bond, or other obligation, or coupon, issued by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation or an association; or (2) passes, utters, or publishes, or attempts to pass, utter, or publish, any false, forged, or counterfeited note, debenture, bond, or other obligation, or coupon, purporting to have been issued by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation or an association, knowing the same to be false, forged, or counterfeited; or (3) falsely alters any note, debenture, bond or other obligation, or coupon, issued or purporting to have been issued by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation or an association, knowing the same to be falsely altered or spurious, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than five years, or both.

(c) Whoever, being connected in any capacity with the Board or the Home Owners' Loan Corporation or an association (1) embezzles, abstracts, purloins, or willfully misapplies any moneys, funds, securities, or other things of value, whether belonging to it or pledged or otherwise intrusted to it; or (2) with intent to defraud the Board or the Home Owners' Loan Corporation or an association, or any other body politic or corporate, or any individual, or to deceive any officer, auditor, or examiners of the Board or the Home Owners' Loan Corporation or an association, makes any false entry in any book, report, or statement of or to the Board or the Home Owners' Loan Corporation or an association, or, without being duly authorized, draws any order or issues, puts forth, or assigns any note, debenture, bond, or other obligation, or draft, mortgage, judgment, or decree thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than five years, or both.

(d) The provisions of sections 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, and 117 of the Criminal Code of the United States (U.S.C., title 18, secs. 202 to 207, inclusive), insofar as applicable, are extended to apply to contracts or agreements of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation and an association under this Act, which, for the purposes hereof, shall be held to include advances, loans, discounts, and purchase and repurchase agreements; extensions and renewals thereof; and acceptances, releases, and substitutions of security therefor.

(e) No person, partnership, association, or corporation shall make any charge in connection with a loan by the Corporation or an exchange of bonds or cash advance under this Act except ordinary charges, authorized and required by the Corporation for services actually rendered for examination and perfecting of title, appraisal, and like necessary services. Any person, partnership, association, or corporation violating the provisions of this subsection shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

Separability Provision.

Sec. 9. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

Approved, June 13 1933.

Home Owners' Loan Corporation Primarily for Refunding of Mortgages and Not for Liquidation of Mortgages in Cash—Creation of Federal Savings and Loan Associations.

A statement relative to the functions of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, created under the recently enacted Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933 was recently issued by W. F. Stevenson, Chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. Indicating that the Corporation will have a capital of \$200,000,000, subscribed and paid for by the U. S. Treasury, and that it has authority to issue \$2,000,000,000 of bonds, running 18 years with 4% interest, the interest being guaranteed by the United States Government. Mr. Stevenson pointed out that homes not exceeding \$20,000 in value, come under the provisions of the new loan and that only home mortgages of record June 13 1933, the date of the approval of the Act, can be dealt with under the Act. Mr. Stevenson also said:

The Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933 provides for a corporation to deal with homes occupied by the owners, or held by them as their homesteads, although temporarily not occupied by the owner, of a value not exceeding \$20,000. No clear line is drawn between farm homes and city homes, but typical farm loans should be handled by the Federal Land Banks. Homes will be eligible, although incidentally the premises may be employed for some other use, such as gardening or a small business, but no home built for more than four families is eligible.

The bill is primarily for the refunding of mortgages and not for the liquidation of mortgages in cash. It provides for taking up mortgages on homes by the exchange of the bonds of the Corporation, interest on which is guaranteed by the United States for a period of 18 years at 4%, for the mortgage, and payment in cash of any accrued taxes, assessments, necessary repairs or maintenance and incidental costs of the transaction, provided the total amount does not exceed \$14,000 or 80% of the value of the property, whichever is smaller, all of which will be refunded in a single mortgage and paid off, principal and interest, over a period of 15 years. The interest rate is 5% and the owner may be relieved of payments of principal over a period of 3 years. It is possible to so refund, not only a first mortgage but a second or any other lien up to the total of 80% of value.

It must be noted that in order to accomplish this refunding it will be necessary for the lender to accept the bonds of the Corporation in lieu of the mortgage now held.

In addition to refunding of mortgages up to 80% of value, the bill provides for making loans in cash to home owners on homes not otherwise incumbered, for the payment of taxes, assessments, necessary repairs and maintenance, but not exceeding 50% of value.

Also the bill provides for making loans to take up mortgages in cash where the owner of the mortgage will not accept bonds, and where the home owner can not obtain funds elsewhere from ordinary lending agencies, and provided such loans shall not exceed 40% of the value of the property, and such loans shall be carried at the rate of 6% per annum and paid off, principal and interest, over a period of 15 years. Attention is called to the fact that no large volume of mortgages can be liquidated in cash under this section, first, because most homes are mortgaged for

more than 40% of the value, and second, because sufficient funds are not available to liquidate any large percentage of the home-mortgage indebtedness of the country.

In addition to the refunding of mortgages as above stated, home owners may redeem or recover their homes lost within two years, on the same terms, provided the present holder will accept the bonds in the same manner as bonds would be required to be accepted for a mortgage.

The market on the bonds of the Corporation will be held up, among other things, by the fact that any person indebted to it may pay his debt with the bonds at face value.

The matter of appraisal is the most difficult problem to be dealt with by the Corporation on account of the chaotic condition of the country with reference to values. The act directs that the Board shall make rules for the appraisal of property on which loans are made so as to accomplish the purpose of the act and the purpose of the act is relief to home owners. Therefore, it must be the purpose of the Corporation in making appraisals to arrive at the fair worth of the property and definite rules will be laid down in an effort to accomplish this purpose.

The act provides for Federal savings and loan associations in territories not now served by local thrift and home-financing institutions, and these associations will be organized, as provided in the act, under rules and regulations made by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. These rules and regulations are now in preparation and it is the hope of the Board to be able to provide all forms for the organization and operation of these associations within 3 or 4 weeks. These associations will be co-operative mutual savings funds, substantially all of which funds will be loaned on homes in the community. They will be organized under a Federal charter but will operate locally and be managed locally. The act provides for the United States to take and pay for stock in these associations up to \$100,000 in any one association, paying the same in dollar for dollar as members of the association pay money therein. These associations will be members of the Federal home-loan banks and can secure additional funds from that source for lending on homes.

Persons interested in organizing such an association in their community should communicate with the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington, D. C.

The problem of home-mortgage relief is a very grave problem. The administration has made every reasonable effort to solve the problem and to provide for adequate relief to home owners in distress. A grave responsibility rests upon the Federal Home Loan Bank Board to administer the relief in keeping with the wishes of the President and the direction of the Congress, and members of the Board are anxious to accomplish the purposes of the legislation and to give reasonable relief quickly.

Citizens should keep in mind, however, that our people owe more than \$20,000,000,000 on their homes and that no large percentage of this indebtedness can be liquidated or refunded by the instrumentalities at our command. It is hoped that all mortgage lenders will continue to lend money to the very best of their ability and that all persons owing money on mortgages on their homes will continue to carry on the best they can without making efforts to refinance. A big enough job exists in mortgages that have matured and cannot be renewed and in mortgages so seriously in default that home owners are about to lose their homes. If good citizens who are able to do so will carry on there is a possibility of relief for those who are unable because of unemployment or other unforeseen difficulties.

Three agencies have been made available for solving the problem, as follows:

First, the Federal home loan bank system, which is now in operation, is a reserve system which will enable home mortgage lending agencies to render better service, and it is hoped that this system will be able to expand the available capital for the financing of homes several hundred million dollars in the next few months.

Second, Federal savings and loan associations are authorized and funds are made available to promote these associations and take stock therein to develop new local thrift and home-lending agencies in communities not now having any such facilities, and it is hoped that several hundred million dollars of new capital may be developed through this means to supply the demand from home owners for money to finance their homes, and it must be kept in mind that the Federal home loan bank system and Federal savings and loan associations must be made to function in the normal mortgage market or there will be more and more distress cases.

Third, Home Owners' Loan Corporation is provided as a relief agency to refund with its bonds and in a very limited way with cash those home mortgages in such distress that the lender and the borrower cannot work their problem out in cases where the home owner still has an equity in his property, and it is hoped that this Corporation will be able to refund the mortgages on a very substantial number of the owner-occupied homes of this country, thereby putting the owners in an easier position and saving them and, at the same time, relieving the real-estate market by removing these homes from the market, and it appears to be within the bounds of possibility that this corporation can save one-half million of American homes.

In addition to the above we published a statement by Mr. Stevenson in our issue of June 17, page 4200.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME. Friday Night, June 30 1933.

The pace at which trade has progressed is astonishing. The recovery is without parallel and now takes in all parts of the country. Employment is increasing and higher wages are being paid. Buying has increased to such an extent that manufacturers have been caught napping with low stocks. In many cases it is impossible to fill orders. Industrial activity is now approaching the 1930 level. Manufacturers of automobiles have revised their production schedules in order to keep pace with the increase in sales. Electric power output is the largest since 1929. Coal output is larger owing to an increased industrial demand and the production of lumber is the largest since 1931. Rapid progress is being made by the National Industrial Recovery Administration in its plan to bring farm relief and with it increased employment and higher wages.

Consumer buying continues unabated despite the fact that this is the season of the year when there is usually a slowing down in the demand. In the wholesale line orders are larger, especially for cotton dresses, printed chiffon and sheer frocks, white coats and summer shoes. The demand for men's summerwear was large and in some instances orders could not be filled owing to the smallness of stocks. Orders for staple goods and many novelties exceed those of a year ago. The sales of jewelry show an increase of nearly 4% over June last year. Automobile accessories and radio equipment show a noticeable improvement. Sales of refrigerators are double those of a year ago. In the wholesale hardware trade the demand has been brisk. Sales of paint have increased in spite of higher prices. Business is better in the wholesale grocery line. Steel operations are now above the 50% of capacity mark, tinplate output is practically at 100%. In the silk hosiery industry prices are more stabilized as a result of the higher prices for raw silk and the new Industrial Recovery Act, and a better business is reported. The woolen and worsted industry is for the most part sold up for the next three months at least. There is a steady gain in the building industry though most of the progress is in alteration work. Business failures have decreased to the lowest point since Oct. 1929. Plumbing supplies were in better demand.

The commodity markets are all higher than a week ago. Trading in grain was feverish and prices rose into new high ground on sensational crop damage reports from the American Northwest and Canadian West. Cotton reached the best levels seen since July, 1931 with farmers showing a

willingness to co-operate with the Government in its plan to reduce the acreage, and weather conditions unfavorable especially in Texas and Oklahoma where rain is badly needed. The price of spot middling here is nearly double that of a year ago. Wool has been in good demand and worsted yarns are also higher. Copper was in fair demand and steady at 8c. Tin was up to 45 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. as against 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. a year ago. Zinc was firm. Silver is 110 to 105 points higher than a week ago. Cottonseed, linseed and soya bean were all higher.

As one indication of the growing activity in trade the production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended June 24 was 1,598,136,000 kilowatt hours, as compared with 1,578,101,000 in the week ended June 17 and with 1,440,541,000 in the corresponding week a year ago.

The weather during the week has been extremely hot in many sections of the country. Numerous reports have come of crops being damaged and live stock dying because of the long period of hot, dry weather. One report from Topeka, Kansas, stated that Russian thistles are brown and seared in western Kansas for the first time in the memory of the weather bureau officials and that it is a foregone conclusion that little else will be able to survive except in moist bottoms or where local rains have fallen. The same report also stated that with the exception of a few days, June lacks but a fraction of a degree of being the hottest on record and that in twenty counties in southwestern Kansas crop were practically nil.

Many other reports from Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Missouri and other states have been to the effect that thousands of acres have burnt up in one of the most intense droughts in more than a quarter of a century and that all grains suffered, corn being the only crop that escaped serious damage. Grain forecasters have expressed the belief that the 1933 crops of grains would be insufficient even for domestic use. Numerous reports from the mid-west have told of cattle dying and crops greatly damaged. Ohio spoke of farmers having suffered a loss of about 1,000 horses by the heat and that the farmers now are working their horses only three hours a day. In Canada temperature records have also been broken and crops damaged, one dispatch saying that unless rain comes within the next day or so, there would be a complete failure in some cases.

To-day it was 69 to 84 degrees here. Overnight Baltimore had 74 to 90; Bismarck, N. D. 58 to 86; Boston 68 to 98; Buffalo 76 to 96; Cairo, Ill., 76 to 94; Chicago 72 to 88; Cin-

cinnati 78 to 94; Cleveland 78 to 92; Columbus 74 to 94, Concordia, Kansas, 70 to 106; Detroit, 70 to 96; Des Moines 72 to 90; Dodge City, Kansas, 72 to 102; El Paso, Texas, 76 to 102; Evansville, Ind., 76 to 96; Fort Smith, Ark., 78 to 100; Indianapolis, 80 to 94; Ithaca, N. Y., 74 to 102; Kansas City, Mo., 78 to 102; Oklahoma City, 78 to 100; Omaha, Neb., 72 to 92; Phoenix, Ariz., 72 to 104; St. Louis, 82 to 100; Wichita, Kans, 66 to 106; Los Angeles, Calif, 58 to 76; San Francisco 52 to 68; Seattle, 54 to 62; Montreal 66 to 90; Winnipeg, 60 to 88 and at Quebec, 64 to 86.

Federal Reserve Board's Summary of Business Conditions in the United States—Increase in Industrial Activity and General Advance in Commodity Prices—Gain in Employment in Manufacturing Industries.

"Industrial activity increased rapidly in May and the early part of June, and there was an advance in the general level of commodity prices", says the Federal Reserve Board, in its monthly summary of business conditions in the United States (issued June 24). The Board adds that "prices of raw materials traded in on organized exchanges showed wide fluctuations, and a general rapid upward movement, while prices of other commodities as a group showed relatively little increase." Continuing the Board said:

Production and Employment.

Volume of industrial production, as measured by the Board's seasonally adjusted index, increased from 67% of the 1923-1925 average in April to 76% in May, as compared with 60% in March 1933. Operations at steel mills continued to increase in May and the early part of June, contrary to seasonal tendency, and in the week ended June 24 activity is reported at about 50% of capacity.

Output of the automobile industry was larger in May than in April and, according to trade reports, has increased further in June, although a decline is usual at this season. Lumber output in May showed a considerable increase from previous low levels. Activity at textile mills increased sharply to a higher level for the season than in any other month since November 1929; and output of shoe factories in May was larger than in May of any previous year.

Employment in manufacturing industries increased considerably between the middle of April and the middle of May, and the Board's index, which is adjusted to allow for seasonal variations, advanced from 58% of the 1923-1925 average to 61%. Factory pay rolls increased by a larger percentage to about 42% of the 1923-1925 average.

Value of construction contracts awarded during May and the first half of June, as reported by the F. W. Dodge Corp., showed a non-seasonal increase from the extreme low levels prevailing earlier in the year.

Distribution.

Freight traffic increased from April to May by more than the seasonal amount, reflecting chiefly larger shipments of miscellaneous freight and merchandise. Department store sales, which had increased substantially from March to April, showed little change in May.

Wholesale Prices.

Wholesale commodity prices, as measured by the weekly index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, advanced from 60.3% of the 1926 average in the week ended April 15 to 64.5% in the week ended June 17. This increase reflected a rapid rise in the prices of commodities traded in on organized exchanges, including wheat, cotton, wool, hides, lard, sugar, silk, rubber, and non-ferrous metals, and also in the prices of flour, textiles, and leather; while prices of petroleum were reduced and most other prices showed relatively little change.

Foreign Exchange.

The value of the dollar in the exchange market declined by 18% between the middle of April and June 21. On the latter date the noon buying rate on cable transfers for the French franc was 4.81 cents, as compared with a gold par of 3.92 cents, and the English pound was quoted at \$4.16, as compared with a rate of \$3.41 on April 12.

Bank Credit.

A return flow of \$156,000,000 of currency from circulation and purchase of \$118,000,000 of United States Government securities by the Reserve Banks placed a considerable volume of reserve funds at the disposal of member banks during the five weeks ending June 21. These funds were used in part to reduce further the member banks' indebtedness to the Reserve banks and the Reserve banks' holding of acceptances, and in part were added to the member banks' reserve accounts.

Loans and investments of member banks in 90 leading cities increased by \$175,000,000 in the four weeks ending June 14, representing chiefly a growth of security loans and other loans at New York City banks. Loans to brokers and dealers in securities made by New York City banks increased by \$160,000,000 during the period, while security loans to other customers declined. Net demand deposits at the reporting banks increased by over \$500,000,000, reflecting in part a further growth of bankers' balances, principally in New York City.

Money rates in the open market continued to decline during the period and in the middle of June were slightly above the lowest levels of recent years.

On May 26 the discount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was reduced from 3 to 2½% and in the following three weeks rates were lowered from 3½ to 3% at the Federal Reserve Banks of Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Cleveland. At the other Federal Reserve banks a rate of 3½% prevails.

Railroad Revenue Freight Loadings Continue to Increase.

The first 15 major carriers to report for the seven days ended June 24 1933 loaded 260,663 cars of revenue freight as compared with 252,972 cars in the preceding week and 216,770 cars in the corresponding period in 1932. With the exception of the International Great Northern RR. and the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines, all these roads showed

increases over the week ended June 17 1933. Comparative statistics follow:

REVENUE FREIGHT LOADED AND RECEIVED FROM CONNECTIONS.
(Number of Cars.)

Weeks Ended.	Loaded on Lines.			Rec'd from Connections.		
	June 24 1933.	June 17 1933.	June 25 1932.	June 24 1933.	June 17 1933.	June 25 1932.
Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe.....	20,389	20,093	20,642	3,886	3,877	3,655
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.....	21,125	19,962	15,853	8,730	8,499	5,723
Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.	14,061	18,920	12,416	8,183	5,784	5,063
Chicago Milw. St. Paul & Pac. Ry.	18,316	17,759	14,589	6,431	6,515	5,504
Chicago & North Western Ry.....	14,954	14,831	13,086	8,011	7,654	6,631
Chicago Rock Island & Pac. Ry....	14,015	13,890	13,178	8,381	8,022	8,441
Gulf Coast Lines & subsidiaries....	1,765	1,567	2,247	847	836	1,121
International Great North. RR....	4,128	4,414	1,745	1,494	1,488	1,691
Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines.....	4,846	5,006	5,408	2,369	2,323	2,264
Missouri Pacific RR.....	13,640	13,651	11,887	7,778	7,501	6,374
New York Central Lines.....	43,941	42,809	33,837	57,290	54,337	42,914
Norfolk & Western Ry.....	18,926	17,780	12,649	4,065	4,036	3,060
Pennsylvania System.....	60,624	57,527	50,412	36,889	35,863	29,929
Pere Marquette Ry.....	4,944	4,860	4,110	*	*	*
Wabash Ry.....	4,989	4,903	4,711	7,392	7,159	6,795
Total.....	260,663	252,972	216,770	159,746	153,894	129,170

TOTAL LOADINGS AND RECEIPTS FROM CONNECTIONS.
(Number of Cars.)

Weeks Ended.	June 24 1933.	June 17 1933.	June 25 1932.
Illinois Central System.....	25,877	25,178	21,798
St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.....	13,182	13,093	12,074
Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR.	15,114	*	12,268
Total.....	54,173	38,271	46,140

* Not available.

Loading of revenue freight for the latest full week—that is, for the week ended on June 17—totaled 587,931 cars, according to figures compiled by the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 23,385 cars above the preceding week, and an increase of 69,533 cars above the same week in 1932 but a decrease of 151,163 cars under the same week in 1931. Loading of all commodities, for the week of June 17 increased over the corresponding week last year with the exception of merchandise less than carload lot freight. Details for the week ended June 17 1933 follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of June 17 totaled 229,516 cars, an increase of 11,393 cars above the preceding week, and an increase of 21,108 cars above the corresponding week in 1932, but a decrease of 64,145 cars under the same week in 1931.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 168,530 cars, an increase of 534 cars above the preceding week, but 7,289 cars below the corresponding week last year and 48,606 cars under the same week two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 38,147 cars, an increase of 2,230 cars above the preceding week, 12,352 cars above the corresponding week last year, and 5,376 cars above the same week in 1931. In the western districts alone, grain and grain products loading for the week ended June 17 totaled 27,806 cars, an increase of 10,830 cars above the same week last year.

Forest products loading totaled 25,520 cars, 1,168 cars above the preceding week, and 8,380 cars above the same week in 1932, but 5,035 cars below the corresponding week in 1931.

Ore loading amounted to 12,266 cars, an increase of 2,293 cars above the week before, and an increase of 7,976 cars above the corresponding week in 1932, but 18,374 cars below the same week in 1931.

Coal loading amounted to 93,604 cars, an increase of 5,660 cars above the preceding week, and an increase of 24,999 cars above the corresponding week in 1932, but a decrease of 15,727 cars below the same week in 1931.

Coke loading amounted to 4,898 cars, 458 cars above the preceding week, and 1,957 cars above the same week last year, but a reduction of 553 cars below the same week two years ago.

Live stock loading amounted to 15,450 cars, a decrease of 351 cars under the preceding week, but an increase of 50 cars above the same week last year. It was, however, a reduction of 4,099 cars under the same week two years ago. In the western districts alone, loading of live stock for the week ended on June 17 totaled 11,658 cars, an increase of 69 cars compared with the same week last year.

All districts reported increases in the total loading of all commodities compared with the same week in 1932 except the central western which showed a small decrease. All districts reported reductions compared with the same week in 1931.

Loading of revenue freight in 1933 compared with the two previous years follows:

	1933.	1932.	1931.
Four weeks in January.....	1,910,496	2,266,771	2,873,211
Four weeks in February.....	1,957,981	2,243,221	2,834,119
Four weeks in March.....	1,841,202	2,280,537	2,936,928
Five weeks in April.....	2,504,745	2,774,134	3,757,863
Four weeks in May.....	2,127,841	2,088,088	2,958,784
Week ended June 3.....	508,234	447,412	761,084
Week ended June 10.....	564,546	501,685	732,409
Week ended June 17.....	587,931	518,398	739,094
Total.....	12,002,976	13,120,546	17,593,492

The foregoing, as noted, covers total loadings by the railroads of the United States for the week ended June 17. In the table below we undertake to show also the loadings for the separate roads and systems. It should be understood, however, that in this case the figures are a week behind those of the general totals—that is, are for the week ended June 10. During the latter period a total of only 33 roads showed decreases as compared with the corresponding week last year. Among the most important carriers showing increases over a year ago were the Pennsylvania System, the Baltimore & Ohio RR., the Southern Ry. System, the New York Central RR., the Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific Ry., the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., the Louisville & Nashville RR., the Norfolk & Western Ry. and the Chicago & North Western Ry.

In its comments the "Survey" also said:

Limiting Factors in Recovery.

As far as the domestic trade recovery is concerned, it is becoming more widely realized that thus far the improvement has taken place, for the most part, in basic raw materials and other producers' goods, and that its permanence must depend on the extent to which it produces a corresponding expansion in actual consumption. Such an expansion, in turn, depends on the release of additional purchasing power in the form of wage payments. This realization underlies the policy of the Government as embodied in the Industrial Recovery Act, which lays down rather strict requirements covering the provisions of industrial codes relative to wages and hours of labor. That many industrial executives are aware of this necessity is shown by the promptness with which numerous enterprises have advanced their wage rates at the first appearance of improving conditions. On the whole, business has shown a commendable willingness to co-operate with the Government in promoting the purposes of the law. It was in this spirit, apparently, that the railroads recently surrendered, for a period of eight months, their right to seek a reduction in wage rates.

While business men have greeted with profound relief the multiplying signs of expanding activity and rising prices, it is inevitable that such a drastic overhauling of the economic system as has taken place in the last few months should have created many uncertainties regarding the more distant future. In sweeping away certain inhibitions, the Government has imposed others. The most disquieting question at the moment concerns the permanent validity of the higher price level that has come about in response to the expectation of inflationary measures. Another is the ability of the Government to stimulate, co-ordinate, and regulate the country's vast and intricate economic machinery without falling victim either to the sheer complexity of its task or to the terrific political pressure that will inevitably be brought to bear upon it by special interests. A third is the ability of capital to fund investment outlets in the face of impending currency manipulation, severe regulation of security flotations, heavy taxation, and the blows that have recently been struck at the principle of sanctity of contracts. A fourth is the possible outcome of the experiment in bank-deposit guaranty, which, in the opinion of most bankers and in the light of experience, does not tend to promote sound banking.

Regarding the last point, there is a Governmental promise and, apparently, a general expectation that the guaranty scheme will be accompanied by a tightening of inspection and regulation that will prevent such disastrous results as have followed similar schemes in the past. Nevertheless, the measure is generally regarded by bankers as an unjustifiable and onerous tax on sound banks for the protection of the unsound and as a stimulus to bad banking at the expense of good. Only the future and the manner of its operation can determine its powers for good or evil.

Inflationary Movements.

While the outlook for American business is conditioned on many intricate National and international factors, the chief uncertainties in the near-future economic prospects in this country centre around the discretionary inflation powers granted to the President by Congress. The uncertainties do not exist alone because the outcome and ultimate manifestations of a program of inflation are necessarily indefinite, but also because there is no way of telling whether or not the President will use all or part of his powers along this line.

The "inflation" amendment to the Farm Relief Act confers upon the President broader and more sweeping monetary powers than have ever before been delegated to the Executive in times of peace. Thus far, however, the powers of inflation placed in the hands of the President have not been used in any appreciable degree. The advance in security and commodity prices since inflation became a legislative possibility is due to an actual upturn in business levels and the rush to purchase commodities and securities in the fear that the inflationary powers will become operative. The Administration's declaration that an inflationary movement will be launched only if it is deemed necessary offers no indication of what set of circumstances might be regarded as warranting this monetary program. However, the statement leaves little doubt that the Government is reluctant to set the machinery of inflation in operation and that it is fully aware of some of the unhappy experiences with inflationary programs in various periods of the world's financial history.

The case of Germany, of course, is an extreme example of the workings of inflation, but for this very reason it offers a pertinent illustration of the dangers involved in this financial expedient. Even though the monetary experiences of most European nations after the war were not nearly so severe as those in Germany, they all point to several indisputable characteristics of inflation. In essence, inflation, whether it is brought about by huge issues of Government bonds or more directly by paper money not backed by the usual reserves, is strictly public borrowing in its most dangerous form. The issuing of paper money to pay Government obligations places a nation in a debtor position, inasmuch as the money represents a Government obligation to make eventual payment in specie; and, regardless of the indirect manner in which debt is incurred, the forced loan must eventually be paid. It can be discharged either by heavy taxation to redeem those notes (which generally proves impossible where the inflation has proceeded to great lengths) or by repudiation through a reduction in the gold content of the money unit.

One of the insidious elements in inflation is that in its inception there is usually a sincere intention on the part of the Government to limit and control the process, but experience in the past offers no evidence that inflation is subject to regulation or that its effects can be readjusted without serious disruption of the economic life of the national involved. If inflation can be brought about inadvertently by over-extension of credit on the legal reserve requirements, as was the case in this country in 1919-1920, it is very doubtful whether it can be controlled once the metallic reserve requirements have been modified by legislation.

Conference of Statisticians in Industry Report Steady Improvement in Business Activity During May and First Half of June.

The "Conference Board Business Survey," dated June 20, prepared by the Conference of Statisticians in Industry under the auspices of the National Industrial Conference Board, reports that "business activity showed steady improvement during May and the first half of June. Advance in production and distribution," the "Survey" continued, "have continued in recent weeks when seasonal recession is ordinarily evident. Heavy construction is showing signs of getting under way." We quote further from the "Survey" as follows:

Production in major industries increased in May and the first half of June and, in general, moved counter to seasonal tendencies. Automobile

production showed sustained improvement. Building and engineering construction showed gains in residential, non-residential and public awards. Steel and iron output expanded sharply at a time when contraction is seasonal. Bituminous coal production increased by an amount which was more than normally expected at this time of the year. Anthracite shipments increased but slightly mainly because of the price uncertainty in prepared sizes. Textile production in recent weeks advanced to a new high level for the year, approximating that of 1932. Electric power production moved up sharply in May when a slight drop is seasonal; the rate of advance increased during the first half of June.

Total shipments by rail of raw materials and manufactured commodities advanced in May by an approximately seasonal amount. Merchandise and miscellaneous items shipped increased more than is normally seasonal between April and May. Retail trade increased during the month.

Prices of commodities at wholesale continued their upward movement in May and the first half of June. Increases were along a broad front. Agricultural items advanced more sharply than non-agricultural commodities.

Security prices advanced rapidly in May and continued upward during the first half of June. Money rates continued low and easy. Federal Reserve credit outstanding declined during the month; open market operations were begun at the end of May and continued in small volume during the first half of June to date.

Commercial failures fell off in both number and in liabilities incurred in May, as compared with April. The declines, however, were less than seasonally normal between the two months.

Employment in manufacturing industry rose 5% between April and May, although the seasonal movement of recent years is a slight decline. Weekly earnings moved up sharply with a rise in hours worked per week. The cost of living in May was about 1% above the April level.

The continued improvement in business conditions throughout May and June to date, following an upturn in April, strengthens the general impression that the tide has turned. Bettered sentiment and revived confidence provide the momentum for further advances. The possible extension of activity into the heavy construction fields through public works and utilities building in the near future might prevent a seasonal setback in business during the Summer.

Department Store Sales During May in New York Federal Reserve District Only 2% Below May Last Year.

In its "Monthly Review" of July 1 the New York Federal Reserve Bank states that "total May sales of the reporting department stores in the Second (New York) District were only 2% below a year ago, a much more favorable comparison with a year previous than in most months during the past two years." Continuing, the Bank says:

In a few localities, including Buffalo, Bridgeport, Northern New York State, and Southern New York State, department store sales were larger than a year ago, and in New York City, Newark, Hudson River Valley, and Westchester sales were reduced from a year ago by much smaller percentages than in April. The leading apparel stores in this district also reported May sales only 2% below a year ago, the smallest decrease since March 1931.

Department store sales for the first half of June in the Metropolitan area of New York were only 1% below the corresponding period of 1932, indicating a continuance of the recovery of the two previous months.

Collections by department and apparel stores in May showed a noticeable improvement over a year previous for the first time in a number of months. Department and apparel store stocks of merchandise on hand May 31, at retail valuations, continued to show substantial reductions from a year ago, although the declines were not as great as those reported in previous months of this year.

Locality.	Percentage Change from a Year Ago.			Per Cent of Accounts Outstanding April 29 Collected in May.	
	Net Sales.		Stock on Hand End of Month.	1932.	1933.
	May.	February to May.			
New York	-1.8	-12.8	-16.0	42.9	45.9
Buffalo	+7.6	-15.6	-30.1	39.2	41.6
Rochester	-6.4	-18.9	-19.5	44.6	42.2
Syracuse	-3.1	-8.4	-25.1	24.0	26.4
Newark	-6.2	-17.9	-17.3	38.1	39.3
Bridgeport	+4.9	-11.2	-11.4	31.7	30.3
Elsewhere	-2.3	-13.7	-17.9	34.4	30.7
Northern New York State.	+5.4	----	----	----	----
Southern New York State.	+6.1	----	----	----	----
Hudson River Valley Dist.	-5.2	----	----	----	----
Capital District.	-6.8	----	----	----	----
Westchester District.	-11.8	----	----	----	----
All department stores.	-2.2	-13.8	-17.5	39.9	41.8
Apparel stores.	-2.4	-15.2	-23.2	41.5	44.6

May sales and stocks in the principal departments are compared with those of a year previous in the following table:

	Net Sales Percentage Change May 1933 Compared with May 1932.	Stock on Hand Percentage Change May 31 1933 Compared with May 31 1932.
Linen and handkerchiefs	+16.8	-18.4
Cotton goods	+10.7	-5.3
Men's and boys' wear	+3.7	-27.2
Shoes	+2.3	-17.5
Furniture	+1.2	-33.9
Home furnishings	+1.2	-18.0
Woolen goods	+1.1	-11.8
Men's furnishings	-0.3	-18.2
Toys and sporting goods	-2.2	-11.2
Books and stationery	-3.0	-22.7
Silverware and jewelry	-6.0	-24.0
Women's ready-to-wear accessories	-6.6	-10.9
Toilet articles and drugs	-7.3	-15.8
Musical instruments and radio	-7.5	-30.6
Luggage and other leather goods	-8.2	-27.4
Women's and misses' ready-to-wear	-9.0	-17.3
Silks and velvets	-17.5	-20.5
Hosiery	-19.1	-23.8
Miscellaneous	+1.7	-20.1

Monthly Indexes of Federal Reserve Board—Industrial Production Increased During May as Compared with April.

The Federal Reserve Board, under date of June 24, issued as follows its monthly indexes of industrial production, factory employment, &c.:

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

Per Cent Each Group Bears to the Total Index.	Group.	Latest Week June 24 1933.	Preceding Week.	Month Ago.	Year Ago.
23.2	Foods.....	64.9	63.1	61.0	59.6
16.0	Fuel.....	52.6	49.2	48.2	67.6
12.8	Grains, feeds and livestock.....	48.3	47.5	48.6	43.1
10.1	Textiles.....	58.6	56.3	52.9	39.4
8.5	Miscellaneous commodities.....	63.0	62.8	60.9	59.5
6.7	Automobiles.....	84.4	84.4	84.4	87.7
6.6	Building materials.....	72.2	71.9	71.6	72.1
6.2	Metals.....	75.0	73.7	71.5	71.0
4.0	House furnishing goods.....	75.4	75.4	75.2	78.3
3.8	Fats and oils.....	51.8	49.9	51.0	35.0
1.0	Chemicals and drugs.....	87.9	87.9	87.2	87.6
.4	Fertilizer materials.....	64.1	64.1	64.3	68.0
.4	Mixed fertilizer.....	65.7	65.7	65.9	71.9
.3	Agricultural implements.....	90.1	90.1	90.2	92.1
100.0	All groups combined.....	62.7	61.2	60.1	60.5

Survey of Changes in Living Costs by National Industrial Conference Board—First Increase Noted Since September 1930.

For the first time since September 1930, there has been an increase in the cost of living of wage-earners, according to the index of the National Industrial Conference Board. The increase, which amounted to 0.8%, was due almost entirely to a substantial rise in food prices. Total living costs in May were 7.4% lower than in May 1932, and 27.1% lower than in May 1929. The Board, in the second of its series of monthly reports on changes in the cost of living, issued June 26, continued:

The purchasing value of the dollar, on the base, 1923=100 cents, was 138.7 cents in May, as compared with 139.9 cents in April. For the entire period covered by the National Industrial Conference Board's computations, the purchasing power of the dollar was highest at 161.3 cents in July 1914, and lowest at 80.9 cents in July 1920.

Although a seasonal upturn in food prices is generally observed between April and May, the increase of 3.6% between these two months of this year is much larger than the usual seasonal rise. Compared with prices in May 1932, there has been a decline of 7.5% and since May of four years ago, a decline of 38.9%.

Rents continued on their downward trend, declining 0.8% since April. From 13 of the 172 cities included in the index, higher rentals were reported; from 34 cities, lower rentals, and from the remaining cities, no change. Since May 1932, and May 1929, rents have declined 13.6% and 31.1%, respectively.

The clothing index as a whole remained the same in May as in April. Small increases in the average prices of 24 of the 47 articles of clothing covered were off-set by declines in the prices of 16 articles, while no change was noted in the prices of 7 articles. Since May 1932, the average cost of clothing covered in this budget has fallen 9.3% and since May 1929, 38.2%.

Coal prices fell 3.2% between April and May, more than is generally noted between these two months. The decrease since the beginning of this year, however, was only slightly larger than the usual seasonal decline during the first five months of the year. Since May 1932, there has been a reduction of 4.9% and since May 1929, of 13%.

The very small increase of 0.1% in the sundries index was caused by slightly higher prices of furniture and housefurnishings. The sundries index as a whole was 4.2% lower in May than in May 1932, and 9.1% over than in May 1929.

Item.	Relative Importance in Family Budget.	Index Numbers of the Cost of Living Average Prices 1923=100.		% Increase (+) or Decrease (-) between April 1933 and May 1933.
		May 1933.	April 1933.	
Food*	33	64.1	61.9	+3.6
Housing	20	63.5	64.0	-0.8
Clothing	12	60.7	60.7	0
Fuel and light	5	82.8	84.6	-2.1
(Coal)		(77.5)	(80.1)	-(3.2)
(Gas and electricity)		(93.5)	(93.5)	0
Sundries	30	89.4	89.3	+0.1
Weighted average of all items	100	72.1	71.5	+0.8

* Based on food price index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Board's initial report was referred in our issue of June 3, page 3801.

Higher Prices Received by Farmers for Products According to United States Department of Agriculture—Farmers in Turn Pay Higher Prices for Accessories.

Farmers are getting higher prices for their products, but the prices they pay for their feed, food, building materials, furniture, and house furnishings are also above the level of three months ago, according to price indices of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, issued June 28 as of June 15.

There was a further advance of two points in the index of prices paid to farmers for agricultural products in local markets from May 15 to June 15, and the Bureau's index registered 64 as of June 15 against a pre-war base of 100. The June index represents a rise of 14 points since March 15. The indices continued:

Prices paid by farmers for 175 different articles averaged 103 on June 15, compared to 100, or the same as pre-war on March 15. Feed prices gained 15 points during the three-months' period, food prices rose nine points, building materials were up four points, and furniture and house furnishings up three points. Feed and food items are higher than they were at this time a year ago.

On June 15 a year ago, the ratio of prices received by farmers to prices paid was only 48% of pre-war. By March 15 this year the ratio had risen to 50%, and on June 15 it was 62%. To improve this figure, prices received

by farmers must go up more than the prices they have to pay for goods used in living and production.

Hog prices continued to advance from May 15 to June 15 despite increased slaughter and the usual contraction in consumer demand during hot weather, and reached \$3.96 per 100 pounds in mid-June. This was 40% higher than prices in June a year ago. The Bureau reports that packers have been eager to build up storage accumulations of pork and pork-products against continued price advances.

Corn prices on June 15 averaged 40.2 cents a bushel, against 38.9 cents on May 15, and 29.4 cents on June 15 1932. The hog-corn ratio on June 15 was 9.9, down a tenth of a point from a month earlier, but up three-tenths from June 15 last year.

Wheat prices averaged 58.7 cents per bushel on June 15, or slightly lower than a month earlier, but 21.4 cents higher than the price a year ago. Sharp advances have been scored since June 15 on continued reports of crop damage and a further decline in the value of the dollar against foreign gold currencies.

Potato prices at an average of 49.4 cents per bushel on June 15 were up markedly from May 15, and about 11% higher than in June 1932. The rise is attributed to reduced shipments of old potatoes, a seasonal shortage in many of the late-potato producing States, and to prospects for a slightly smaller crop in the second-early and intermediate producing States.

Cotton prices reached an average of 8.7 cents a pound on June 15, a rise of 6% above May 15, and a rise of 89% above prices on June 15 a year ago. The Bureau reports a high rate of mill activity, good export demand, and prospects for a reduction in acreage of the growing crop.

Wool prices in local markets jumped an average of 20% from May 15 to June 15, farmers on the latter date receiving 21.3 cents a pound for wool compared with 7.2 cents a year ago. Continued high rate of mill consumption and depreciation of the dollar in terms of foreign currencies are noted as principal factors in strengthening farm prices.

Eggs went down in price during the month ended June 15, in sharp contrast to the usual seasonal advance during that period. Farmers on June 15 were getting 10.1 cents a dozen, on the average, which was no more than they had received in March, and 5% less than prices a year ago. Storage holdings in 26 cities on June 15 were about 64% larger than a year ago.

Employment Increased by 1,200,000 in April and May, According to Estimate by William Green, President of American Federation of Labor—Sees Foundation for Up-Trend.

Unemployment in the United States decreased by slightly more than 1,200,000 during April and May, according to an estimate by William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, on June 22. Unofficial estimates on the preceding day had placed the decrease from March 31 to June 21 at 1,659,000. Mr. Green's statement read:

As indicated a month ago by trade union reports, the gain in May was not as large as that of April. In April, rebound from the March crisis was sudden and sharp; also, farmers were doing their heaviest hiring of labor for the spring planting season; in all, 735,000 went back to work in April and 495,000 in May.

The employment gain in April, due as it was to the rebound from crisis, could not be taken as indicating an upward trend. Now that gains have continued for a second month, there is more reason to believe that foundations for an up-trend may be forming.

The gains in May seem to be about equal to the normal seasonal increases—the first time this has happened in May since depression.

The following are preliminary figures for our revised unemployment situation, higher than our previous estimates because they include unemployed professional workers and other groups not shown in our previous figures:

Total number of persons unemployed in the United States: March, 13,770,000; April, 13,035,000, May, 12,540,000.

Business Outlook in California as Viewed by Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co. of San Francisco—First Full Seasonal Expansion Felt Since 1930.

"Business in California this spring, in common with that of most of the nation, has experienced its first full seasonal expansion since 1930," according to the Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co.'s (San Francisco) "Business Outlook" of June 20, which continued:

Retail trade in May, as measured by dollar volume of department-store sales, rose to a level 20% above that of January and 5.3% higher than that of the same month last year. However, January-May sales were 17.4% less than those of the same 1932 period, a decrease more or less equal to the fall in the retail price level.

Wholesale trade in April increased more than seasonally over March, and came within 13% of the April 1932 level, the smallest year-to-year decrease recorded since the autumn of 1930. Dollar volume of sales during January-April was 18.8% less than that of the same 1932 period.

Building permits in California in May were greatly expanded by the inclusion of \$31,247,364 in permits for the San Francisco portion of the San Francisco-Oakland bridge (the total estimated cost of construction of the entire bridge is \$78,000,000). Exclusive of these, permits in 51 cities totaled \$4,489,375, a slight increase over those of April and a decrease of 6% from those of May 1932.

Automobile sales, passenger and commercial, continued the vigorous expansion begun in April, with the volume of May passenger car sales—9,334—about 21% larger than that of April and 59% larger than May 1932. Sales volume in January-May was 11% larger than that of the same 1932 period. May commercial car sales—1,182—were 34.5% larger than those of April and 15% larger than May 1932; sales in January-May were 16% behind those of the same 1932 period.

Life insurance sales in the State in the first four months of the year decreased 25% from those of a year ago, about the same as for the nation as a whole.

Influenced by the generally increased commercial activity, as well as greater activity on local stock exchanges, bank debits at leading California cities in May rose to within 2.4% of the level of May 1932; for the year to date, as against the same period last year, bank debits show a decline of 20%.

Labor.

During April and May California factories employed about the same number of persons as were employed in the same months last year, although total payrolls, because of lower wage rates and shorter working periods, were 10 to 14% lower.

As compared with April, May factory employment as a whole declined 3.6%. However, compared with the same month last year, May employment increased in a number of individual industries, viz.: glass products, brass, bronze and copper products, ship and boat building, tin cans, tanning, petroleum producing and refining, publishing, textiles, clothing and millinery, and foods, beverages and tobaccos.

Employment Increased 629,000 During Month of April, According to American Federation of Labor—Statisticians Estimate Additional Gain of 1,000,000 Since April 30.

Employment in the United States increased by 629,000 persons during the month of April, according to compilations by statisticians of the American Federation of Labor on June 21. It was also estimated that an additional 1,000,000 persons had been re-employed since April 30. Principal features of the survey, as reported in a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times," were:

Over the last two years until recently the increase in unemployment was steady, reaching a peak of 13,359,000 in March. The April figure of 12,730,000 compared with 10,496,000 in April 1932.

The monthly tabulations by the American Federation of Labor from April 1932 to April this year were as follows:

Month and Year—	Unemployment.	Month and Year—	Unemployment.
1932—April	10,496,000	1932—November	11,589,000
May	10,818,000	December	11,969,000
June	11,023,000	1933—January	12,821,000
July	11,420,000	February	12,988,000
August	11,460,000	March	13,359,000
September	10,880,000	April	12,730,000
October	10,875,000		

Increases in various specialty groups, it was said to-day, have been marked, but the number of newly employed will not be known until the complete reports are received. The specialty groups producing clothing, shoes and food preparations have benefited from activities of the Civilian Conservation Corps, shipping supplies on rush orders.

Some of the reforestation army were included in the Federation of Labor statistics on employment. To that number, however, can be added 51,000 recruits enlisted since June 1. New naval construction is expected to give work to 52,000 men, and the Home Owners Loan Corporation, one of the new Federal agencies, will employ between 5,000 and 7,000 others.

Several thousand more persons will be engaged by the various new Federal agencies throughout the country. Many of those slated for early retirement in keeping with the Administration's departmental economy steps will be shifted to the new agencies.

Business Expanded Further During May in San Francisco Federal Reserve District According to Isaac B. Newton of San Francisco Reserve Bank—Not as Large as During April.

"Further expansion of Twelfth (San Francisco) District business was recorded during May, although the increase was not so pronounced as in April," states Isaac B. Newton, Chairman of the Board and Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. "Most adjusted measures of production advanced to levels approximately as high as those prevailing a year earlier," Mr. Newton continued, "and additional expansion was evident in the distribution and sale of commodities." Under date of June 22, Mr. Newton further noted:

Wholesale prices of commodities important in the district continued to move upward during May and the first half of June. Improvement in employment conditions became more widespread in May than in April, although there were seasonal reductions in the number employed in food processing industries. Aggregate wage payments increased somewhat further.

Cold weather throughout the district and subnormal rainfall in Arizona, California, and Nevada retarded the growth of crops and of livestock forage during May. Winter wheat, oats, barley, and tame hay were in less satisfactory condition than a year earlier. Although production estimates for winter wheat were slightly higher on June 1 than on May 1, it was expected that the crop would be only half as large as in 1932. Forecasts of the barley crop, while indicating a smaller crop than the large 1932 harvest, approximate average production during the past five years. It is estimated that deciduous fruit production will be about the same in 1933 as in 1932. Lemon and Valencia orange crop estimates show increases from the preceding year.

Production of crude oil averaged slightly higher in May than in April. There was some reduction during the first half of June, although an advance in the proration schedule was announced on June 1. Output of lumber increased at more than the seasonal rate and new orders were larger than in any month since the spring of 1931. Flour milling and meat packing again advanced. New awards for engineering construction were exceptionally low during May, and other classes of building did not change appreciably from levels of immediately preceding months. Neither was there much evidence of increased operations in non-ferrous metals mining, although prices of those metals advanced considerably.

Seasonally adjusted sales of department stores, registrations of new automobiles, sales at wholesale, and intercoastal shipments continued to expand during May and exceeded those of May 1932. Freight carloadings increased more than seasonally, according to preliminary figures, but remained slightly lower than in the corresponding month of 1932.

Credit conditions in the Twelfth District were eased somewhat during the five weeks ending June 21 by further increases in available banking reserves other than Federal Reserve credit, the use of which declined. Local disbursements of the United States Treasurer exceeded Treasury collections during most of the period. There was some outflow of commercial funds during late May but this movement was reversed in June. Demand for currency declined less rapidly than in March and April, partly because of the approaching summer season when additional currency is needed for ordinary business transactions.

Loans of reporting member banks continued to decline during May and June, while investments increased. Deposits fluctuated considerably, but showed little net change. The rediscount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco was reduced from 3½ to 3%, effective June 2.

Lumber Shipments Heaviest Since July 1931—New Business at Mills Gains Slightly Over Preceding Week.

Lumber production during the week ended June 24 1933 overtopped all records since September 1931 and lumber shipments since July 1931; new business though a trifle under that of the week ended June 10 1933 was otherwise largest in volume since December 1930, according to telegraphic reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from regional associations covering the operations of 648 leading softwood and hardwood mills. Production totaled 186,116,000 feet; shipments 225,087,000 feet; orders 253,091,000 feet. The Association further reports as follows:

All reporting regions showed excess of new business over production except the Northern Pine where production is seasonally heavy. Softwood orders were 32% above production and hardwood orders 75% above hardwood output. Although all regions showed heavy order reports, those of Western Pine mills made a new record at 65,885,000 feet. For the 25 weeks of 1933 to date, orders were 41% above production and shipments were 26% above.

Compared with last year—production was 53% greater than in the corresponding week of 1932; shipments were 68% heavier; orders 90% greater. All regions showed gain over last year in all items. For the 25 weeks of the year to date production was 2% above that of similar period of last year; shipments were 1.5% heavier; orders 18% larger.

Unfilled orders at the mills were the equivalent of 25 days' average production. They were 85% heavier than on corresponding date of 1932. Stocks at softwood mills were 30% lighter.

Forest products carloadings at 25,520 cars during the week ended June 17, were the heaviest since October 1931. They were 8,380 cars above the same week in 1932 but 5,035 cars below the corresponding week of 1931.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended June 24 1933 by 422 softwood mills totaled 222,448,000 feet, or 32% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 194,241,000 feet, or 15% above production. Production was 168,570,000 feet.

Reports from 243 hardwood mills give new business as 30,643,000 feet, or 75% above production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 30,846,000 feet, or 76% above production. Production was 17,546,000 feet.

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 368 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 682,052,000 feet, on June 24 1933 or the equivalent of 25 days' production. The 528 identical mills (softwood and hardwood) report unfilled orders as 766,899,000 feet on June 24 1933 or the equivalent of 25 days' average production, as compared with 415,084,000 feet, or the equivalent of 14 days' average production on similar date a year ago.

Last week's production of 404 identical softwood mills was 161,047,000 feet, and a year ago it was 105,593,000 feet; shipments were respectively 187,499,000 feet and 115,347,000; and orders received 213,018,000 feet and 113,587,000. In the case of hardwoods, 178 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 14,216,000 feet and 8,865,000; shipments 25,241,000 feet and 11,001,000; and orders 24,261,000 feet and 11,388,000 feet.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle the following new business, shipments and unfilled orders for 181 mills reporting for the week ended June 24:

NEW BUSINESS.		UNSHIPPED ORDERS.		SHIPMENTS.	
Domestic cargo	Feet.	Domestic cargo	Feet.	Coastwise and	Feet.
delivery	52,942,000	delivery	250,693,000	intercoastal	36,331,000
Export	17,289,000	Foreign	105,074,000	Export	21,362,000
Rail	37,511,000	Rail	111,090,000	Rail	34,510,000
Local	7,741,000	Local	7,741,000	Local	7,741,000
Total	115,483,000	Total	466,857,000	Total	99,944,000

Production for the week was 92,952,000 feet.

Southern Pine.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 98 mills reporting, shipments were 27% above production, and orders 38% above production and 9% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 37,014,000 feet (previous week 35,471,000 at 101 mills); shipments 34,065,000 feet (previous week 37,455,000); and production 26,766,000 feet (previous week 28,461,000). Production was 46% and orders 64% of capacity, compared with 48% and 60% for the previous week. Orders on hand at the end of the week at 95 mills were 90,707,000 feet. The 95 identical mills reported an increase in production of 29%, and in new business an increase of 76%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

Western Pine.

The Western Pine Association reported from Portland, Ore., that for 119 mills reporting, shipments were 22% above production, and orders 47% above production and 20% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 65,885,000 feet (previous week 62,243,000 at 118 mills); shipments 54,938,000 feet (previous week 50,260,000); and production 44,922,000 feet (previous week 43,250,000). Production was 31% and orders 46% of capacity, compared with 31% and 45% for the previous week. Orders on hand at the end of the week at 118 mills were 178,706,000 feet. The 116 identical mills reported a gain in production of 28%, and in new business a gain of 77%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

Northern Pine.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers of Minneapolis, Minn., reported production from seven mills as 3,545,000 feet, shipments 3,746,000 feet and new business 2,703,000 feet. The same mills reported new business 72% above that of the same week last year.

Northern Hemlock.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported softwood production from 17 mills as 385,000 feet, shipments 1,548,000 and orders 1,363,000 feet. Orders were 16% of capacity compared with 19% the previous week. The 14 identical mills reported a gain of 123% in new business, compared with the same week a year ago.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute, of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 226 mills as 16,866,000 feet, shipments 28,281,000 and new business 28,191,000. Production was 36% and orders 61% of capacity, compared with 34% and 66% the previous week. The 164 identical mills reported production 59% greater and new business 112% greater than for the same week last year.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported hardwood production from 17 mills as 680,000 feet, shipments 2,565,000 and orders 2,452,000 feet. Orders were 41% of capacity, compared with 41% the previous week. The 14 identical mills reported a gain of 94% in production and a gain of 125% in orders, compared with the same week last year.

Both Domestic and Canadian Newsprint Production Increased During May Over April—Output of Canadian Mills 171,776 Tons and United States Mills 79,516.

Production of newsprint in the Canadian mills increased 24,017 tons in May as compared with the April total, it is noted in the Montreal "Gazette" of June 17. The May output was the highest of any month of 1933 to date and came nearest to equaling the figure for a year ago, being only slightly below production in May 1932. We quote further from the "Gazette" as follows:

Production of newsprint in Canada in May was 171,776 tons compared with 147,759 tons in April and 175,887 tons in May last year. Production in the United States in May was 79,516 tons against 74,507 tons in April and 88,087 tons in May 1932, according to the report of the News Print Service Bureau.

May shipments from both countries were less than production, amounting to 165,520 tons in Canada against 161,266 tons in April and 172,574 tons in May 1932.

Shipments from United States mills in May were 77,196 tons against 76,095 tons in April and 88,525 tons in May last year.

For the five months of 1933 to date, production of newsprint in Canada totaled 722,762 tons against 842,743 tons in 1932 and 953,302 tons in 1931.

Production in the United States in the first five months of the year was 372,118 against 460,671 tons in 1932 and 492,644 tons in 1931.

Production in both countries in the first five months of this year was 1,094,880 tons against 1,303,414 tons last year and 1,445,946 tons in 1931. This was the smallest combined production of the two countries since 1922.

Stocks of newsprint at Canadian mills June 1 were 43,428 tons, against 37,332 tons on May 1 and 57,014 tons on June 1 1932.

In the United States stocks of newsprint on June 1 were 23,560 tons compared with 21,177 tons in May and 35,156 tons on June 1 1932.

Advance in Price of Paper Materials—Sulphite Pulp Increased 10% in 10 Days, Affecting Writing Paper and Bags—No Rise in Newsprint—Manufacturers See Possibility of Wage Increases as Result of National Industrial Recovery Act.

An advance of about 10% in the price of sulphite pulp used in the manufacture of paper has been made in the last 10 days, it was indicated in the New York "Times" of June 28, which also had the following to say:

This became known yesterday at a meeting of a committee of the American Paper and Pulp Association to draw up that industry's code under the National Industrial Recovery Act.

With the advances made by importers in sulphite pulp prices sharp increases in the price of rags and old papers have been registered. In the case of old papers the increase was from \$6 to \$14 a ton, or 130%.

The advance in sulphite prices has carried up automatically the prices of writing paper, wrapping paper and paper bags. Members of the newsprint industry were not willing to forecast what effect, if any, rising prices for sulphite and other newsprint materials would have on newsprint prices. None would say that newsprint price increases were contemplated.

Reticent on Price Change.

Manufacturers of the finer grades of paper also were reluctant to discuss price changes in view of unsettled conditions attributed to efforts to apply the National Industrial Recovery Act. One of the leading manufacturers disclosed that sulphite pulp of prime quality was being quoted as follows:

	Old Price Per Ton.	New Price Per Ton.	Percentage of Increase.
Bleached sulphite pulp.....	\$42.00	\$46.00	.10
Unbleached (prime strong).....	35.50	36.00	.075
No. 1 book bleached domestic.....	41.00	47.50	.16
No. 1 book unbleached domestic.....	32.50	36.00	.11

There has been an advance of about \$5 a ton on bleached soda pulp. The bleached and soda pulps go into the manufacture of the finer grades of papers used for books and magazines and writing papers. The unbleached sulphite pulp goes into newsprint, wrapping paper and other heavier grades.

The material advances in writing paper, wrapping paper and paper bags were described by members of the trade as spot prices. It was said that contracts were not likely to be quoted before Fall, by which time it is expected that the situation with reference to the National Industrial Recovery Act will be understood.

Wrapping paper has advanced to as much as 2½ and 3 cents a pound. A 10% increase in paper bags was fixed by a Committee of the industry in Chicago last week. A committee of the wrapping paper industry was in conference here yesterday and will confer again to-day with reference to a contemplated price increase. The committee is considering the prospective increase, it is understood, in connection with a projected wage increase. From one source it was reported that the wage increase under consideration was 33 1-3%.

Supports Spot Price Theory.

The assertion that the price advances put into effect recently by the sulphite importers were spot prices was supported to some extent by one manufacturer who supplied a set of quotations slightly different from the others. He said that bleached sulphite pulp had been quoted to him at \$53 a ton as against \$43 about 10 days ago, and that unbleached sulphite had been priced him at \$38 a ton as against \$33 before the price rise began.

The manufacturer who gave the latter figures forecast that the increase in prices of materials used in papermaking were bound to result in increases all along the line for paper.

He pointed out that there had been increases in the price of sulphur from Texas which is used in the manufacture of chemical pulp. He cited rising prices for pulpwood.

This manufacturer foresaw that wages were bound to go up as a result of the move to shorten hours, increase the spread and fix minimum scales. He pointed to increased prices being asked for coal used for steam drying and power. He also mentioned that higher prices were being asked for felts and wires and mill supplies used in paper making.

Automobile Production in May 1933, Compared With Preceding Months.

May factory sales of automobiles manufactured in the United States (including foreign assemblies from parts made in the United States and reported as complete units or vehicles), based on data reported to the Bureau of the Census, consisted of 218,171 vehicles, of which 184,578 were passenger cars, 33,539 trucks, and 54 taxicabs, as compared with 180,667 vehicles in April, 184,295 vehicles in May 1932, and 317,163 vehicles in May 1931.

The table below is based on figures received from 120 manufacturers in the United States, 33 making passenger cars and 87 making trucks (9 of the 33 passenger car manufacturers also making trucks). (The total number of manufacturers heretofore reported as 144 has been reduced due to certain establishments going out of business, discontinuing manufacture of automobiles, or being merged with other establishments). Figures for taxicabs include only those built specifically for that purpose; figures for trucks include ambulances, funeral cars, fire apparatus, street sweepers, and buses. Canadian figures are supplied by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION (NUMBER OF VEHICLES.)

Year and Month.	United States.				Canada.		
	Total.	Passenger Cars.	Trucks.	Taxi-cabs. x	Total.	Passenger Cars.	Trucks.
1931—							
January.....	171,848	137,805	33,531	512	6,496	4,552	1,944
February.....	219,940	179,890	39,521	529	9,871	7,529	2,342
March.....	276,405	230,894	45,161	410	12,993	10,453	2,540
April.....	336,939	286,252	50,022	665	17,159	14,043	3,116
May.....	317,163	271,135	45,688	340	12,738	10,621	2,117
Total(5 mos.)	1,322,295	1,105,916	213,923	2,456	59,257	47,228	12,029
1932—							
June.....	250,640	210,036	40,244	360	6,835	5,533	1,252
July.....	218,490	183,993	34,317	180	4,220	3,151	1,069
August.....	187,197	155,321	31,772	104	4,544	3,426	1,118
September.....	140,566	109,087	31,338	141	2,646	2,108	538
October.....	80,142	57,764	21,727	651	1,440	761	679
November.....	68,867	48,185	19,683	999	1,247	812	435
December.....	121,541	96,753	23,644	1,144	2,432	2,024	408
Total(year)	2,389,738	1,967,055	416,648	6,035	82,621	65,093	17,528
1933—							
January.....	119,344	98,706	20,541	97	3,731	3,112	619
February.....	117,418	94,085	23,308	25	5,477	4,494	983
March.....	118,959	99,325	19,560	74	8,318	6,604	1,714
April.....	148,326	120,906	27,389	31	6,810	5,660	1,150
May.....	184,295	157,683	26,539	73	8,221	7,269	952
Total(5 mos.)	688,342	570,705	117,337	300	32,557	27,139	5,418
1932—							
June.....	183,106	160,103	22,768	235	7,112	6,308	804
July.....	109,143	94,678	14,438	27	7,472	6,773	699
August.....	90,325	75,898	14,418	9	4,067	3,166	901
September.....	84,150	64,735	19,402	13	2,842	1,741	601
October.....	48,702	35,102	13,595	5	2,923	2,361	562
November.....	59,557	47,293	12,025	239	2,204	1,669	535
December.....	107,353	85,858	21,204	291	2,139	1,561	578
Total(year)	1,370,678	1,134,372	235,187	1,119	60,816	50,718	10,098
1933—							
January.....	130,044	108,321	21,718	5	3,358	2,921	437
February.....	106,825	91,340	15,333	152	3,298	3,025	273
March.....	*117,949	*99,885	*18,064	660	6,632	5,927	705
April.....	*180,667	*152,939	*27,317	*411	8,255	6,957	1,298
May.....	218,171	184,578	33,530	54	9,396	8,024	1,372
Total(5 mos.)	753,656	636,403	115,971	1,282	30,939	26,854	4,085

* Revised. x Includes only factory-built taxicabs, and not private passenger cars converted into vehicles for hire.

Regional Consultants Selected to Advise Agricultural Adjustment Administration on Cotton Program.

Regional consultants have been selected from various points in the Cotton Belt, to assist and advise the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in its cotton program.

These men will serve on a committee which will aid in the final action of the Secretary of Agriculture in determining whether offers received by producers shall be accepted and to what extent, if any, they should be modified. Those who have been selected, according to an announcement issued by the United States Department of Agriculture on June 27, are:

E. B. Jackson, Wagener, S. C.; A. A. Allison, Corsicana, Texas; C. G. Smith, Blytheville, Ark.; George Bishop, Cordell, Okla. and U. B. Blalock, Raleigh, N. C.

The announcement continued:

These men, recognized leaders in the agricultural field of their respective regions, may also be called upon to aid the various State extension forces during the "Cotton Week" campaign to present producers an opportunity to decide on the cotton program.

Payments Made Cotton Producers May Be Shared by Lien Holders According to Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

Lien-holders are permitted to share in the payments made cotton producers if the acreage reduction program is put into operation, it was announced June 27 by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

Field forces now engaged in presenting contracts to producers who desire to offer a portion of their cotton acreage for elimination from production were so instructed to-day

by wire. The Administration's announcement, issued through the United States Department of Agriculture, added:

The field agents were notified that with the consent of the producer and the lien holder the following clause may be added to the contracts:

Checks for cash benefits to be payable jointly to the producers and the undersigned lien holders.

The present contracts provide that lien-holders' consent must be obtained in writing before the producer may offer land now planted in cotton, but no provision was made to distribute benefit payments to any persons having an interest in the crop except the producer.

Field forces found that in many parts of the Cotton Belt, lien holders who had advanced money for the making of a crop desire to be protected to the extent of receiving a share of the payments contemplated in the contract. The added provision for making the checks payable jointly to the producers and lien holders has been authorized.

United States Department of Agriculture Forecasts Wheat Production of Nine Countries Lower During 1933.

Wheat production in nine countries that grow more than 30% of the world crop outside Russia and China is forecast at 983,891,000 bushels in 1933 against 1,154,221,000 bushels harvested in 1932, by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. These countries produced 1,421,961,000 bushels in 1931. Seeding is almost completed in Australia and is proceeding under fairly favorable conditions in Argentina. An announcement issued June 28 continued:

Of the nine countries—United States, Mexico, Spain, Algeria, Morocco, Tunis, Egypt, India and Japan—only three countries, Mexico, India and Japan—expect increased production this year over last. The crop in India is forecast at 347,162,000 bushels compared with 339,621,000 bushels last year.

The Bureau reports favorable wheat prospects but probable reduced yields in Germany, an early harvest in France, better than average wheat condition in Czechoslovakia, some deterioration of the crop in Poland, and above average condition in Sweden. The 1932-33 crop in Uruguay will be insufficient to meet domestic consumption requirements for the current season, Agricultural Commissioner Ray at Buenos Aires has reported to the Bureau.

Reporting on the bread and durum wheat situation in Mediterranean countries, the Bureau says that somewhat reduced out-turns are expected in Italy, French North Africa, Spain and Portugal.

Further Damage Reported to Crops in Prairie Provinces of Canada by Bank of Montreal.

"Continued heat is causing serious damage to the crops in the southern and central areas of all three Prairie Provinces," according to the current crop report of the Bank of Montreal, "and damage from the grasshopper pest is severe in certain districts. In the northern sections, however, conditions generally are favorable. Growth is backward over large areas of the three provinces and rains and cooler weather are needed. In Quebec lack of moisture, except in a few districts, is retarding growth, with the result that crops generally are only in fair condition. In Ontario prolonged dry weather has given a setback in many districts to prospects for favorable crops. In the Maritime Provinces all crops show satisfactory growth, but warm, dry weather is needed. In British Columbia unsettled weather has been general and growth has been slow."

U. S. and Canada Threaten to Dump Wheat on World Markets Unless Australia Agrees to Acreage Reduction—U. S. Department of Agriculture Says Our Wheat Will Be Maintained Above World Price Level, Regardless of Outcome at London.

A threat to dump 500,000,000 bushels surplus of American and Canadian wheat on world markets unless Australia agrees to co-operate in an agreement to restrict wheat acreage and increase prices was made at London yesterday (June 30) by American and Canadian negotiators. Australia was reported to wish any agreement to include promises from importing nations that they will not impose exclusive tariffs or regulations, and also a stipulation that any cut in Australian acreage will not be less than the average of the last three years. On June 29 the Department of Agriculture in Washington, in a survey of world wheat prospects, indicated that the United States is prepared to maintain domestic wheat prices well above the world level, regardless of the outcome of negotiations in London. The department's statement read as follows, according to Washington advices to the New York "Times":

"The possibility of international cooperation in reduction of wheat acreage still hangs in the balance," said the department. "It is clear, however, that the United States is in a favorable position to await the developments in other countries. It is readily possible for prices to be maintained well above an export basis throughout the 1933-34 season if there is sufficient prospects for improvement in the world wheat situation to justify the expectation that exports can be made at higher prices during the following year.

"In case there should be no improvement in the world situation the United States might maintain domestic prices by other means."

Reference was made in the statement to the broad powers vested in the Secretary of Agriculture to employ any of several plans for making domestic wheat prices independent of changing world conditions. These provide,

among other things, that the Adjustment Administration may use its \$200,000,000 fund to finance exports of any of the basic commodities covered by the law. This could be undertaken through arrangements with private corporations under which they could be guaranteed against financial loss in disposing of the domestic wheat surplus.

Rumania Buys Wheat at Fixed Price.

From the New York "Evening Post" we take the following from Bucharest, Rumania, June 23:

To boost wheat prices, a governmental purchasing commission to-day started buying large amounts of the grain at a fixed price. No monopoly is intended in the scheme, but financial and other concerns are co-operating.

Duty Free Contingent of Wheat Authorized to Be Imported Into Austria for Needy and Unemployed.

The following advices were issued June 26 by the Department of Commerce at Washington:

The Austrian government recently issued a decree authorizing the Minister of Finance to admit up to 8,000 metric tons of what free of import duty as a relief measure for needy farmers and the unemployed, according to a report from Commercial Attache Gardner Richardson, Vienna, to the Commerce Department.

It is reported that the wheat is to be milled into bread flour, and that 200 carloads of this flour are to be sold to needy farmers, and 300 carloads to unemployed receiving the dole, both at a reduced price of 16 groschen per kilo, and that 60 carloads of this flour are to be distributed free among unemployed who receive no dole.

(One metric ton of wheat equals 36.74 bushels.)

Bill to Aid Wheat Growers Passed in France—Farmers Would Get \$1.53 Minimum Guaranty, Submit to Rigid Crop Control—Provides for Wheat Board.

A bill designed to assure a fair return for French wheat producers was approved by the French Chamber of Deputies on June 24. The vote was 530 to 35. On June 29 the bill was passed by the French Senate without a record vote. According to United Press accounts from Paris to the "Wall Street Journal" of June 29 several changes were made in the text as passed by the Chamber of Deputies, but the Senate retained the compulsory minimum price of 115 francs a quintal, which would gradually rise to 130 francs. At the time the bill passed the Chamber of Deputies, Associated Press advices from Paris June 24 to the New York "Herald Tribune" said:

The measure provides for the creation of a wheat board under the Ministry of Agriculture, armed with full powers and financial resources to organize and control the market.

Also with a view to "strangling speculation," it fixes temporarily the minimum price in France for wheat at 115 francs a quintal (3.67 bushels), or about \$1.53 a bushel at the current rate of exchange. At present the French farmer gets about \$1.23 a bushel. Farmers would receive advances from a fund of \$8,000,000. A possible prohibition of spring wheat sowing by Ministerial decree is envisaged in the bill.

Lack of an export market for surplus French wheat in bumper years was responsible for the introduction of the measure, which in turn will enable the Government, it hopes, to develop a certain amount of export trade.

It provides for: An obligatory declaration by farmers of the area sown to wheat, reporting of stocks at the beginning of each season by millers and other commercial holders, and creation of the market-control committee. When wheat prices fall below a pre-determined level the Ministry of Agriculture is empowered to order part of the harvest carried over to the following season, divert inferior grain to feeding of livestock, and assist agricultural groups in exporting wheat. How the Government intends to enter the export market has not been explained.

The Chamber voted a provision abolishing the system of importing for re-export without payment of duty. This abolition is opposed by the Senate and may be eliminated. The Government will continue its control over straight imports through the old system of fixing the amount of foreign wheat that may be used in flour. At present no foreign wheat may be utilized, and therefore none is imported into France except for re-export. The new system is partly dependent upon imports, one-third of the customs revenue from wheat going to the wheat fund.

The Cabinet to-day unanimously approved the French stand at the World Economic Conference for the gold standard and for regulation of world production.

The action was taken at a three-hour session, after a full report on the London parley had been made by Finance Minister Georges Bonnet, chief French delegate to the conference.

Under date of June 16 a Paris message to the New York "Times" stated that persistent weakness in the wheat market there continued to disturb the Government, which was studying new measures to relieve the harassed French farmers. Premier Daladier has promised that the French delegation will consider any feasible plan for concerted inter-Governmental action that is offered in London. The message continued:

The price of wheat continued depressed to-day, however, the official quotation being 87 francs a metric quintal. This figure, although low for France, is much higher than the world price of wheat and represents more than \$1 a bushel. France, therefore, is faced with the same difficulty it will have all along—of starting with already very high prices.

The weakness in wheat's price here is due to last year's enormous crop, which unofficially, though authoritatively, was fixed at 105,000,000 metric quintals. This year, though, it is estimated that there will be a decrease in yield to the acre and experts say the carryover in July will amount to approximately 20,000,000 quintals.

France has been exporting what it can, although as French wheat is soft it is always necessary to mix with it quantities of hard wheat imported from Canada, the United States or Argentina.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of June 28 we take the following (United Press) from Paris:

Stimulated by the wheat bill, now before the Senate, the price of wheat, jumped Wednesday to 116 francs a quintal, or about \$1.65 a bushel, compared with 80 francs a quintal two weeks ago. The bill as passed by the Chamber of Deputies last week fixes the minimum price of wheat in France at 115 francs a quintal.

Import Duties on Cereals and Cereal Products Cancelled by Irish Free State: Importation Prohibited Except Under License.

Import duties in the Irish Free State on all cereals and cereal products, including oats, oatmeal, maize meal, wheat flour, bread, grains, feeds, &c., have been repealed, and the importation of these articles is prohibited except by license issued under provisions of the Agricultural Produce (Cereals) Act, 1933, according to a report from Consul Benjamin M. Hulley, Dublin, made public by the Commerce Department. The Department's announcement in the matter was issued June 27.

Farm Administration Starts Drive to Cut Cotton Crop by 3,000,000 Bales—Message from President Roosevelt Asks Co-operation by Growers.

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration on June 26 launched a seven-day campaign for a reduction of 10,000,000 acres in present cotton sowings in an effort to raise the purchasing power of the South to pre-war levels. The drive was heralded by a direct appeal from President Roosevelt to the cotton growers to co-operate in cutting this year's crop by at least 3,000,000 bales. The text of the President's appeal, which was made public on June 24 and which will be circulated among the cotton growers of the country, follows:

"The fate of any plan depends upon the support it is given by those who are asked to put it into operation. This program for the cotton producer essentially places the responsibility upon the individual farmer.

"He and he alone will, in the last analysis, determine whether it shall succeed.

"This plan offers the cotton producer a practical, definite means to put into immediate application the methods which Congress has prescribed to improve his situation.

"I have every confidence that the cotton producer will face the facts and co-operate fully in the reasonable and practical plan that is proposed."

Meanwhile Charles J. Brand, co-administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, predicted that ruinous prices would follow the refusal of growers to destroy about 25% of the cotton now under cultivation. Administration officials, however, said that advance indications of the response of farmers point to success for the campaign. It was reported that 20,000 workers would be in the field during the seven-day period to hold meetings with the farmers. Farmers are given their choice of two plans: either to offer 25 to 50% of their cotton acreage for cash payments ranging from \$7 to \$20 an acre, or an option-benefit plan whereby payments will range from \$6 to \$12 an acre, with growers to receive in addition options on Government-held cotton at 6 cents a pound.

World Cotton Consumption During May Largest Since October 1929—Aggregated 1,284,000 Tons During Month.

World consumption of American cotton during May aggregated 1,284,000 bales, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service, as against 1,110,000 during April, 1,045,000 in May last year, 964,000 two years ago, and 1,027,000 three years ago. During the 10 months of the current season from August through May, world spinners consumed approximately 11,555,000 bales of American cotton as against 10,528,000 during the corresponding portion of last season, 9,222,000 two seasons ago, and 11,251,000 three seasons ago. Under date of June 26 the Exchange Service continued:

May world consumption of American cotton was the largest in any month since October 1929 and was the third largest May consumption on record, being surpassed in 1927 and in 1929 with totals of 1,434,000 and 1,339,000 respectively. The increase in May consumption over April consumption was due partly to the fact that there were more working days in May than in April and partly to the fact that the daily rate of consumption increased during May, contrary to the usual seasonal trend. Consumption of American cotton was larger during May this year than last year in all divisions of the world cotton spinning industry except the Orient.

Texas Cotton Production and Sales Continue to Increase—Unfilled Orders Higher.

According to reports received by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research from 20 Texas cotton mills, production of Texas cotton jumped from a total of 4,888,000 yards in April, to 7,003,000 yards in May, or 43%; in one month, production, which had been held in check in spite of soaring unfilled orders and rapid sales, jumped from a low level to one which has been exceeded only seven times since January 1928. Last year in May, total output amounted to 2,618,000 yards.

Sales began showing improvement some three months ago when unfilled orders began their sharp ascent, so that the rate of increase did not show such a large gain in May as did production, the Bureau's report said. However, sales totalled 8,878,000 yards in May, with only two exceptions the highest total sales ever recorded in any one month since January 1927. The May total compares with 8,086,000 yards for April and 1,611,000 yards for May a year ago.

Unfilled orders continued the Bureau's report, reached 16,746,000 yards at the close of May, also among the highest figures on record for Texas mills. This total represented a gain of 6.8% over the backlog of 15,686,000 yards at the close of April and was more than four times the total at the close of May 1932, 3,458,000.

One cotton mill which has been closed for about 18 months renewed operations, and total active spindles operating at the 20 Texas mills in May amounted to 149,380; spindle hours operated totalled 51,676,000.

New Coffee Contract on New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange Proposed—Special Coffee Committee Issues Report.

The special Coffee Committee, which was formed to consider a revision of the present "A" coffee contract of the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, reports as follows, according to an announcement by the Exchange, June 22:

The committee appointed to consider a revision of the present "A" coffee contract, after a long and thorough investigation of the subject, has completed its work and in a separate report submits for your consideration and action a proposed new coffee contract designated contract "L."

It became evident early in our proceedings that the present "A" contract was of but little value under present circumstances and conditions, and, as suggested by some of our members to your Board, offered no opportunity for any safe protection to dealers in Rio and (or) Victoria coffees—thus tending to narrow and restrict Exchange transactions. With the idea of promptly caring for this situation, the committee decided that better results would follow by the adoption of an entirely new contract, rather than by attempting to revise contract "A" as by this method trading could be started at once, and in no way conflict with outstanding "A" contracts.

The committee has endeavored to frame a form of contract that would encourage the carrying of practically all salable growths in the New York market, and to establish in the contract, differences in grades and growths in accordance with, more or less, the actual trade differences existing and generally recognized in the trade.

Attention is called to the fact that provision has been made for a premium on Brazilian coffee "fair to good roast, soft," shipped from any South American port, the intent of this section being to provide for the large amount of desirable Brazilian coffees that are now available for shipment from South American ports other than Santos.

The committee has been aided in its investigation by the appearance, at several meetings, of members, and by a large number of letters received in answer to a questionnaire sent out by your committee. Included in these were several suggestions regarding changes in the existing "D" contract. These changes in the "D" contract are embodied in a separate report.

A considerable number of members have suggested that Africans and Native Robustas be provided for in the proposed new contract. While not a majority of our replies are in favor of such coffees, the number of those in favor of doing so is important, and we feel that eventually that some provision may have to be made for them—especially so as the production is increasing steadily.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. W. LAWRENCE
A. SCHIERENBERG,
C. A. MACKEY,
Special Coffee Committee.

June Sale of Farm Credit Administration's Holdings of Brazilian Coffee.

The Farm Credit Administration, successor to the Federal Farm Board, announced on June 28 that the New York coffee office of the Grain Stabilization Corporation on June 28 1933 sold 62,500 bags of Santos coffee, at prices ranging from 8.55 cents to 9.15 cents per pound. The announcement continued:

This sale constitutes the regular monthly allotment offered to the trade on sealed bids of coffee acquired from the Brazilian Government in 1931 in exchange for American wheat.

At the May sale, noted in our issue of May 13, page 3247, 62,500 bags of Santos coffee were sold at prices ranging from 9.26 cents to 9.36 cents per pound.

Brazil Expects Coffee Exports of 18,000,000 Sacks This Year—Estimated Bumper Crop of 26,000,000 Sacks—40% to Be Bought by Government, 60% Goes to Market by New Plan.

The New York "Herald Tribune" reported the following Associated Press advices from Rio de Janeiro June 17:

Brazil with a bumper coffee crop coming up, hopes to sell 18,000,000 sacks abroad in the crop year from July 1933 to June 1934. If this can be accomplished, it will place its long-burdened coffee industry in better shape than it has been in several years.

The new crop is estimated at 26,000,000 bags, which means that if 18,000,000 can be exported, only 8,000,000 will be left over. The 8,000,000 although not far short of the total production outside Brazil, could be handled without much trouble. The Government in two years has destroyed more than 16,000,000 sacks of previous surpluses.

Exports in 1932, slack because the Sao Paulo rebellion closed up Santos for three months, were only 12,000,000 sacks.

The Government coffee department has adopted a program whereby 30% of the new crop, especially higher grades, will have free access to the markets. Thirty per cent. will be retained temporarily in the interior, and 40% will be bought up by the coffee department at relatively low prices.

The retained coffee in the interior will be freed as transportation and market conditions warrant, and the 40% purchased by the Government, which some newspapers are calling the "quota of sacrifice," will be disposed of as the Department sees fit.

The Department now is purchasing surpluses left over from the present and previous crops, to leave the way clear for the new crop in July. The Sao Paulo Institute has urged that the Government speed its destruction program to get the oversupply not only off the market but out of the way.

The Institute pointed out that on April 30 nearly 16,000,000 surplus sacks remained in warehouses. Even accounting for May and June exports, the remainder is considerable.

Brazil Cuts Coffee Bonus—Offers \$2.40 This Year for "Sacrifice Quota."

From the New York "Herald Tribune" we take the following (United Press) from Rio de Janeiro June 25:

The Government announced to-day that it would pay coffee growers 30 milreis (\$2.40) a bag for this year's "sacrifice quota" of the coming crop, in an effort to lower production and boost prices. Last year the Government paid approximately \$2.65 a bag "sacrifice quota" for all coffee burned or otherwise destroyed to eliminate overproduction.

The Government hopes that the coffee growers will comprehend that this price of 30 milreis really represents a sacrifice of national finances," announced Finance Minister Oswaldo Aranha, "but as the Government is anxious to help the producers, it hopes that they will accept the prices as a step in solving the coffee problem."

Brazilian Finance Minister Says Coffee Barter Is Not Under Consideration.

Rio de Janeiro advises June 18 to the New York "Times" stated:

Finance Minister Aranha, reiterating a previous denial, officially and emphatically told this correspondent to-day that Brazil does not consider and will not enter, now or in the future, any agreement for the exchange of coffee for any product or as a loan guarantee neither for public utilities or other work in which the bidders suggest coffee as part payment.

Senator Aranha said he had cabled to Nuno D'Oliveira in New York early this month denying a rumor of a deal with Japan to build ships in exchange for coffee and that coffee would be put up to guarantee a loan. However, in view of the fact that the rumor again is alive, he declared:

"The coffee business, whether domestic or foreign, may be assured that the Government will help stimulate legal trading instead of jeopardizing it through perturbing deals."

Tea Export Restriction Plan Between British India, Ceylon and The Netherland East Indies.

Following an agreement earlier in the year between British India, Ceylon and the Netherland East Indies, a plan to restrict exports of tea for the next five years has been put into effect by the governments that were party to the agreement, it is made known in reports received in the Commerce Department's Foreign Tariffs Division from Assistant Trade Commissioner Wilson C. Flake, Calcutta and Assistant Trade Commissioner Carl H. Boehringer, Batavia. The Department on June 27 further said:

The present restriction scheme provides that the participating countries (India, Ceylon and the Netherland East Indies) may select one of the years 1929, 1930 or 1931 as a basis for determining the export quota. This export quota (at least for the first year) will be 85% of exports in either 1929, 1930 or 1931, each country having the right to select one of those years as a basis. India has selected the 1929 season as a base and under the restriction plan is permitted an export quota of about 325,000,000 pounds during the 1933 season. Reports from the Netherland East Indies indicate an export quota of about 145,000,000 pounds for the Netherland East Indies for this season.

Under the restriction plans as put in effect by the governments, tea exports will be permitted only under licenses, within the quotas permitted for export.

Restriction of tea production, as a part of the restriction scheme, is apparently still under consideration. However, for the time being, British India has prohibited exports of tea used and the Netherland East Indies Government has restricted new plantings of tea.

It was reported that the British Indian Government undertook the restriction plan following representations made by many British Indian tea producers who considered it of great importance that some steps be taken to reduce the heavy stocks of tea now held in the large consuming countries, particularly the United Kingdom.

Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Co. of Philadelphia Recalls More Than 3,000 Men.

More than 3,000 men have been called back to work at the plants of the Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., within the past eight weeks, the company announced on June 26. The total working force at the local plants, as the result of these conditions, is now in excess of 4,600 men. Orders from the automobile industry, for which the company makes all-steel bodies and body parts, was given as the major cause of the activity. The announcement continued:

Another factor in Budd's expanding operations has been the entrance of the company into the railway equipment field through the development of the light-weight, high-speed, stainless steel train, it was stated. Last week the company announced the signing of a contract with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy RR. for the construction of a three-car train.

With re-entrance of railroads generally into the railway equipment market, this field of Budd activity is expected to witness sharp expansion.

Petroleum and Its Products—Pennsylvania and California Crude Prices Advanced—Code to be Sent to Washington—Majors Free to File Objections—Texas Stops Flow of Back Allowable Production.

Continuing the upward movement which has marked the petroleum industry for the past two weeks, Pennsylvania crude prices were again advanced this week, and California crude registered its first advance in the present swing. The situation in Texas, Oklahoma, and other producing states continued strong and unchanged insofar as prices were concerned, but it is stated in various quarters that midcontinent crude will be posted at 75c. a barrel within a fortnight. The present level is around the 50c. mark.

On Monday, June 26, Standard Oil Co. of California posted an advance ranging from 2c. to 15c. a barrel, according to grade. This advance set the pace for other major companies on the west coast, and is the first forward movement in California crude prices since June 1932, at which time a 25c. increase was posted. On March 5 1933, prices were cut from 5c. to 37c. a barrel. Also on Monday the South Penn Oil Co. posted a 10c. advance in Pennsylvania grade crudes, the second within two weeks. Tide Water Pipe Line Co., subsidiary of Tide Water Oil, advanced crude in Bradford-Allegheny field 10c. a barrel to a new price of \$1.57. Kentucky crude was advanced the same day by Stoll Oil Refining Co., which posted a 15c. increase, making the new price 85c. a barrel.

An important development occurred in Texas Thursday when the Railroad Commission ordered all "back allowable" production stopped during the entire month of July. Oil produced under the "back allowable" provision is that which wells had not drawn under past regulations, and represents the accumulated credits thereof. However, as the field is being held to the 550,000 barrel limit recently established, the Railroad Commission decided that any amount in excess of this total would constitute waste.

Directors of the American Petroleum Institute, meeting here this week, decided to forward their recently-prepared code to Washington, for the consideration of General Johnson, administering the Industrial Recovery Act. Approval of the Directors, however, was made with the concession that such approval will not prevent any Director, or company, from presenting specific code objections to the recovery board at Washington. As had been anticipated, several of the majors find objection to the licensing and price-fixing clauses. However, the original intention of the Act was to establish the decision of the majority of an industry as the will of the entire industry, so what effect such objections, coming from a minority, will have is problematical and presents an interesting and most important phase of the revolutionary measure.

Price changes follow:

June 26.—Effective at 7 a. m., Standard Oil Co. of California posts advances in California crude ranging from 2c. to 15c. a barrel, according to gravity, leading a general increase by all majors on the west coast.

June 26.—Tide Water Pipe Line Co. posts 10c. advance in Bradford-Allegheny crude, making new price \$1.57.

June 26.—South Penn Oil Co. advances all Pennsylvania crudes 10c. a barrel, new prices being: \$1.27 for oil in lines of South West Pennsylvania Pipe Lines Co. lines; \$1.22 for oil in lines of Eureka Pipe Line Co., and \$1.07 for oil in lines of Buckeye Pipe Line Co.

June 26.—Stoll Oil Refining Co. advances Kentucky crude oil 15c. a barrel, making new price 85c. a barrel.

June 28.—South Penn Oil Co. advances Corning crude 10c. a barrel, new price being 70c.

Prices of Typical Crudes per Barrel at Wells. (All gravities where A. P. I. degrees are not shown.)

Bradford, Pa.	.....\$1.57	Eldorado, Ark., 40	.....\$ .52
Corning, Pa.	..... .70	Rusk, Tex., 40 and over	..... .52
Illinois	..... .67	Salt Creek, Wyo., 40 and over	..... .50
Western Kentucky	..... .85	Darst Creek	..... .52
Mid-Cont., Okla., 40 and above	..... .52-.60	Midland District, Mich.	..... .48
Hutchinson, Tex., 40 and over	..... .52	Sunburst, Mont.	..... .80
Spindletop, Tex., 40 and over	..... .52	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 40 and over	..... .87
Winkler, Tex.	..... .52	Huntington, Calif., 26	..... .87
Smaekover, Ark., 24 and over	..... .30	Petrolia, Canada	..... 1.75

REFINED PRODUCTS—LUBRICATING OILS ADVANCE AS GASOLINE MOVES UP TO 6c. TANK CAR PRICE LEVEL—DEALERS' ASK ELIMINATION OF "CONTROLLED" SERVICE STATIONS IN CODE PROVISION—CONSISTENT ADVANCES EXPECTED THROUGHOUT ENTIRE LIST OF REFINED PRODUCTS.

Gasoline has continued its upward swing, and tank car prices at New York are now on a 6c. basis, with the trade expecting another advance very shortly. Lubricating oils have kept pace with gasoline advances, and Chicago reports furnace oils up 1/2c. a gallon.

The Code presented for the consideration of the Administration in behalf of dealers contains several important points emphasizing the differences which have existed between majors and independents. Outstanding in this regard is the section written by independents which forbids refiners from

binding station owners to contracts by which the owner must handle one product exclusively. The alternative, presented in behalf of majors, would permit refiners to lease stations for any period or to make station men their agents; in other words, a continuance of the "company controlled" outlet system.

The President is requested to set maximum and minimum prices, and the proper conduct of business is outlined in detail. Wholesalers and jobbers would be prohibited from furnishing equipment to service stations. Equipment may be transferred from one company to another at "blue book" prices, and there would be a uniform schedule for credit. Wholesalers and retailers must post prices and allow them to stand for at least a twenty-four hour period. All price concessions of any nature, whether under the heading of cash discounts, quantity discounts, etc., would be prohibited. Selling below cost is forbidden, and a "prudent management" basis established for prices so as to allow a "reasonable profit." Advertising that a concern undersells competitors would be held as unfair competition. Also, the dealers echo the producers in asking that licensing be adopted for the entire industry, producers, refiners, jobbers, and shippers.

The wording of the code provision covering the price situation, is as follows:

"What is true of selling crude petroleum below the cost of production is also true of selling the refined products thereof below cost; and the President is requested, upon the recommendation of the Emergency National Committee, to establish from time to time minimum and maximum prices for motor fuel and any other products of petroleum, the prices of which the committee decides should be fixed for the different localities of the United States in relation to such base points as the committee may indicate, and the President is also requested, upon the recommendation of the Emergency National Committee, to establish such margins between delivered cargo or tank car prices on the one hand and tank wagon and consumer prices on the other hand as may seem just and equitable."

Rule 7 of the Code further provides that

"refiners, distributors, jobbers, wholesalers, retailers and others engaged in the sale of refined petroleum products shall not sell any such refined petroleum products below cost for the purpose of injuring a competitor; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent anyone from selling refined petroleum products below cost to meet competition." Additional discussion of the price status is contained in Rule 15, as follows: "No one shall make any deviation from his posted prices by means of rebates, allowances, concessions, benefits, scrip books, quantity discounts, discounts to buyers of a class or by any plan, device or scheme whereby any buyer obtains any naphtha, gasoline, motor fuel, automotive lubricating oil, grease, kerosene or heating oil at a net cost lower than the applicable posted price."

Uniform credit is covered in an appendix to Rule 21, as follows: "The granting of a longer term of credit or a larger rate of discount by any refiner, distributor, jobber, wholesaler, retailer, than that allowed by this schedule shall constitute an unfair method of competition."

Chicago reports the wholesale gasoline market steady and active, with low octane grade holding at from 4c. to 4 1/4c. a gallon. Locally, Grade C bunker fuel oil has not yet advanced from its 75c. per barrel position. Diesel also remains at \$1.65. The trade is anticipating advances both on these items, however. Two advances totaling 1 1/2c. per gallon were posted this week for Pennsylvania bright stock, establishing 25 pour test at 23c. a gallon. Pennsylvania cylinder stocks moved up also.

The stronger position gasoline holds in the Mid-west is demonstrated by the fact that to-day, Saturday, Shell Petroleum Corp. will post a 1c. per gallon advance on first grade and ethyl gasoline throughout the eleven states comprising the Indiana territory. This will put first grade at 15.6 and ethyl at 18.1c.

Price changes follow:

June 26.—Standard Oil Co. of California advances all grades of gasoline 1c. a gallon in the Pacific Coast territory.

June 26.—Chicago reports furnace oils advanced 1/2c. a gallon, making new prices as follows: No. 2 at 6 3/4c., No. 3 at 5 3/4c., No. 4 at 4 3/4c., No. 5 at 4 1/2c. No. 1 oil was previously advanced (June 21), and is now quoted at 6 3/4c.

June 27.—Socony-Vacuum advances gasoline prices 1/2c. a gallon throughout its territory.

June 27.—Advance of 1/2c. a gallon posted for Pennsylvania bright stock, 25 pour test, new price being 22c. Cylinder stocks advanced 1/2c.

June 27.—Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey advances gasoline prices from 1/2 to 6.10c. throughout entire territory, with exception of Delaware and Pennsylvania, but including Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee. In New York and New England tank car, tank wagon and service station prices were advanced 1/2c. per gallon; in northern New Jersey, tank car, tank wagon and service station prices were advanced 6.10c. a gallon, effective June 28.

June 28.—Richfield Oil Corp. of New York posts 6c. per gallon price for tank car gasoline.

June 29.—Hartol Refining and Republic Oil post 6c. price for tank car gasoline.

June 29.—Socony-Vacuum Corp. advances tank car gasoline 1/2c. a gallon throughout its territory, bringing high-octane price at Long Island City to 6.15c. a gallon, equivalent to the 6c. posting generally observed in New York harbor.

June 29.—Service station gasoline prices advanced 1c. throughout the state of Texas.

June 29.—Pennsylvania bright stocks advanced 1c. a gallon for 25 pour test, new price being 23c., and the second advance within a few days.

July 1.—Shell Petroleum Corp. to-day will post increase of 1c. a gallon in first grade and ethyl gasoline throughout 11 states of the Indiana territory. New prices are 15.6c. for first grade and 18.1c. for ethyl. Third grade not affected. Other marketers are expected to take similar action.

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

New York.....\$.18	Cleveland.....*\$.18	New Orleans.....\$.14
Atlanta......19 1/2	Denver......18 1/2	Philadelphia......135
Baltimore......193	Detroit......12	San Francisco:
Boston......18	Houston......175	Third grade......151
Buffalo......187	Jacksonville......20	Above 65 octane......195
Chicago......156	Kansas City......14	Premium......229
Cincinnati......18	Minneapolis......13	St. Louis......145

* Less 2 cents cash discount.

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

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

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

N. Y. (Bayonne).....	California 27 plus D.....\$.75	Gulf Coast C.....\$.65
Bunker C.....\$.75	Chicago 18-22 D.....\$.75-1.00	Chicago 18-22 D.....\$.42 1/2-.50
Diesel 28-30 D.....1.65	New Orleans C......60	Philadelphia C......70

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

N. Y. (Bayonne).....	Chicago.....	Tulsa.....\$.01 1/2
28 plus G O.....\$.03 1/4-.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.....\$.05-.05 1/2
Standard Oil, N. J.——	Shell Eastern Pet.....\$.0565	New Orleans, ex......04-.04 1/2
Motor, U. S.——\$.0575	New York——	Arkansas......04-.04 1/2
Stand. Oil, N. Y. .0615	Colonial-Beacon......0575	California......05-.07
Tide Water Oil Co. .0575	z Texas......0565	Los Angeles, ex......04 1/4-.07
Richfield Oil (Cal.) .06	Gulf......0575	Gulf ports......05-.05 1/2
Warner-Quin. Co. .05 1/2	Republic Oil......06	Tulsa......05-.05 1/2
		Pennsylvania......05 1/2

x Richfield "Golden." z "Fire Chief." \$.0590.

American Competition Threatening European Market for Rumanian Petroleum Products as Dollar Exchange Declines.

The Department of Commerce at Washington announced on June 26 that Rumanian producers of petroleum and petroleum products are seeking means of meeting American competition in European markets which has developed since the dollar has declined in terms of other European currencies, according to a report to the Minerals Division of the Commerce Department from the Department's office in Bucharest. The Department added:

The Association of Rumanian Petroleum Industrialists sent a representative to Paris recently to discuss the situation with representatives of the leading international oil companies. It is reported that Rumanian producers are contemplating the cancellation of international agreements restricting crude oil production.

This development follows a very successful first quarter trade for Rumanian interests in which they exported 1,285,150 metric tons of petroleum and products compared with exports of 1,077,705 metric tons in the first quarter of 1932, an increase of 20%. The leading export was crude oil, foreign shipments of which doubled compared with the first quarter of 1932.

Rumanian customers are said to be changing their accounts to American firms because of the prevailing rates of exchange.

Japan Plans Oil Monopoly.

Tentative plans for control of the mineral oil resources of Japan have recently been drawn up by the Japanese Ministry of Industry and Commerce, it is indicated in a report to the Commerce Department from Commercial Attache Halleck A. Butts, Tokio. The Department, on June 19, added:

One plan is said to propose control by the State while the second plan proposes control by a license system, it was stated.

While the Japanese Government is reported to be considering the plans, no indication has yet been given that they will be adopted. Trade opinion indicates that the license system is favored.

The opinion is expressed in local Japanese business circles that the principal purpose of the announcement of mineral oil control at this particular time is to discourage further investments by foreign oil companies.

One of the basic reasons advanced for this action, it was pointed out, is undoubtedly Japan's desire to become more independent of foreign sources of this raw material.

Under the control system foreign participation in Japanese market would be completely eliminated, it was stated. The license system, although less drastic from the international point of view, might eventually accomplish the same result through free entry or low duties on crude oil and prohibitive rates on refined products.

Daily Average Crude Oil Production Off 98,250 Barrels During Week Ended June 24 1933, but Continues to Exceed That of the Corresponding Period in 1932.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production for the week ended June 24 1933 was 2,513,600 barrels, compared with 2,611,850 barrels per day during the preceding week, a daily average of 2,627,600 barrels for the four weeks ended June 24 and an average daily output of 2,156,100 barrels for the week ended June 25 1932.

Stocks of motor fuel at all points fell off 262,000 barrels, or from 53,579,000 barrels at June 17 1933 to 53,317,000 barrels at June 24 1933, and compares with a decline of 1,068,000 barrels during the previous week.

Reports received for the week ended June 24 1933 from refining companies controlling 92% of the 3,546,800 barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of the United States indicate that 2,362,000 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 30,164,000 barrels of gasoline and 126,058,000 barrels of gas and fuel oil. Gasoline at bulk terminals, in transit and in pipe lines amounted to 19,673,000 barrels. Cracked gasoline production by companies owning 95.1% of the potential charging capacity of all cracking units averaged 467,000 barrels daily during the week.

The report for the week ended June 24 1933 follows in detail:

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

	Week Ended June 24 1933.	Week Ended June 17 1933.	Average 4 Weeks Ended June 24 1933.	Week Ended June 25 1932.
Oklahoma	530,650	406,850	448,400	426,900
Kansas	110,400	104,950	107,350	98,300
Panhandle Texas	42,900	42,550	43,400	55,850
North Texas	47,050	46,450	47,050	50,400
West central Texas	19,250	18,500	18,450	24,400
West Texas	156,900	156,350	157,450	178,950
East central Texas	58,600	58,450	58,500	57,350
East Texas	565,250	789,750	757,350	331,800
Conroe	60,250	62,900	67,650	150
Southwest Texas	50,850	50,500	50,150	56,000
North Louisiana	24,500	25,200	25,050	29,850
Arkansas	30,300	30,300	30,150	34,000
Coastal Texas (not including Conroe)	116,000	116,500	116,350	116,300
Coastal Louisiana	40,500	40,500	41,100	31,900
Eastern (not including Michigan)	88,200	91,500	90,500	104,650
Michigan	15,200	15,450	15,750	17,650
Wyoming	29,250	30,100	29,500	35,000
Montana	6,650	7,250	6,350	7,200
Colorado	2,400	2,350	2,450	2,950
New Mexico	36,000	35,950	36,000	36,100
California	482,500	479,500	478,650	460,400
Total	2,513,600	2,611,850	2,627,600	2,156,100

Note.—The figures indicated above do not include any estimate of any oil which might have been surreptitiously produced.

CRUDE RUNS TO STILL, MOTOR FUEL STOCKS AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS, WEEK ENDED JUNE 24 1933.
(Figures in barrels of 42 gallons each.)

District.	Daily Refining Capacity of Plants.		Crude Runs to Stills.		aMotor Fuel Stocks.	Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks.	
	Potential Rate.	Reporting.	Daily Average.	% Operated.			
		Total.	%				
East coast	582,000	582,000	100.0	488,000	83.8	15,476,000	7,150,000
Appalachian	150,800	139,700	92.6	87,000	62.3	1,943,000	905,000
Ind., Ill., Ky.	436,600	425,000	97.3	348,000	81.9	7,464,000	4,004,000
Okl., Kan., Mo.	454,600	372,000	81.8	238,000	64.0	4,528,000	3,322,000
Inland Texas	271,800	158,500	58.3	90,000	56.8	1,394,000	2,248,000
Texas Gulf	507,500	497,500	98.0	430,000	86.4	6,157,000	6,487,000
Louisiana Gulf	132,000	132,000	100.0	116,000	87.9	1,456,000	2,051,000
North La.-Ark.	82,600	76,500	92.6	45,000	58.8	252,000	534,000
Rocky Mountain	80,700	58,200	72.1	45,000	77.3	1,141,000	717,000
California	848,200	821,800	96.9	475,000	57.8	13,506,000	98,640,000
Totals week:							
June 24 1933	3,546,800	3,263,200	92.0	2,362,000	72.4	53,331,700	126,058,000
June 17 1933	3,546,800	3,263,200	92.0	2,344,000	71.8	53,579,000	125,468,000

a Below are set out estimates of total motor fuel stocks on U. S. Bureau of Mines basis for week of June 24 compared with certain June 1932 Bureau figures:

A. P. L. estimate of B. of M. basis, week June 24 1933. b. 55,190,000 barrels
U. S. B. of M. motor fuel stocks, June 1 1932. 69,135,000 barrels
U. S. B. of M. motor fuel stocks, June 30 1932. 61,558,000 barrels

b Estimated to permit comparison with A. P. I. Economics report, which is on Bureau of Mines basis.

c Includes 30,164,000 barrels at refineries, 19,673,000 bulk terminals, in transit and pipe lines, and 3,480,000 barrels of other motor fuel stocks.

International Oil Conference Postponed.

According to Associated Press advices from Paris, June 26, the international oil conference, scheduled to convene in June, has been delayed because of the desire to await developments in America regarding control of the production of independent interests. The Associated Press account said:

An international oil authority said to-day it was felt that it would be useless to hold a meeting until it had been determined what measure of control finally would be worked out. It was understood that the Rumanians, who agreed to restrict output on condition that the production by American independents would be reduced, have denounced the agreement "in principle," but are provisionally abiding by it.

Texas Railroad Commission Halts Back Allowable Oil Production in East Texas Field—Restricts Oil To Current Limits For 31 Days.

The Railroad Commission has ordered all withdrawals of "back allowables" (oil production permitted under previous restriction orders but not withdrawn) in the East Texas oil field stopped for a period of 31 days, effective July 1, we learn from the "Wall Street Journal" of June 29 according to advices from Austin, Tex. The field is now producing approximately 550,000 barrels daily and production in excess of this amount, the Commission believes, would constitute waste at this time.

Crude Oil and Gasoline Prices Advanced on Pacific Coast by Standard Oil Co. of California—Other Companies Follow.

The Standard Oil Co. of California announced on June 26 an increase in the price that it offers for crude oil. The increase affects all grades of oil in all fields except certain

heavy oils in the Los Angeles basin, and ranges from 2 to 15 cents per barrel according to gravity, effective 7 a. m. June 26. Following the advance in the price it offers for crude oil the company announced an increase of 1 cent a gallon in its selling price of gasoline at all points and for all grades. This price adjustment also became effective June 26 1933. With regard to the increase in crude oil, advices from San Francisco to the "Wall Street Journal" of June 26, said:

The advance is the first change since Mar. 5, when reductions ranging from 6 to 37 cents a barrel were made. The last previous change was on June 26 1932, when an advance of 25 cents a barrel on 27-degree gravity Signal Hill oil to \$1 basis was made, with relative advances for other gravities, following curtailment by producers.

These advances were met on June 27 by the Shell Oil Co. and the Associated Oil Co.

Gasoline Prices Again Advanced by Standard Oil Companies of New York and New Jersey.

The Standard Oil Co. of New York, subsidiary of the Socony-Vacuum Corporation, advanced its retail prices of gasoline 1/2 cent a gallon throughout its territory, which includes New York and New England, effective June 27, making a total increase of 1 1/2 cents since June 16. At that time the company advanced its prices 1 cent a gallon, 1/2 cent became effective June 17 covering the new Federal tax and the remainder became effective June 19. This increase was noted in our issue of June 24, page 4365. The latest increase was immediately met by the Colonial Beacon Oil Co., New England marketing subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

On June 27 the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey announced increases of its retail, tank-car and tank-wagon prices ranging from six-tenths of a cent a gallon to one-half cent. An advance of 1/2 cent in the retail price was made by the company throughout its territory excepting Delaware, Pennsylvania and Northern New Jersey, effective June 28. In New York and New England the company met the advance in retail prices made by the Standard Oil Co. of New York on June 27 and advanced its tank-car and tank-wagon prices 1/2 cent a gallon. In Northern New Jersey the company advanced the tank-car, tank-wagon and service-station prices 0.6 cent effective June 28 so as to bring prices in line with those in New York.

Additional advances were made by the Standard Oil Companies of New York and New Jersey on June 29 as noted in the New York "Times" of June 30, which said:

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and the Standard Oil Co. of New York, Inc., advanced on June 29 tank-car gasoline 1/4 cent a gallon at all their terminal points. The new price on high octane gasoline in New York is 6 cents a gallon the same as posted June 28 by several smaller companies.

Standard of New York announced also an increase of 2-10 cent a gallon in gasoline on all other methods of delivery.

Other companies posting the 6 cent price include: The Richfield Oil Co. of New York, the Hartol Products Corporation and the Republic Oil Co.

Oklahoma Oil Output Allowable Raised to 594,384 Barrels Daily for July, Against 525,747 in June.

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission on June 28 ordered the allowable petroleum production for July fixed at 594,384 barrels a day, compared with 525,747 barrels in June. This represented a daily increase of 68,637 barrels over the June allowable. The action of the commission followed a two-day hearing. The nominations indicating July demand, in barrels a day, as compared with June, follows:

District.	For July.	For June.
Oklahoma City	249,659	203,231
Class B (A)	152,570	144,495
Tatums	10,500	8,500
Fish	3,933	2,500
Wildcast	1,700	1,600
Strippers	176,022	165,421
Daily total	594,384	525,747

Governor Ferguson of Texas Vetoes Two Oil-Control Bills.

Governor Miriam Ferguson of Texas has vetoed two measures to control the oil industry, according to advices from Austin on June 21. One sought to include pipe lines under the intangible assets tax law. The second was a proposal to re-enact House bill 844 making it a felony to violate proration orders. The former was vetoed, the Governor said, because it attempted to amend the Daniels tax bill which carries a provision for a tax on intangible values of oil output, and which has already been signed by the Governor. The second bill was vetoed because it duplicated House bill 844 except for the emergency clause.

Oil Order on Production in Wyoming Field Suspended by Secretary of Interior.

Secretary of the Interior Ickes announced on June 26 that he had agreed to the suspension of an order requiring the Texas Company, Ohio Oil Company, Stanolind Oil & Gas Company and Continental Oil Company to begin producing and selling oil from wells leased in the Maverick Springs oil field in Wyoming by September 1, or have suit instituted to cancel their leases. The suspension order was agreed on after the oil companies had promised to pay an additional rental of \$1 per acre on the land they lease.

East Texas Gasoline Taxes Mount After Establishment of Tax-Evasion Bureau.

Gasoline sales in East Texas have shown marked increases since the establishment of a tax evasion bureau several weeks ago, according to a Longview, Tex., dispatch to the Dallas "News" on June 20. A report based on tax payments on twenty-nine of the forty-two refineries operating in February, March and April showed that in February the tax was paid on 2,826,847 gallons, while in March it was paid on 4,011,227 gallons and in April on 5,534,313 gallons.

Active Call for Zinc at Higher Prices—Lead and Tin Sales Good—Copper Firm.

"Metal and Mineral Markets" in its issue of June 29, reports that with the movement of raw materials into consumptive channels slowly increasing, and producers busy on the task of drawing up codes of practice designed to provide for a "living wage" for labor and industry, operators in major metals continue to take a rather bullish view of the general situation. The last week witnessed active buying of zinc at higher levels, with the call for lead and tin also satisfactory. Foreign demand for copper increased and caused prices abroad to rise. In the domestic trade, copper ruled firm, with most fabricators still pursuing the policy of reducing their surplus stocks. The same publication says:

Copper Active Abroad.

Interest in copper from a trading standpoint centered in the revival of buying in foreign markets. European buyers were impressed with the stability of prices here and by reports to the effect that something may come out of the Economic Conference that might bring about concerted action to support basic commodities. Demand abroad was moderate over the first half of the week, but increased appreciably beginning with Monday. Most of the demand was for July-August-September metal. Prices realized in the European market during the last week ranged from 7.60c., c.i.f., to 8.05c., the top figure prevailing on part of the business reported yesterday.

The advance in the market abroad resulted in a little more buying interest here, though inquiry was chiefly for last-quarter material. All sales for the week were on the 8c. delivered Connecticut basis. Evidently, consumers are willing to take on more metal in quantity, but not before all doubt has been removed as to the character of the business revival. Brass mills are holding the gains in business made recently. The demand for tubing has increased, but wire business remains disappointing.

Copper producers are making a thorough survey of the industry in connection with formulating a code of practice under the Industrial Recovery Act. Fabricators will operate as a separate unit under the measure and have formed the Copper & Brass Fabricators' Association. This organization will embrace the sheet, tube, rod and wire manufacturers.

During May the United States imported 1,231 tons of refined copper, all of which was shipped from Chile. Imports of unrefined metal totaled 8,972 tons, divided as to country of origin as follows: Canada, 182; Mexico, 5,129; Chile, 59; Peru, 2,115; Africa, 1,487.

Exports of copper during May totaled 10,568 tons, of which 8,892 tons was refined and 1,676 tons (to France) unrefined.

Exports of refined copper during the first five months of 1932 and 1933, as reported to the A. B. M. S. by the Department of Commerce, in tons, follow:

	Jan.-May 1933.	Jan.-May 1932.
Canada.....	21	34
Chile.....	2	—
Belgium.....	1,776	2,793
France.....	11,646	18,210
Germany.....	3,244	8,829
Great Britain.....	5,664	11,813
Italy.....	5,851	7,192
Netherlands.....	713	1,846
Sweden.....	2,301	4,759
China and Hong Kong.....	1,600	487
Japan.....	10,213	224
Other countries.....	2,550	1,372
Totals.....	45,581	57,559

Lead Firm at 4.20c., New York.

Demand for lead continued in fair volume, with the sales total for the week only slightly less than that for the preceding seven-day period. The price structure underwent no change, being held uniformly at 4.20c., New York, the contract settling basis of the American Smelting & Refining Co., and 4.05c., St. Louis. The London price, which had been an influencing weak factor in the status of the metal, strengthened substantially during the week. Yesterday, however, in common with the other London non-ferrous metal quotations, that for lead was off slightly. Continued improvement in the London price will undoubtedly encourage serious consideration of a further advance in the domestic quotation. Corroders were the principal buyers in the domestic market last week, and placed several orders for sizable tonnages. The greater part of the business booked was for August shipment.

Sales for June shipment, according to statistics circulating in the industry, total about 27,700 tons, whereas those for July have already reached about 34,500 tons, which figure exceeds all previous monthly totals since December, 1931.

Zinc Settles at 4.40@4.45c.

Demand for zinc was fairly active in the seven days that just came to a close, the sales total for the period exceeding 5,000 tons. Galvanizers

were in the market for near-by as well as forward material. Prime Western zinc sold as high as 4.40c., St. Louis, as early as last Friday. Yesterday the price moved up to 4.40@4.45c., quotations varying according to position and seller. The strength in the zinc concentrate situation was a factor.

Good Sales of Tin.

The domestic tin market was fairly active last week, sales being of substantial total volume on each trading day. On Monday dealers were particularly active in acquiring metal, but since then most of the sales have been for consumer account. Price fluctuations during the period ranged from 44.25c. to 47.00c., for Straits, and were almost entirely attributable to the movements in sterling exchange. The margin between the price of refined and Straits tin has gradually narrowed as the demand for refined has increased. This margin, which was about 350 points several weeks ago, had fallen to about 190 points on Tuesday. Tin-plate operations lend much encouragement to the position of tin in that they are estimated to average from 90 to 100% of capacity. The Byrne plan of the pool expires on July 1, and although no details are apparently available relative to the action that will be taken then in connection with the plan, the general opinion prevails that it will be continued with some minor changes. Possibly the current output rate of 33 1/2% will be advanced to 40%, owing to the improvement in business.

Chinese 99% tin was quoted as follows: June 22, 41.80c.; June 23, 41.25c.; June 24, 41.25c.; June 26, 42.00c.; June 27, 42.625c.; June 28, 44.25c.

Steel Production Up Another Three Points to 53% of Capacity—Prices of Finished Steel and Steel Scrap Increase.

Steel production has made another three-point gain, advancing from 50 to 53% of capacity, reports the "Iron Age" of June 29. The upward swing of output, which has been uninterrupted since operations struck a low of 14% the third week in March, has marked one of the sharpest recoveries in the history of the trade adds the "Age" further going on to say:

The expansion of production has been closely paralleled by a comparable growth of consumption, especially on the part of automobile makers and other industries making consumer goods. It has been largely from tin plate, bars, sheets, strip and other light rolled products that the steel industry has obtained the tonnage which has made heavier operations possible. Business from the construction industry and from the railroads has been insignificant throughout the period under review, and it is now a question how much further steel output can increase without such support. Steel needed for the Government's public works program cannot reach steel mills before autumn, and no material enlargement of railroad purchases is in early prospect.

So far as the steel industry is concerned, the first phase of recovery appears to be over. This view is supported by the fact that latterly, at any rate, many buyers have been taking steel in excess of their known requirements. Specifications against second quarter contracts have been unusually heavy. Buyers have been influenced to order out steel not merely on account of prospective price advances but because of continued uncertainty as to when producers will again make firm quotations.

In some cases mills are accepting business at current prices for July shipment but others are taking forward business only with a saving clause protecting them against increases in costs. Buyers are ordinarily reluctant to place orders for future delivery subject to price revision and, since many of them have taken full advantage of expiring contracts, new business of the mills in the coming month may suffer.

Such a recession may not be enough to affect production, since steel makers will be delivering against current specifications for several weeks to come. Moreover, the momentum that has been built up in certain consuming lines cannot be overlooked. The automobile industry, which has consistently underestimated the strength of demand, now finds its operations at the highest point since June 1931. Output for this month will total at least 240,000 cars and will surpass that of May for the first time in 11 years. Retail sales in June also have shown a substantial gain, foreshadowing a continuance of a high operating rate in July.

Increases in steel output in the various producing centres are still impressive. At Chicago operations rose from 50 to 55%, at Pittsburgh from 40 to 45%, in the Cleveland-Lorain area from 67 to 71%, in eastern Pennsylvania from 26 to 36%, and in the South from 50 to 54%. That the steel industry believes further substantial gains are assured is indicated by the firing of additional blast furnaces at Chicago, Braddock and Johnstown, Pa., and Birmingham.

The rehabilitation of idle blast furnaces and open-hearths is expensive and accounts, in part, for producers' uncertainty as to their future costs. Another factor is a rise in fuel costs, growing out of labor troubles in the Connellsville region. By-product coking coal is growing scarce, and furnace coke has advanced from \$1.75 to \$2, Connellsville, with further increases in prospect. The greatest uncertainty is the extent of wage advances that will be made with the adoption of a code by the industry under the National Recovery Act. According to varying estimates, a 10% increase in wage rates would raise costs \$2 to \$5 a ton.

Pig iron producers have withdrawn third quarter quotations and are now taking business for July shipment only. Structural steel awards, at 15,500 tons, compare with 22,800 tons a week ago. Formal allotment of \$400,000,000 for road construction has been made to the States by the new Public Works Administration.

An advance in scrap at Chicago has raised the "Iron Age" composite price for heavy melting steel from \$9.96 to 90.08 a gross ton. Although action on most steel products has been suspended, tin mill black plate has gone up \$4 a ton to 2.50c. a lb., Pittsburgh, while large rivets have been raised \$5 a ton to \$2.50 per 100 lb. The disappearance of concessions on plates, long the weakest of heavy rolled products, has caused the "Iron Age" composite price of finished steel to advance from 1.892c. to 1.904c. a lb. The high for this year, 1.948c., was reached early in January. Although higher prices on pig iron are imminent, the "Iron Age" composite remains at \$15.01 a gross ton, unchanged since late in May.

THE "IRON AGE" COMPOSITE PRICES.

Finished Steel.		Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, wire, rails, black pipe and sheets. These products make 85% of the United States output.	
June 27 1933, 1.904c. a lb.			
One week ago.....	1.892c.		
One month ago.....	1.892c.		
One year ago.....	1.976c.		
High.			
1933.....	1.948c.	Jan. 3	1.867c. Apr. 18
1932.....	1.977c.	Oct. 4	1.926c. Feb. 2
1931.....	2.037c.	Jan. 13	1.945c. Dec. 29
1930.....	2.273c.	Jan. 7	2.018c. Dec. 9
1929.....	2.317c.	Apr. 2	2.283c. Oct. 29
1928.....	2.286c.	Dec. 11	2.217c. July 17
1927.....	2.402c.	Jan. 4	2.212c. Nov. 1
Low.			

The Research Department has already set on foot an investigation into all of the most pressing problems concerning the industrial applications of tin. Co-operating with this organization in London are distinguished scientists from universities and industrial laboratories in England, the United States and Germany.

In this country the "United States Tin Research and Development Committee" has been set up by the American Tin Trade Association to work in close co-operation with the International Tin Research and Development Council. Members of this American committee include J. E. Pope, Chairman of Pope Trading Corp.; A. B. Hall, of the National Lead Co.; G. A. Biscaye, of C. Tennant Sons & Co.; M. W. Tuthill, of Tuthill & Co., Inc.; and L. J. Tavener, United States representative of the International Tin Research and Development Council.

It is hoped that the canning, tin plate, motor car, bearing metal and many other industries which consume tin will make use of the comprehensive research facilities now made available by the council.

The development side of the council's program is under the direction of Colonel S. Heckstall-Smith, eminent authority on international marketing problems. Under his direction are workers in Great Britain, the United States, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Italy, Greece and other countries, whose special task it is to collate market information and prepare useful surveys for the benefit of manufacturers and retailers of goods in which tin plays a significant part.

Monthly Statistics of Tin Exports According to International Tin Committee.

The International Tin Committee met at the Billiton Offices, The Hague, on June 22. The New York office of the International Tin Research and Development Council issued a communique on June 23 which showed that the monthly statistics as to export are as follows:

CABLED INFORMATION FROM PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES FOR SEPT.-DEC. 1932, JAN.-MAR. 1933 AND APRIL AND MAY 1933.

	Monthly Export Permissible From Sept. 1 1932.	Balance at Sept. 1 1932.	1932 Sept. to Dec.	1933 Jan. to March.	1933 April.	1933 May.
N. E. I.	1,282	-40	5,068	3,943	1,307	1,232
Nigeria	317	-26	1,260	949	321	461
Bolivia	1,224	+1,172	5,177	3,600	1,224	1,230
Malaya	2,036	-113	8,532	6,222	2,671	1,990
Siam	833	-523	3,296	2,510	830	788

Note.—A plus sign means excess over quota; a minus sign means balance in hand on quota allowance.

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 June 28, as reported by the Federal Reserve banks, was \$2,196,000,000, a decrease of \$7,000,000 compared with the preceding week and of \$158,000,000, compared with the corresponding week in 1932. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

On June 28 total Reserve bank credit amounted to \$2,182,000,000, a decrease of \$12,000,000 for the week. This decrease corresponds with an increase of \$89,000,000 in Treasury currency, adjusted, and a decrease of \$21,000,000 in money in circulation, offset in part by increases of \$81,000,000 in member bank reserve balances, and \$17,000,000 in unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c.

Bills discounted decreased \$21,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, \$3,000,000 at Cleveland and \$31,000,000 at all Federal Reserve banks. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market declined \$1,000,000, while holdings of United States Treasury notes increased \$11,000,000 and of Treasury certificates and bills \$9,000,000.

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

The statement in full for the week ended June 28, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages, namely, pages 92 and 93.

Beginning with the statement of March 15 1933, new items were included, as follows:

1. "Federal Reserve bank notes in actual circulation," representing the amount of such notes issued under the provisions of paragraph 6 of Section 18 of the Federal Reserve Act as amended by the Act of March 9 1933.

2. "Redemption fund—Federal Reserve bank notes," representing the amount deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for the redemption of such notes.

3. "Special deposits—member banks" and "special deposits—non-member banks," representing the amount of segregated deposits received from member and non-member banks.

A new section has also been added to the statement to show the amount of Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding, held by Federal Reserve banks and in actual circulation, and the amount of collateral pledged against outstanding Federal Reserve bank notes.

Changes in the amount of Reserve bank credit outstanding and in related items during the week and the year ending June 28 1933 were as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	June 28 1933.	June 21 1933.	June 29 1932.
Bills discounted	\$191,000,000	-\$31,000,000	-\$279,000,000
Bills bought	8,000,000	-1,000,000	-56,000,000
U. S. Government securities	1,975,000,000	+20,000,000	+174,000,000
Other reserve bank credit	7,000,000	-1,000,000	-4,000,000
TOTAL RESERVE BANK CREDIT	2,182,000,000	-12,000,000	+164,000,000
Monetary gold stock	4,318,000,000	+1,000,000	+398,000,000
Treasury currency adjusted	1,979,000,000	+89,000,000	+168,000,000
Money in circulation	5,675,000,000	-21,000,000	+26,000,000
Member bank reserve balances	2,286,000,000	+81,000,000	+252,000,000
Unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c	517,000,000	+17,000,000	+123,000,000

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 a decrease of \$11,000,000, the total of these loans on June 28 1933 standing at \$764,000,000 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" decreased from \$719,000,000 to \$699,000,000, but loans "for account of out-of-town banks" increased from \$49,000,000 to \$56,000,000 and loans "for account of others" from \$7,000,000 to \$9,000,000.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York.		
	June 28 1933.	June 21 1933.	June 29 1932.
Loans and investments—total	6,913,000,000	7,039,000,000	6,534,000,000
Loans—total	3,400,000,000	3,455,000,000	3,653,000,000
On securities	1,791,000,000	1,813,000,000	1,696,000,000
All other	1,609,000,000	1,642,000,000	1,957,000,000
Investments—total	3,513,000,000	3,584,000,000	2,881,000,000
U. S. Government securities	2,438,000,000	2,484,000,000	1,921,000,000
Other securities	1,075,000,000	1,100,000,000	960,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	788,000,000	794,000,000	696,000,000
Cash in vault	39,000,000	37,000,000	45,000,000
Net demand deposits	5,428,000,000	5,522,000,000	4,934,000,000
Time deposits	749,000,000	752,000,000	756,000,000
Government deposits	290,000,000	290,000,000	123,000,000
Due from banks	76,000,000	79,000,000	79,000,000
Due to banks	1,248,000,000	1,278,000,000	1,021,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	-----	-----	-----
Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers:			
For own account	699,000,000	719,000,000	316,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks	56,000,000	49,000,000	21,000,000
For account of others	9,000,000	7,000,000	5,000,000
Total	764,000,000	775,000,000	342,000,000
On demand	558,000,000	591,000,000	244,000,000
On time	206,000,000	184,000,000	98,000,000
	Chicago.		
	June 28 1933.	June 21 1933.	June 29 1932.
Loans and investments—total	1,247,000,000	1,249,000,000	1,299,000,000
Loans—total	656,000,000	647,000,000	894,000,000
On securities	339,000,000	336,000,000	532,000,000
All other	317,000,000	311,000,000	362,000,000
Investments—total	591,000,000	602,000,000	405,000,000
U. S. Government securities	383,000,000	395,000,000	232,000,000
Other securities	208,000,000	207,000,000	173,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	232,000,000	215,000,000	199,000,000
Cash in vault	30,000,000	32,000,000	40,000,000
Net demand deposits	958,000,000	956,000,000	820,000,000
Time deposits	355,000,000	350,000,000	345,000,000
Government deposits	45,000,000	45,000,000	23,000,000
Due from banks	218,000,000	191,000,000	126,000,000
Due to banks	264,000,000	271,000,000	233,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	-----	-----	8,000,000

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

The Federal Reserve Board resumed on May 15 the publication of its weekly condition statement of reporting member banks in leading cities, which had been discontinued

India Ships to United States \$4,825,710 Silver Consignment on Great Britain's War Debt Account.

Bombay advices (United Press) June 30 to the New York "World Telegram" stated:

The first consignment of war debt silver, part of the token payment made by Great Britain June 15, was aboard the steamship Rajputana to-day en route to Japan, where it will be transhipped to San Francisco. There were 9,000 bars of silver in the consignment, valued at \$4,825,710.

Canadian Shipments of Silver to China in May Reported as 398,813 Ounces.

Canadian Press advices June 17 from Ottawa, Ont., stated:

China was a heavy purchaser of silver bullion in May, 398,813 ounces being exported to that country at the value of \$121,274, says a report issued to-day by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The United States got 284,758 ounces at \$107,780 and British India 29,261 ounces at \$11,000.

Total exports in May were 712,832 ounces at \$240,054, compared with 605,860 ounces at \$180,232 in April and 1,303,363 ounces at \$378,097 in May 1932.

Expansion in Use of Silver Currency Throughout World Viewed by H. M. Bratter, of Department of Commerce—Outlines White Metal Holdings of Central Banks.

Possibilities for considerable expansion of the use of silver as currency throughout the world are seen by H. M. Bratter, of the Finance and Investment Division of the Department of Commerce in a report on the monetary use of silver made public by the Department May 28. With reference thereto, the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:

Many of the world's central banks are now legally permitted to include a certain amount of silver in their currency reserves, the study disclosed, and, excluding a few countries where no silver now circulates, all central banks possess some silver coin.

Decline Is Noted.

However, it was found the proportion of silver held in central bank reserves has shown a tendency to decline in recent years. In the 30-year period beginning in 1900 the proportion of silver in the total metallic holdings of 18 countries declined in all but four, the only increases being shown in Denmark, Japan, Russia and Switzerland, where, according to Mr. Bratter, silver holdings were and still are relatively small.

As a rule, it is shown in the report, the amount of silver held by central banks is small, such as any bank might have, and is not counted as a part of the reserves against note issues or other demand liabilities.

Large stocks of the metal are known to be held in British India and China, and there are large supplies of monetary silver in the United States, Spain and several other countries, Mr. Bratter found. In this country, at the end of last March, the stock of standard silver dollars was in excess of \$540,000,000, in comparison with a total monetary stock, including gold coin and bullion, of \$10,629,000,000. In Spain approximately 1,000,000,000 silver pesetas are believed to be held in the country, the coins consisting chiefly of the legal tender 5-peseta pieces, mostly held by the Bank of Spain.

610,000,000 Pesetas Held.

That institution last January held 610,000,000 pesetas in silver, and since Spanish law requires that 5-peseta pieces be accepted on the same basis as gold coins, the bank in practice does not redeem in notes in gold but in silver coin.

The stock of silver held by the French Government at the end of 1932 exceeded 36,600,000 ounces, while the Bank of France held an additional 29,500,000 ounces, it was stated. The Government of Italy at the end of last year held only 5,328,000 fine ounces of silver, while the Bank of Italy had about 107,000 ounces of silver coin and bullion.

"There is evidently little inclination abroad to use silver in other than a subsidiary capacity," the report points out. "But this capacity is an important one. All countries require various low-denomination coins, a purpose for which silver is peculiarly suited. The metal is durable, attractive and easily recognizable. Moreover, it is neither too rare nor too plentiful for the purpose, and it lends itself readily to the technical processes of minting."

Six-Point Program for Rehabilitation of Silver as to Which All Nations, Says Senator Pittman, Are in Accord.

Senator Key Pittman, of Nevada, announced on May 19 a six-point program for the rehabilitation of silver on which he said all the nations with which the United States has discussed the subject in international conversations here are in agreement. The program was given as follows in Associated Press advices from Washington, May 19:

1. The price of silver should be reasonably raised and substantially stabilized around that point. (No specific figure was mentioned by Senator Pittman, although 60c. an ounce has been discussed unofficially.)
2. That the status of silver is a part of the general problem of stabilization of currencies in international exchange.
3. That governments should agree to abandon the policy and practice of debasing and melting up silver.
4. That restoration of the fineness of the debased coins should be brought about as rapidly as practicable.
5. That to such extent as is possible there should be a larger use of silver as a base for currency issues.
6. That tariffs and other obstructions to the free movement of silver should be lowered or eliminated.

From the same dispatches we quote:

Senator Pittman, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is to be a member of the delegation to the London Economic Conference headed by Secretary Cordell Hull.

Meanwhile, the belief that American delegates to the conference should be instructed to work for 16-to-1 silver, although "you aren't going to get it,"

was expressed to-day before the House Foreign Affairs Committee by Chairman Somers of the Coinage Committee.

"Our delegates will have to have the heaviest club possible in their negotiations," Mr. Somers said, discussing resolution similar to one already adopted by the Senate, suggesting that the United States delegation seek an agreement on 16-to-1 silver.

At the State Department Senator Pittman said that on the points enumerated everybody with whom the subject had been taken up was in agreement.

This goes for Canada, Mexico, Great Britain, Argentina and China, among the countries which have sent special representatives here for White House conferences.

Correspondence has been referred to Mr. Pittman by President Roosevelt which concerned silver.

The Senator holds that if the problem of silver can be settled at London the conference will succeed in its other endeavors.

Mr. Pittman detailed the progress being made in the silver situation as he left a conference between American and Brazilian officials.

Asked whether Great Britain had agreed to have the Government of India stop debasing its silver currency, the Nevada Senator said the British had contended that this was a matter for the Government of India itself to decide.

In none of the economic conversations, Mr. Pittman said in answer to another question, has there been discussion of free coinage of silver.

Discussion of Silver Stabilization Between President Roosevelt and Mexican Minister of Finance Pani.

Price stabilization of silver was discussed recently at Washington between President Roosevelt and Alberto Pani, Minister of Finance of Mexico, as to which we quote the following from the "United States News" (formerly "United States Daily"):

A joint statement issued May 18 by President Roosevelt and Finance Minister Pani announced that their conversations had enabled them to "determine general features for a future understanding looking to removing the obstacles that are in the way of normal development of trade relations" between the United States and Mexico.

Co-ordinated Effort.

"In the course of our conversations," the statement said, "it has been highly satisfactory to confirm that the judgment of the two governments coincides not only as regards the imperative need of co-ordinated effort of all nations to restore economic equilibrium in the world, but also, specifically, in connection with the outstanding subjects in the agenda which with such purpose is to regulate the work at the London Conference.

"It is also of great interest to announce that, Mexico and the United States being the two main silver-producing countries in the world, a project of agreement toward the stabilization of the price of this metal has been the subject of special and fruitful consideration in these conversations.

"We may justly expect, therefore, that as a result of these conversations there will be unalterable co-operation at the World Conference, and that soon normal trade between Mexico and the United States will be restored."

In a Washington dispatch, May 26, to the New York "Times" it was stated:

When Senor Pani goes to London as Mexico's chief delegate he will be accompanied by Fernando Gonzalez Roa, Mexican Ambassador at Washington; Marte Gomez, engineer and former Minister of Agriculture, and Eduardo Suarez, legal adviser to the Foreign Office. Alberto Mascarenas, the Mexican Minister in London, will aid them. The delegates will leave for New York Tuesday.

Chase National Bank of New York Gets Award for Cuba's Silver—Bank to Handle \$6,000,000 of Coins to Be Made in Mint in Philadelphia.

The Havana branch of the Chase National Bank of New York on May 19 received the award to-day on its bid for handling the coinage of the new \$6,000,000 silver issue to be made by the Cuban Government under the law passed by Congress on May 10. The institution was the only bidder, said advices to the New York "Times" from Havana, which also stated:

According to the terms of the bid, the silver will cost the Cuban Government a little more than \$1,600,000, which, together with the bank's commission of 81/64 of 1%, coinage fees at the Philadelphia Mint, interest on exchange and other expenses amounting to \$187,250, makes a total of \$1,774,798.87, or 29.61c. for each coined dollar.

Freight on silver to the mint is put at \$4,900, and freight and insurance from Philadelphia to Havana are figured at \$11,850.

Although the law provides for the issuance of an equal amount of silver certificates in denominations of \$1 to \$10 against silver to be held in the Treasury, it was learned at authoritative sources that the Administration has definitely decided not to issue the certificates. Whether the decision resulted from pressure exerted by the American Government owing to certain provisions in the treaties between the two countries is not quite clear. However, undoubtedly such procedure would have meant the withdrawal of the Havana branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, which now acts as distributing agent for American currency here, mostly in one, two, five, ten and twenty dollar bills.

At the same time commercial interests felt generally that issuance of silver certificates held out possibilities of establishing a precedent of resorting to the printing press for future financial difficulties, thereby flooding the country with highly speculative specie currency.

It apparently is the intention of the Government to put into circulation this \$6,000,000 of silver through withdrawing United States currency that can be applied toward the payment of foreign debts due on June 30. Many financial observers believe the plan will bring about a sharp depreciation in the value of the Cuban dollar, which in a large measure will depend upon the demand for United States currency necessarily required for meeting both commercial and Government foreign payments. The discount may reach as high as 20%, in their opinion.

At the time (May 8) when President Machado's message was read in the House (recommending passage of a bill permitting the Cuban Government to coin an additional \$6,000,000 in silver), the "Times" reported the following from Havana:

The last issue of silver was made by Cuba on April 19 1932, amounting to a little more than \$3,500,000, which completed the silver coinage authorized under the currency law of Oct. 29 1914.

Norman H. Davis Returns to United States on Visit—Calls on President Roosevelt—Reports Progress at Geneva Disarmament Conference—Voices Hope of Successful Conclusion.

Norman H. Davis, United States Ambassador at Large, (and delegate to the disarmament conference at Geneva) returned to this country from the World Disarmament Conference at Geneva on June 23, and on his arrival in New York he expressed optimism regarding the prospects for negotiating a treaty providing for supervised disarmament. Mr. Davis said that he had returned to the United States for personal reasons and in order to confer with President Roosevelt.

Mr. Davis visited President Roosevelt on the schooner *Amberjack II*, off Maine, on June 28, while the President was spending his vacation on a sailing trip. According to newspaper reports, Mr. Davis and the President talked for two hours, and the former reported that "excellent progress" had been made during the negotiations thus far conducted at Geneva. An account of the visit, as contained in part in a dispatch to the New York "Times" from Lakeman Bay, Roque Island, Me., follows:

As for the consultative-pact question, Mr. Davis said the conference had long since passed the point where economic sanctions were demanded of the United States, or where France demanded a security pact with the United States or Great Britain. In fact, he said, it was only "a purely negative agreement" that was asked of the United States in that regard. Regional non-aggression pacts might be the direction taken.

Primarily a European Problem.

"France wants an iron-clad pact for Europe only," Mr. Davis told newspaper men invited aboard *Amberjack II* at the conclusion of his conversation with the President. "Everybody is realizing more and more that this is a European problem. Peace is a world-wide matter, but the festering sore in Europe must be cured."

In its progress the "cure" was encountering and would encounter many difficulties, he added. But he went on to cite numerous circumstances indicative of a determined effort to overcome the obstacles and marked changes recently in the prospect for disarmament.

It was established that the policy of the United States on disarmament was positively unchanged; while there was room for "give and take" in details of an eventual agreement, the principles of this country's stand remained unaltered.

As a background for this conversation, the President made it completely clear that the proposed pacts were not based on the present situation but on a Europe disarmed.

Mr. Davis was aboard the *Amberjack II* for more than two hours before the President indicated to correspondents in his party that he was ready to receive them. When they went aboard, crowding into a cabin about seven by eight feet, the President, dressed in gray trousers and sweater and with a day's growth of beard, lounged in the corner of a settee-berth and left most of the talking to Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis was asked to define the "excellent progress" which he said had been made.

"It has come about in several ways," he replied, "but mostly by education. There has been a great improvement in mutual understanding and agreement as to what the problem is."

He said the conference accepted the British proposal as a basis of discussion and "after a study of it has accepted it as the basis of the convention." There were many disagreements to be worked out, he added, particularly as there were 96 articles in the proposed convention.

Hails Agreement in Germany.

The most important individual step yet accomplished, Mr. Davis told the President, consisted in Germany "agreeing to assist in working out an agreement for a system of standardizing the military systems of Europe and have only a militia."

"Of course," he added, "that depends on ultimate agreement on all other points."

The disarmament delegate remarked that both France and Germany had permanent standing armies, while France had its conscript classes, and stated that there remained the difficult task of working out a method of transforming the intricate military systems into uniform national militia bodies. But as an instance of the desire of Europe to accomplish some such result, he noted that European countries now trained conscripts for nine months, instead of for three-year periods as was done prior to the World War.

Mr. Davis spoke of the decision of the bureau or steering committee of the disarmament conference yesterday that the general commission should adjourn as soon as it met July 3, to remain in adjournment until called into session by the bureau, probably in October. This meant, he indicated, that all of what had seemed to be the "Gordian knot" had been located and the degree of their importance gauged, as, for instance, the Franco-Italian differences regarding sea power.

With the general commission in adjournment, there would be an opportunity for private conversations on these problems, where the delegates might make concessions in return for like ones on opposing sides and be relieved of the responsibility of holding, for the sake of national prestige, to iron-clad demands made in open sessions.

World Monetary and Economic Conference—Gold-Standard Countries, United States and Great Britain Reported in Agreement for Central-Bank Co-operation to Prevent Speculative Exchange Flurries—Agreement Said to Be Subject to Approval by President Roosevelt—Monetary Subcommittee Recommends Establishment of Central Banks to Control Gold Standard.

After another week marked by wide exchange fluctuations and further weakness of the dollar in terms of gold, representatives of the gold standard countries of Europe, attending the World Monetary and Economic Conference in London,

were reported late yesterday (June 30) to have reached an agreement with the United States and Great Britain, and it was said that they would shortly issue a joint statement announcing the co-operation of their central banks to prevent speculative fluctuations in international monetary exchange. This agreement was understood to have been subject to the approval of President Roosevelt. According to a United Press dispatch from London, the accord was reached after a private conference attended by Assistant Secretary of State Raymond Moley, and leading statesmen and financial experts of Great Britain, France, Italy, Holland, Switzerland, Belgium, Germany and Poland.

Meanwhile President Roosevelt, who was at Campobello Island, New Brunswick, on his vacation, boarded the cruiser *Indianapolis* yesterday, and according to a United Press dispatch from Campobello Island the President indicated that temporary currency stabilization is a problem to be settled by central banks and not by governments. He was reported as having no objection to any plans for the various central banks to undertake currency stabilization.

Details of the reported agreement reached at London had not been made public at this writing. The United Press dispatch previously mentioned added the following concerning the negotiations yesterday:

The agreement—if finally approved—would represent the first concrete attempt to solve the currency stabilization problem, which has threatened the Conference with collapse. It would not entail de facto stabilization, but would have somewhat the same effect by preventing too wide a fluctuation of the dollar and other currencies, while at the same time leaving President Roosevelt unhampered in carrying out his policies at home.

If approved by Mr. Roosevelt, it was believed here the agreement would save the Conference and permit real progress on economic matters, especially tariffs.

After the vitally important meeting, the delegates left Downing Street for their hotels, to await a call from Mr. MacDonald to return and sign the agreement when and if it is approved by President Roosevelt. Prof. Moley went to the United States Embassy to communicate the text of the statement to President Roosevelt for his approval.

The special American representative remained with Prime Minister MacDonald for forty minutes after the others had left.

All the delegates left the meeting in smiles, indicating that hopes of agreement were high.

Georges Bonnet, French Finance Minister, postponed his departure for Paris for the week end from 8:20 p. m. to 11 p. m. to enable him to sign the agreement. Meanwhile United States circles said President Roosevelt's reply was not expected before tomorrow morning.

M. Bonnet in a press announcement said:

"The gold standard nations and Great Britain have completed after long deliberation a declaration on stabilization and control of speculation. Prof. Moley approved it and forwarded it to President Roosevelt."

The contemplated joint statement would provide for cooperation of all central banks to prevent fluctuations, while reserving to the United States full freedom of monetary policy.

Furthermore, to satisfy the gold standard nations, the statement would include a clause recognizing gold as the eventual and logical medium of world exchange.

Finance Minister Bonnet of France, Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, financial adviser of the British Treasury, Prof. Moley, Herbert B. Swope, Senator Key Pittman and Senator James Couzens, all of the United States, conferred to-day at length at the United States Embassy, seeking the proper phraseology to make clear that President Roosevelt's future policy should not be hindered by the statement. Mr. Roosevelt desires to put continued improvement of United States business ahead of stabilization, emphasizing that the recent upward trend must not be blocked.

The gold standard delegates later met with Prime Minister MacDonald and Chancellor of the Exchequer Neville Chamberlain of Britain at No. 10 Downing Street, to continue efforts to complete the draft of the statement. The gold standard nations—led by France and Holland—plan for the joint statement to be read at a plenary meeting of the conference, inviting other nations to adhere.

The United States participated for the first time in a secret meeting of the gold standard nations when Prof. Moley, alone in a limousine flying the United States flag, arrived at 6:10 p. m. at No. 10 Downing Street.

There he joined representatives of Britain, France, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, Germany and Poland.

Those at the meeting included Prime Minister MacDonald, Mr. Chamberlain, Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, M. Bonnet and Gov. Charles Rist of the Bank of France, L. J. Trip, President of the Bank of Holland; Guido Jung, Italian Finance Minister; Alfred Sarasin, of the Swiss National Bank; Adam Koc of Poland and Emile Francqui of Belgium. Prof. Moley was the last arrival.

Earlier in the week the "gold-standard" countries, headed by France, were said to have held a number of secret meetings in London at which they endeavored to persuade Prime Minister MacDonald and Neville Chamberlain, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, to join them in a declaration to the effect that in no event would the gold standard be permitted to be wiped out. The British, on the other hand, were reported by press correspondents as being averse to taking any move that might cause resentment on the part of the United States, and were said to have urged the Americans to join in a stabilization declaration that would avert the danger of a money crisis in Europe, and yet at the same time would be elastic enough to prevent a sharp drop in prices in the United States. The agreement said to have been concluded late yesterday probably represents the compromise proposal referred to, although it is futile to discuss its terms until details are known.

On June 29 the conference sub-committee which is considering the gold clauses of Senator Pittman's proposal and

other suggestions for the permanent functioning of the gold standard adopted resolutions recommending the universal establishment of central banks and their close co-operation with each other and with the Bank for International Settlements at Basle.

The first resolution reads:

The conference considers it essential in order to provide an international gold standard with necessary mechanism for satisfactory working, that independent central banks with requisite powers and freedom to carry out an appropriate currency and credit policy should be created in such developed countries as have not presently an adequate central banking institution.

The other resolution declares:

The conference wish to reaffirm the declarations of previous conferences in regard to the great utility of close, continuous cooperation between central banks. The Bank for International Settlements should play an increasingly important part, not only by improving contact but also as an instrument for common action.

Governor Harrison of New York Federal Reserve Bank Returns From Abroad After Attending Central Bank Discussions in London.

George L. Harrison, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, who sailed for London June 2, was a passenger on the North German Lloyd Steamer "Bremen," which reached New York June 23. With his return he is said to have declined to discuss his mission to London. From the New York "Times" of June 24, we quote:

Governor Harrison Met Bankers.

Mr. Harrison said merely that he had gone abroad to confer with the heads of the Central Banks and left his interviewers to guess the subject of the conferences about which there already has been a great deal of speculation. Professor O. H. M. Sprague, economic adviser to the United States Treasury, who was scheduled to return on the same ship with Norman H. Davis and Mr. Harrison, was not aboard.

Jay E. Crane, Deputy Governor of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, who accompanied Governor Harrison abroad, also returned on the "Bremen." In its issue of June 19, the London "Financial News" said:

Day-To-Day Scheme?

Mr. Harrison, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and Mr. Crane, Deputy-Governor, who represented the United States in the Central Bank discussions which have been running parallel with the World Monetary and Economic Conference, left yesterday on the "Bremen" for New York.

Uncertainty now veils the position reached in the discussions on the stabilization of the pound, the dollar and the franc.

According To Plan.

While the departure of the American representatives was in accordance with the arrangements originally made, the break-up of the discussions is interpreted in some quarters as a failure of the efforts to come to an understanding on provisional stabilization.

Other quarters are, however, more optimistic, and believe that, pending the resumption of discussions, the exchanges will be kept relatively stable on the basis of informal day-to-day arrangements between central banks, under a sort of "gentleman's agreement" that can be cancelled if the course of U. S. prices demands it.

It is understood that M. Moret, the French representative, and his colleagues will remain in London until to-morrow.

Washington Attitude.

No official statement has been issued, but the shower of week-end cables from Washington would seem to suggest that the American delegates' stay was not prolonged over the original date for return because of the difficulty of obtaining the approval of the U. S. Administration for the understanding in principle reached on Thursday for provisional stabilization.

That understanding, it was stated on good authority, had received the telephonic agreement of the President, but the slump on Wall Street, and in certain commodity prices, frightened the Administration—as reported in "The Financial News" on Saturday—and led to the issue of Mr. Woodin's disclaimer, which implied that the negotiators could not conclude any binding agreement.

World Monetary and Economic Conference—Gold Proposals by Senator Pittman Favorably Reported to Monetary Commission—25% Metal Coverage for Currency Considered Adequate—Silver Recommendations to Be Discussed Later.

The sub-committee on gold of the World Monetary and Economic Conference, meeting at London, reported on June 27 in favor of Senator Key Pittman's proposals for restricting the circulation of monetary gold and reducing the minimum legal coverage for central banks. Senator Pittman, as a member of the United States delegation, originally introduced his proposal on June 19 (as recorded in our issue of June 24, page 4373). The sections favorably reported by the subcommittee on June 27 constituted only a part of the resolution, which also included recommendations for the limitation of silver sales on world markets and the optional use of silver as part of the metal backing of currencies. These silver recommendations will be reported upon by the committee at a later date. The proposals adopted by the subcommittee on June 27 for submission to the full monetary commission read as follows:

That under modern conditions monetary gold is required, not for internal circulation, but as a reserve against central bank liabilities and primarily to meet external demands for payments caused by some disequilibrium on foreign account. Consequently it is undesirable to put gold coins and gold certificates into internal circulation.

That, in order to improve the working of the future gold standard, greater elasticity should be given to central bank legal cover provisions. For instance, in so far as a system of percentage of gold cover is applied, a ratio of not more than 25% should be considered as sufficient. Similar elasticity should be achieved by appropriate measures wherever the system is applied.

However, such changes must not be taken as an excuse for unduly building up a large superstructure of notes and credits. In other words, the effect of this resolution should be to increase the free reserves of central banks and thereby strengthen their position.

Assistant Secretary of State Moley Arrives at London Conference—To Act as Liaison Officer and Give American Delegation Latest Information on Developments at Home.

Raymond C. Moley, Assistant Secretary of State, arrived in London on June 28 to confer with members of the United States delegation to the World Monetary and Economic Conference. Mr. Moley told newspaper men that his mission was simple, and that he was to act as a messenger or liaison officer, giving the American delegates first-hand information of developments in the United States and conveying the effect of these developments on his original instructions. In a prepared statement issued after his arrival at Plymouth on June 27 Mr. Moley said:

I expect to return to New York next week aboard the Manhattan and will then be able to give the President full information of the conference up to the time of my leaving.

I come to London in pursuance of a plan made before the conference began. I am bringing to my present chief, Mr. Hull, and other members of the delegation a report of the latest economic and legislative developments in America.

My associate in this mission, by direction of the President and at my own request, is Herbert Bayard Swope.

Secretary of State Hull Tells Pilgrims' Luncheon in London World Conference Must Succeed "Because It Dare Not Fail."

Secretary of State Cordell Hull, speaking on June 27 at the Pilgrims' luncheon to the United States delegates to the World Monetary and Economic Conference in London, declared that "the Conference will not fail because it dare not fail." Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald also spoke, but refused to make a positive prediction as to the outcome of the Conference. An extract from Mr. Hull's address, as quoted by the London correspondent of the New York "Times" on June 27, follows:

"People must rise above and look beyond nationalistic barriers and contemplate the wider, broader sphere of relationship upon which all governments and phases of civilization must rest," he declared. "We have that role ahead. Our course must depend on the stability of governments and that depends on sound economic policies."

"People have been on a sort of moral holiday, with the result that all processes of government and international relations have deteriorated. The success or failure of the English-speaking people will be largely determined by the extent to which its leadership grapples with present-day problems and solves them. I hope none will be discouraged, but each in a spirit of neutral concession will continue to grasp the fundamental problems of the conference."

Premier MacDonald at World Monetary and Economic Conference Expresses Hope for Outcome of Conference—Says Lack of Stabilization Will Not Impede Progress—Rebukes Pessimists Among Newspaper Men—Asks That Rumors of Failure Be Ignored.

Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain, in an interview on June 23 with newspaper men detailed to the World Monetary and Economic Conference at London, criticized the press for giving too great space to rumors of disputes between the various delegations to the conference, and declared that, in its first two weeks, the parley had laid a constructive groundwork for future action. He added that he personally was "meeting the third week with a very buoyant, hopeful heart." A report of the interview, as cabled by the London correspondent of the New York "Times" on June 23, follows:

"You journalists always are targets for propaganda and rumors. I hope you will steadily resist both at this gathering. We have now come to the end of the second week of our work. Those who have had experience with previous international conferences know that the end of the second week is the time when pessimism begins to show itself."

"An international conference is of necessity a slow-working machine. We have language difficulties; we have difficulties that arise on account of the conflicting interests of various nations, and so on. Those difficulties always are felt at their maximum after a conference has been going about a fortnight."

"Therefore pessimism or doubt or clouded mind comes. The delegates meet in small groups disconnected with one another and without the inspiration men get when working in a big meeting."

"The third week is likely to be a week of co-ordination, giving individual committees some sense of the bigness of the work in which they are engaged so they may continue working out details with the knowledge that everybody else is working hard and that the issues of the conference are of the very greatest importance."

"I would like to remind the journalists that their responsibilities are very great. The public outside depend very largely upon what you tell them."

"If your reports are of a dark night, with no moon and no stars in the sky, they are apt to despair of the conference as an instrument for inter-

national settlement. On the other hand, if within reason, and certainly well within the confines of honesty and truth, you can make them feel there is some light in the dark sky they will go on.

"The effect of this conference is to be to a very considerable extent a psychological effect. What nations require at the moment to get back into regular normal conditions is a feeling of security, a feeling that those of us who are running the conference are running it with a good heart and are not downcast.

Very Buoyant and Hopeful.

As far as I am concerned, I am meeting the third week with a very buoyant, hopeful heart. I have certainly not felt so depressed here as I found myself on certain days when Lausanne still was trembling in the balance and we could not say whether it was going to succeed or fail. The third week will be faced by all officers with good spirit and no doubt as to what the result is going to be.

"This week we had a little setback. Our hopes regarding temporary stabilization received just a little check. But I never felt there was very much to it. Those who know American conditions know those conditions for the moment are very difficult in relation to the attempt at temporary stabilization.

"If this conference is going to be a success it will be by each delegation sympathetically putting itself in position with other delegations. No nation or group of nations can say: 'Our views are the expression of ultimate truth; our viewpoint must be carried through and every other nation represented here must take it or no proper end is possible.'

"That is all rubbish. That view is not held by any of the big delegations and it is only spread about for the purpose of making the work of the conference more difficult than it is.

"The great difficulty we shall have to meet if the feeling grows abroad that no temporary accommodation can come to the matter of stabilization is that other nations may begin to lose confidence, may begin to feel they have to protect themselves against deteriorated currencies, and will begin a movement on the lines that nations have been following for the last year or two, with the final result of making the world and themselves very much worse off than they were before they started their experiment.

"I want to assure you, after a close examination and with a full knowledge of the facts and of the minds of the delegations, there is no danger of such as that for a moment here. Those who say there is are misleading the public.

Stresses Difficulty Here.

"The American difficulty is a very real one, and in a statement they issued Thursday, the Americans tell you quite plainly what it is. They are engaged in raising prices in America. Anything done here that will bring a downward tendency of prices is regarded by every responsible man in America and by men who are working for the success of this conference as something making them a little bit doubtful of whether the present policy of temporary stabilization will really assist the world or not. It is an open question.

"I am not going to say what my views are, but I say without reserve that the situation as left by the American statement is not in any way cloudy or uncertain. It enables us to proceed with our work and we are going on.

"There is a suggestion abroad that we ought to adjourn now. A more foolish suggestion to be made at this moment cannot be imagined. It is said that if we adjourned now with a determination to come back some time in August or in the autumn we might be able to get better conditions then.

"I do not know how many have been following the attempts we have been making ever since Lausanne to get this conference convened. If you have been following those attempts, month to month, you will know that if we adjourned now and tried to begin in August or in the autumn, instead of the situation being better the chances are 99½% that it would be considerably worse.

The conference is going on. We have a great deal of work to do. Committees are in full work now. There is a whole range of economic considerations. It will depend perhaps finally on stabilization, but the work of considering stabilization, exchanging views on stabilization informally and formally, sometimes as between individuals, sometimes between delegations—all that work can go on very well while the various committees are examining the subjects that have been referred to them.

"The daily conference with the Presidents and Vice-Presidents this morning was as lively in spirit and as hopeful as any I have seen.

"When the matter of adjournment was mentioned they all laughed and we proceeded immediately to more serious, practical business."

Secretary Hull Denies Projects for Domestic Recovery Are Incompatible with International Co-Operation—Says Program of American Delegation at World Monetary and Economic Conference Was Framed Before Sailing.

Secretary of State Hull declared on June 24, in a statement to newspaper correspondents who are reporting the World Monetary and Economic Conference at London, that the United States domestic program for business recovery is not irreconcilable with international co-operation. Secretary Hull stressed the resolutions introduced before the conference by Senator Couzens, calling for international credit expansion and public works, and said that the proposal was formulated before the American delegation sailed "with full knowledge and appreciation both of America's domestic program and the proposal for an internationally co-ordinated monetary and economic policy for all nations to pursue at the same time in order to stimulate business and improve prices." He then continued, according to London advices to the New York "Times":

"Nothing has happened here and nothing has happened in the United States to change the situation or to make it more difficult to pursue a domestic and an international policy.

"It is, I think, obvious that in times of emergency such as this each country must resort to whatever reasonable methods are requisite to bring about an increase in commodity prices, with accompanying projects safeguarding that country in the face of the general chaos of international trade.

"There is no reason that I can conceive why these restrictive programs, having for their purpose business recovery with full employment, suitable wages and satisfactory price levels, should not have the united support of all those who are sincerely striving for the international economic co-operation so indispensable to permanent recovery."

Representative McReynolds Denies Reports of Dissention Between Members of American Delegation to World Monetary and Economic Conference—In Radio Interview from London He Says American Domestic and Foreign Policies Are in Harmony—Criticizes Foreign Press for Efforts to Ruin Parley.

A denial of reports of dissention between members of the American delegation at the World Monetary and Economic Conference was made on June 25 by Representative Sam D. McReynolds of Tennessee, member of the delegation, in a radio address broadcast from London. Mr. McReynolds said that there is no conflict between the domestic and foreign policies of the United States, and he assailed rumors of differences within the delegation. The broadcast was in the form of an interview with H. V. Kaltenborn of the Columbia radio system. A transcript of the remarks, as given in the New York "Times" on June 26, follows:

"I have never before been a delegate to an international conference, but because I have for eight years been a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives and am now its Chairman, neither the habits nor the complications of these conferences among nations are quite strange to me.

"We have a replica on a minor scale of the same sort of thing at everyday sessions of the House of Representatives. The difference between old-line Democrats, new-line Democrats, standpat Republicans, progressive Republicans, near-progressive Republicans, a Socialist or two, and a sprinkling of Farm-Laborites may not be as distinct as the differences in the aims and ambitions of 66 countries, but they are all prepared to fight for whatever ideas they maintain and whatever legislation they hope to get, as are our delegations in the World Economic Conference."

Agrees With Secretary Hull.

Asked if he agreed with Secretary of State Hull's view that there is no conflict between the domestic program of the United States and the conference program, he said:

"I certainly agree with that idea and what he stated is so."

Reminded that the conference had been pictured as an arena in which three monetary champions were battling for mastery—the pound, the dollar and the franc—he was asked if that was a correct picture.

"If this conference is to amount to anything," he replied, "the picture you present by your question is all at fault. The discussion must not be a battle of three currencies for individual advantage. The whole theory is that the conference will arrive at a method and a ratio which will represent victory neither for the dollar, the franc nor the pound, but will effect a relationship among them designed to give a reasonable freedom for trade, unvexed by the gyrations of currencies and placing each nation in a position where its resources and its efficiency will bring it to the maximum of prosperity without inflicting hardship on the others.

An Interchange of Needed Goods.

"Commerce must represent the interchange of what one nation needs and another nation can supply. We have learned through a long and bitter course of selfish nationalism that no single nation can live in luxury while the others starve. The whole world must share in prosperity if its component elements are to have real and lasting prosperity.

Naturally, the pressure of individual patriotism and the natural divergence of opinion among the fairest minded of men involves discussion, and it is the fervor of these discussions that you mistake for the smoke of physical battle.

"Permit me to say right here that I regret to note that word has gone to the States that our delegation came here without any authority, without any program, and that we have discord among ourselves. This is without foundation. We are in complete accord on all matters of which we have jurisdiction. We came here with a complete program as approved by our President. Part of that program has been offered, part of it agreed to, and the remainder will be presented whenever our delegation thinks opportune.

Fierceness of Criticism Observed.

"I do not suppose you would object if I go further on that, and I want to say that no delegation, to my knowledge, to an international conference ever met as fierce a barrage of criticism as that which practically all the British and French press have leveled at us.

"It began with the comment on Prime Minister MacDonald's reference to the international debts. It ran all through the consideration of the currency stabilization matter. Our delegation was pictured as full of dissension, not only with each other but with our whole government.

"Every trifling circumstance was magnified and distorted to carry out the absolutely unfounded stories planted by those anxious evidently to defeat a conference agreement and equally anxious to lay a foundation for the charge that it was the United States of America that was responsible for such a result. I need not tell an American audience that these stories were as unfounded as they were malicious, even though some of them filtered across the ocean to a section of the American press that welcomed them for political purposes."

Asked about the proposed adjournment of the parley, he said: "According to my ideas, that would absolutely be silly. We must fight it out while here."

World Monetary and Economic Conference—Representative McReynolds of United States Delegation Proposes World Cut in Tariffs—Says Congress Would Ratify Any Tariff Move by President Roosevelt—Attacks Both Hawley-Smoot Tariff and Foreign Import Quotas.

One viewpoint of the official United States attitude toward tariffs and trade restrictions was presented to the World Monetary and Economic Conference in London on June 27 when Representative S. D. McReynolds of Tennessee, member of the American delegation, told the Commercial Policy Committee of the Conference that the Smoot-Hawley tariff was an unjust piece of legislation and proposed general lowering of tariffs and import quotas. He promised serious American consideration for any concrete suggestions along the lines of the resolution offered by Secretary of State Cordell Hull on June 22. (The

text of that resolution was given in our issue of June 24, page 4373).

Mr. McReynolds told the Committee that Congress, with a large Democratic majority in both houses, would ratify any tariff agreement that President Roosevelt might conclude. An abstract of Mr. McReynolds' address, as sent by the London correspondent of the New York "Times" on June 27, follows:

Mr. McReynolds began by a reference to a previous criticism of the United States tariff act of 1930.

"I am not here to defend the tariff of 1930," said Mr. McReynolds, "but I am here to say that tariff was unjust, a handicap to commerce, and quotas are in the same category. In order to give members of this committee the background of our tariff policies, I feel it necessary to explain our political situation."

Mr. McReynolds pointed out that the Republican Party had been known as high protectionist, while the Democrats favored lower tariffs.

"The tariff of 1930 was bitterly opposed by the rank and file of Democrats, but the Republicans were in power and passed that bill," he explained. "In the election last fall our Democratic nominee, Mr. Roosevelt, was overwhelmingly elected. While discontent over the depression was to a great extent, the cause of this victory, yet another contributing factor was considered the high protective tariff."

The Representative explained that the Democrats also had "an immense majority" in both Houses of Congress and could give the President the right to make reciprocal tariff agreements whenever they desired.

President Is Upheld.

"It was the purpose of the President to submit to Congress a bill giving him authority to lower tariffs by multilateral or bilateral agreements," he went on. "I have no doubt if this bill had been presented it would have passed, but it was found necessary to let Congress adjourn. Our Congress is entirely behind our President, and I feel sure any agreement reached of which he approves will be ratified by Congress."

Mr. McReynolds condemned both high tariffs and quotas, because "they prevent a reasonable flow of commerce from one nation to another."

"It has been charged through the press that our country is nationalistic," he said. "If trying to place our own house in order, to increase purchasing power and to bring back prosperity is meant, then we plead guilty to the charge. We have a program whereby we expect to pull our country out of this depression."

Mr. McReynolds then outlined the plan to raise prices and reduce working hours, and added: "We hope other nations can do the same thing and, while this is their problem, if we can aid, it is our desire to do so. We feel that whatever increases the purchasing power of our people is reflected throughout the world."

Mr. McReynolds gave it as his personal view that the only sound currency stabilization would be that in which all nations participated, and that "any temporary stabilization by three or four countries would be like chaff before the wind."

Returning to the tariff question, Mr. McReynolds said any project for concerted action worked out by the committee would be seriously considered if within the scope of authority given to the American delegation by the resolution introduced by Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

Secretary Hull, in Radio Address from London, Finds No Real Obstacles to Mar Success of World Monetary and Economic Conference—Stresses Importance of Industrial Recovery Act as Spur to Business—Tariff Question Put Before Monetary Issue—Does Not Advocate Specific Revision.

No insurmountable obstacle is in sight which may mar the success of the World Monetary and Economic Conference, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, head of the American delegation at the Conference, declared on June 26 in an interview in London which was rebroadcast in the United States by the National Broadcasting Co. Secretary Hull was interviewed over the radio by William Hard. He declared that every country represented at the Conference is "committed whole-heartedly to the solution of the world's difficulties. I do not mean by that that every difference has been ironed out, but the differences are almost entirely differences as to processes." Mr. Hull praised particularly the National Industrial Recovery Act passed by the special session of Congress, and expressed the belief that if other countries would undertake a similar program they also would experience a rise in commodity price levels. With regard to the order in which world problems are to be taken up by the Conference, he said that "it is no more sensible to assume that the lowering of tariff duties should not be considered before currency stabilization than that a man about to step out into a storm should put on his hat before he puts on his overcoat." Other important portions of Secretary Hull's address follow, as quoted in part from the New York "Times" of June 27:

Reminded that some people believed the Conference could take no successful steps toward the lowering of tariff duties until the international money problem was settled, Secretary Hull replied:

"I do not know in what quarter or quarters the opinion prevails that this Conference cannot take steps toward the lowering of trade barriers until after the money problem is settled. There were, of course, views expressed that the settlement of currency stabilization should be the first step.

"That having proved impossible for reasons which were disclosed in our Government's reply to the initial proposal of the representatives of central banks and treasuries, we make the other approach. The currency problem, after all, is only one of many elements which may enter into the solution of the problem of dislocated trade."

Mr. Hull was then asked to comment on assertions that the United States could not successfully pursue the two policies of lifting prices at home and lowering tariff duties throughout the world.

"When you speak of pursuing a policy of lifting prices and policy of lowering tariff duties, as if that were all there was to the objective of this conference, you do not give a clear picture," he replied. "I do not think anybody believes that all prices will be raised or that all tariff duties will be lowered. In the complex fabric of international trade, the necessities of individual countries must be considered not in opposition to, but in connection with, such international accord as may be reached.

"There are certain commodities of which there is a surplus in some countries and a great dearth in others. There are standards of living that cannot be lost sight of. All of which must affect the relationship of each country to the general situation.

"You must understand that we are not in London to plunge into the complexities of the tariff revision. I think everybody recognizes, in order to protect its own, tariffs generally have been raised to a height that in many cases amounts to an absolute embargo on certain classes of goods. It is on such schedules that the lowering process must start."

Questioned as to what measures the conference can actually adopt, the Secretary of State said:

"This economic disease from which the world is suffering has been a slow growth. We did not start to recognize the symptoms until they were acute and we have been slow to recognize the causes, but, finally, the Nations have come to agree very largely upon the causes and that in itself is all-important.

"I believe that the world is prepared to pronounce a diagnosis upon which there will be a remarkable unanimity. The next question is that of remedies. The question of precisely how soon we may be able to apply remedies depends in a large measure upon the number of acute accompanying disorders which must have primary attention. You do not perform major operations upon a patient while he is suffering from acute trouble which can first be corrected.

"I think the best reply which can be made to such an all-embracing question as yours is that we have assembled here a world clinic. I repeat, I think we are in remarkably complete accord. I think we are prepared to have palliatives and to proceed at the earliest possible moment to their application."

World Monetary and Economic Conference—Senator Couzens Explains Attitude of United States Toward Price Raising—Says Debt Burden Must Be Lightened and Purchasing Power Increased—Cites Public Works Projects as Greater Stimulus Than Tariff Cuts.

The attitude of the United States toward the question of lifting the general price level and the manner in which that can be attained was expounded to the World Monetary and Economic Conference at London on June 26 by Senator James Couzens of the American delegation. Speaking before the sub-committee dealing with immediate measures desirable to restore financial stability, Mr. Couzens said that prices could not be raised by monetary means alone, but that the debt structure must also be adjusted, although lightening the debt burden should not be construed as an "invitation to default." He advocated a permanent body to act in an advisory capacity between organized creditors and organized debtors in arranging adjustments. As an illustration of the methods employed by the United States to increase purchasing power, Senator Couzens cited the fact that this country had begun the largest program of public works ever known "to energize production and consumption everywhere," and he declared that there could be no substantial reduction in unemployment save through increased output of goods and services for home consumption. In such a program, involving larger imports of raw materials into the United States, the Senator saw greater hope of world recovery than could be expected from reductions of tariffs on manufactured articles. The text of Senator Couzens's address follows:

For the last few days I have listened with much interest to the debate on problems of price level, credit policies and external debt structures. To my mind these problems are so interwoven that they can only be treated as a whole, even though each of them presents in itself a series of complexities.

Last week I introduced a resolution, which the United States delegation was instructed to present, setting forth the American Government's view on the above subjects and, in addition thereto, recommendations for a synchronized program of governmental expenditures by the different countries along parallel lines, designed to stimulate the natural sources of employment, to restart the wheels of industry and commerce and to restore the willingness of the individual again to assume the normal risks of trade.

I believe the debate now has reached a point where it should be possible for the drafting sub-committee to bring together the various points of view expressed and to suggest to the committee a series of resolutions for adoption.

There are, however, a few points I wish to make in amplification of my government's attitude in respect to these matters.

First, I do not believe prices can be raised by monetary means alone. Raising the price level is only part of the problem of restoring economic equilibrium. There is necessity of adjustment of the debt structure. I agree with much Mr. Neville Chamberlain [British Chancellor of the Exchequer] has said about the desirability of restoring prices from their abnormally low level, but I do not believe prices could or should be raised sufficiently to bring about that equilibrium with the structure of indebtedness now existing.

Prices must be raised but at the same time the burden of debt must be lightened. We must attack both problems simultaneously to achieve success.

This is in no sense to be construed as an invitation to debtors able to pay to scale down their obligations; certainly it is not an invitation to default.

It emphasizes the necessity for organizing creditors throughout the world, of establishing some form of permanent body to act in an advisory capacity between organized creditors and organized debtors to study by what means the necessary adjustments may be brought about with the minimum of delay and injustice.

To shirk from this task means further postponement of the problem and further delay in world recovery. My government has exhibited courageous

willingness to face the facts in that it has set up agencies within our country to bring about the composition of debts between debtors and creditors.

The second point that I desire to make is in support of my statement that prices cannot be raised by monetary means alone. My country is acting in that conviction by adopting measures to increase purchasing power. This was ably pointed out the other day by the German delegate who said:

"Given an increase in the world's purchasing power by providing work for the unemployed, the price problem would right itself naturally."

We are in a period when too much has been said about confidence and too little has been done. Enterprise will not recover its courage until it receives a lead from government. We believe we are in for a period during which government will have to take the lead to see if private enterprise cannot again take over the functions it previously performed.

My government, by example, is proving its convictions by undertaking the largest program of public works ever undertaken in the history of the world. This undertaking will energize production and consumption everywhere. Adoption by other countries of such a policy, moving in concert with the United States, would exert a steady influence upon foreign exchanges. My country's undertaking so large a public works program and other measures to energize industry seems to have led to a misconception of my government's monetary policy.

My government believes the fundamental objective is to bring about an increase in production and consumption. Higher price levels will follow and are collateral to an increase in production and consumption.

We believe that no considerable reduction in unemployment can take place except through an increase in the output of goods and services for home consumption in every country. In my country it will mean increased imports of raw and other materials, of which in excess of two-thirds comes into my country without tariff duties.

We believe this will be an energizing force throughout the world, and certainly it is our opinion that world recovery must, in the main, be through an analogous increase of demand in the principal industrial countries.

An increased demand for raw materials induced by the American program offers, in my opinion, far more hope of world recovery than can possibly be expected merely from the reduction of tariff duties on a number of manufactured articles which are highly competitive between the nations.

Henry Clay Succeeds Professor Sprague as Economic Adviser at the Bank of England.

The Bank of England announced on June 19 that Henry Clay has been appointed economic adviser to the governors in succession to Professor O. M. W. Sprague of Harvard, who resigned to become adviser to the United States Treasury Department. A cablegram from London to the New York "Times" reporting this added:

Mr. Clay is a well-known economist who has been associated for some time with the Bank of England as economist to the securities management trust. He recently visited Argentina with Sir Otto Niemeyer, financial expert.

Inflation Bars Stabilization, Says Financial Editor of London "Times."

The following from London June 19 is from the New York "Times":

The difficulties of the United States delegation to the Economic Conference in agreeing on stabilization measures are attributed by the financial editor of the London "Times" in an article to-day to the popular demand for inflation in the United States, as manifested by the Industrial Recovery Bill, the Farm Credit Bill and similar measures.

"Formal devaluation of American currency would control her inflation, since it would set a limit to it. But she is uncertain whether the present devaluation is enough, that is, whether prices are high enough yet, and therefore hesitates to agree to stabilization."

Report of "Economic and Trade Conditions in the United States of America" by Commercial Counsellor at British Embassy in Washington Issued.

The report, "Economic and Trade Conditions in the United States of America," which is prepared at approximate intervals of two years by the Commercial Counsellor at the British Embassy in Washington, D. C., has just been published in London, England. The latest issue, dated February 1933, was prepared by H. O. Chalkley, C.M.G., C.B.E. Copies of the report may be purchased at the British Library of Information, 270 Madison Ave., New York, for 95 cents a copy, postpaid.

J. Maynard Keynes Advises Economic Isolation—British Economist in "Yale Review" Holds That Policy Best for Present.

John Maynard Keynes, British economist and a member of the British Economic Council, in the Summer issue of the "Yale Review" on June 19 said that concentrating National effort on capturing foreign trade, penetrating the economic life of a country by foreign capitalists and submitting a Nation's economic life to the fluctuating economic policies of foreign countries do not appear to assure international peace. A dispatch from New Haven June 18 to the New York "Times" indicating what Mr. Keynes would say, stated:

He will advise nations to pursue a policy of economic isolation if they wish to lessen the danger of an international conflict and will point out that the free trade program of England for a century has not safeguarded international peace.

He will predict that a policy of self-sufficiency and economic isolation will allow a nation to make its own experiment unmolested by fluctuating world forces. He does not believe that within the next generation there will be such a uniformity in economic systems throughout the world as existed in the nineteenth century. He will say:

"The policy of national self-sufficiency, although not an ideal in itself or in the long run, is needed for the immediate future to guarantee each

country its freedom while attempting to find a new mode of political economy.

"I sympathize with those who would minimize, rather than with those who would maximize, economic entanglement among nations. Ideas, knowledge, science, hospitality, travel—these are the things which should of their nature be international. But let goods be homespun whenever it is reasonably and conveniently possible and, above all, let finance be primarily national. Yet, at the same time, those who seek to disembarrass a country of its entanglements should be very slow and wary. It should not be a matter of tearing up roots but of slowly training a plant to grow in a different direction."

French Move to Curtail Use of Foreign Tobacco—Deputies Urge Expansion Program of Self-Sufficiency Program.

The following copyright advices from Paris June 26 are from the New York "Herald Tribune":

A further move toward National self-sufficiency by cutting down imports was taken by the Chamber of Deputies to-day when it recommended that the Government undertake, as a matter of urgency, measures to foster to the fullest extent tobacco growing in France, and reduce to an indispensable minimum the purchase of foreign leaf.

The measures envisaged include a more extensive granting of permits to cultivate tobacco, efforts to establish tobacco as a second crop in hitherto poor one-crop lands, and the cultivation of public taste for French tobaccos by means of intensified publicity.

Tobacco cultivators already are paid a premium by the French Government which varies in the Departments. The resolution carried this evening directs the Government to equalize this bounty.

Industry Control in Germany Sought by Nazis—Employers and Workers Called Upon to Unite as a "Reich Corporation of Industry."

Practical self-effacement of the Reich Federation of Industry and of the labor unions and other employees' associations through "voluntary amalgamation" into an organization to be called the Reich Corporation of Industry has been unmistakably forecast by Otto Wagener, the Commissar for Economy said a Berlin message June 23 to the New York "Times" from which we also quote:

In a communication to Dr. Gustav Krupp von Bohlen and other leaders, the Commissar expresses gratification that these organizations have evinced readiness to "divest themselves of the character they have borne hitherto, and to take part in rearing an industrial structure corresponding to the National Socialist outlook."

No information is given on particular features of this new structure except for the statement that before the end of this month regional occupational groups and State occupational corporations will be established and that these will unite the employers, office employees and workers.

"Only when German workmen and office workers see themselves represented within the same organization as their employers will the last foundation for Marxist viewpoint be taken from them; only then will they take faith in the community such as alone can secure work and bread," says the Commissar.

He points out that in the new Reich Corporation, employers' organizations cannot, of course, represent German industry, "because they represent only the employing portion of industry."

Yesterday's session in Berlin of the Associated Chambers of Commerce gives another illustration of the national socialization of German industry and business. The chambers, it appears, are to be remodeled into semi-governmental bodies, charged, above, all, with looking after regional interest and conciliating and adjusting potential conflicts between them. But the reorganization scheme is still somewhat in the air.

The new Nazi President of the Associated Chambers laid down as the chief requisite that the Chambers "must be imbued with the spirit of the national resurgence and that the principle of leadership which places full power of decision in one supreme leader must have full sway."

He also recommended "closer touch of the Chambers of Commerce with the housewives' associations, inasmuch as three-quarters of the national income passes through the hands of women."

An earlier account to the "Times" from Berlin (June 20) contained the announcement to the effect that all organizations of industrial employers in Germany had reconstituted themselves as the Reich Corporation of Industry, and had thus been absorbed under the National Socialist control. Continuing these advices said:

Dr. Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach, Chairman of the now defunct Federation, has been in frequent touch with Chancellor Hitler. He is believed to have Herr Hitler's confidence and to be charged with retaining an important function in the corporative reorganization.

Precisely what form this will take it is impossible to infer from the announcement, which says:

"Further development of the industrial Reich 'estate' and its insertion in the occupational-corporative ordering of German economy as a whole will take place according to the principles of the corporative reconstruction now in course of evolution."

The Federation's announcement also states that the reorganization will be effected in consonance with "the leaders' (Herr Hitler's) views on the fundamentalism of the idea of constructive and confiding co-operation of all persons employed in production."

This foreshadows an attempt ultimately to group jointly both employers and employees in the various industries in so many "estates" or corporate bodies. All will operate under the principle of "leadership" as opposed to "democratic" methods, concentrating directive responsibility in the fewest possible places and making all these responsible to the supreme leader.

German Cabinet Sets Ambitious Road Plan—"Greatest Network of Auto Highways in World" Scheduled—Reported as Chancellor Hitler's Own Move.

Under date of June 23 the New York "Times" reported the following from Berlin:

The Cabinet to-night passed a law for the construction of a network of highways—"such as the world has not seen," says an announcement. The work will be under the general management of the Reich railway

system, which will also administer the highway, as "Reich autoways." Tolls will be levied for the use of the roads.

The plan is said to be Chancellor Hitler's own in fulfillment of his promise to take motor traffic especially under his wing. He will appoint a "Reich Inspector General," who will be in supreme charge of construction, operation and administration.

It is announced that the right of eminent domain will be extended to provide facilities for expropriating private property in execution of the project. In addition to giving the Reich new rapid communications, the project, it is stated, will revolutionize the motor fuel trade of Germany, affect the national productivity and offer new opportunities for employment.

Chancellor Hitler Dissolves Uniformed Guards of Dr. Hugenberg, Numbering 10,000—Former Allies of Nazis are Prohibited.

A break in the alliance between the National Socialist Party of Germany and the Nationalists occurred on June 21, when Chancellor Adolf Hitler and Premier Goering of Prussia ordered the suppression throughout the nation of the German National Battle Ring, in which 10,000 uniformed guards who were supporters of Dr. Alfred Hugenberg were enrolled. Observers interpreted the order as the start of a campaign to exterminate even political organizations hitherto affiliated with the Nazis. The action of the government was described, in part, as follows in a Berlin dispatch to the New York "Times" on June 21:

The suppression of Dr. Hugenberg's "Battle Ring" was ordered by Chancellor Hitler and Premier Goering of Prussia and its execution saw the new governmental machinery established by the Nazi in smooth and precise action for the first time.

In Prussia the dissolution, including a series of arrests of Nationalist leaders in raids on headquarters of the party and its auxiliaries was under the direction of the secret political police, and in the other States it was carried out by the Reich Governors instead of by the respective State administrations.

The immediate reasons advanced by the Government for the action were that Dr. Hugenberg's "Battle Ring" had become honeycombed with subversive Marxist and Communist elements; that its management had failed to take any remedial action, despite information placed at the party's disposal by the political police, and that, therefore, the Government found itself forced to resort to summary suppression. This, it is declared, is not to be regarded as involving any hostility to the so-called National German Front, the revamped Nationalist party.

Chancellor Hitler and Dr. Hugenberg conferred to-night with no others present. No statement on their conference was forthcoming from Dr. Hugenberg or his party, but a Government communique—significant in its brevity—stated that the Minister of Economics and Agriculture had called on the Chancellor to report on the London conference and to confer with respect to the Government's procedure against his organizations. It said that the Chancellor "explained to him the reasons that had led up to their suppression."

Dr. Hugenberg Resigns from Hitler Cabinet and His Nationalist Party Decides on Voluntary Dissolution.

Dr. Alfred Hugenberg, Nationalist Minister of Economics and Agriculture in the Hitler government, transmitted his resignation to President von Hindenburg on June 27, while on the same day a meeting of leaders of the Nationalist party, headed by Dr. Hugenberg, decided to dissolve the party and adhere to the tenets of Chancellor Hitler's National Socialist party. The resignation of Dr. Hugenberg followed recent demands by the Nazis that the party should voluntarily dissolve. With the elimination of the Nationalists, Communists and Social Democrats as organized political groups in Germany, the Centrists constitute the sole remaining party to challenge the Nazi doctrine of a totalitarian or one-party State.

Berlin Curbs Futures—Selling Limits Aimed at Speculators Meet Farmers' Protests.

The following Berlin advices June 24 are from the New York "Times":

For the first quarter of the year Germany's export surplus with European countries was 371,000,000 marks, against 635,000,000 marks for the same period in 1932. Surpluses to France, England, Austria and Russia showed the heaviest declines. The passive balance with the United States was virtually unchanged. The value of cereals imported was 58% below those in the same quarter in 1932.

The Ministry of Agriculture has forbidden the selling of cereals for September delivery until July 1. This is one of several measures designed to check the so-called speculation, but farmers are displeased, as it hinders them in protecting themselves against a possible fall in prices.

Socialists Ousted from German Reichstag and State Diets by Order of Hitler Government—Party to Be Suppressed Throughout Germany and Funds and Property Seized—7,000,000 Voters Affected.

An order decreeing the dissolution of the Social Democratic Party in Germany was issued by the German Ministry of the Interior in Berlin on June 22. Among other provisions the order decreed the annulment of the mandates of the 121 Reichstag members and those in the State Diets, the removal of all Socialists from public office throughout the nation and the confiscation of the party's funds and property. A summary of the Government order, said to affect 7,000,000 voters, as transmitted by wireless to the New York "Times" from Berlin on June 22, follows:

"Recent events," it says, "have furnished indisputable proof that German Social Democracy does not shrink from treasonable attempts against Germany and its legitimate government. Prominent Social Democratic leaders, such as Wels, Breitscheid, Stampfer and Voegel, have for weeks been waging warfare from Prague against Germany's national government. Herr Wels issued a statement characterizing his retirement from the Second International as merely a feint, &c."

The government admits that Socialist Party leaders remaining in Germany have, indeed, disavowed the activities of the emigres, "but significantly omitted to exclude them from their party."

Treasonable material is said to have fallen into the hands of the political police in a recent surprise raid on Socialist leaders meeting in Hamburg.

The government holds that "the German Social Democratic Party must be considered as subversive and inimical to the State and people and thus can claim no other treatment than that accorded to the Communist Party."

Accordingly, subordinate authorities are directed "to take the necessary measures against the Social Democratic Party." In particular, the communique continues, those of its adherents who are still members of popular representative bodies must "at once be deprived of further execution of their mandates and their pay be suspended."

"No more propagandist activities by the Social Democratic Party henceforth are permitted and its assemblies are forbidden," says the decree. "No Social Democratic newspaper or periodical may be issued [they have long been under ban]. The property of the Social Democratic Party and its affiliations is to be sequestered."

Civil servants and other public employees can no longer draw pay or pensions from the government as long as they belong to the Socialist Party.

On June 23 the Boy Scouts organization in Germany was dissolved by Baldur von Schirach, German youth leader, who ordered a blanket dissolution of similar organizations preparatory to uniting the boys in a national youth group. Boy Scout property was seized, according to advices from Berlin.

Friction Between Austria and Germany—Austrian Cabinet Officially Bans All Nazi Political Activity—Further Bomb Outrages and "Terrorist" Moves Reported.

Friction between Germany and Austria, resulting chiefly from Nazi agitation and a series of bomb outrages in the latter country, continued to manifest itself in various forms during recent weeks, and culminated in an order by the Austrian Government on June 19 outlawing the Nazi Party throughout the nation. On June 22 the German Government proclaimed a similar course of action regarding Socialists in Germany. Disputes between the two countries were noted in our issue of June 17, page 4182.

On June 16 a violent uproar occurred at a meeting of the Lower Austrian Diet, when a verbal conflict between Nazi and Socialist representatives ended in blows, and order was restored only with difficulty. On June 18 an attempt was made to break into the machine house controlling the lock-gates of the Salzburg power reservoir and force open the gates, and on the same day several provincial clashes between the police and Nazis were reported. The following day (June 19) the Austrian Cabinet issued a formal announcement that the Nazis were forbidden to engage in any political activity, to form any other political party or to wear the swastika badge or other party emblems. The Minister of the Interior told a Cabinet meeting that the police had definitely established the complicity of the Austrian Nazi Party in recent terrorist outrages, including the wounding of thirty-two policemen by a bomb thrown at a detachment on June 19 as it was marching along a road. The suppression by the Dolfuss government of Nazi activities in Austria was termed by German newspapers "a triumph for France" and a blow against the German people.

Total German Foreign Debt Reduced During 1932—United States Leading Creditor—1,328,000,000 Marks Required in Servicing German Foreign Debts in Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30 1933.

The total of Germany's foreign debts, public and private, declined 1,095,000,000 marks between Feb. 29 1932 and Sept. 30 1932, according to an official census recently made public by the German Statistical Bureau, the Commerce Department was advised by its Berlin office. In making this known, on June 22, the Department said:

Total foreign debts as of the latter date amounted to 24,528,000,000 marks. The total includes short-term debts maturing within a year of 9,347,000,000 marks; long-term debts, 10,181,000,000 marks, and other direct foreign investments in Germany, such as shares and bonds owned by foreigners, and foreign-owned real property in Germany and other forms of indebtedness to the amount of 5,000,000,000 marks.

Of the total short-term foreign indebtedness, about 4,300,000,000 marks were covered by the "standstill agreement," and the balance falls under German foreign exchange regulations which prevent their repayment at present.

The United States leads all nations as a creditor, with 8,016,000,000 marks being owed to interests in this country. Of this total debt to the United States, 2,898,000,000 marks, or 36%, are short-term debts. The Netherlands is second to the United States, being a creditor to the extent of 3,427,000,000 marks.

Servicing the German foreign debts will cost about 1,328,000,000 marks in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 1933. Of this sum, interest charges ac-

count for 1,048,000,000 marks. Amortization requires 280,000,000 marks. (Mark equals approximately 23.8c. at par.)

German Court Decision Upholds Decree Cutting Interest Rate on Bonds Held by Foreigners as Well as Nationals.

Under date of June 25, an announcement by the Department of Commerce at Washington said:

Holders of German bonds of whatever nationality or residence must accept the 2% reduction in interest payment ordered by decree in December 1931, according to a decision rendered by the German Federal Economic Court, Commercial Attache H. Lawrence Groves, Berlin, has just reported to the Department of Commerce.

The decision was based on a suit brought by a foreigner owning certain German municipal bonds who wished to receive interest payments at the rate established when the bonds were issued.

The fact that these domestic bonds were purchased and held by a foreigner does not justify the extension of more favorable treatment than shown a holder of the bonds living in Germany, the decision stated.

German Exchange Decree Advocates Concentration of Imports in Large Firms.

Concentration of Germany's import trade in established firms in Hamburg and Bremen is advocated by a recent governmental decree permitting firms of transfer their foreign exchange allotments to two large importers in those cities, according to a report from Vice-Consul C. W. Gray, Berlin, made public by the Department of Commerce on June 23. The Department also had the following to say:

The purpose of this policy, according to the report, is to simplify the import trade of inland firms without decreasing the amount of available foreign exchange, and at the same time aid in the revival of the Hamburg and Bremen trade. It is believed in Germany that this policy will also provide employment by stimulating shipping and other industries in the German port cities.

According to the decree, a firm wishing to take advantage of this policy must make application at the exchange control office, giving the kind and quality of goods desired and the name of the Hamburg or Bremen importer handling the transaction. The exchange office then deducts the necessary amount of exchange and issues a certificate which is forwarded to the importer, enabling him to obtain the foreign exchange from the proper authorities. It is stipulated that the allotment may only be used to pay for the same kind of foreign goods specified by the inland importer.

The allotted exchange will not be charged against the general exchange permit of the Hamburg or Bremen importer, but will be granted to him over and above his regular allotment, it is stated.

German Slump Feared, With Credit Slack—Views of Institute for Studying Trade Fluctuations—Nazi "Volunteer" Levy Called Blackmail.

The Institute for Studying Trade Fluctuations considers a setback in German industry is possible, according to Berlin advices, June 17, to the New York "Times," which added:

It says the consumption industries are in a vicious circle because only an increase in the amount of wages paid can quicken the demand for goods and an increase in the amount of wages paid depends in turn upon a revival in industry.

Hence, prosperity can come only through new investments, for which the chief need is an abundance of cheaper credit. Herein lies the importance of the Government's work-creation schemes which involve the expansion of credit, but the Government plan providing 1,000,000,000 marks is considered insufficient.

Industry continues to be disturbed by the licence of Nazi officialdom and storm detachments which depose and arrest employers arbitrarily. The so-called voluntary levy for the Nazi party really constitutes a form of blackmail, as concerns that contribute insufficiently are threatened with independent raids by Nazi gangs.

The Government's platonic communique condemning depredations count for nothing in view of the complete immunity which the culprits enjoy. Business men who do not join in the chorus in support of Hitler are entirely without protection.

There is some improvement with respect to department stores. It seems that Dr. Alfred Hugenberg, Minister of Economics, succeeded in foiling the Nazi official program, which would have destroyed many stores altogether.

Partial Payment on German Long Term Credits Arranged at London Conference—Dr. Schacht of Reichsbank Agrees to Meet Some of Interest in Foreign Exchange—Dawes Service in Full—Young Loan Interest Will Also be Paid, but Amortization is Likely to be Suspended.

The exemption of long-term credits from the German transfer moratorium and the payment of part of the interest in foreign exchange were agreed to by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, at a meeting in London on June 27, with creditors of Great Britain, the United States, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland. London accounts, June 29, to the New York "Times" from which we quote, reported further as follows:

Dr. Schacht promised to pay the service of the Dawes loan in full and the interest on the Young loan, leaving the question of the payment of the latter's amortization undecided. A favorable decision on that point is deemed improbable, however, since Germany is already two years ahead of expectations with regard to the sinking fund as a result of the Reichsbank's having been able to buy back many of the Young bonds cheaply.

The Swedes and Swiss, who had been opposing priority for the Dawes and Young loans, dropped their opposition when Dr. Schacht agreed to pay something on all the long-term credits.

Regarding the latter, Dr. Schacht promised that the foreign exchange available to the Reichsbank in the next six months would be set aside

for the payment of part of every coupon or other payment due in that period.

Full payment will be made next year if the German trade balance improves sufficiently to enable the Reichsbank to accumulate sufficient currency to cover it. If this seems unlikely by Autumn, Dr. Schacht will again discuss the question with representatives of the creditors and will try to reach a compromise.

The Reichsbank will announce on Saturday (July 1) what fraction of the payments due this year will be paid. It will probably be about half.

The creditors protested against the official German contention that payment in marks would discharge these obligations that it was agreed to pay in foreign currencies. Dr. Schacht replied that as this contention was embodied in a recent German law he had no authority to discuss it.

The disposition of the untransferable balances in Germany will be discussed by a special creditors' committee that will meet Dr. Schacht in Berlin next week.

From a cablegram, June 27, from London to the New York "Journal of Commerce," we take the following:

A conversion fund which will administer about 700,000,000 marks annually is being set up at the direction of the Reichsbank and will be supervised by a German board. Individual debtors will pay marks into this fund. Creditors demanded that the Reichsbank or the German Government guaranty the ultimate gold value of the fund but this clause was refused by Dr. Schacht.

The Potash loan issued in England and payable in pounds will be exempt from the moratorium. The German Potash syndicate will pay receipts on foreign sales to Schroeder & Co. Whether attachment of these receipts had been threatened is not known.

It was reported that Dr. Schacht offered to meet interest payments on remaining foreign debt in proportion to increases in the foreign exchange reserves of the Reichsbank, after setting aside certain amounts with the purpose of building up such reserves. This would link Germany's debt payments directly with her foreign trade along the lines first proposed by Dr. Schacht when he visited America. This would give creditors a more direct financial interest in building up German exports, which appears to be one of the purposes of Dr. Schacht.

Dr. Posse at World Monetary and Economic Conference Says Germany Could Not Abolish Exchange Restrictions.

On June 26 Associated Press advices from London stated:

Dr. Wilhelm Posse, Director of the Ministry of Public Economy, announced to the World Economic Conference to-day that the Reich could not abolish exchange restrictions. He told the subcommittee on commercial policy that the constant necessity to defend the mark made it impossible to rescind restrictions on exchange.

A just settlement of the war debts and stabilization of currencies, he said, should precede the lowering of tariffs and other trade barriers. He suggested that measures be taken to guarantee central banks against runs.

Reich Decree Curbing Foreign Interest Rates—5% Set for 5-Year Credits, 5½ for Longer Blocked Mark Accounts.

From Berlin June 24 advices to the New York "Herald Tribune" said:

The Minister of Economics issued on May 30 new regulations limiting the interest rates that may be charged by foreigners granting credits or mortgages from blocked mark accounts. For credits up to five years the interest rate is limited to 5%, for longer terms to 5½%.

In so far as the contracting parties agree upon sliding interest rates, which are preferred by the Minister for currency-economic reasons, a rate of 1% above the discount rate of the Reichsbank is admissible for credits up to five years, and 1½% above Reichsbank discount for longer terms, such agreements being limited, however, to a maximum of 6½%.

This new measure is apparently based on the fact that a further general reduction of German interest rates may be awaited in the near future. It has been enacted to avoid long-term credits being given by foreigners, with capital that is blocked by currency restrictions, at rates which may soon prove to be too high.

Since the enforced interest conversion on Jan. 1 1932, the average interest rates for long-term foreign credits of the Reich, German states and communes are higher than the average rates for domestic loans:

Conditions for long-term credits of the Reich, states and communes. Loans contracted from 1924-1932.

Per Cent—Average	Foreign	Domestic
Nominal interest.....	6.39	5.77
Rate of issue.....	93.25	93.50
Rate of repayment.....	88.64	90.99
Actual interest.....	7.85	7.17

Hungarian Consolidated Municipal Loan—Additional Rulings Issued by New York Stock Exchange on 7% and 7½% Secured Sinking Fund Gold Bonds.

The following announcements were issued on June 29 by Ashbel Green, Secretary of the New York Stock Exchange.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
Committee on Securities.

June 29, 1933.

Referring to the rulings of this Committee dated July 1 1932 and Jan. 26 1933, in the matter of the non-payment of interest on Hungarian Consolidated Municipal Loan 20-Year 7% Secured Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, External Loan of 1926, due 1946:

The Committee on Securities further rules that beginning with transactions of July 1 1933, the bonds dealt in as "with all unmatured coupons attached" shall be ex the July 1 1933 coupon;

That beginning July 1 1933, the bonds may be dealt in as follows:

- (1) "with July 1 1932, and subsequent coupons attached";
- (2) "with all unmatured coupons (i. e., coupons, the due dates of which have not been reached) attached";

That bids and offers shall be considered as being for bonds "with July 1 1932, and subsequent coupons attached" unless otherwise specified at the time of transaction; and

That all transactions in the bonds shall be "Flat."

Referring to the rulings of this Committee dated Jan. 3 1933 and Jan. 26 1933 in the matter of the non-payment of interest on Hungarian Consolidated Municipal Loan 20-Year 7½% Secured Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due 1945:

The Committee on Securities further rules that beginning with transactions of July 1 1933, the bonds dealt in as "with all unmatured coupons attached" shall be ex the July 1 1933, coupon;

That beginning July 1 1933, the bonds may be dealt in as follows:

- (1) "with January 1 1933, and subsequent coupons attached";
- (2) "with all unmatured coupons (i. e., coupons, the due dates of which have not been reached) attached";

That bids and offers shall be considered as being for bonds "with January 1 1933, and subsequent coupons attached" unless otherwise specified at the time of transaction; and

That all transactions in the bonds shall be "Flat."

Eight New German Decrees.

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

The cabinet, at a midnight session, adopted eight new laws; one amended the constitution so that a member of the Reichstag may be prosecuted without the Reichstag's consent.

A few hours before the decrees were ordered, Paul Loebe, Socialist leader, and former President of the Reichstag, was taken into custody.

Other decrees provided: Merger of boy scout organizations with the Hitler youth movement; dissolution of the Wurttemberg Catholic Swabian Guard; dissolution of Catholic Evangelical Workers' Clubs as enemies of the State.

The laws are aimed to make Germ a one-party State.

Another law envisaged a network of motor roads on a scale more extensive than anywhere in the world.

Statistical Publication of Trade, Industry and Traffic of Rotterdam for First Quarter of 1933.

The Rotterdam Chamber of Commerce recently (in May) issued its publication giving voluminous statistics of Rotterdam trade, industry and traffic for the first quarter of 1933, with comparative figures for the four quarters of 1932. Special attention is drawn by the Chamber to certain figures for the first quarter of this year which are considered particularly interesting:

During the first quarter of 1933, 2,787 sea-going ships, measuring 4,451,461 tons net, entered into the various ports along the waterway between Rotterdam and the sea (new waterway) as also into Dordrecht (forming together the seaports in the Rhine-Meuse delta).

Of these ships 2,319 measuring 3,527,512 tons net, visited Rotterdam. Of these ships 582 carried the Dutch flag, 525 the German flag, 455 the British flag, 153 the French flag, 143 the Norwegian flag, 129 the Swedish flag, &c.

1,006 regular sailings, of which 500 with Great Britain and Ireland, took place.

There were 1,443 departures of loaded ships, 968 of which were loaded with general cargo, and 1,716 entrances of such ships, 655 of which were loaded with general cargo.

Rotterdam was visited during the first quarter of 1933 by about 47,000 river vessels with a capacity of 8,100,000 tons. About 5,800 ships destined to or coming from Rotterdam (tugs excluded) took part in the international Rhine traffic.

The total goods traffic by sea of Rotterdam and the small ports in the environs amounted during the first quarter of 1933 to about 6,090,000 tons of 1,000 kilos, against about 4,578,000 tons for Greater Hamburg and 4,641,000 tons for Antwerp. Consequently Rotterdam occupied again during this period the first place on the Continent as regards the goods traffic.

The international goods traffic on the Rhine from and to Rotterdam amounted during the first quarter of 1933 to more than 3,511,000 tons of 1,000 kilos, being 46.21% of the total Rhine traffic via the Dutch frontier.

As regards the passenger traffic by sea we can state that 12,671 persons arrived at Rotterdam and 12,967 persons sailed from here.

The acreage of the basins destined for seagoing ships amounted on March 31 1933 to 1,150 acres, exclusive of the acreage of the river in Rotterdam which amounts to 1,178 acres. The mooring places for seagoing ships have a length of about 32 miles.

The port has the disposal of 334 cranes, 28 sheer-legs, 34 bridge-cranes, 41 grain-elevators, 11 bunkering appliances &c.

The fleet owned at Rotterdam and environs comprises 318 seagoing ships measuring 624,602 tons net.

During the first quarter of 1933 438,200 cases of Spanish oranges and 81,500 cases of oranges of other origin were imported. Furthermore about 592,560 cases and 12,150 barrels of American apples and about 124,000 cases of American pears.

The ore arrivals in Rotterdam and environs amounted to about 814,200 tons.

The floating grain-elevators transhipped about 871,000 tons of grain.

About 262,600 telegrams (transit traffic not included) were exchanged. The local, trunk and international telephone traffic comprised in round figures 24,841,400, 471,300 (only outgoing) and 112,200 calls respectively. The traffic with the adjacent commune of Schiedam comprised 978,000 calls.

20,094 business undertakings are registered in the register of commerce.

Poland Makes Further Additions to List of Restricted Imports.

A Polish Government decree of June 11 1933, added various products covering about 20% of all tariff items to the list of goods which may be imported into Poland only under special permit, according to radiograms received in the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache Clayton Lane, Warsaw. A memorandum issued by the Department June 17 continued:

Among the United States products chiefly affected are chemicals.

Approximately 70% of all tariff items are now subject to import permit restrictions. Shipments made prior to June 12, if cleared through the Polish customs within 30 days, will still be admitted under the former regulations.

Raw Materials to Be Bought by Poland from Soviet Russia.

Raw materials for Polish oil mills will be purchased from Soviet Russia if present plans materialize, according to a

report to the Commerce Department from Commercial Attache Clayton Lane, Warsaw. The chief products involved are sun-flower seeds, soya beans and linseed, it was stated. The Commerce Department, in an announcement issued June 17, further said:

The board of administration of the Union of Polish Oil Mills has been discussing this question with the Soviet Trade delegation for some time. It has decided now to purchase these raw materials from countries which buy from Poland, it was stated.

Since Poland's exports to Soviet Russia are increasing and are being stimulated by trade delegations, it is proposed to divert these purchases to that country.

Sun-flower seeds and soya beans, both widely used in industrial activities, have heretofore been obtained chiefly from various Asiatic countries, while linseed has been imported from Argentina.

Trade Agreement Between Hungary and Jugoslavia Effective for One Year from May 15.

The recent compensatory trade agreement fixing certain import quotas and providing for reciprocal compensation credits between Hungary and Jugoslavia will be effective for a period of one year from May 15, according to a report to the Commerce Department's Tariff Division from Commercial Attache Emil Kekich, Belgrade. In announcing this on June 19, the Commerce Department continued:

Under the agreement, Hungary grants Jugoslavia import quotas on various products otherwise restricted in Hungary in an aggregate value of 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 pengoes, including firewood, cut wood, logs and timber, charcoal, dried prunes and calcium carbide.

In addition, Jugoslavia is entitled to sell in Hungary any amount of such goods which do not require special import permits, without being restricted through foreign exchange regulations.

In return, Jugoslavia grants equivalent facilities for the importation of Hungarian products. In addition, Hungary is entitled to export to Jugoslavia, on credit, any amount of merchandise that country may be able to place there without being subject to foreign exchange permits requirements.

Anglo-Polish Bank Unites with Warsaw Commercial Bank.

In its June 22 issue, the New York "Journal of Commerce" published the following special correspondence from Warsaw, June 12:

The Warsaw Commercial Bank, which, with a capital of 30,000,000 zlotys, is the biggest private bank in Poland and finances Polish heavy industry and commerce, is amalgamating with the Anglo-Polish Bank and the London Prudential Insurance Concern.

The Warsaw Commercial, which was closely connected with the Banca Commerciale in Milan, had good relations to the Hambros Bank in London. Since the reorganization of the Banca Commerciale by Mussolini and the resignation of its leading director, Toeplitz, who was of Polish origin, the Warsaw Commercial was in difficulties, because the latter was not able to return the credits granted her by the Banca Commerciale. The greatest part of the credits are frozen and it is expected that by the amalgamation the credits will be made liquid.

The British-Polish Bank is owned at 52% by the British Overseas Bank in London, and is especially interested in the Polish sugar industry. The Prudential Insurance Concern has attained a concession in Poland and opened, recently, a branch in Warsaw. This concern is co-operating here with the London Power & Traction, as well as with the Utilities Corp. The three English companies have a dominant influence over the Polish Electric Concern, "Sila i Swiatlo," which controls the 13 biggest electric works in Poland.

Committee for Protection of Holders of Colombian Bonds Opposed to Plan to Retire Scrip at Depreciated Prices.

A statement emphasizing what is described as the "relatively good budgetary situation and the strong reserve position of the Central Bank of Colombia" was issued on June 27 by the Independent Bondholders Committee for the Republic of Colombia through its Secretary, Lawrence E. de S. Hoover. Mr. Hoover, taking cognizance of the notice of Dr. Jaramillo, Minister of Finance and Public Credit of the Republic of Colombia, published on June 26, indicating that the Colombian Government "proposed to pay the interest on the Government and Government-guaranteed external debts, one-third in cash and two-thirds in scrip," states that "we note with some alarm the implied hope, as conveyed in the Ministers' statement, that they will be able to retire the scrip at depreciated prices." The Independent Bondholder's Committee contends that the Colombian Departments and Municipalities "are able to discharge in full their obligations even though it may be necessary to adopt a temporary plan along the lines which have just been promulgated by the National Government." According to Mr. Hoover "the adjustment of the National and guaranteed debt by the Colombian Government makes united action on the part of the holders of the Departmental and Municipal bonds imperative." Mr. Hoover's statement of June 27 follows:

The public notice of Dr. Jaramillo, Minister of Finance and Public Credit of the Republic of Colombia, published on June 26, confirms the release issued by this Committee on June 13, 1933, in which it was stated that the Colombian Government proposed to pay the interest on their external debts—one-third in cash and two-thirds in scrip. The plan, as promulgated for the servicing of the external debts of the Colombian

Government, cannot be considered satisfactory for the bondholders, in view of the relatively good budgetary situation and strong reserve position of the Central Bank of Colombia. In our opinion, the Colombian Government can well afford to meet its obligations in full, although we did not intend our statement to be taken as a protest against the action of the Colombian Government in making partial payment on the service due on the external debts. But we note with some alarm the implied hope, as conveyed in the Minister's statement, that they will be able to retire the scrip at depreciated prices.

One factor, however, is outstanding—Colombia recognizes full liability for the debts incurred and expresses the good intentions of discharging in full its obligations.

In our public announcements, as well as in our dealings with the authorities, we have pointed out that the Colombian Departments and Municipalities, which are now in default, are able to discharge in full their obligations, even though it may be necessary to adopt a temporary plan along the lines which have just been promulgated by the National Government, whereby a scheme would be involved, through which the bondholders would receive payment of interest due them through a transitory period.

All the bonds of the Departments and Municipalities (with exception of Medellin, 7s, due 1951) are secured by specific properties, such as: railways, income thereof, and public revenues made up primarily of liquor and tobacco taxes which are far in excess of service requirements of the debts. This has been conclusively proven by this Committee; and the results have been incorporated in a statistical abstract introduced in the Senate by Senator Thomas on Jan. 30 1933.

The Independent Bondholder's Committee for the Republic of Colombia has confirmed its activities exclusively to the interests of holders of Departmental and Municipal bonds, in order to maintain a free hand and prevent encroachment upon the rights of the holders of these bonds. We have never requested the deposit of the national or guaranteed bonds.

The adjustment of the national and guaranteed debt by the Colombian Government makes united action on the part of the holders of the Departmental and Municipal bonds imperative.

LAWRENCE E. de S. HOOVER,
Secretary.

Items bearing on Mr. Hoover's statement of June 13 appeared in our issues of June 17, page 4183 and June 24, 4377.

Decree Signed By President Olaya of Colombia Authorizes Conversion Loan.

A decree signed by President Olaya of Colombia on June 19 authorizes the Minister of Finance to issue up to \$5,500,000 in 6% treasury notes for the conversion of outstanding notes of \$6,000,000 8% of 1930. Bogota advices June 19 to the New York "Times" also had the following to say:

The first series of \$1,500,000 of the 1930 issue matured at the end of 1932, but the government postponed payment one year and now postpones it another year and includes the same amount in the second series, due at the end of 1933.

Nanking Ratifies \$50,000,000 Credit Granted to China by Reconstruction Finance Corporation to Facilitate Wheat and Cotton Purchases—Legislative Yuan Specifies No Part of Credit Shall Be Used for Military.

The United States Reconstruction Finance Corporation's \$50,000,000 loan to China was ratified by the Legislative Yuan of the Nationalist Government on June 16. Associated Press advices from Nanking on that date said:

The legislative body made two recommendations:

First, that a board of trustees be formed to hold the funds and supervise appropriations.

Second, that the entire loan be used for productive purposes, such as development of industries, agriculture, waterworks and communications.

No funds whatsoever, it was recommended, should be used for civil war purposes or the suppression of bandits.

The credit was referred to in our issue of June 10, page 4016.

C. L. Tarver Designated to Represent China in Purchase of American Cotton.

The Chinese legation on June 23 announced that Charles L. Tarver of Dallas, Texas, has been designated to represent China in the purchase of 900,000 bales of American cotton. Associated Press accounts from Washington (June 23) added:

The purchase will be made with a \$50,000,000 loan advanced to China by the Reconstruction Corporation, which stipulated that four-fifths of the money was to be used in buying cotton and the remainder in buying wheat. At the Legation it was said that no agent had been designated as yet to buy the wheat.

Tarver will co-operate with Dr. Arthur H. Young, financial advisor of the Chinese Government, who is now in this country but will return soon to China. Tarver is a member of the cotton brokerage firm of Tarver and Steele, which has offices in Dallas, Galveston and New York City.

Deficit for Australia—Commonwealth Loan Council Reported Facing £8,500,000 Total Next Year.

The following from Melbourne June 11 is from the New York "Times":

The Australian Loan Council, after long consultations with the Commonwealth Bank, has decided to budget next year for an aggregate deficit of £8,500,000, made up as follows: New South Wales, £3,950,000; Victoria, £800,000; Queensland, £1,850,000; South Australia, £1,100,000; West Australia, £750,000; Tasmania, £50,000.

Efforts will be maintained to practice the most rigid economies and to live within the limits set. The annual contribution to the sinking fund of £7,000,000 will be fully provided, as the Loan Council considers that contractual obligations should be maintained.

The loan program will not finally be completed until the result of the World Economic Conference is known.

Continued Fight on Deposit Insurance Provisions of Glass-Steagall Bank Act by American Bankers' Association.

Prior to the signing (on June 16) of the Glass-Steagall bank bill by President Roosevelt, a telegram was sent by Francis H. Sisson, President of the American Bankers' Association to member banks in regard to the deposit insurance provisions of the bill. Declaring opposition to the deposit insurance feature, the telegram said:

The American Bankers' Association fights to the last ditch deposit guaranty provisions of Glass-Steagall Bill as unsound, unscientific, unjust and dangerous. Overwhelming opinion of experienced bankers is emphatically opposed to deposit guaranty which compels strong and well-managed banks to pay losses of the weak. This legislation as passed yesterday by Congress has not had approval of Federal Reserve Board, Treasury Department, nor sympathetic co-operation of the President. Senator Glass himself, successfully opposing guaranty plank is reported to have made following statement before last Democratic National Convention:

"The guaranty plank in our platform would create anxiety, would cause disturbance within our ranks and raise opposition to our party in November, which I regard as entirely unnecessary. The guaranty of bank deposits has been tried in a number of States and resulted invariably in confusion and disaster to the financial structure of the States and if our party when returned to power should incorporate such a scheme in the Federal organization we would drive the strongest member banks from the Federal Reserve System. These strong banks should not be assessed to pay a premium for mismanagement."

If you agree with this pronouncement a wire to President Roosevelt urging veto may yet be effective.

Deposit Insurance Feature of Glass-Steagall Bank Act "Viewed With Alarm" By New York State Bankers' Association—Proposed Amendment Limiting Liability of Banks.

The views of the New York State Bankers' Association on the deposit insurance principle of the Glass-Steagall Banking Act were recorded also in a resolution unanimously adopted at the annual convention of the association at Lake George, N. Y., on June 27, after having been submitted by J. Stewart Baker, chairman of the board of the Bank of the Manhattan Company, on behalf of the resolutions committee. The correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune," authority for the foregoing, added:

While the association, in this resolution, viewed the deposit guaranty plan with alarm, it carefully passed up the chance to lead a revolt against the bill. In fact, the implication in the resolution was that the bankers were resigned to guaranty of deposits, but they wanted their liability thereunder limited.

Indicating that banks in some parts of the country, notably in New York City, have thought the deposit insurance feature of the law so dangerous as to warrant withdrawal from the Federal Reserve to escape liability under the deposit guaranty plan, the same account stated. It became clear here to-day, however, that any attempt to lead a mass movement to resign Federal Reserve membership so as to sabotage the guaranty scheme would not be popular among the rank and file of bankers of this state.

The views of the association on the deposit insurance feature were voiced as follows in the resolution according to the New York "Journal of Commerce":

"After more than two years of consideration, discussion and study, Congress has passed a law, known as the Glass-Steagall Act, amending in many important respects the Federal Reserve Act and the National Bank Act. We recognize that these changes are the result of a demand on the part of the public and that the desire of the legislators was to create a stronger banking system. With this purpose the New York State Bankers' Association is in accord and desires to cooperate. It cannot, however, view with anything but alarm that provision of the Glass-Steagall bill which deals with the guaranty of bank deposits.

"It recognizes that there is throughout the country a demand that some form of guaranty of bank deposits be put into effect in spite of the fact that history and experience have shown that such guaranty funds have failed and have not accomplished the purposes for which they were established. It feels, however, that it should register its sincere and definite opposition to that provision of the law which permits the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to make assessment without limit against the capital funds of member banks. This may mean confiscation not only of stockholders' money but also of the funds upon which depositors in banks have relied for their safety and upon which business has been solicited. It will remove the incentive for good management and sound banking practices, for both of which the New York State Bankers' Association has stood."

Jules I. Bogen Views Deposit Insurance Feature of Glass-Steagall Bank Act as Designed to Protect Weak Banks at Expense of Large and Strong Institutions—Insurance Scheme Regarded as Making Necessary Unification of Banking System.

Adoption of the deposit insurance scheme in the Glass-Steagall bank act makes more necessary than ever the amalgamation of the American banking system into a limited number of strong institutions operating on a nation-wide basis, Dr. Jules I. Bogen, Editor of the New York "Journal of Commerce," told the New York Financial Advertisers at a dinner on June 20 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. This constitutes "the one sound and permanent solution of our yet-unsolved banking problem," Dr. Bogen declared. "The emergency legislation of March 9 1933, as well as the newly enacted Glass-Steagall Act with its dangerous deposit insurance feature, constitute mere palliatives," the speaker said. "They do not give any assurance that the disastrous bank failure epidemic which raged for three years before the

banking panic of this year can be avoided in future depression periods." Dr. Bogen went on to say:

The number of banks in this country has been reduced by almost 50% during the past three years. The freezing of billions of dollars in bank deposits, and above all, the undermining of confidence resulting from continuous bank failure announcements from all over the country during this period, were perhaps the most important single deflationary influence of the time. Continuous liquidation of securities and commodities, forcing down values of both capital goods and consumption goods on a huge scale, was the inevitable result.

If we are to learn from the lessons of the past, steps should be taken without undue delay to strengthen our banking structure so that it will present more effective resistance to depression conditions in the future. This is especially important for the large city banks, because of the fact that they are to be made responsible for the sins of bad banking elsewhere under the operation of the deposit insurance feature of the new banking act.

The depression and the bank failure epidemic divided the banks of this country into two big groups—the conservatively-managed strong institutions, chiefly the large banks in the big cities. The New York City banks, which as a group maintained an unusually high status of liquidity right through the depression period, were the outstanding members of this group. Were it not for their strength and liquidity, the rate and severity of the deflation of 1929-33 would doubtless have proved considerably greater than actually proved the case.

The other banks of the country, forming the second group, operated along less conservative lines. Many thousands of these banks failed, others were aided by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and so were kept open, and about 4,000 of them were not reopened at the end of the bank holiday.

The deposit insurance feature of the Glass-Steagall Bill is designed to protect the weaker, smaller or less liquid banks at the expense of the contributions of the large and strong city institutions. These latter, which survived so notably, the greatest depression of our history, need no insurance. It is an obvious imposition on them to make a severe drain on their profits for the benefit of the rest of our banking system. It is estimated that 28% of the permanent deposit insurance fund to be established July 1 1934 will come from the New York City banks alone. This is obviously unsound insurance, as it compels the best risks to pay fully as much as the poorest, even though the former have no practical need of the insurance protection.

The one sure way of meeting the problem and protecting the large and strong banks from paying the penalty of an outmoded banking system is to bring about wholesale amalgamations among our commercial banking institutions. To do so would be to eliminate the greatest single source of weakness in our banking system—the small unit bank. No important country of the world has yet found it possible to carry on with a unit banking system, that comprises thousands of small institutions, through depression periods.

Now that the country is definitely emerging from the pioneer and promotion stage, there is less reason than ever to retain an outmoded unit banking system. By gradual lifting of existing restrictions, we can establish branch banking systems limited first by State lines, then by reserve district lines. Eventually a few large institutions should perform the banking business of the country on a national scale. By that time, deposit insurance and bank failures would have become merely historical memories. We shall then have a financial structure comparable with that of Great Britain, Canada and other branch banking countries for strength and depression-proof abilities.

Opposition to Glass-Steagall Bank Bill Voiced by Ohio Bankers' Association.

President Roosevelt was urged by the Ohio Bankers' Association on June 15 to veto the Glass-Steagall Banking Bill. A resolution adopted by the Association at its annual convention in Columbus on June 15, was telegraphed as follows to President Roosevelt:

The Glass Bill has been approved by the Senate and the House of Representatives at Washington. In this most important measure are found provisions which are subject to serious question and which seem to be incompatible with sound banking. We believe that we are too close to the hysteria of the recent past to legislate soundly upon so important a subject at the present time and that there has not been full opportunity for Congress to consider all aspects of the situation with which the measure attempts to deal. Therefore, we respectfully urge that final approval of the bill be withheld.

The Glass-Steagall Bill, as we noted in our issue of June 17, page 4192, was signed by the President on June 16.

Protest Against Glass-Steagall Bank Bill by Indiana Bankers' Association.

Members of the Indiana Bankers' Association closed their 37th annual convention in Indianapolis on June 14 with a protest against the Glass-Steagall Bill recently passed by Congress. The foregoing is from the Indianapolis "News" from which we also quote:

A message was sent in behalf of the Association to President Roosevelt asking him not to sign the bill. It was as follows:

"Indiana Bankers' Association convention pledges itself to giving new banking legislation a fair trial, should it become law. At the same time, motion from the floor, unanimously carried, instructs me to urge you to veto the Glass-Steagall Bill."

The message was signed by W. A. Collings, retiring President.

Succeeds Mr. Collings.

Felix M. McWhirter, President of the Peoples State Bank, Indianapolis, was elected President, succeeding Mr. Collings, Crawfordsville.

M. J. Kreisler, Cashier of the Tell City National Bank, was elected Vice-President, succeeding Mr. McWhirter. C. A. Dugan, President of the First State Bank, Decatur, was elected Treasurer, succeeding Oscar E. Lamble, Evansville.

Miss Froba McDaniel, Indianapolis, was re-elected Secretary. She has filled that office for several years.

List of Trust Share Certificates Dealt in by New York Stock Exchange Which Are Exempt From Provision of Stock Transfer Tax Law.

Ashbel Green, Secretary of the New York Stock Exchange, notified members on June 27 that a letter, dated June 23,

had been received by the Exchange's counsel from Frank S. McCaffrey, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Taxation and Finance of the State of New York, advising him of certain securities which are exempted from the provisions of the stock transfer tax law. Deputy Commissioner McCaffrey's letter follows:

In response to your recent communication, asking that this office rule as to the application of the stock transfer tax law to various trust share certificates dealt in by the New York Stock Exchange, (*) you are respectfully advised we have made examination and investigation of the following named securities and found that they are certificates issued under non-corporate trust investment agreements and, as a consequence, are by reason of Chapter 472 of the Laws of 1933 exempted from the provisions of the stock transfer tax law:

American Composite Trust Shares cumulative series (no date of termination).
Business Recovery Trust Shares (1936).
Collateral Trustee Shares (1948).
Corporate Trust Shares (1953).
Corporate Trust Shares, accumulative series (1951).
Corporate Trust Shares, accumulative series (modified) (1951).
Corporate Trust Shares, series AA (1951).
Corporate Trust Shares, series AA (modified) (1951).
Cumulative Trust Shares (1950).
Deposited Bank Shares N. Y. series A (1955).
Deposited Insurance Shares, series A (1955).
Diversified Trustee Shares, series C (no date of termination).
Diversified Trustee Shares, series D (1946).
Equity Trust Shares in America (1950).
First Custodian Shares (1950).
Fundamental Trust Shares, series A (1950).
Fundamental Trust Shares, series B (1950).
Independence Trust Shares (1950).
Keystone Custodian Funds, series A to H inc. and series E-1, G-1, H-1 and T.

Low Priced Shares (1936).
National Trust Shares (1950).
National Trust Shares (modified) (1950).
Nation-Wide Securities Co. series B (1950).
New York Bank Trust Shares (1955).
North American Trust Shares (1953).
North American Trust Shares (1955).
North American Trust Shares (1956).
Representative Trust Shares (1941).
Selected Cumulative Shares (1951).
Selected Managements Trustee Shares (1940).
Standard All-America Trust Shares (1960).
Super-Corporations of America Trust Shares, series A (1950).
Super-Corporations of America Trust Shares, series AA (1952).
Super-Corporations of America Trust Shares, series B (1950).
Super-Corporations of America Trust Shares, series BB (1952).
Super-Corporations of America Trust Shares, series C (1948).
Super-Corporations of America Trust Shares, series D (1948).
Trust Fund Shares (1950).
Trust Shares of America (1940).
Trustee Standard Investment Shares, series C (2029).
Trustee Standard Utility Shares (1951).
Trusteed American Bank Shares, series A (1950).
Trusteed New York Bank Shares (1957).
Trusteed New York City Bank Stocks (1955).
20th Century Fixed Trust Shares (1950).
Two Year Trust Shares.
United American Trust Shares (1941).
United States Electric Light and Power Shares, Inc., series B (1950).
The following are bonds and there is no New York State law exacting a tax on the transfer of bonds:
Deposited Bond Shares, convertible debenture series (1938).
North American Bond Trust certificates (1952).

(*) Refers to certain of the investment trusts of the fixed or restricted management type in which the Committee on Stock List has determined that it has no objection to the participation by member firms.

New York Stock Exchange Adopts Amendments to Rules—Speculation by Customers' Men Curbed—All Market Letters Required to be Signed by Member or Partner of Firm Issuing Same.

Amendments to the Rules of the New York Stock Exchange were adopted by the Governing Committee of the Exchange on June 28, the Exchange announced on June 29, which ban speculation by customers' men and which require that all markets letters must bear the signature of a partner or member of the firm issuing them. The amendment establishing the responsibility of partners for their firms market letters follows:

Amend Chapter 8 of the Rules by changing the caption to read, "Advertising and Market Letters," and add a new section to be known as Sec. 4, to read as follows:

Sec. 4. No member of the Exchange or firm registered thereon shall issue any market letter unless the same shall have been approved by such member or by a partner of such firm. Such approval shall be evidenced by endorsement signed by such member or such partner, including the name of the person who wrote the letter, on an exact copy of such market letter. Such copy so approved shall be made a part of the permanent records of such member or firm and shall be retained for at least three years. Any communication containing forecasts of business or market financial or other general information, or containing advertising matter, or matter intended to stimulate interest in particular securities, or in the market, provided the same consists of any printed, mimeographed, or written circular, letter or communication of which a number of identical copies are used or published, or of a telegraphic or other wire communication, transmitted to or published, or otherwise communicated to a number of persons who are not specifically named therein, shall, for the purpose of this section, be deemed a market letter.

Following is the amendment banning customers' men from speculation:

Add a new subsection to Section 7 of Chapter 12 of the Rules, to be known as subsection (c), and to read as follows:

(c) No member of the Exchange or firm registered thereon or partner thereof shall take or carry a speculative account or make a speculative transaction in which any person employed by such member or firm, or by another such member or firm, as a security salesman or as a "customers' man," is directly or indirectly interested.

The term "customers' man" shall include all employees who are regularly engaged in the solicitation of business in securities or the handling of customers' accounts, or who advise with customers about the purchase and sale of securities; and also all branch office managers who handle customers' accounts or who, more than occasionally, advise customers in regard to the purchase or sale of securities.

The provisions of this subsection (c) shall not be construed to require the closing of speculative accounts existing on the effective date of the adoption hereof or to prevent transactions made for the purpose of liquidating any such accounts.

The New York "Times" of June 30 said:

In forbidding customers' men from speculating, the Exchange is believed to be endeavoring to obtain impartial advice for the clients of the customers' men. Heretofore, all employes of Stock Exchange firms have been barred from speculating, unless the approval of the employer was obtained.

Under the new rule, clerks and other employes will be able to trade with the permission of their firms, but customers' men will not be able to speculate, even with the approval of the firm.

The Consolidated Gas Co. of New York and the Manufacture of Gas Refrigerators.

How the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York is co-operating with the manufacturers of gas refrigerators in sales efforts to meet changed conditions in apartment house ownership was told on June 22 by N. T. Sellman, in an address before the Joint New York-New England Regional Gas Sales Conference, in session at the Hotel Griswold, in New London, Conn. Mr. Sellman is director of sales and utilization of the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York. The Joint New York-New England Regional Gas Sales Conference is sponsored by the American Gas Association and the New England Gas Association.

Mr. Sellman emphasized the point that a new element of salesmanship had entered into the situation because of the fact that the equipment of existing apartment houses in New York City with gas refrigerators necessitated dealings on a hitherto unknown large scale with a new type of owner, namely, the financial institutions and insurance companies. "Mortgage companies, banks and insurance companies," stated Mr. Sellman, "have taken over several thousand pieces of apartment house property. This has affected our wholesale business. The properties taken over are either on a rental assignment basis or the property is acquired outright. This, of course, means that a large percentage of our wholesale business comes from these financial institutions. The many ramifications connected with foreclosures, transfers and assignments of rentals have made it imperative to have specially trained men for this work."

Reviewing sales efforts to equip apartment houses in New York City with Electrolux refrigerators, Mr. Sellman gave statistics showing that 14,471 units were installed by his company in new buildings in 1929. Wholesale installations in old buildings began in 1930, this type of business becoming the biggest field of operation, Mr. Sellman asserted. During 1930, 28,955 installations were made, and before 1931 was over 65,000 apartments were equipped, the figures amounting to 100,000 apartments by the end of 1932, Mr. Sellman announced, who added:

"With the falling off in construction of new apartment houses, and refrigerator distributors concentrating on old buildings, the competitive situation became quite acute. Many more makes of refrigerators were now in the field; prices were continuously going down; the real estate situation was rapidly becoming complex; families were doubling up, with consequent vacancies increasing at a rapid pace; ownership of apartment buildings were passing from individuals to banks and mortgage companies, all with a consequent reduction in reasonably safe risks to whom refrigerators could be sold. With all these conditions, it is not surprising that refrigerator installations in 1932 dwindled to 33,806."

New York City now has 140,000 apartments equipped with Electrolux gas refrigerators, Mr. Sellman stated.

Withdrawal of Members from Federal Reserve System Because of Deposit Insurance Feature of New Federal Bank Act Discouraged by George V. McLaughlin in Addressing New York State Bankers Association—Proposes Gradual Extension of Branch Banking—Offers Banking Code of Ethics.

Talk of withdrawing from membership in the Federal Reserve System because of the new Federal banking (Glass-Steagall) legislation, which makes going banks pay for the losses in closed banks through the provision for insurance of deposits provision, was discouraged by George V. McLaughlin, former Superintendent of Banks for New York and now President of the Brooklyn Trust Co., in an address at the banquet closing the convention of the New York State Bankers Association at Lake George, New York, on June 27.

Mr. McLaughlin proposed that banks clean their own houses through the formulation of and adherence to a proper code of banking ethics and practices and set up what he called their "own guarantee funds earmarked from the capital structure of the bank and invested in assets which are eligible as collateral at the Federal Reserve banks." He also proposed a "gradual extension of branch banking."

Referring to the deposit insurance provision of the Glass-Steagall Act, he said:

The Act was the fruit of much careful study and honest thought on the part of those who drafted it, and I feel sure that their intention was not to penalize the banks but to strengthen the banking system of the country. Here in New York State, because of our relatively strong banking system and relatively high degree of liquidity, we did not see any necessity for this legislation, but it is fair to assume that its proponents had in mind the banking situation of the entire country. I do not think it is the time to talk about withdrawing from the Federal Reserve System because of our objections to this legislation.

Calling for a code of ethics, Mr. McLaughlin declared that "our salvation lies in the voluntary observance of a few sound rules which in the past have been honored in theory but neglected in practice."

Mr. McLaughlin made five recommendations. The first was that each bank set up its own guarantee fund. The second was that the proportion of banks' earnings paid out in dividends be held down to a conservative percentage in order that the guarantee fund might increase to the end that inevitable losses be provided against.

His third recommendation was that "a proper percentage of liquidity be maintained against all deposits which in practice are payable on demand." And in these he included "thrift deposits," which, though theoretically time deposits and subject to notice of intention to withdraw, are actually paid on demand. Under this classification he also urged a further voluntary restriction on real estate loans and investment in bank buildings by commercial banks.

The fourth was that where banks are performing services outside of deposit banking, such as trust services and security selling, special reserves be set up to cover liabilities inherent in these services.

The fifth was that banks discontinue rendering services free or below the cost of the services to the end that every bank shall be a profitable bank.

Mr. McLaughlin said one of the primary causes of banking troubles was the chartering of too many banks in the last twenty years, and prophesied a unified banking system with fewer but stronger banks. As a means to that end he advocated a gradual extension of branch banking.

Two-cent Postage Rate on First-class Mail Matter for Local Delivery Restored To-day (July 1).

The former postage rate of 2 cents an ounce on letters and other first-class mail will be restored to-day (July 1). Postmaster General James A. Farley signed an order on June 19 under which the 3-cent rate is replaced by the old rate of 2 cents on local letters. Pointing out that the non-local rate is not affected by the Act of Congress signed June 16 by President Roosevelt, the "United States News" of June 24 said:

In his statement announcing approval of the new postage rate for local letters, Mr. Farley explained that the legislation authorizing this reduction, which covers also the transfer of the tax on electricity, includes a provision authorizing the President to make other modifications of postage rates, except that he cannot reduce the rate on first-class postage below 2 cents an ounce, and he cannot make any change in local first-class rates, which have already been fixed by Congress.

The extension of the 3-cent postage rate to local or drop letters under the provisions of the law enacted by the 72nd Congress caused a diminished use of the mails by utility companies, municipalities, department stores and similar establishments in sending bills and other communications to local patrons by messengers.

A survey made to determine the effect of this legislation indicated the higher rate of postage had not only affected the volume of post-office business, but was criticized generally as being a charge in excess of what the traffic could reasonably be expected to bear.

The following notice was issued on June 22 by Postmaster Kiely in New York:

Restoration of 2-cent Rate on Local First-class Mail Matter Effective July 1 1933.

Postmaster Kiely announces that beginning July 1 1933, postage on letters and other first-class matter (except postal cards and private mailing or post cards) mailed for local delivery at post offices having city or village letter-carrier service, or at any post office for local delivery to patrons thereof on a rural or star route therefrom, or by patrons on a rural or star route for local delivery at the post office or on another rural or star route therefrom, shall be charged at the rate of 2 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof; and 1 cent for each ounce or fraction thereof when mailed at offices where letter-carrier service is not established, provided the addresses are not served by rural or star-route carriers.

Letters in business reply envelopes are subject to postage at the regular rate plus 1 cent additional for each letter.

Letters mailed for local delivery with 2 cents postage prepaid on them on being forwarded to another post office will be charged with 1 cent postage due to be collected from the addressee.

There is no change in the rate of postage on other than local first-class matter which is now subject to the 3-cent rate.

The local rate for first-class matter mailed at New York, N. Y., will apply to such matter which is mailed at the New York, N. Y., post office or any station thereof that is addressed for delivery within the postal district of the New York Post Office, which embraces the Boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx, also Pelham and Pelham Manor.

Letters and other first-class matter (except postal cards, post cards or private mailing cards) mailed on the District of the New York Post Office addressed to other post offices in Greater New York are subject to the rate of 3 cents an ounce. Such matter mailed at other post offices in the City of New York, or elsewhere, addressed for delivery at New York, N. Y., is also subject to the rate of 3 cents an ounce.

Orders & Instructions Section,
Post Office, New York, N. Y.,
June 22 1933.

Naval Order Postpones Establishment of Five-Day Week—Present 5½-Day Schedule to Be Continued Until Further Notice.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Henry L. Roosevelt, in orders issued on June 24, withdrew a departmental order which had placed naval yard workers on a five-day week basis, effective June 25. Employees in navy yards are at present on a 5½-day basis and will continue under this plan until further notice. The original order curtailing the work week was given on June 1 in the interest of economy, but it was said that the cancellation of the order was caused by the fact that on July 26 the Government will open bids for warships under the new construction program, and wished to wait until that time to determine whether private shipyards will agree to the five-day week. Colonel Roosevelt's order of June 24 to all naval stations and offices read:

Pending the settlement, general question of hours of work now being considered by several Government agencies, including Industrial Recovery Board instructions contained in Department's circular letter of June 1 1933 establishing five-day-work week, will be held in abeyance and navy yards continue present work week until further orders.

Cleveland Trust Co. Stock Pledged as Collateral by Continental Shares, Inc.—Sold at Auction for Chase National Bank, Bringing \$222,000—Temporary Injunction Obtained to Halt Sale of Other Continental Shares Assets in Cleveland.

A total of 3,700 shares of capital stock of the Cleveland Trust Co., held as collateral by the Chase National Bank of New York for a loan to Continental Shares, Inc., was sold at public auction on June 28 for \$60 a share, or a total amount of \$222,000. The loan of Chase National Bank to the holding-investment company approximated \$27,000,000, and on June 12 the bank sold at auction for \$23,240,000, certain assets of Continental Shares. An auction sale of assets of Continental Shares, Inc., which were pledged as collateral for loans of about \$12,000,000 by the Cleveland Trust Co. & Union Trust Co. and other Cleveland banks was stopped by a temporary order in the Cleveland Court of Common Pleas of June 26 after Karl E. Ochs, a stockholder in Continental Shares, had brought suit charging that the holdings of Continental Shares were not taken over for the protection of depositors.

Trade Restrictions, Moratoria, Nationalistic Policy and Monetary Instability Cited as Cause of Depression by H. H. Heimann of National Association of Credit Men—Forecasts Upturn.

Misuse and abuse of the basic principles of credit in the decade have been responsible fundamentally for the past few years of industrial depression and the present upturn will be insured permanency only through an application of sound credit fundamentals, Henry H. Heimann, Executive Manager of the National Association of Credit Men, told 1,000 delegates to the Association's 38th Annual Convention which opened in Milwaukee, Wis., on June 19. As the keynote speaker Mr. Heimann preceded a series of business and Government leaders who featured the convention sessions all during the week, the Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper analyzing the Industrial Recovery Act at the closing session on Thursday June 22.

"A series of events which constantly kept diverting, destroying or obstructing the flow of the streams of credit," Mr. Heimann pointed out, "was responsible for the unbalanced state of world affairs in recent years which caused fluctuation from the dizzying heights of prosperity to the desperate depths of depression." He went on to say:

Let me again emphasize that beginning with the World War, its aftermath of huge armament policies, defiance of the natural economic law of supply and demand through commodity stabilization, the events leading to the debt moratoria, restrictions of trade and tariff barriers, selfish nationalistic policies, the failure to permit the monetary systems of the nation to work as they were normally intended to operate, mounting burdens of taxation, banking troubles, farmers' strikes, business and Government repudiations, and finally the battle of the thriftless against

the saving classes—with all these was put in motion a series of events which step by step most effectively destroyed credit until we have floated aimlessly into the dangerous eddies of inflation, with their sand-bars of printing press and fiat money.

And the inflationary tide sweeps ominously before us. It can easily lead to confiscation and to utter chaos unless the rudder be vigilantly controlled. In desperation we turn to panaceas again. We attempt to legislate a 34 hour week instead of allowing it to evolve so as to be a reality when we are prepared to accept it. Hours of labor are continuously being shortened, and the 34 hour week is near at hand unless our impatience retards it. But we must not apply a poultice to the ailing back of business, and then irritate it anew with a lotion of poisonous taxes.

Unbridled competition, we confess, is more dangerous than monopolies. We applaud a reasonable regulatory program to eliminate this immoral practice. Indeed, the courage displayed by our President is the brightest spot in the panorama of depression. However, is it fair for business to expect that in one full stroke, without adequate preparation, we shall discover an Utopian regulation that will effectively remove competition?

The echo of our protests against Government in business still reverberates while we launch complete Government control of all business. We plead for profits in abundance, little realizing that easy profits doom capital values and that abnormally large profits herald depressions. The moral fibre of business rots in the sweatshop. Tiny feet stand at the loom instead of the threshold. Such forces properly compel us to demand a cessation of unreasonable competition, the seed that breeds such human misery. But the hope and expectancy of an insurance of profits irrespective of competency of management is as much a dream as was the Federal Farm Board activities measure of insurance of profits.

And in our intoxication we utterly forget that it is circulating credit, not money, nor panaceas, nor programs, that creates commerce and means prosperity. It is through confidence that credit is conceived and through character that it is commanded. In the swift rush of events, and by our selfish nationalistic policies, we have brought about a competition in credit appraisals that has caused us to forget all about fundamentals and taken us to the brink of commercial catastrophe. It is time for plain speaking, for facts, not fancies; for realities, not dreams; and in this spirit I say to you that the crying need of the hour is not moratoria, but morality; less faith in hypodermics, more faith in humanity; fewer trade restrictions; better trade relations; less selfishness, more service; less distrust, more respect; more responsibility, less repudiations; less hate and more love of fellow-man—internally and internationally.

But the murky skies in the past have now and then revealed a ray of hope and sunshine. It is wholesome to reflect that through all this period of time, similarly through the pages of civilization, written in days of the Dark Ages, there has been a small clear stream of credit that has flowed on in defiance of all of these trade restrictions and barriers, in defiance of all obstacles that human ingenuity has invented to impede its flow. Some times it has had to fight its way figuratively through the obstructions that have been placed in its path. And it is that small stream of credit, still alive, still battling heroically, which will form the body of a new river of credit.

Through all of this period there have been concerns who still exercised faith in their customers, whose customers still respected the fairness of the appraisal of credit by their sources of supply. And during these trying years our organization has done everything within its power to keep undiminished that stream of credit. The challenge that comes down to us to-day is to build into a river of such volume that once again it will reach out and fertilize the fields of commerce.

Presidential Proclamation Fixes Immigration Quotas For Next Fiscal Year.

A Presidential proclamation was issued on June 19 fixing immigration quotas for the next fiscal year. Associated Press accounts from Washington June 19 indicating this added:

The quotas for the principal nations follow:

Austria	1,413	Irish Free State	17,853
Belgium	1,304	Italy	5,802
Czechoslovakia	2,874	Netherlands	3,153
Denmark	1,181	Norway	2,377
France	3,086	Poland	6,524
Germany	25,957	Russia	2,712
Great Britain & Northern Ireland	65,721	Sweden	3,314

The fixing of the quotas is an annual formality. As a matter of fact, in recent years immigration has been reduced to a veritable minimum far below the quota figures, principally by the imposition of the rule that no immigrant is to be admitted who may become a public charge.

Representative Snell, Republican Leader in House, Attacks Record of President and Democratic Congress—Says Democrats Are on "Spending Spree" and Misdemean Nation Through "Tricky Book-keeping"—Charges Federal Expenditures Have Been More Than Doubled—Senator Robinson and Representative Byrns Deny Charges and Declare Platform Pledges Fulfilled—Gold Move Defended.

A general attack upon the administration of President Roosevelt and upon the record of the Democratic-controlled Congress was launched on June 25 in a prepared statement by Representative Bertrand H. Snell of New York, Republican leader in the House of Representatives. Mr. Snell's statement, which was generally construed as the beginning of the Republican campaign for the control of Congress in 1934, stressed particularly the Democratic claim of a nearly-balanced budget, and he declared that instead of reducing Federal expenditures 25% the administration had, in the special session of Congress, more than doubled them. He asserted that the Federal budget was more out of balance to-day than at any time in history with the exception of a single year during the World War. The extra session, he charged, not only worked "profound changes in the laws and the Constitution" but also "appropriated more money, levied more and heavier new taxes and authorized a larger bond issuance, calling for heavier annual interest charges than

any Congress in the history of the United States," save in World War days. Representative Snell said that Congress in 100 days appropriated \$4,400,000,000; continued the new special taxes of \$400,000,000, imposed a year ago by a Democratic Congress; added \$220,000,000 in new taxes, and authorized the issuance of \$8,560,000,000 in new Government securities. These activities, he continued, have so increased the interest-bearing debt that it "will exceed by \$5,000,000,000 the peak of our public debt during the World War."

Mr. Snell's statements were challenged on the following day (June 26) by Democratic leaders of the Senate and the House. Senator Joseph T. Robinson, Democratic leader of the Senate, made public an analysis of the record of the extra session of Congress in which he said that the Democratic platform pledges had been fulfilled wherever final action was possible, and that the remaining problems had been advanced to a stage which promises early results. He denied that Congress was a mere "rubber stamp" for President Roosevelt, and he emphasized the evidences of business revival and improvement of industrial and agricultural conditions. Representative Joseph W. Byrns of Tennessee, Democratic leader of the House, issued a direct reply to Representative Snell through the Democratic National Committee. He challenged various figures cited by Mr. Snell with regard to Democratic economy, and denied that the extra session of Congress had gone on a "spending spree."

Representative Snell's statement and Senator Robinson's reply were both published in the Congressional Record. In the opinion of political observers, they will probably be employed as campaign material by the two parties. Representative Snell's remarks were described as follows, in Washington advices to the New York "Herald Tribune" on June 25:

Instead of the budget being balanced, Mr. Snell contended that it was not balanced in fact and that the Administration was resorting to "the device of keeping two sets of books" and "tricky bookkeeping."

"There has been a persistent attempt upon the part of this Administration to make the public believe the budget had been balanced," Mr. Snell said. "It is doing this through the device of keeping two sets of books. One set is known as the 'ordinary budget.' The other set is known as the 'extraordinary budget.' The 'ordinary budget' consists purely of operating expenses. The 'extraordinary budget' consists of major expenditures, labeled 'emergency' or 'capital investments.'

"That is a delightful way of fooling one's self, until the day of reckoning is at hand. But the time comes quickly when the householder who runs his financial affairs in this manner appears in the bankruptcy court. The obligations which he has incurred must be paid, regardless of whether he classifies them as 'ordinary' or 'extraordinary.'

"So it is with this Government. Tricky bookkeeping, devised to conceal from the public the real financial condition of the Government may succeed in its purpose for a brief time, but it does not pay off the debt. It does not stop the drain on the public credit. It does not stop the increase in interest charges. It does not halt the upward march of Federal taxes.

Charges Trick Bookkeeping.

"Heretofore there has been no deception regarding our Federal expenditures. Since the organization of this Government, under both parties, our methods of handling the public's money have been subject to no concealment. For example, appropriations for Federal aid in public highway construction were carried in the regular appropriation bill for the Department of Agriculture, because the Public Highway Bureau is an integral part of the Agricultural Department, and the Secretary of Agriculture is held responsible for its administration and for the proper expenditure of the Federal funds for public highway work. In like manner, and for like reasons, the public buildings appropriations appeared in the routine budget of the Treasury Department, new Navy construction was properly included in the regular appropriation bill for the Navy and reclamation appropriations appeared in the routine appropriation bill of the Department of the Interior. And so on. By this method the people knew what their Government was costing them. If at the end of the year there was a deficit, they at least knew where and how that deficit had been created.

"Under the 'new deal,' the Federal expenditures for public highway construction, public buildings, naval construction, reclamation and other like expenditures are no longer found in the budgets of those departments that spend the money. They are kept in another set of books. They are classified as 'capital investments,' and when the budget is to be balanced these expenditures are completely ignored.

"But bookkeeping or no bookkeeping, the \$400,000,000 appropriation for public highway construction made by the special session of Congress just closed must be paid by the taxpayers. So, too, must the \$247,000,000 of new construction for the Navy, and the \$50,000,000 authorized for work in reclamation, irrigation and drainage projects, and the billions of dollars that are to be expended by the Treasury Department for public buildings. You cannot escape the sheriff and the debtors' court by the mental process of capitalizing your debts and calling them investments.

"Had the Republican administration adopted this trick of budget-balancing by keeping two sets of books, the deficit of \$903,000,000 for the fiscal year of 1931 which the Democrats in Congress characterized as 'stupendous' and 'staggering' would have been transformed into a handsome surplus of \$360,000,000 and the Democratic party would have been deprived of one of its principal campaign issues. The Republican administration spent the money and kept the account in only one set of books which are always open to the public. It attempted no deception in order to lull the people into a false sense of financial security."

Mr. Snell likened some of the legislation of the recent extra session to that of Soviet Russia.

"This Congress," he said, "set up the most elaborate system of bureaucratic dictation that has ever been known to the civilized world outside of Russia and in some respects equal to that of Russia. This was done in the provisions of the domestic farm-allotment act and the national recovery act. Under the provisions of those laws Federal officials are empowered to put a Federal agent on every farm and in the office of every factory for

the express purpose of dictating to agricultural and industrial producers conditions under which they must run their private affairs and imposing penalties of the law for disregard of bureaucratic orders."

Representative Snell also emphasized that the Democrats had repudiated their platforms of the last half century by repealing the anti-trust laws.

Criticism of the industrial control legislation and the agricultural control legislation by Mr. Snell was taken here to mean that Republican leaders had become convinced there will be a popular reaction against these measures when they are put into practical operation and that it is the purpose of the Republicans to take advantage of this reaction.

Representative Snell also dwelt on the action of the extra session in conferring vast powers on the President.

Sees Constitution Violated.

"In some instances," said Mr. Snell, "in direct violation of the United States Constitution and in practically all instances in violation of the traditions and practices of this republic, extending over a period of 150 years, this Congress gave to the President of the United States more power than was given to Lincoln to save the nation or to Wilson to win the World War."

"There never has been such a travesty upon representative Government," he said, "as the procedure of the House of Representatives of the extraordinary session of the seventy-third Congress. Bills were written in the executive departments of the Government, sent to the House and ordered passed as written. In some cases, bills have been passed before they were printed, before any copies were available even for the leaders of the House or members of the committees sponsoring them, without any one knowing what they contained.

"Those bills were passed under special rules which made of the House of Representatives merely a rubber stamp to furnish the necessary legality to the desires of the executive branch of the Government. Those rules permitted no amendments to be offered to the bills in question, but the rules were not intended to be partisan. They were not directed at the Republican minority. They were merely intended to prevent freedom of action upon the part of the House of Representatives.

"All this was done upon the ground that dire emergencies existed, which could not be handled except by a highly centralized authority. Haste was represented as being the essential need of the hour.

"With much of the legislation the Republican minority heartily agrees with the President that it is purely 'an experiment.' No time was permitted for careful analysis of or sober second thought upon that legislation. As Professor Raymond Moley, Assistant Secretary of State and probably the closest adviser of the President, stated in a public article during the time Congress was in session:

"We are conscious of the danger that there is so little time to think."

"In the opinion of the Republican minority much of the legislation of this session furnishes conclusive proof the danger referred to by Professor Moley was very real."

The New York "Times" in a Washington dispatch June 26, carried the following summary of the statements by Senator Robinson and Representative Byrns:

Every pledge of the Democratic platform has been fulfilled or is well on the way to fulfillment, Senator Robinson, floor leader, said to-day in a statement outlining the work accomplished by the administration and Congress in the special session.

The Senator did not mention the criticism of the administration by Representative Snell, the Republican leader, published this morning, but reviewed step by step the legislation of the session and compared each act with a platform plank.

"Taken in connection with the Executive acts of President Roosevelt, it furnishes incontrovertible evidence that the pledges of the platform upon which the present administration was elected have all been kept when final action was possible, and the remaining problems have been advanced to a stage which promises early ultimate results," he said.

Upholds Action on Gold.

The Senator asserted that the sound currency plank adopted at Chicago "did not commit the administration to the obligation to maintain the gold standard in spite of the fact that nearly all other commercial nations of prominence might abandon it."

The Emergency Economy Bill, in connection with authorization for Government reorganization, was estimated to result in savings "in excess of" \$1,000,000,000, but this estimate, he said, "has been modified by other legislation favorable to veterans, which tends to reduce" the savings to "about \$1,000,000,000, he went on, which is equal to a reduction of about 25% of expenditures, as pledged in the party platform."

The combined measures accomplished the balancing of the budget, Mr. Robinson said.

"It is proper to state that measures have been enacted authorizing the employment of Government credit for purposes deemed essential to National recovery," he continued, but it should also be stated that, for the most part, additional revenues have been levied to service these unusual Federal activities, such as unemployment relief, public works, and industrial control.

"The continuation of somewhat irksome taxes and the imposition of higher rates in some instances, in order to support essential sinking-fund arrangements, is believed to be fully justified as the sound and proper method of maintaining the National credit while initiating undertakings calculated and intended to revive business and revitalize industry."

Congress "Not Rubber Stamp."

Senator Robinson declared that Congress had not been a rubber stamp. "I know of no other instance of equal co-operation by a legislative body with the Executive," he stated. "There have been differences of opinion regarding detail, but they have been quickly composed and the desired result obtained. The most obvious necessity of emergency legislation has been a speedy passport for its enactment, while other measures less urgent, or seemingly so, have been debated in considerable detail.

"It is hoped that all the legislation will prove effective as a stimulus of business activities. If what has been accomplished does bring the country back to normal and permanent prosperity, the co-operation of the majority of Republican members of this body and House of Representatives must be acknowledged as they have reciprocated for action by the Democrats in the past Congress."

Representative Snell's charges of a "spending spree" drew a reply from Representative Byrns of Tennessee majority leader. He said that a number of items of appropriation to which Mr. Snell objected were either consolidations, designed eventually to save money, or were planned to meet an emergency. These included the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Farm Credit Administration, the Home Owners' Loan Act and unemployment relief legislation.

"But the chief source of his complaint," said Mr. Byrns, "seems to be in the National Industrial Recovery and Public Works Act, which provides an appropriation of \$3,300,000,000.

"He does not point out that the Industrial Recovery Act is to be financed by a bond issue, and that the actual money required in the way of new revenue to amortize the bonds is \$227,000,000 annually, which revenue has already been provided for by a half-cent tax on gasoline, changes in the income and profit tax section of the Revenue Act of 1932 and a 5% tax on stock dividends.

"Now the plain facts are that the actual cost of Government, as a result of the activities of the special session of Congress, have been reduced approximately \$1,000,000,000. The 1934 budget will be substantially balanced.

"Perhaps the most important fact in refutation of Mr. Snell's statement that can be cited is that, since the Democratic party organized the House at the beginning of the Seventy-second Congress, including that Congress and this special session, there has been a total reduction of appropriations for the ordinary operations of the Government amounting to \$2,840,470,452.

New Offering of \$100,000,000 or Thereabouts of 91-Day Treasury Bills—To Be Dated July 5 1933.

Tenders to a new offering of Treasury bills to the amount of \$100,000,000 or thereabouts were received at the Federal Reserve banks, or the branches thereof, up to 2 p.m., Eastern Standard time, yesterday (June 30). Tenders were not received at the Treasury Department, Wash. The bids to the bills were invited on June 27 by Acting Secretary of the Treasury Dean G. Acheson. They are 91-day bills, dated July 5 and maturing Oct. 4 1933. On the maturity date the face amount will be payable without interest. The bills will be used to meet an issue of \$100,096,000 maturing July 5. Acting Secretary Acheson's announcement follows in part:

The bills will be sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders. They will be issued in bearer form only, and in amounts or denominations of \$1,000, \$10,000, \$100,000, \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 (maturity value).

No tender for an amount less than \$1,000 will be considered. Each tender must be in multiples of \$1,000. The price offered must be expressed on the basis of 100, with not more than three decimal places, e.g., 99.125. Fractions must not be used.

Tenders will be accepted without cash deposit from incorporated banks and trust companies and from responsible and recognized dealers in investment securities. Tenders from others must be accompanied by a deposit of 10% of the face amount of Treasury bills applied for, unless the tenders are accompanied by an express guaranty of payment by an incorporated bank or trust company.

Immediately after the closing hour for receipt of tenders on June 30 1933, all tenders received at the Federal Reserve banks or branches thereof up to the closing hour will be opened and public announcement of the acceptable prices will follow as soon as possible thereafter, probably on the following morning. The Secretary of the Treasury expressly reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or parts of tenders, and to allot less than the amount applied for, and his action in any such respect shall be final. Those submitting tenders will be advised of the acceptance or rejection thereof. Payment at the price offered for Treasury bills allotted must be made at the Federal Reserve banks in cash or other immediately available funds on July 5 1933.

The Treasury bills will be exempt, as to principal and interest, and any gain from the sale or other disposition thereof will also be exempt, from all taxation, except estate and inheritance taxes. No loss from the sale or other disposition of the Treasury bills shall be allowed as a deduction, or otherwise recognized, for the purposes of any tax now or hereafter imposed by the United States or any of its possessions.

Dean Acheson, acting Secretary of the Treasury, announced yesterday that the tenders had amounted to \$242,687,000, of which \$100,010,000 was accepted. The accepted bids ranged in price from 99.940, equivalent to a rate of about 0.24% per annum, to 99.922, equivalent to a rate of about 0.31% on a bank discount basis. Only part of the amount bid for at the latter price was accepted. The average price of Treasury bills to be issued is 99.929, and the average rate is about 0.28%.

Tenders of \$75,697,000 Accepted to Offering of \$75,000,000 or Thereabouts of 91-Day Treasury Bills Dated June 22—Tenders of \$209,956,000 Received—Average Rate 0.27%.

Bids totaling \$209,956,000 were received to the offering of \$75,000,000 or thereabouts of 91-day Treasury bills dated June 28, (referred to in our issue of June 24, page 4379) Dean G. Acheson, Acting Secretary of the Treasury announced on June 26. Tenders totaling \$75,697,000 were accepted to the offering to the bills which were sold at the Federal Reserve Bank, or the branches thereof, up to 2 p.m., Eastern Standard time, June 26. The bills were sold at an average rate on a bank discount basis of 0.27% which compares with previous rate of 0.24% (bills dated June 21); 0.27% (bills dated June 7) and 0.42% (bills dated May 24). The average price of the bills to be issued is 99.931. Acting Secretary Acheson's announcement as reported in Washington advices, June 26, to the New York "Herald Tribune" of June 27 follows:

Dean G. Acheson, acting Secretary of the Treasury, announced that the tenders for \$75,000,000 or thereabouts of 91-day Treasury bills, dated June 28, which were opened at the Federal Reserve banks to-day (June 26) amounted to \$209,956,000, of which \$75,697,000 was accepted.

The accepted bids ranged in price from 99.950, equivalent to a rate of about 0.20% a year, to 99.919, equivalent to a rate of about 0.32%, on a bank discount basis. The average price of Treasury bills to be issued is 99.931, making the average rate about 0.27%.

President Roosevelt in Addressing 1,000 Farm Youths Urges Them to Devote Themselves to Timber as Well as Other Crops—Commodity Indispensable to Country He Says.

In addressing 1,000 farm boys from all sections of the country on June 12 who are members of the Future Farmers of America, President Roosevelt urged that they devote themselves to their timberlands as "trees are just as much a crop as wheat, cotton or potatoes or anything else." The boy farmers came to Washington to inspect activities of the Department of Agriculture. In receiving the youths, President Roosevelt said that "I am very glad to welcome you to Washington and I wish I had the time and opportunity to participate in your meetings, because they are of very personal as well as official interest to me." President Roosevelt continued, according to Washington advices to the New York "Times" of June 13:

I want to say a word or two to you. You are the younger generation who are going to have in your hands the future of American rural life.

I myself was born on a farm, so I know something about it. This is no news to you who are engaged in the profession of agriculture, but you know perfectly that the odds are a thousand to one against your becoming millionaires as farmers.

But you will be doing something more important than becoming millionaires. You will be building up for future generations the soundest kind of American life and will, I think, know that even though you do not make a great deal of money, the odds are a thousand to one that you will never starve. And you will always have a roof over your heads, and you will have good educational facilities, and that is a great deal more than many in industrial life can be assured of.

I want you all to do all you can to bring home to this country the advantages of rural life. In regard to farming itself, you know we are engaged to-day for the first time in a program on a very large scale to save the timber supply of this country. We all know the need and necessity for lumber. It is one commodity that is indispensable to us in this country.

We have only a timber supply of the old virgin type to supply the nation for 30 or 40 years. We are using up this timber about four times as fast as it grows. There are a great many farmers that have not wooded lots that ought to have them.

I believe this country can be made self-sustaining from the standpoint of its own timber supply. That can be accomplished in the national forests, in the Appalachian and Rocky Mountain forests, where we can grow lumber on a wholesale basis.

Each farm can provide for its own lumber and timber needs. Trees are just as much a crop as wheat, cotton or potatoes or anything else.

There are going to be more and more people living in the cities or living in small places who will see the advantages of living on farms, and you may be quite sure that what you are doing to-day is going to make for a better-rounded national life.

So let me tell you that you are performing a real service for the future of the country. You are doing a fine job. Go back home to your States and counties and keep up the good work. It has been fine to see you. Many thanks.

Text of Administration's Revenue Bill Signed by Pres. Roosevelt—Embodies Gasoline Tax, Power Tax and Modified Postage Rates.

Authorization for the continuance of the one-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax, reduction of local postage from 3 to 2 cents and transfer of the 3% power tax from consumer to producer is contained in a bill signed by President Roosevelt on June 16. A deadlock in Congress of many weeks over the proposals was broken on June 9 when the House by a vote of 196 to 182 approved the Johnson amendment exempting municipally owned power plants from the producers' 3% electricity tax in the gasoline bill. Associated Press advices from Washington June 9 said:

The House by this action instructed its conferees to accept the Senate amendment, offered by Senator Johnson (Rep.) of California.

The 3% tax will apply to all privately owned power plants. It is transferred from the consumers to the producers.

The measure now has to go back to the Senate for final approval, due to a technicality in parliamentary procedure.

Only this formality remained before final Congressional approval which will send the bill to the President.

The latter were agreed to formally by the House.

The conferees were agreed on all other phases of the bill continuing the one cent a gallon gasoline tax for 12 months from June 30, and reducing local first-class postage from three to two cents.

The Senate agreed to the report on June 9. The following is the new legislation as enacted into law and signed by President Roosevelt.

[H. R. 5040]

AN ACT

To extend the gasoline tax for one year, to modify postage rates on mail matter, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Sec. 629 of the Revenue Act of 1932 is amended by striking out the following: "or after June 30 1933, in the case of articles taxable under Sec. 617, relating to the tax on gasoline."

Sec. 2. The President is authorized during the period ending June 30 1934 to proclaim such modifications of postage rates on mail matter (except that in the case of first-class matter the rate shall not be reduced to less than two cents an ounce or fraction thereof) as, after a survey by him, he may deem advisable by reason of increase in business, the interests of the public, or the needs of the Postal Service, and such modifications shall be in effect on and after such date as he shall proclaim and until July 1 1934. In case a modification of the rate of postage on first-class matter is proclaimed, the President shall also make a corresponding modification in the percentages of gross postal receipts specified in Sec. 1001 (c) of the Revenue Act of 1932 as amended by this Act, which percentages shall be in effect during the period such modification of the rate of postage on first-

class matter is in effect. Nothing in this section shall be construed as giving the President authority to change the rate fixed by law on first-class matter mailed for local delivery, postal cards, and private mailing or post cards.

Sec. 3. (a) Sec. 1001 (a) of the Revenue Act of 1932 is amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting a colon and the following: "Provided, That such additional rate shall not apply on or after July 1 1933 to first-class matter mailed for local delivery."

(b) The first sentence of Sec. 1001 (c) of the Revenue Act of 1932 is amended, effective July 1 1933, by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting a comma and the following: "except that in the case of such post offices as have city or village letter-carrier service 90 per centum of the gross postal receipts shall be counted for such purpose."

Sec. 4. (a) Effective fifteen days after the date of the enactment of this Act, Sec. 620 of the Revenue Act of 1932 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 620. Tax-free Sales.

"Under regulations prescribed by the Commissioner with the approval of the Secretary, no tax under this title shall be imposed with respect to the sale of any article—

"(1) for use by the vendee as material in the manufacture or production of, or as a component part of, an article enumerated in this title;

"(2) for resale by the vendee for such use by his vendee, if such article is in due course so resold;

"(3) for resale by the vendee to a State or political subdivision thereof for use in the exercise of an essential governmental function, if such article is in due course so resold.

For the purposes of this title the manufacturer or producer to whom an article is sold under paragraph (1) or resold under paragraph (2) shall be considered the manufacturer or producer of such article. The provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not apply with respect to tires or inner tubes or articles enumerated in Sec. 604, relating to the tax on furs."

(b) Effective fifteen days after the date of the enactment of this Act, Sec. 601 (c) (1) of the Revenue Act of 1932 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Under regulations prescribed by the Commissioner with the approval of the Secretary, no tax shall be imposed under this section upon lubricating oils sold to a manufacturer or producer of lubricating oils for resale by him, but for the purposes of this title such vendee shall be considered the manufacturer or producer of such lubricating oils."

(c) Effective fifteen days after the date of the enactment of this Act, Sec. 621 (a) of the Revenue Act of 1932 is amended by inserting after paragraph (2) thereof the following new paragraph:

"(3) to a manufacturer, producer, or importer in the amount of tax paid by him under this title with respect to the sale of any article to a dealer, if the manufacturer, producer, or importer has in his possession such evidence as the regulations may prescribe that (A) such article has after the date this paragraph takes effect been delivered by the dealer to a State or political subdivision thereof for use in the exercise of an essential governmental function and (B) the manufacturer, producer, or importer has repaid or agreed to repay the amount of such tax to the dealer or has obtained the consent of the dealer to the allowance of the credit or refund."

Sec. 5. Effective fifteen days after the date of the enactment of this Act, Title IV of the Revenue Act of 1932 is amended by adding at the end thereof a new section to read as follows:

Sec. 630. Exemption from Tax of Certain Supplies for Vessels.

"Under regulations prescribed by the Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary, no tax under this title shall be imposed upon any article sold for use as fuel supplies, ships' stores, sea stores, or legitimate equipment on vessels of war of the United States or of any foreign nation, vessels employed in the fisheries or in the whaling business, or actually engaged in foreign trade or trade between the Atlantic and Pacific ports of the United States or between the United States and any of its possessions. Articles manufactured or produced with the use of articles upon the importation of which tax has been paid under this title, if laden for use as supplies on such vessels, shall be held to be exported for the purposes of Sec. 601 (b)."

Sec. 6. (a) Effective Sept. 1 1933, Sec. 616 of the Revenue Act of 1932 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 616. Tax on Electrical Energy for Domestic or Commercial Consumption.

"(a) There is hereby imposed upon electrical energy sold for domestic or commercial consumption and not for resale a tax equivalent to 3 per centum of the price for which so sold, to be paid by the vendor under such rules and regulations as the Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary, shall prescribe. The sale of electrical energy to an owner or lessee of a building, who purchases such electrical energy for resale to the tenants therein, shall for the purposes of this section be considered as a sale for consumption and not for resale, but the resale to the tenant shall not be considered a sale for consumption.

"(b) The provisions of Secs. 619, 622, and 625 shall not be applicable with respect to the tax imposed by this section.

"(c) No tax shall be imposed under this section upon electrical energy sold to the United States or to any State or Territory, or political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia. None of the provisions of this section shall apply to publicly owned electric and power plants. The right to exemption under this subsection shall be evidenced in such manner as the Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary, may, by regulation, prescribe."

(b) Despite the provisions of this section the tax imposed under Sec. 616 of the Revenue Act of 1932 before its amendment by this section on electrical energy furnished before Sept. 1 1933 shall be imposed, collected, and paid in the same manner and shall be subject to the same provisions of law (including penalties) as if this section had not been enacted.

Approved, June 16 1933, 1 p. m.

Additions to Staff of Federal Emergency Relief Administration—C. M. Bookman, Corrington Gill and Bruce McClure Named.

Addition of three staff members to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration was announced on June 27 at Washington by Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Emergency Relief administrator. They are: C. M. Bookman, technical Advisor; Corrington Gill, director of research and statistics and Bruce McClure, Secretary of the Administration. The announcement reported in part as follows with regard to the new members:

Mr. Bookman is also executive director of the Community Chest of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio, and past President of the National Conference of Social Work. He also holds the position of Secretary of the National Association of Community Chests and Councils and was its President in 1928.

Mr. Gill came from the Federal Employment Stabilization Board where he was Chief Economist and Statistician. He organized its economic and statistical staff and inaugurated research necessary to report to the President on business conditions, construction activities, and employment. Simultaneously he assisted in the advanced planning of Federal public works.

Previously, Mr. Gill was engaged in private research and consultation on business conditions and statistical problems. He is the author of numerous articles on economics.

From 1923 to 1927 he was Business Manager of the Washington Press Service representing some 40 newspapers throughout the country.

Mr. McClure was Managing Editor of the "Elk's Magazine" for four years previous to coming to Washington. Before that he was in charge of book advertising and promotion for the publishing house of Harper & Brothers in New York and in similar work with the Macmillan Co.

Executive Order Authorizes Federal Acquisition of Six to Eight Million Acres in East and South as Part of Reforestation Program—Cost Would Approximate \$20,000,000.

An executive order by President Roosevelt, authorizing the purchase of between six million and eight million acres of timber and farm land in 20 Eastern and Southern States as part of the Government's reforestation program, was announced on June 20 by Robert Fechner, Director of the Civilian Conservation Corps. It was indicated that the acquisition of this land at a cost of approximately \$20,000,000 would double the acreage of national forests in the Eastern section of the country. Further details of the plan, as reported in Associated Press Washington advices on June 20, follow:

The acreage would come from the so-called "purchase areas" of land for addition to national forests decided on by the National Forest Reservation Commission.

There are 42 of these areas in the following States: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

The number of acres to be acquired in each one has not yet been decided. The reforestation program would be extended to some of the new areas as the land is acquired. A considerable portion of the projected acreage is located near existing reforestation camps.

The purchases will be approved by the Forest Reservation Commission whose members are. Secretaries Dern, Ickes and Wallace; Senators George, Democrat, or Georgia, and Keyes, Republican, of New Hampshire, and Representatives Doxey, Democrat, of Mississippi, and Clarke, Republican, of New York.

Funds for the purchase, although allocated, have not yet been made available but this is expected in the immediate future.

Progress Reported by Farm Credit Administration in Plan for Refinancing of \$50,000,000 Farm Mortgages in Wisconsin Banks Closed or Operating under Restrictions.

The Farm Credit Administration announced, on June 24, that definite progress had been made in launching the State-wide plan of refinancing through the Federal Land Bank system approximately \$50,000,000 in farm mortgages now held by Wisconsin banks which are either closed or operating under restrictions. The plan was referred to in our June 24 issue, page 4383. The announcement of the Farm Credit Administration, under date of June 24, was released for publication June 26. It said:

Under this plan, proposed on June 16 by Henry Morgenthau Jr., Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, Wisconsin is being used as a testing ground in determining to what extent the Government can be of benefit to both farmers and depositors in rural banks. With the experience in Wisconsin serving as a guide, a canvass is being made in other States to find out what the situation is at the present time and what can be done to bring relief where farm mortgages are held by closed or restricted banks.

Paul Bestor, Land Bank Commissioner, and W. I. Myers, Deputy Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, have just returned from Madison, Wis., where they were co-operating with State officials in establishing a temporary office to be used in handling the loans. They report that plans, worked out jointly by officials of the Farm Credit Administration; Leo T. Crowley, Chairman of the Wisconsin State Executive Committee, and F. H. Klawon, President of the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul, are being put into operation.

Fifty-four men, including appraisers, already are in the field at work. Beginning to-day, more men will be trained to assist in making appraisals. Approximately 900 mortgaged farms in the Southeastern counties of Wisconsin are ready for appraisal.

A correlating committee, representing the Federal and State Governments, the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul, and the State College of Agriculture of the University of Wisconsin, is seeing that all shoulders are kept at the wheel to bring about speedy action, so that the farm mortgage situation in Wisconsin can be cleared up during the next six months.

In providing cash for use in this refinancing program for Wisconsin, it has been agreed that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will lend up to \$35,000,000 on the security of the new consolidated farm loan bonds authorized by the Emergency Farm Mortgage Act. With this money the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul will be able to take over farm mortgages held by Wisconsin banks which are in a non-liquid condition. These mortgages will be purchased for cash by the St. Paul Land Bank after valuations have been placed on them through appraisals made by field appraisers of the Farm Credit Administration.

According to the preliminary plan to be followed under the co-operative arrangement, the Wisconsin State Banking Department will make available farm mortgage lists divided into groups, showing those in closed banks, deferred banks, and restricted banks in each county in Wisconsin. These lists will be turned over to the appraisers, who will make their reports to the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul for analysis and recommendations. The Bank's recommendations will then be made to the Wisconsin State Banking Department at Madison.

These recommendations will be divided into groups for action, as follows:

(a) Those loans requiring no adjustment go direct to liquidating agents in closed banks or to the Board of Directors in the deferred or restricted banks, who are to assist farmers in making direct application for loans through their Farm Loan Associations. (Application forms are made up and should be sent along with recommendations to liquidating agents who in turn pass same on to farmer.)

(b) All loans involving scale-downs in deferred and restricted banks go straight to the directors of those banks, together with letter of recommendation.

(c) Those other loans involving scale-downs in closed banks go to State Mediation Committee, and their recommendations will be communicated to the liquidating agents in the closed banks.

(d) Where entire amount of loan is made by the Agent of the Land Bank Commissioner, application does not have to go through local Farm Loan Association.

The price to be paid for the mortgages will be governed by the limits fixed by the Farm Mortgage Act, which sets a maximum of 50% of the appraised normal value of the land plus 20% of the value of permanent insured improvements. Where principal of mortgages under this provision is reduced, mortgage debtors will gain the advantage both of the reduced principal and of the lower interest rate, and also more liberal terms of payment provided for Land Bank mortgages in the Emergency Farm Mortgage Act.

A preliminary study of some of the mortgages indicates that they may be handled without being scaled down, while others will require a substantial reduction in the face value of the mortgage in order to come within the appraisal provisions of the law, and still others may not be eligible for Land Bank loans. Some cases may require a first mortgage loan from the Federal Land Bank and a second from the Land Bank Commissioner, who is able to make loans on both first and second mortgages, as provided for in the Emergency Farm Mortgage Act. The limit on the latter loan is \$5,000.

Federal Unemployment Relief Funds Cannot Be Handled by Private Groups, According to Ruling by Administrator Hopkins—Must Be Distributed by Public Bodies After Aug. 1.

On June 26 Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Emergency Relief Administrator, stipulated Aug. 1 as the date by which State relief administrations must have all distributions of Federal funds for unemployment relief under public agencies. He also ruled on several items of relief expenditures involving Federal money. In many States, he said, relief funds to date have been handled in the communities by so-called private welfare agencies not legally responsible to local State governmental authority. Mr. Hopkins's ruling prohibits the turning over of Federal funds to a private agency. The unemployed must apply to a public agency for relief, and this must be furnished direct to the applicant by a public agent.

Governors of the States and their relief executives were notified of the ruling directly by Mr. Hopkins, and the field representatives of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration were instructed to assist them in making the necessary changes. Mr. Hopkins says:

Grants to States under the Federal Emergency Relief Act of 1933 are to be administered by public agencies, and just as all State commissions responsible for the distribution of Federal and State funds to local communities are public bodies, so, in turn, should those local units be public agencies responsible for the expenditure of public funds in the same manner as any other municipal or county department.

This policy obviously must be interpreted on a realistic basis in many parts of the United States. Hundreds of private agencies scattered throughout the land have freely and generously offered their services in the administration of public funds. It would be a serious handicap to relief work if the abilities and interests of these individuals were lost. But these individuals should be made public officials, working under the control of public authority. Thousands of these workers are serving and will continue to serve without pay, but if paid, they should be compensated in the same manner as any other public servant.

Mr. Hopkins pointed out that it was not the intention of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration to instruct the several States to make hasty changes in agreements which the State administrations may have made with private agencies. Adjustments must be made, however, he said, and asked the State executives to take up with him specific instances requiring interpretation. Mr. Hopkins also notified the Governors and their executives that the Federal Emergency Relief Administration has ruled that:

Grants made to the States from Federal funds under the Federal Emergency Relief Act of 1933 may be used for the payment of medical attendance and medical supplies for those families that are receiving relief.

Those funds may not be used for the payment of hospital bills or for the boarding out of children, either in institutions or in private homes, or for providing general institutional care. These necessary services for the destitute should be made available through State or local funds.

These funds may also be used to pay the cost of shelter for the needy unemployed.

The personnel employed on work relief projects by the States or their subdivisions are not Federal employees and must not be considered as such; therefore premiums for accident insurance in connection with work relief programs may not be paid from Federal funds, but should be paid out of State or local moneys.

Total of \$136,017,201 Loaned to 106,394 Farmers and Stockmen by Regional Agricultural Credit Corporations Up to May 27 1933—Repayments \$8,330,427.

Henry Morgenthau Jr., Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, announced on June 9 that a total of \$136,017,201.37 had been loaned 106,394 farmers and stockmen

by the regional agricultural credit corporations up to May 27 1933, the day these corporations were transferred by Executive Order from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the Farm Credit Administration. Up to that date, borrowers had repaid \$8,330,426.85, leaving them owing a total of \$127,686,774.52. Most of these credit corporations were established during September and October 1932.

Mr. Morgenthau's announcement continued:

The loans are made by 12 regional and 21 branch offices in the United States and 1 sub-office in Puerto Rico. The amount loaned in each region is as follows:

District—	Amount Loaned.	District—	Amount Loaned.
Albany, N. Y.-----	\$3,127,478.11	Sioux City, Iowa-----	\$31,768,965.95
Baltimore, Md.-----	774,249.26	Wichita, Kan.-----	17,477,196.34
Raleigh, N. C.-----	3,707,000.14	Fort Worth, Tex.-----	10,995,938.67
Columbus, Ohio-----	1,376,979.00	Salt Lake City, Utah-----	11,611,309.16
Jackson, Miss-----	3,429,324.07	Spokane, Wash-----	25,737,078.40
St. Louis, Mo-----	3,062,673.21		
Minneapolis, Minn-----	22,949,009.06	Total-----	\$136,017,201.37

Report As of May 31 of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks.

Charles R. Dunn, fiscal agent for the Twelve Federal Intermediate Credit Banks which were created under act of Congress in 1923 to provide agricultural credits for an intermediate period, made public on June 29 the consolidated statement of these banks as of May 31 1933. The report is said to show total assets of \$124,771,246, including loans and discounts of \$82,668,064, U. S. Government securities of \$29,622,050, other securities in the amount of \$92,175, cash deposits for matured debentures of the banks amounting to \$50,937, and cash on hand and in banks of \$6,894,093. These quick, or current, assets total \$119,327,319, compared with quick or current liabilities of \$58,958,374. The latter consist of \$58,711,205 of unmatured debentures of the banks, \$50,000 of matured debentures, and \$197,169 notes and accounts payable. The entire capital stock of the banks is owned by the U. S. Treasury. The authorized capital of each bank is \$5,000,000, or a total of \$60,000,000. Capital stock, surplus and reserves are shown as \$62,615,162 net. The total sale of debentures in 1932 was \$215,120,000. Since Jan. 1 1933 a total of \$48,570,000 of debentures has been retired to date.

The foregoing figures, according to Mr. Dunn, indicate a strong liquid condition. Loan collections be reported as having held up surprisingly well in all sections of the country. With higher prices for farm produce now prevailing, the farmer will be in still better position to meet his obligations, Mr. Dunn further said:

"There has been a continued demand for the banks' collateral trust debentures from corporations, institutions and individuals, particularly from corporations and institutions. Recent legislation by Congress may be considered most favorable from the standpoint of the service and usefulness of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks."

Processing Tax of 30 Cents a Bushel on Wheat to Become Effective July 9—Definitions of Wheat Products for Tax Purposes—Wheat Regulations Announced by Secretary of Agriculture.

The processing tax of 30 cents a bushel on wheat is to become effective July 9, according to the regulations announced June 27 by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, with the approval of President Roosevelt. The proposed tax, imposed under the provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, was referred to in these columns June 24, page 4389. The Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" on June 27 in noting the action of Acting Secretary of Agriculture R. G. Tugwell in proclaiming the processing tax said:

The maximum processing tax of 30 cents a bushel was proclaimed by Acting Secretary Tugwell despite the fact that the wheat market for the first time in several years past swept past the \$1 per bushel mark. In explanation of this action, it was declared that the maximum tax was necessary in order to close the gap between the current average farm price of wheat and the fair exchange value of wheat which is based on pre-war parity prices of wheat and industrial products purchased by the farmer.

From the same source we also quote:

Included in the proclamation of the Acting Secretary was a table of conversion factors for articles processed from wheat to determine the amount of tax imposed or refunds to be made. The conversion factors also become effective as of July 9 and apply to all floor stocks of wheat products held by manufacturers, wholesalers and others, including retail stocks which are not disposed of within 30 days.

The wheat products which will be taxed as floor stocks include flour and prepared flour, cereal preparations, bread, crackers, pretzels, macaroni, noodles, paste and foundry moulding materials, a schedule of which products is a part of the regulations.

The conversion factors also determine the amount of compensating tax to be placed on imported wheat products and the amount of refunds which are to be paid under certain provisions of the Act.

The Act exempts from the tax the grinding or cracking of wheat not in the form of flour, for feed purposes only.

The Department's proclamation was issued as follows on June 27:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
Agricultural Adjustment Administration

(Wheat Regulations, Series 1)

(Marketing year, rate of processing tax, and conversion factors)

WHEAT REGULATIONS MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT, UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACT.

*United States Department of Agriculture,
Office of the Secretary.*

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of Agriculture by the Agricultural Adjustment Act, approved May 12 1933, as amended, I, Rexford G. Tugwell, Acting Secretary of Agriculture, do make, prescribe, publish, and give public notice of these regulations with the force and effect of law, to be in force and effect until amended or superseded by regulations hereafter made by the Secretary of Agriculture, with the approval of the President, under said act.

I do hereby ascertain and prescribe that for the purposes of said act the first marketing year for wheat shall begin July 9 1933.

I do hereby determine as of July 9 1933 that the processing tax on the first domestic processing of wheat shall be at the rate of 30 cents per bushel of 60 pounds, which rate equals the difference between the current average farm price for wheat and the fair exchange value of wheat, which price and value, both as defined in said act, have been ascertained by me from available statistics of the Department of Agriculture.

I do hereby establish the following conversion factors for articles processed from wheat to determine the amount of tax imposed or refunds to be made with respect thereto:

Table of Conversion Factors.

This table of conversion factors fixes the percentage of the per bushel processing tax on wheat with respect to 100 pounds of the following articles processed from wheat. These percentages are based upon a basic conversion factor of 4.6 bushels of wheat as equaling 196 pounds of the flour designated in item 1(b) below.

Articles Processed from Wheat.	Conversion Factors.
Products of first domestic processing:	
1. Flour:	
(a) Whole wheat and graham	166.67
(b) All flour except whole wheat and graham	234.7
(c) Semolina and farina	234.7
2. Prepared flour:	
(a) Doughnut	133.8
(b) Biscuit	223.0
(c) Pancake	164.3
(d) Pie crust	140.8
3. Cereal preparations made chiefly from wheat:	
(a) Whole wheat type, including those consisting chiefly of whole wheat.	166.67
(b) All others except those consisting chiefly of bran	234.7
Products of secondary processing:	
4. Bread:	
(a) All bread except rye	161
(b) Rye	120
(c) Zwieback	154
(d) Rolls, all types, and coffee cake	161
5. Crackers	230
6. Pretzels	244
7. (a) Macaroni and spaghetti, except canned	250
(b) Canned macaroni and spaghetti	62.5
8. Noodles	238
9. Paste	185.8
10. Foundry moulding materials	132.0

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Department of Agriculture to be affixed in the city of Washington this 23rd day of June 1933.

(Signed) REXFORD G. TUGWELL,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.
GEORGE N. PEEK,
Administrator.

(Seal)

Approved:

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (Signed)
The President of the United States.
June 26 1933.

The following analysis of the application of the processing tax on wheat was made available on June 27 by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration:

1. The Agricultural Adjustment Administration to-day made public regulations signed by the Secretary of Agriculture and approved by President Roosevelt, fixing a flat processing tax, beginning July 9 1933, of 30 cents a bushel on all wheat. The Agricultural Adjustment Act provides that this tax will terminate at the end of the marketing year current at the time the Secretary proclaims that rental or benefit payments are to be discontinued with respect to wheat. The rate of 30 cents a bushel will remain in effect as provided by the Act unless the Secretary, in order to effectuate the declared policy of the Act, finds it necessary to adjust the rate.

This tax, which will be collected by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, is on the first domestic processing of all wheat processed on and after July 9. It will be necessary for all millers and other first processors of wheat to furnish the Bureau of Internal Revenue with satisfactory inventory statements as of July 9 and monthly reports showing the amount of wheat processed. The Act exempts from this tax the grinding or cracking of wheat, not in the form of flour, for feed purposes only.

2. These regulations also prescribe conversion factors which fix a tax for all flour stocks of wheat products held by manufacturers, wholesalers and others on the date the tax goes into effect. These stocks include separate retail stocks of retailers which are not disposed of within 30 days after July 9 of this year. All warehouse stocks, whether of retailers or wholesalers, are to be taxed, whether disposed of within 30 days or not.

The wheat products which will be taxed as flour stocks include flour and prepared flour, cereal preparations, bread, crackers, pretzels, macaroni and noodles, paste and foundry moulding materials, a schedule of which products is a part of the regulations.

3. The conversion factors also determine the amount of compensating tax to be placed on imported wheat products and the amount of refunds which are to be paid under certain provisions of the Act.

Realizing the great variation in the various grades of flour and other wheat products and the difficulties of classifying these articles for tax purposes, the Wheat Processing and Marketing Division, after consultation with representatives of the trades involved, arrived at an average conversion factor of 4.6 bushels of wheat for 196 pounds of flour. Under the conversion factor the flour stocks tax on flour will be 7-10ths of a cent

per pound, of \$1.38 a barrel, with a proportionate tax on the other wheat products referred to in the regulations.

4. The Act exempts from the processing tax wheat processed by or for a producer for consumption by his own family, employees, or household. This means, according to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, that a farmer may for his own consumption have his wheat ground or may procure direct from the mill grinding his wheat, in exchange for this wheat, an equivalent amount of flour made from similar wheat without any tax being imposed.

5. The Act protects organizations receiving wheat products for charitable distribution by providing for refunds of the tax to those delivering wheat products to such organizations.

6. The Bureau of Internal Revenue, which is charged with the collection of the processing tax, has prepared inventory forms and regulations which may be obtained from any Collector of Internal Revenue to whom application should be made. All questions of interpretation with respect to these taxes should be addressed to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

CONVERSION FACTORS STATED IN TERMS OF CENTS PER POUND TAX RATE.

Commodities.	Rate per Lb.
	Cents.
Products of first domestic process:	
Flour:	
Whole wheat and graham	500a
All flour except whole wheat and graham	704b
Semolina and farina	704b
Prepared flour:	
Doughnut	401
Biscuit	669
Pancake	493
Pie crust	422
Cereal preparations made chiefly from wheat:	
Whole wheat type, including those consisting chiefly of whole wheat	500
All others except those consisting chiefly of bran	704
Products of secondary processing:	
Bread:	
All bread except rye	483
Rye	360
Zwieback	462
Rolls, all types and coffee cake	483
Crackers	690
Pretzels	732
Macaroni and spaghetti, except canned	750
Canned macaroni and spaghetti	188
Noodles	714
Paste	557
Foundry moulding materials	396

a Rate per barrel, 98c. b Rate per barrel, \$1.38.

DEFINITIONS OF WHEAT PRODUCTS ADOPTED BY BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE FOR TAX PURPOSES.

Whole Wheat and Graham Flour is the clean, sound product made by grinding wheat, and contains, in their approximate natural proportions, all of the constituents of the cleaned grain.

All Flour Except Whole Wheat and Graham is the clean, sound, fine ground product, obtained in the commercial milling of wheat, and consists essentially of the starch and gluten of the endosperm. It contains not less than 1% of nitrogen, not more than 1% of ash, except durum first clears which may contain 1.2% ash, and not more than 0.5% of fiber. *Semolina* is the granular product obtained in the commercial process of milling durum wheat, and is that portion of the endosperm retained on 10XX silk bolting cloth. It contains no more flour than is consistent with good commercial practice.

Farina is the same as semolina except that it is made from hard wheat other than durum.

Prepared Doughnut Flour is a commercial preparation of flour, shortening and other ingredients commonly used in the preparation of crullers (doughnuts other than raised doughnuts) and fried cakes.

Prepared Biscuit Flour is a commercial preparation of flour, shortening and other ingredients commercially used in the preparation of short bread.

Prepared Pancake Flour is a commercial preparation containing at least 50% of wheat flour and (or) certain percentages of other flours (corn, rice, rye and buckwheat) and commonly used in the preparation of pancakes, griddle-cakes or waffles.

Prepared Piecrust Flour is a commercial preparation containing shortening and other ingredients commonly used in the preparation of piecrusts or shells.

All Bread, Except Rye, is the product made by baking a dough consisting of a leavened or unleavened mixture of ground grain and (or) other edible farinaceous substance, with potable water, and with or without the addition of other edible substances.

Rye Bread is the bread obtained by baking a dough which differs from wheat bread dough in that not less than one-third of the flour ingredient has been replaced by rye flour.

Zwieback is a commercially toasted bread.

Rolls, All Types, are the product made by baking a yeast leavened dough containing shortening and other ingredients.

Coffee Cake is included in the definition of rolls, all types.

Crackers is a thin biscuit prepared from yeast leavened doughs, or doughs which are prepared by chemical agents, and in which the predominating ingredient is flour.

Pretzels are made from a yeast raised dough, manufactured by hand or machine, submerged or precooked in a caustic solution.

Macaroni and Spaghetti are plain alimentary pastes prepared and shaped from the dry doughs made from semolina, farina, wheat flour, or from a mixture of any two or all of these flour, with or without salt, and with one or more other ingredients.

Canned Macaroni and Spaghetti consists of a mixture of cooked macaroni or spaghetti mixed with cheese or other products and hermetically sealed in tin cans.

Noodles are a form of alimentary paste, which in the course of its preparation, has been rolled or pressed into sheets or ribbons with, or without, subsequent cutting or shaping.

Paste is flour used in the preparation of adhesives.

Foundry Moulding Materials are those low-quality flours used in the preparation of sand cores.

Bankers Analyze Far-Reaching Effect of National Industrial Recovery Act on Municipal Bonds.

Municipal bankers held informal meetings in New York City on June 19 to discuss the newly enacted National Industrial Recovery legislation which is expected to play a much more important role in the municipal bond field than the powers of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation have done. The foregoing is taken from the New York "Times" of June 20, in which it was also stated:

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has been concerned with self-liquidating municipal projects, whereas the Industrial Recovery law permits the Federal Government to finance States and their political subdivisions to a far greater extent.

The Public Works Administrator, who is empowered to make grants to States and municipalities up to 30% of the cost of the labor and materials involved in the projects to be financed under the Industrial Recovery Act, will have considerable leeway, since general improvement projects may be financed as well as self-liquidating and revenue producing ones.

The methods of financing, as interpreted by municipal bankers, are as follows:

1. Bond issues to be sold direct to the Federal Government: (a) State and municipal, (b) mortgage, special assessment, revenue bonds, &c.
2. Lease: (a) rental, (b) option to purchase.

Where bonds are to be issued by the communities, sales will be advertised for bids in the usual way, with the government standing ready to bid par. It is believed that the interest rates charged will not exceed 4%. Then, with the Administrator empowered to make an out-and-out grant of 30% of the cost of labor and materials, which is designed to reduce the entire expenditure by about one-fourth, the maturities of a serial bond issue would be canceled for the first four of five years.

In other words, if a community issued bonds for a \$1,000,000 project, it would actually have to pay back only \$750,000 of the principal amount.

Under the provisions of the Act, the supply of municipal bonds coming into the market to be distributed through the usual banking channels will be materially reduced.

Terms of Wheat Processing Tax in Foodstuffs.

Associated Press accounts from Washington June 27 said:

The wheat processing tax plan announced to-day was sent by wire to President Roosevelt as he cruised up the New England coast on the Amberg II. He signed it yesterday and returned it immediately.

The tax, when reduced to terms of foodstuffs, has been figured to amount to the following sums by the pound of the following wheat products:

Whole wheat and graham flour, 98 cents a barrel.
All flour except whole wheat and graham, including semolina and farina, \$1.38 a barrel.

Prepared flour: Doughnut, .401 of a cent; biscuit, .669 of a cent; pancake, .493 of a cent; piecrust, .422 of a cent.

Whole wheat type cereal preparations made chiefly from wheat, including those consisting chiefly of whole wheat, .500 of a cent.

Cereal preparations made chiefly of bran, .704 of a cent.

All bread except rye, .483 of a cent; rye, .360; zwieback, .462; rolls, all types, and coffee cake, .483; crackers, .690; pretzels, .732; macaroni and spaghetti, except canned, .750; canned macaroni and spaghetti, .188; noodles, .714; paste, .557.

The Act exempts wheat processed by or for a producer for consumption by his own family, employees or household. Organizations receiving wheat products for charitable distribution are also exempt. Refunds of the tax will be made to those delivering wheat products to such organizations.

Where millers export flour they will be entitled to refunds equal to the amount of the tax they paid on the wheat used in manufacturing the flour.

Yearly Increase of \$150,000,000 in Bread Costs When Farm Aid Processing Tax Starts.

The bread bill of United States consumers will be increased potentially \$150,000,000 for the 12 months starting at midnight July 8, it was stated in Associated Press advices from Washington June 28, which further said:

On each bushel of wheat ground into flour after that date a processing tax of 30 cents will be levied to provide funds with which to pay cash benefits to farmers who agree to reduce their acreage for harvest in 1934 and 1935.

Approved by President Roosevelt, a formal order proclaiming the tax was issued by Dr. R. G. Tugwell, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, in the absence of Secretary Wallace, who is in the Middle West.

A maximum processing tax on cotton will be put into effect on Aug. 1, the exact amount to be announced later. It is expected to be about 4 cents a pound.

It will be used to provide funds to finance a program of reducing this year's cotton crop. A campaign is being conducted throughout the South this week to win agreements from growers to plow up from 25 to 50% of their growing fields.

If the wheat tax is passed on to consumers in exact ratio to the per bushel rate, this is what it will do:

Increase the cost of a one-pound loaf of bread .483 of a cent; of a pound of ordinary flour, .704 of a cent; of whole wheat and graham flour, .500 of a cent; of pancake flour, .493.

For a 198-pound barrel of flour the tax will amount of \$1.38. The order sets up conversion factors as a basis on which to tax flour held by millers and wholesalers or in the stage of processing, and these stocks will be taxed on the basis of 4.6 bushels of wheat equaling one barrel of flour.

B. W. Snow, Grain Statistician, Assails Acreage Reduction Plans—Wheat Surplus Needed for Self-Protection, He Declares.

America might have found necessity of importing wheat this year if acreage reduction had been in effect, B. W. Snow, La Salle Street grain statistician, said on June 28, according to Chicago advices to the New York "Herald Tribune" which continued:

Asserting "economic necessity required that every nation have food in sight to take care of its people from starvation," Mr. Snow assailed governmental plans for acreage reduction for next season as "based on a false premise."

"The widespread crop damage already suffered," he said, "re-enforces views I have previously expressed, that acreage does not determine the size of the wheat crop, or any other."

"Natural factors, sun and moisture are the ultimate determinants whether we shall have a plethora or dearth of foodstuffs."

"Just because we have had big crops for a period of five years or so does not insure that we will always have them as this season seems certain to prove."

"If America had arbitrarily reduced the wheat acreage for this season, we'd now be considering the necessity of importing it. We should possibly by acreage reductions have cut our crop 120,000,000 bushels compared with full crops of a good year. Now our loss in one State alone, because of the weather, will outstrip that aggregate."

Mr. Snow believes actual domestic distribution of wheat the coming year will eat into what some experts term "our huge surplus" of 350,000,000 bushels to the extent of 150,000,000 bushels at least.

"What will be the result," he asked, "if on top of the Government crop reduction program for next season we should sustain another unsatisfactory crop year?"

The nation must raise a surplus of wheat each year in self-protection, Mr. Snow said.

Wheat Farmer to Receive Adjustment Payments Regardless of When Crop is Sold.

"Whatever payments are made to wheat farmers on this year's crop under the wheat adjustment program will be made regardless of whether the crop is sold now or later," M. L. Wilson, chief of the wheat production section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, stated on June 22.

Numerous inquiries have been received by the administration from farmers who wish to sell their wheat, who have heard of the wheat adjustment program and who are uncertain whether they will be entitled to adjustment payments if they market their wheat now.

"The wheat adjustment plan has nothing to do with the marketing of wheat," Mr. Wilson said. "The farmer is entirely free to sell his wheat when, where, and to whom he chooses. Payments will be made to farmers participating in the plan regardless of when they market their crop."

Full information on details of the adjustment program will be announced as soon as they are available, Mr. Wilson added.

Credit of \$70,000,000 Authorized by Reconstruction Finance Corporation for Purchase by Secretary of Agriculture of Cotton Held by Federal Farm Board and Other Government Agencies—Move in Furtherance of Acreage Cut Plan—Will Be Used for Option to Farmer at 6 Cents a Pound.

A credit of \$70,000,000 to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace to be used to acquire absolute control of all cotton held by Government agencies was authorized by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation on June 28. This cotton, which, said the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" will amount to about 2,345,000 bales, is to be placed under control of the Secretary, from which farmers will be allowed to purchase options at the rate of 6 cents a pound in return for their agreeing to abandon a portion of their acreage this season. From the same account we quote:

Under the cotton program recently put into effect by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration the farmers were given the alternative of either receiving cash benefits ranging from \$7 to \$20 an acre or lesser cash benefits plus an option on Government cotton. . . .

\$54,000,000 Loss Seen.

According to Secretary Wallace the options from the pool at the rate of 6 cents a pound will mean a loss to the Government in its cotton dealings under the old Farm Board of approximately \$54,000,000. This loss will be met out of the \$100,000,000 provided the Agriculture Adjustment Administration by Congress to retire land from production.

The following is the announcement issued on June 28 by Jesse H. Jones, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation regarding the \$70,000,000 credit:

The Board of Directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to-day authorized a credit of \$70,000,000 to the Secretary of Agriculture to enable him to purchase all cotton now in the hands of the Federal Farm Board, all departments and other agencies of the Government. This credit will enable the Agricultural Department to carry approximately 2,000,000 bales now in the possession of various Government agencies. The credit authorized by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is to be used to acquire such cotton and to pay the classing, carrying and merchandizing costs thereon, in such amounts and upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Warehouse receipts will serve as collateral security in most instances, but assignments of equity and other accepted collateral may be pledged.

The cotton acquired, under this agreement, will be used by the Secretary of Agriculture in granting options to producers of cotton who agree to reduce their acreage. These options will enable the producers to buy cotton in accordance with the plans of the Secretary of Agriculture, for reducing acreage at any time up to January 1 1934.

The action taken by the directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was based on the authority set forth in Part I, of the Farm Bill adopted by the 73rd Congress.

Tentative Cotton Acreage Reduction for 16 States Announced by Agricultural Adjustment Administration—Statement by George N. Peek.

Seeking to eliminate a sufficient number of bales from the 1933 cotton crop to reduce excessive supplies, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration on June 26 pointed out that tentative acreage quotas assigned to the States are not conclusive but are primarily to provide a working basis for extension forces in the 16 cotton-producing States. The Administration said that campaigns in these States are now under way to afford the cotton producer an opportunity to participate in the program to improve the cotton situation.

The announcement of tentative acreage reductions issued June 26 in behalf of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration continued:

These acreage quotas, based on the 1931 total acreage, are in no way a commitment on the part of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration that it will take out that amount of acreage either as a minimum or a maximum, it was stated. Distribution of acreage by States does, however, reflect Agricultural Adjustment Administration plans that when the offers have been received, consolidated, and accepted, the payments will be distributed on an equitable basis among the various States.

It was further pointed out that, under terms of the contracts being submitted to producers, the Secretary of Agriculture has the right to modify any of the offers that are received, or to accept them, or reject them. The announced policy of the Administration, however, is to distribute the funds equitably throughout the Cotton Belt and at the same time to accomplish the objective of obtaining a substantial reduction of this year's cotton crop. Exact distribution of payments will, of course, be determined by the degree of response in the various States.

George N. Peek, Administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, made the following statement on June 26 concerning this phase of the program:

The various States in the Cotton Belt have not been assigned definite acreage quotas. To provide a convenient working basis for field forces a distribution of acreage by States was made on the basis of a 30% reduction of the 1931 acreage.

These figures would give a hypothetical reduction of 11,732,700 acres from this year's crop. We cannot now say or accurately estimate, however, just what the reduction would amount to in terms of acreage, assuming producers' offers are accepted. Our general objective is to eliminate a substantial portion of this year's crop. Obviously the acreage retired from production would be limited by the amount of money available and also by the yields of the land that is offered under the contracts which cotton producers are now being given the opportunity to sign.

We do know, however, that the large 1931 acreage, more nearly comparable to the present acreage than that of any other recent year, gives us a basis upon which to plan our program. The acreage allotments were given the various States to provide the field forces with a basis for operations and it also is positive indication of the policy of the Administration to distribute the payments that will be made if the program is adopted so that each State may receive an equitable portion of the funds to be released.

The tentative reductions were indicated as follows by the Administration:

Should the States show uniform response and should the Secretary decide on a reduction based on 30% of the 1931 acreage in the various cotton States, the amount of acreage in each State would be as follows:

States.	Estimated Acreage.	Per Cent Reduction.	Acreage Reduction.
Virginia.....	71,000	30	21,300
North Carolina.....	1,213,000	30	363,900
South Carolina.....	1,768,000	30	530,400
Georgia.....	3,115,000	30	934,500
Florida.....	142,000	30	42,600
Missouri.....	355,000	30	106,500
Tennessee.....	1,057,000	30	317,100
Alabama.....	3,294,000	30	988,200
Mississippi.....	4,030,000	30	1,209,000
Louisiana.....	1,834,000	30	550,200
Texas.....	14,979,000	30	4,493,700
Oklahoma.....	3,403,000	30	1,020,900
Arkansas.....	3,341,000	30	1,002,300
New Mexico.....	119,000	30	35,700
Arizona.....	178,000	30	53,400
California.....	194,000	30	58,200
United States.....	39,109,000	30	11,732,700

The plans for the curtailment of the cotton crop and the levying of the process tax were referred to in these columns June 24, page 4387.

Northern Tobacco Growers Act to Conform to Administration Tobacco Acreage Reduction Proposals.

Associated Press advices June 28 from Washington said:

Enthusiastic support of the Agriculture Department's plan for pulling the tobacco farmer out of the mire of over-production was reported to-day by the Department from tobacco growers of Pennsylvania, New York and New England.

Farmers have sent in dozens of queries for details of a plan designed to reduce acreage by half and give the farmer a purchasing power equal to the average of his annual purchasing power from 1919 to 1929. Consumption has declined steadily, and with supply far greater than demand, prices to-day are the lowest in the industry's history.

The Department gave figures to show how the supply line on its tobacco economics chart has tended to drop only slightly while the price chased demand downward:

Supply—1919, 171,000 acres; 1919-28 average, 144,310 acres; 1928, 125,800 acres; 1931, 142,700 acres; 1932, 118,600 acres.

Demand—1916-20 average, 7,811,000,000 cigars; 1930, 6,167,000,000 cigars; 1931, 5,599,000,000 cigars; 1932, 4,691,000,000 cigars.

Price—1919, \$40,970,000 income; 1919-28 average, \$29,922,000 income; 1931, \$13,794,000 income; 1932, \$6,703,000 income.

Plans for Reducing Tobacco Crop Acreage—50% Cut Proposed by Agricultural Adjustment Administration—Processing Tax Six Cents Per Pound—Compensation to Growers Ranges from \$15 to \$47 Per Acre.

A processing tax of about 6 cents a pound is planned on cigar-leaf tobaccos to finance a program of reducing the acreage of this year's crop. The plan was outlined this week by administrators of the Farm Act in their first application of its provisions to one of the 25 varieties of the tobacco crop.

Details of the plan for reducing the 1933 crop of cigar-leaf types of tobacco and making payments for such reductions, were announced on June 25 by Henry A. Wallace, Secretary

of Agriculture, and Administrators George N. Peek and Charles J. Brand of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The tobacco reduction plan, which will be put into effect immediately, was worked out by the tobacco section of the production division after a series of conferences with growers, dealers and manufacturers. The announcement issued by the Department of Agriculture continued:

Production curtailments will be sought in the New England, Ohio-Indiana, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania-New York, and Georgia-Florida districts, to which the growing of cigar-leaf tobacco is confined.

Growers in all cigar-filler and binder producing areas will be offered payments to reduce their 1933 acreage to 50% of their base acreage.

In determining the base acreage, each farmer is given the choice of three options. He may take as a base 80% of the average acreage planted to tobacco on his farm in 1931 and 1932; or, he may take as a base the acreage planted to tobacco on his farm in 1932, provided the acreage planted in 1932 did not exceed that planted in 1931; or if the acreage planted on his farm in 1932 was greater than that of 1931, then he may take as a base the average acreage planted in 1931 and 1932.

For agreeing to take or keep out of tobacco production 50% of his base acreage, each cigar-filler and binder tobacco grower will receive first a cash payment for each acre of his reduction, plus a second payment of 40% of his average returns per acre on all tobacco harvested by him in 1933.

Because of the variations in yield and quality of tobacco produced in one area as compared with another, efforts have been made to make the plan equitable as between growers in all areas.

On this basis Wisconsin farmers who agree to the plan will receive as a first payment \$20 for each acre of the 50% reduction from their base acreage. The first payment to tobacco growers in Ohio and Indiana districts will be \$15 an acre. The first payment to farmers in the Pennsylvania-New York districts will be \$24 an acre. The first payment to tobacco growers in New England will be \$47 for each acre of the 50% reduction from their base acreage. This first payment will be made to all growers as soon as possible and not later than September 1 1933. The rate of payment for the different areas represents about 20% of the fair-exchange value of the production per acre.

The second payment, that of 40% of the grower's average returns per acre of tobacco harvested in 1933, will be paid within 60 days after the presentation of satisfactory proof as to returns per acre and fulfillment of the terms of the agreement. In no event will this second payment be less than 60% of the first payment.

Georgia and Florida tobacco growers will be offered payments for reducing the amount of their crop harvested in 1933. Compensation will be paid to those farmers who co-operate by leaving unharvested an average of four stalk leaves on each tobacco plant grown. In addition, the farmer must agree to market not more than an average of 960 pounds of the 1933 crop, per acre harvested.

In return for agreeing to leave unharvested an average of four stalk leaves on each tobacco plant grown and to market not more than an average of 960 pounds of the 1933 crop, per acre harvested, the grower will be paid \$60 per acre grown in 1933.

Payment to Georgia and Florida tobacco growers will be made in two parts. The first payment will be \$30 for each acre after it is determined that the specified portion of the crop has been left unharvested, and will be made between August 1 and October 1 1933. The second payment will be \$30 per acre, to be made within 60 days after proof that not more than an average of 960 pounds of the 1933 crop, per acre harvested, was marketed.

The cigar-leaf tobacco plan also provides that an option be given to the Secretary of Agriculture in connection with the planting and harvesting of tobacco in 1934 and 1935. If the supply and demand situation is still unsatisfactory on December 1 1933, for Georgia and Florida shade tobacco or unsatisfactory for cigar filler and binder tobacco on March 1 1934, the Secretary of Agriculture may exercise this option and require limitation of acreage in 1934 to a specified amount in relation to a base average, and similarly for the 1935 acreage.

If the option is exercised for cigar-filler and binder tobacco, the payments for 1934 would be on the same basis as those in 1933. The rates per acre for these payments would not be less than two-thirds those of 1933. The option would apply in the same manner for 1935.

In exercising the option in the Georgia and Florida shade-tobacco districts, full consideration will be given to the competitive relationships between the different producing districts. This will be worked out in connection with plans for controlling production through the promotion of dealers' and packers' associations and the establishment of standard grades and uniform sales practices.

Plans for reducing stocks of those farmers who accept the plan to reduce production are being considered. If such a reduction of existing stocks of tobacco appears to be sound public policy, agreements will be offered at some later date under which growers will be paid for diverting a portion of the surplus stocks to non-commercial uses.

Under the terms of the tobacco production reduction agreement, growers are not allowed to use extra applications of fertilizer to increase yields. Where tobacco has already been planted in cigar-filler and binder producing regions on land to be released from production, the crop on that land must be prevented from maturing. Farmers agreeing to curtail acreage must not give away or sell tobacco plants that are not needed, nor can they rent or permit other tobacco growers the use of sheds or barns released from use because of acreage reduction. The rights of all parties having an interest in the farmer's crop are protected under the agreement.

Land released from tobacco production under agreements in accordance with the plan, cannot be planted to cotton, wheat or rice, nor can such land be planted to vegetables except for the use of the family or families living on the particular farm, or to feed crops except for use in the production of livestock or livestock products for consumption by the family or families living on the particular farm.

The money required by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration to carry out its obligations under the terms of the tobacco production control agreements will be raised through a processing tax to be applied on all processed cigar-leaf tobacco. This tax will be collected from the manufacturer using cigar-leaf tobacco and will apply to imported as well as domestic cigar types. The exact rate and the date at which the processing tax will be applied has not been determined. The present prices of cigar-leaf tobacco are about 6 cents per pound under the fair exchange value and a tax at this rate could be levied.

Chester C. Davis, Director, production division, and John B. Hutson, Acting Chief, tobacco production section, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, have been assigned the work of carrying out the plan for the cigar-leaf tobacco growing industry. The State and Federal Extension services,

under the direction of Dr. C. W. Warburton, will co-operate in carrying out the field work.

Tobacco Growers and Trade to Review New United States Grades.

Announcement was made June 26 by the Department of Agriculture that meetings of tobacco growers, buyers, and other tobacco trade interests would be held at Washington, June 28, 29 and 30, by the Department's Bureau of Agricultural Economics, to review proposed standard grades for southern Maryland tobacco, U. S. Type 32, and to offer criticisms and suggestions for modification of the grades before the grades are made official. The announcement added:

Samples representing the proposed standard grades will be on display in the cotton classing room of the Bureau. Baltimore buyers, commission men and warehousemen will review the type samples on June 28, transfer buyers on June 29, and delegations of farmers and county agents from the five tobacco-producing counties of southern Maryland on June 30. All tobacco trading on the Baltimore market has been suspended for June 28 to enable members of the trade to attend the Washington meeting on that day.

A law enacted during the last session of the Maryland legislature provided for tobacco grading service at Baltimore, where all tobacco produced in Maryland is sold, and stipulated that the grading should be based on United States standard grades. The standards to be reviewed at the June meetings have been developed under authority of the United States Tobacco Stocks and Standards Act, by Frank B. Wilkinson and a group of associates in the tobacco section of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and W. B. Posey, tobacco specialist, Maryland Extension Service, and County agent for Prince Georges County.

President Roosevelt, in Executive Order, Gives Department of Agriculture Authority to Approve Codes of Fair Competition for Certain Produce and Foodstuffs Industries—Agricultural Administrator and Industrial Recovery Administrator to Co-operate Closely.

An executive order, designed to facilitate close co-operation between the National Industrial Recovery Administration and the Farm Administration was signed by President Roosevelt on June 26, and made public at Washington yesterday (June 30). In the order the President delegated to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace the various powers vested in him by the Industrial Recovery Act with respect to the handling of "milk and its products, tobacco and its products, and all foods and foodstuffs." General Johnson, Industrial Recovery Administrator, and George N. Peek, chief Farm Administrator, issued a joint statement yesterday (June 30) in which they said their two administrations would work hand-in-hand under the terms of the executive order. The statement said:

"As to those trades referred to in the executive order, codes of fair competition will be worked out by the agricultural adjustment administration with approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, except that those portions of such codes relating to hours of labor, rates of pay and other conditions of employment will be formulated in collaboration with the national recovery administration.

"All such codes of fair competition will be subject to approval by the President.

"This does not mean that marketing agreements will not be made and, if necessary, licenses issued by the agricultural adjustment administration under section 8 of the agricultural adjustment Act, with respect to those industries which are covered by the section.

"Co-operation between the two administrators is also assured because of a long standing personal relationship and a former official relationship when both were members of the war industries board."

The text of President Roosevelt's executive order follows:

"Pursuant to the authority vested in me by title one of the national Industrial Recovery Act, approved June 16 1933, I hereby delegate to the Secretary of Agriculture all the functions and powers (other than the determination and administration of provisions relating to hours of labor, rates of pay, and other conditions of employment) vested in me by said title one of said Act with respect to trades, industries or subdivisions thereof engaged principally in the handling of milk and its products, tobacco and its products, and all foods and food-stuffs, subject to the requirements of title one of said Act, but reserving to me the power to approve or disapprove of the provisions of any code of fair competition entered into in accordance with title one of said Act. This order is to remain in effect until revoked by me."

"June 26 1933."

[Signed.] "FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

General W. I. Westervelt of Chicago Appointed Processing Director Under Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

General William I. Westervelt of Chicago, Ill., has been appointed Director of Processing and Marketing in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, it was announced June 8 by Secretary Henry A. Wallace and Administrator George N. Peek. This completes appointments for the two main divisions of the administrative set-up; Chester C. Davis of Montana was appointed Director of Production several weeks ago. The announcement continued that from 1923 to 1927 General Westervelt was in Europe as technical attache of the War Department. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Since 1927 he has served as Research Director for Sears, Roebuck & Co. at Chicago.

General Hugh Johnson Explains National Industrial Recovery Act in Nation-Wide Radio Broadcast—Asks General Adoption of Shorter Hours and Higher Wages and Suggests Tentative Minimum of 45 Cents an Hour for 32-Hour Week—Promises to Protect Consumer from "Wildcat" Rise in Price Levels—Defines Provisions for Protection of Labor.

A plea for a concerted attack on the depression and unemployment by all employers throughout the nation was made on June 25 by General Hugh Johnson, Director of the national industrial recovery campaign, who spoke over a nation-wide radio network. Describing the principal features of the Act, General Johnson said that it was universally agreed that there must be a better distribution of buying power, and that this can best be attained by a general policy of shortening hours of work and raising wages. At the same time he warned that the Administration will not tolerate general increases in price levels to be registered faster than advances in wages. In discussing the question of a minimum wage, General Johnson said that no single inflexible rule could be promulgated to cover all industries, but he suggested that under present conditions the average minimum wage should be not less than 45 cents an hour for the lowest-paid type of worker, employed for about 32 hours weekly, thus indicating a total of \$14.40 a week. General Johnson also discussed the possibility of controversies between employers and labor over the preparation of codes. He said that the law provided that these agreements should include a covenant to recognize collective bargaining and not to require men to join company unions as a condition of employment, and that this section of the measure would be most strictly enforced. The consuming public will not be allowed to suffer as a result of "wildcat" price lifting, General Johnson asserted, adding that the Administration "simply will not stand for that, and we do not expect to have any trouble about it. Our best people understand that this is no time to get rich quick." In several interviews and addresses, prior to the delivery of the radio talk mentioned above, General Johnson had traced the possibility of putting 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 men back to work within three months if widespread co-operation can be obtained under the provisions of the Act. He also indicated that price-fixing agreements within an industry will probably be permitted to prevent sales at less than the cost of production. The text of his radio address on June 25 follows:

No audience needs to be told what a terrible thing such a depression as this is. It is bad enough in physical suffering, but it is worse in mental and spiritual effect. It dims hope. It starves faith. It puts fear and dread in people's hearts and tends to take away the pleasant, simple things that go to make life worth living at all.

The spiteful thing about this miserable three years' blight on happiness is its mockery of our common sense—millions homeless in cities of vacant houses, ill-fed before full granaries, ill-clothed in the presence of abundance and cut off from the chance to work for the other millions who are suffering for want of their services. It doesn't make sense. It is like a fairy-book story of a spell cast by black magic over the palace of some Sleeping Beauty.

In this hard-boiled age we don't believe in witches and we can't excuse ourselves out of fairy books. There is something the matter with our own approach to the problem. No good fairy is fluttering around on the horizon. We have got to hack our way out of this trouble by our own efforts. That is the first purpose of the National Recovery Act—and to understand it we have to know the idea on which it is built.

When a man has a job he buys and uses up what he and his family need, and he keeps on doing that. That is his part in keeping farms and factories going, and all his fellow-workers on their jobs. If all the workers among our 125,000,000 people could have and keep their jobs they would use up everything this country could reasonably produce and there never would be any depression.

When something happens to throw people out of work, the jobless slow up on buying things. Then farms and factories slow up. More people go out of work. More shops close, and so on down the terrible toboggan of depression. That unfortunate something which first throws people out of work takes different forms, but it all comes down to this: that the ability of the people to buy is not as great as the total cost of what there is to sell. When the plunge begins, it goes on, closing plants, cutting prices and throwing more people out of work until something happens to start things up again.

That happy "something" that starts things up again also takes many forms, but it also comes down to this: that the ability of the people to buy is greater than the total cost of what there is to sell. When that condition gets to working, then depression begins to end.

The whole thing simmers down to the job of keeping the purchasing power of workers in step with the price and quantity of the things they make. Wages, prices and production—these are the three causes of good or bad times and if we could keep all three in line we wouldn't have so much trouble. What have we done to keep them in line? We have done precious little.

There was a theory abroad in the world that we ought not to do anything at all. It was a good deal like the objections to Jenner with his vaccination plan. The idea was to let nature and smallpox take their course or wait for the good fairy behind the pink cloud to wave her wand.

The fact of the matter is that nobody in the world ever had the nerve and the power seriously to tackle it until Franklin Roosevelt began to tell the country last July what he was going to do about it if he became President of the United States. He traced the history of all our post-war troubles back to just one thing and that was the unevenness of distribution of buying power among our 125,000,000 people.

He said he was going to see what would happen to this depression if, instead of highfalutin' theories that nobody could understand, and this, and that, we would just try to give every man back a sufficient share

of what he himself produced to enable him to buy a reasonable share of what all the rest of us produce.

We have had many periods of prosperity. The trouble was that it wasn't evenly enough spread over the country. Too much of profit went back to build new factories and too little went to let people buy the products of the factories we already had. That was bad both ways. It produced too much and it consumed too little. Also, too great a share of prosperity went to too few people. As long as human beings are what they are, one man will earn more than another, but there must be a limit to this if we are to keep our country going.

Just because a man has a million dollars he doesn't actually consume very much more than a man with a thousand dollars. The very rich do not buy forty dollars' worth of ham and eggs for breakfast. If we want to keep our country going we have got to find a way to let everybody buy a half dollar's worth of ham and eggs.

Roosevelt Plan to Split Up Work and Raise Wages.

Like a great many of the President's ideas, this plan seems too simple and direct to argue about. The way to work our factories and farms is to see to it that people who work get enough for their labor to buy what they need of the labor of others.

Well, how are we going to do that now, with 12,000,000 out of jobs and not enough business to hire any more men? The answer of the Roosevelt plan is: Split up the existing work to put more men on the payroll and raise the wages for the shorter working-shift so that no worker is getting less than a living wage.

That also seems too simple to argue much about. But some employers say, "I can't pay out more in wages—I am losing money now. If I pay more, my goods will cost more and my competitors will undersell and ruin me."

Now, if we only look at one employer, that is absolutely true. But it is absolutely not true if all employers would do exactly the same thing at exactly the same time. Theoretically, if all would pull together, we could do this job to-morrow, and if we did do it to-morrow that would be the end of this depression.

That isn't any highfalutin' theory, that isn't even an algebraic formula, like X square plus $2XY$, plus Y square equals the square of X plus Y . It is just plain horse-sense and barnyard figuring like 2 plus 2 equals 4 .

The whole effect comes down to one single question, and all—anybody who wonders whether the National Recovery Act will work has to ask is, "Can we get all employers in America to do about the same thing at about the same time when they know that by doing it they can bring this country of ours out of this depression and lift this deadening load of fear and dread from peoples' hearts?"

Well, we can't say yes until it is done, but the President has had people in touch with employers of all kinds—big and little—for a period of several weeks. We are making neither promises nor boasts, but we can tell you one thing very definitely and surely—employers in this country want to do this thing harder than they ever wanted to do anything together and in one big strong pull at any time in this country since the war.

Now when you feel that a thing ought to be done, and you feel it so hard that it makes your very heart ache, and you want to do that thing so badly that you lie awake nights trying to think up ways that will let you do it, then the only question about doing it is whether there is a way to do it that you can depend upon.

That is exactly where the Government of the United States and the President and the National Recovery Act come into this picture. The Recovery Act had to be passed for two reasons—one, that it was actually unlawful for all employers to do the same thing at the same time and, two, that even after you have made that lawful, you have to have a practical method for all employers to act together and you have to have some leadership which they can follow freely in the doing of it.

The President has set up machinery for this great co-operation, and it is wholly unnecessary for me to say that this country is under one leadership in him to an extent that has probably never happened in any country, anywhere, any time. In other words, the whole setting is ready, and it is now up to our people to perform. No law and no government can do that for them and American industry has got to save itself.

Team Work to Combat Depression—Action by Trade Associations.

So much for the underlying idea of what we are trying to do here. What employers of the country want to know is how they can go about joining what the President called a great national team for victory over this depression. Well, the team is pretty well organized in this country already. Nearly every principal employer belongs to what is called a trade association. These associations were mostly formed long ago for what mutual help the members could get by agreements within the law.

They were not very strong under the old law but the new one makes them highly important. They are almost a part of government and they can do and agree to many more things than they could before. First and foremost among those things is a contract to divide up the existing work in such a way as to put hundreds of thousands of new names on the payroll and then raise the wage scale high enough to give all workers a living wage for the shorter shift.

If they do this, buying will move forward on a rapid scale, and that in itself will put many more men back to work. Their own profits will come back and we shall be on our way back to the kind of a country that we knew in happier years.

Control of Undue Price Increases.

If that were all there is to it it would be simple. But there is more to it. In the first place the tendency of higher wages is higher prices. If we do a thing like this and do not also put some control on undue price increases so that prices will not move up one bit faster than is justified by higher costs, the consuming public is going to suffer, the higher wages won't do any good, and the whole bright chance will just turn out to be a ghastly failure and another shattered hope.

This does not mean selling below cost. The first effect of this plan will be to increase business and bigger business is a better way to profit than is higher price.

This is a deadly serious matter—this danger of run-away prices. There are still about 12,000,000 unemployed in this country and even those who still have jobs are largely on much reduced incomes. Any wild-cat price lifting will have its first bearing directly on the very creature necessities of these unfortunates—they means to keep out hunger, thirst and cold.

This Administration simply will not stand for that and we do not expect to have any trouble about it. Our best people understand that this is no time to get rich quick. It is the time to pull our country out of a hole. We need every good man on the ropes and nobody is going to do a thing that makes him a peace profiteer by taking advantage of the patriotic unselfishness of his fellows.

Again, in order to get this kind of co-operation among so many people, we must keep each of the many employers' agreements in harmony with all the rest and this also requires them to strain through some central sieve.

Central Sieve National Recovery Administration.

This central sieve is the National Recovery Administration. Its job is principally to advise in the preparation of plans by industry; to receive those plans; to examine them in the public interest; to insure by fair and impartial hearing that every one who fears harm from them can state his case; to study them in relation to the general plan; to see whether they go too far or do not go far enough; to suggest any necessary changes and then to take them to the President for his action.

After such a plan has been approved it becomes a sort of law merchant for the industry submitting it and thereafter it is the duty of the Administration to watch its execution.

To do this work the effort has been and will be to select men who believe in this plan to the bottom of their hearts and are zealous for it; who know intimately from experience the problems of industry, but who have no personal interest in any industry with which they directly deal; whose lives and experience have left them with the respect of the people with whom they deal, and whose purpose is single, exclusive and determined; that is, at any personal sacrifice to make this plan succeed.

These men are neither czars nor smart alecks. They are servants of the public good. Their job is not to dictate, but, by their knowledge of the plan, to help in this great effort toward industrial self-government and—keeping always an open mind—to do this by counsel, advice and co-operation, remaining inflexible in only one regard—the President's purpose and the public welfare.

The Administration has other important parts. In a sense, all our industries compete with each other and each has an interest in the plans of all. All of industry, therefore, should have its say as to the plans of any industry and the general plan for all.

Industrial Advisory Board Created.

For this reason the President has created an Industrial Advisory Board. As an impartial umpire, it would not be appropriate for the Administration to name or control this board, or for this board to control the findings of the Administration. Secretary of Commerce Roper has therefore appointed this board.

He has selected industrial leaders—not primarily on a basis of regions or of kinds of business, but rather on a basis of leadership, liberality and experience and in an effort to see that we have the point of view of the larger as well as the smaller business groups. This board will advise from the viewpoint of industry. It is responsible that industry at large is properly represented at every hearing.

Labor is also vitally interested here—and the word labor means all labor, organized as well as unorganized. It has a stake in every agreement and every hearing. For exactly the same reason that the Secretary of Commerce appointed the Industrial Advisory Board, the Secretary of Labor appointed the Labor Advisory Board, and, in the same way, she has sought to assemble every pertinent point of view. Like the Industrial Advisory Board, it counsels, but it neither controls nor is controlled by the decisions of the Administration.

Consumers' Advisory Board.

While the Administration itself is directly responsible for safeguarding the public welfare and effectuating public policy, the actual consumers' interest is a matter of primary and acute concern. If that is not watched—at all times and from every angle—the whole plan may be imperiled. To provide against this, the Administration itself has chosen a Consumers' Advisory Board, which is responsible for watching every agreement and every hearing to see that nothing is done to impair the interest of those whose daily living may be affected by these agreements.

The thought in choosing this board was to get wide regional representation by devoted people who have interested themselves in this problem and are willing to give their time and effort to this vital work.

Executive-Legislative Tribunal a Forum of Co-operation.

The machinery the President has thus set up is a balanced sort of executive-legislative-judicial tribunal. It is not a bureau and will not become one. It is rather a forum of co-operation. It will duplicate no existing government machinery. It has the active and vital guidance, co-operation and support of every Government department and on its board of directors sits every Cabinet officer whose department is affected or can help.

This board is presided over by the Secretary of Commerce, but, in the normal business sense, the Chairman of this great board is the President himself. Neither that board nor any of the advisory boards is a "scenery" board. This whole Government is uniting and extending every effort to make this plan a success.

Every department has made available its whole facilities and they are being used. Every Cabinet officer and the heads of the budget and the Federal Trade Commission are giving their time and thoughts to this work as intently as the men in the Administration. If we do not succeed, it will not be for want of Government watchfulness, co-operation and support.

So much for the machinery of this Act. There is not sufficient time and this is not a proper occasion to discuss the details of this work, but certain questions are so frequently asked that this opportunity to answer them should not be lost.

Law Affecting Labor and Industry.

In the first place, there has recently been unfortunate and ill-informed conjecture that there is some mutual fear between labor and industry which has slowed up the preparation of industrial agreements for submission to the President.

On the one hand it is said that labor has to rush to organize and submit collective demands before industry submits any agreements. On the other, it is said that industry should rush to form company unions.

Both sayings are very harmful.

The law is clear and it is the law that governs. Under Section III (a) it is trade or industrial associations or groups and not combinations of trade with labor groups which are to submit codes or agreements, and trade associations have been asked to say in their first or basic agreements what the whole industry proposes to do about hours and wages.

Before any such agreement can be approved there will be a public hearing, and at that hearing labor will have a full and unrestricted right to present its case. Furthermore, the law specifically requires that every one of those agreements contain a covenant to recognize collective bargaining and not to require men to join a company union as a condition of employment.

There is, therefore, nothing to be gained by haste for either side and certainly the rapid organization of a company union would gain nothing if the purpose is to require men to join it as a condition of employment, because that would be in violation of the law.

This law says that its object is "to induce and maintain united action of labor and management under adequate Government supervision and sanction."

Agreeing on hours and conditions of labor under adequate Government supervision should hold no fear for fair-minded industrialists. On the other hand, the Administration is required by the Act to obtain a fair deal for labor in any unorganized industry. It is not the function or purpose of the Administration to organize either industry or labor.

Method of Procedure—Queries and Answers.

Question No. 1.—“Do I have to join a trade association?”

Nobody has to do anything—except that, under the terms of this Act—and the policy of its execution, everybody is expected to conform to this great common effort. Any person who stands apart from it is likely to be uncomfortable in the eyes of his neighbors and even under the law. It is easier to co-operate in groups than singly—the larger and better organized the groups, the easier it is. Trade associations are going to have a new meaning under this law and it is better all around to get into them.

Question No. 2.—“Some of us don't agree with majority opinion in our particular trade association; should we start a new one?”

At the hearings, when any association's agreement is presented, minority opinion in any association will have a right to be represented and heard and no agreement tending to monopoly or oppression of small industries or minorities will be approved. So there is no necessity to form a new association. If you do, however, it will be called in when the old one is heard and the result will be the same as if you stayed in and put forward your minority position at the hearing.

Question No. 3.—“Our business is in several fields and we belong to several associations. Which one should we favor?”

This law makes no difference in that situation. Retain your membership in all. If that gets you into any conflict of policy you may have ample opportunity to present your case.

Question No. 4.—“What should I do right now?”

Nearly all the greater associations are working night and day to get agreements ready to submit. In the first phase of operation we want to confine ourselves to a vast re-employment effort by shortening hours and raising wages, leaving other action to a later date.

What you should do—what every man who employs another man should do—no matter in what capacity, no matter in what business—banking, commerce, manufacturing, law, mining, everywhere—is to begin to plan how you can split up that work to cut down your workers' time to put more men on the payroll and to pay a living wage for the shorter shift.

You will then be able to comply promptly with your association's agreements or with further announcements of policy by the President from time to time. It takes time to work these things out and we are trying not to lose one single hour.

Question No. 5.—“What should be the shorter week and what should be the minimum wage?”

The degree of present activity widely differs in the various industries. The cost of living differs in different regions. The plan is (so far as possible) for each industry to absorb the labor normally attached to it at a living wage in fact and, for that reason, the question cannot be answered for all industries or all conditions by any single inflexible rule.

But, in a general way and without any commitment, we can say for the benefit of smaller employees everywhere that, under present conditions, and as far as the lowest-priced class of workers are concerned, an average of about 32 hours a week at not less than 45 cents an hour for the lowest paid type of workers would do this job.

Time is up. There is no apology for giving a dry lecture (and not an address) because this is a deadly serious business. It can succeed only if the whole nation gets behind it with both zeal and determination—every man and woman. You can't have zeal and determination about something you don't understand and we can't lose any such splendid opportunity as has thus been given us by the great broadcasting companies to tell our story.

Anyway, this is no time for speeches. It is time for action and the American people, of which this radio audience is a cross-section, doesn't need any oration to persuade them to pull the country out of a hole when it sees the way. All we need is a chance and we have that now—let's go.

National Industrial Recovery Administration Begins Series of Hearings on Proposed Codes of Fair Competition—Cotton Textile Code Receives First Consideration—Labor Spokesmen Indicate Opposition to 40-Hour Week—Urge Ban on Child Labor—Statement By Senator Byrnes on Purpose of Act.

The National Industrial Recovery Administration on June 27 initiated the series of hearings scheduled to be held on the various proposed codes of fair competition to be submitted by industries throughout the country under the provisions of the Industrial Recovery Act. The first of the hearings to be conducted dealt with the cotton textile code, and the procedure was observed with particular interest, not only by textile manufacturers, but by leaders in other industries as well, as affording an example of the general method likely to be followed in other cases. The submission of a tentative code by the cotton textile industry, and the complete text of those proposals, were reported in our issue of June 24, pages 4386 and 4387.

The cotton textile hearing was held in the Department of Commerce building at Washington, and was directed by W. L. Allen, deputy administrator, and General Hugh S. Johnson, administrator. Witnesses were questioned only by these two men, and it was stated that while all persons wishing to be heard would have an opportunity to present their views, general debate and promiscuous questioning of witnesses would not be permitted. Donald R. Richberg, general counsel for the recovery administration, in outlining the procedure to be followed, remarked that “this is an administrative inquiry, and not a judicial or even a legislative inquiry.”

At the first day's hearings on June 27 the principal spokesman for the textile manufacturers was George A. Sloan, President of the Cotton Textile Institute. He and other speakers predicted that application of the code would result in an increase of at least 100,000 in employment by the industry and that most of the factories might be enabled to run at full speed. Other discussion indicated that labor groups, however, were not satisfied with the proposed 40-hour work week, or the proposal for a minimum wage of \$11 a week in Northern and \$10 weekly in Southern mills. It

was also indicated that an effort would be made to include in the code a clause forbidding the employment of child labor. Testimony given on June 27 was described, in part, as follows by the Washington correspondent of the New York “Herald Tribune”:

The general presentation on behalf of cotton manufacturers was made by George A. Sloan, of New York, President of the Cotton Textile Institute, who submitted a list of manufacturing companies representing, he said, more than three-fourths of the spindles and looms in the industry, which had specifically agreed to abide by the proposed code.

“It must be clearly kept in mind that a minimum wage is a minimum wage,” said Robert Emory, President of the Nassau Manufacturing Company, Nassau, N. H., who spoke for the Northern section of the industry. “The minimum wage must be paid regardless of the ability of the worker.” He and others stated that if the code was adopted wage rates now above the minimum would be raised in extents corresponding with increases in those below the minimum, adding:

“The average hourly wage resulting from the code would be about 27% more than the average hourly wage existing in 1926.

“Cotton goods prices are facing heavy additional burdens in the proposed processing tax. These changes will make it almost impossible to continue our small but important export business.”

In an impassioned statement on behalf of the Southern section of the industry, William D. Anderson, President of the Bibb Manufacturing Company, Macon, Ga., set forth figures showing, he contended, that village upkeep and other worker welfare expenditures by the run of Southern companies amounted to several dollars a week a worker. He said that one Southern company had made out a budget of wage costs under the proposed code. It showed, he said, that there would be an increase from \$10.67 to \$12.80 in the wage payment to the average worker each week. He declared that small children no longer were employed in the mills, and that the minimum wage would make it advantageous to employ adults in the place of youngsters.

Rubber Firms Give Opinions.

Collateral industry complications were posted first by C. A. Stillman, Vice-President of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, who spoke for it, the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, the B. F. Goodrich Company and the United States Rubber Company—the “Big Four” of their field.

“We are in sympathy with the objectives of the code so far as they relate to wages, labor and employment,” said he, “and we will be glad to co-operate in those respects. But we don't think our tire fabric mills should be included with the cotton textile industry—they operate cotton mills only for the production of fabric for use in the tires they make, and to put a curb on the mills would be disruptive at the present time.” He declared that the tire companies' fabric mills were running at full three-shift capacity and that any slowing up would destroy the balance between fabric and tire output, the latter being also, he said, at top speed.

He stated that restriction to 40-hour-a-week double-shift operations would result in the discharge of a total of 1,925 persons now employed in the mills of the tire companies and that the curtailing of the fabric output would so slow up collateral tire production as to cause the laying off of many now employed in their rubber factories. He said he spoke for factories producing 70% of the tires made in this country.

Seiberling Offers Compromise.

Support of the proposed code was voiced by F. A. Seiberling, President of the Seiberling Rubber Company, who spoke on behalf of tire manufacturers who do not produce fabric. He said that the date for the code becoming effective might be postponed in order that the “big four” should not be hampered in doing their part to meet the present “tire shortage,” but, he said, that for them to operate their fabric mills on a three-shift basis would put a handicap on other tire makers who would have to buy fabric from mills on a two-shift system.

“The margin against us would be 6 cents a pound for fabric, making our fabric costs 25 cents a tire greater than theirs,” he declared.

Speaking for the National Upholstery and Drapery Manufacturing Association, Sylvan Goodchoux said that many probable difficulties might be avoided by having a single date for the codes of all major industries going into effect.

“If the change is made in one industry, workers in similar industries will not understand why they are not provided with similar benefits at the same time,” he said.

He also urged that the textile-making operations of his group be excluded from the cotton textile industry, saying that they wove cloth only as material for further manufacture and used machinery not amenable to treatment in common with that in ordinary textile mills. Their looms, he said, were used for wool, jute and cotton goods weaving interchangeably and a worker rarely operated more than four of them. He said his group expected a code of its own in a few days.

A similar plea was made by E. J. McMillan, of Knoxville, Tenn., on behalf of the American Knitwear Association, which, he said, is framing a code of its own and wants it, rather than the cotton manufacturers' code, to cover the spinning and weaving operations of knitwear manufacturers.

Toward the close of the hearing there was much discussion of the work week between General Johnson and Mr. Allen, on the one hand, and industrialists who had spoken during the day. The latter declared that the double-shift system would result in operations averaging about a shift and a half, or sixty hours a week running for the average mills. This, they said, would be sufficient to meet prospective need for goods. Spokesmen for the manufacturers said that a forty-hour week was as low as the industry as a whole could go safely.

Senator James F. Byrnes, Democrat, of South Carolina, one of the majority leaders in Congress who assisted in enactment of the recovery act, forced the appointment of a committee of three from the manufacturers' advisory group, the labor committee and the National Administration to consider an amendment to the code restricting what is called the “stretch-out” system by which the machine load is accelerated.

Byrnes Attacks “Stretch-Outs.”

In stating his position at the hearing Senator Byrnes said:

“One of the declared purposes of this act is to relieve unemployment, and to accomplish this object the code submitted by the cotton textile industry committee provides a schedule of 40 hours of labor every week for each employee; in as much as the existing schedule in some States is as high as 60 hours a week and in other States 55 hours a week, it is certain a 40 hour week will greatly increase the number of employees in the industry. However, this increase will depend on whether or not there is an increase in the maximum machine load of employees. If manufacturers increase the number of machines to be operated by employees, they will thereby decrease

the number of additional employees. In the cotton textile industry this increase in the machine load of employees is referred to by the employees as the 'stretch-out' system.

"I have a memorandum that discloses the fact that in one mill, in what is known as a card room, there were employed in 1929 seventy persons, while in 1933 the same machinery is operated by 45 employees. In the same mill, what is known as 'frame hands' in 1929 ran two and three frames and received \$24 a week. In 1933 they ran three and four frames and received \$12.55 per week. In 1929 in that mill there were four 'card grinders' who received \$25.40 per week. In 1933 two card grinders do the same amount and receive \$16.50 per week.

"Fair-minded manufacturers contend that it is not so much the use of the 'stretch-out' system as the abuse of the 'stretch-out' system that is responsible for the dissatisfaction on the part of the employees. Certainly it is true that this continued increase in the machinery to be operated by the individual employee has caused, and is to-day causing, more dissatisfaction on the part of employees than any other one thing connected with the industry. It is responsible for most of the strikes which occur, and it is in the interest of the manufacturer as well as the employees that there should be included in any agreement approved under this act some provision regulating the machine load of employees during the National emergency which the act declares to exist."

The following were named as a committee to consider the matter: Robert W. Bruere, New York research expert, Chairman; Major George L. Berry, President International Pressmen's Union and George Harris, Atlanta, cotton manufacturer.

Consumers' Advisory Committee to Protect Public Interest in Framing Codes under National Industrial Recovery Act Is Named by General Johnson—Includes Three Women and Two Men—Secretary Roper and General Johnson Deny Reports of Friction.

General Hugh S. Johnson, head of the National Industrial Recovery Administration, on June 26 made public the names of the members of the Consumers' Advisory Committee which is expected to represent the interests of the general public at hearings on proposed codes of fair competition. The personnel of the Labor and Industrial Advisory Boards was appointed on June 19, as described in our issue of June 24, page 4391. The Consumers' Committee, named by General Johnson, is headed by Mrs. Mary Rumsey of New York, daughter of E. H. Harriman. The other four members are Frank Graham, President, University of North Carolina; Professor William Ogburn, University of Chicago; Mrs. Joseph J. Daniels, Indianapolis, of the Indiana League of Women Voters, and Mrs. Belle Sherwin, Willoughby, Ohio, President, National League of Women Voters.

On the same day (June 26) both General Johnson and Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper took occasion to deny newspaper reports that friction had arisen among Administration officials over authority to administer the National Industrial Recovery Act. Both men described the reports as entirely without foundation.

Industrial Recovery Committee Formed by Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York—Committee Named to Govern Merchandising of Cotton Goods Under Proposed Code of Cotton-Textile Industry in Accordance with National Industrial Recovery Act.

The Board of Directors of the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York has authorized the formation of a committee to govern the merchandising of cotton goods under the proposed code of the cotton-textile industry in accordance with the National Industrial Recovery Act, according to a statement issued by Magruder Dent, President of the Association. The proposed code of the cotton-textile industry was noted in our issue of June 24, page 4386. In his statement Mr. Dent said that the following have accepted appointment on the new Industrial Recovery Committee, as it is to be known, with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Association:

Gerrish H. Milliken, Chairman, of Derring, Milliken & Co., Inc.
Saul F. Dribben, of Cone Export & Commission Co.
Leavelle McCampbell, of McCampbell & Co., Inc.
S. Robert Glassford, of Bliss, Fabyan & Co., Inc.
Willard A. Baldwin, of Woodward, Baldwin & Co.

And the President as ex-officio member.
Mr. Dent continued as follows:

The Association is fortunate in having secured members for this important committee who are recognized for character, fair-dealing with the trade, also for wide experience and extensive interests throughout the industry, thus insuring impartiality in the administration of problems arising under the new industry code.

This new Industrial Recovery Committee of our Association will determine the policies and practices for the merchandising of cotton goods for the industry under the conditions which will be brought about by adoption of the new code, will seek and expect full co-operation of all members as well as the assistance of non-members in developing uniformity of practice concerning the many problems which will arise, including such immediate questions as the additional cost to be added to the prices for goods already contracted for future deliveries where it is necessary to insure fair consideration of the interests of customers as well as manufacturers in the transition. It is expected that the groups already existing within the Association will be actively brought into operation for consideration of the problems relating to each type of manufactured goods. Merging of some of these groups and the formation of additional groups will be undertaken for the handling of different questions and problems which already are

apparent, so that fair-dealing, simplicity and uniformity may be obtained for the conduct of the important merchandising end of the cotton-textile business. The co-operation of the entire trade, including inter-related associations, independent organizations and customers, will be sought in this endeavor.

The Association of Cotton Textile Merchants will solicit the fullest co-operation of corporations, firms and individuals, both in the New York market and elsewhere, in the handling of merchandising problems uniformly. The Association has ready an organization for handling these problems and will augment this as conditions require. Obviously it will be advantageous to enlarge the membership of the Association to take in all merchandising units for closest co-operation possible, and with this in view, invitations are tendered to non-members within the merchandising scope to join on favorable terms, both to assist as well as to enjoy full benefit of the resources, experience and efforts that a majority in the industry, already represented within the Association's membership, naturally possess.

Recognizing adjustment of mill operations, employment, &c., under the National Industry Recovery Law to be most vital, the Association has given full support to The Cotton-Textile Institute, The National Association of Cotton Manufacturers and The American Cotton Manufacturers Association, who have had responsibility for developing a satisfactory code to meet the new conditions imposed by the National Industrial Recovery Law. The Committee from these organizations has handled the negotiations masterfully and unselfishly. The code, as proposed, is as satisfactory as anything of the kind could be, notwithstanding the difficulties which may develop throughout the industry and in individual situations. It is hoped that the hearings at Washington next week may result in consummation, indorsement and approval of the code by the President so that doubt and uncertainty may be removed and the industry adapt itself to the new deal.

Group of 46 Industrial Leaders Named by Secretary of Commerce Roper as Long-Range Economic Planning Committee—Organization Meeting on June 26 Appoints Various Subcommittees—Body Expected to Meet Monthly.

An advisory committee of 41 business men to assist in economic planning was named on June 21 by Secretary of Commerce Roper, and an organization meeting of these men was held on June 26, at which time five additional names were placed on the roll. In making the announcement, Secretary Roper said that the committee will have the following two broad purposes:

1. As a group of practical and experienced men in intimate contact with the daily problems of business, it will assist in directing the work of the department along the most effective and productive lines at minimum expense to the taxpayer.
2. Assist in the selection and the development of fundamental long-range studies considered essential in giving business the desired sense of direction in the form of appropriate facts, figures and other data for the collection and interpretation of which the research and statistical resources of the department afford unrivaled facilities. Into this class might fall problems such as the decentralization of industry, adjustment in international trade between countries having nationally planned economies, the relation between the increase in funded debt and growth of the capital equipment of the country, &c.

The personnel of the Advisory and Long-Range Planning Committee, as announced by Secretary Roper, follows:

Robert G. Elbert, Chairman of Board Aeolian Co. and International Holding Co.
Ralph E. Flanders, Manager Jones & Lamson Machine Co.
Alexander Legge, President International Harvester Co.
Alfred P. Sloan Jr., President General Motors Corp.
Edward N. Hurley, Chicago.
William A. Julian, Treasurer of the United States.
Robert L. Lund, Vice-President and General Manager Lambert Pharmaceutical Co.
Pierre du Pont, Chairman E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
Dr. C. K. Leith, Professor of Geology, University of Wisconsin.
Walter S. Gifford, President American Telephone & Telegraph Co.
H. R. Safford, Executive Vice-President Missouri Pacific RR.
William A. Harriman, Chairman Union Pacific RR. Co.
George H. Mead, President Mead Corp.
H. P. Kendall, President Kendall Co.
Lionel J. Noah, President American Woolen Co.
George H. Baldwin, Executive Vice-President Disbee-Baldwin Corp.
Austin Finch, President Thomasville Chair Co.
Edmond C. Van Diest, President General Service Corp.
Fred J. Lingham, President National Millers' Federation.
Henry H. Heimann, Executive Manager National Association of Credit Men.
Thomas H. McInnerny, President National Dairy Products Corp.
James H. Rand Jr., President Remington Rand, Inc.
Thomas J. Watson, President International Business Machine Corp.
Henry S. Dennison, President Dennison Manufacturing Co.
Walter C. Teagle, President Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.
M. L. Benedum, oil man, of Pittsburgh.
Morris E. Leeds, President Leeds & Northrup.
William T. Kemper, Chairman of Board National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City.
Gerard Swope, President General Electric Co.
Henry I. Harriman, President United States Chamber of Commerce.
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Lew Hahn, President National Retail Dry Goods Association.
Arthur W. Little, New York.
Sydney J. Weinberg, of Goldman-Sachs & Co.
R. M. Weyerhaeuser, Coquet, Minn.
William E. Woodward, New York.
John B. Elliott, Los Angeles.
David R. Coker, Hartsville, S. C.

At the organization meeting of the committee, held at the Department of Commerce, on June 26, Secretary Roper outlined the purposes for which the body is created. He said that "business has always spoken with too many voices, and the plan now is to have a single organization to speak for all industry as to the activities of the Department which are of value and which should be continued and even expanded, and those which can be dispensed with." Future meetings of the committee are expected to be held monthly. In the meanwhile a program for its activity will be formulated by an executive committee of which Gerard Swope, President of the General Electric Co., will be permanent Chairman, the other members being:

John H. Fahey, publisher of the Worcester (Mass.) "Post," and member of the Federal Home Loan Bank.
 General R. E. Wood, President Sears, Roebuck & Co.
 Henry H. Heimann, Executive Manager National Association of Credit Men.
 Henry I. Harriman, President United States Chamber of Commerce.
 Edmond C. Van Diest, President General Service Corp.
 Austin Finch, President Thomasville (N. C.) Chair Co.
 O. Max Gardner, former Governor of North Carolina.

Other committees named on June 26 included committees on General Economic Research, to be headed by Mr. Swope; Decentralization in Industry, headed by United States Treasurer William A. Julian; International Trade Relations, headed by Alfred P. Sloan Jr., President General Motors; Business Ethics, Unfair Competition, Standardization and Elimination of Waste, headed by Lew Hahn, President National Retail Dry Goods Association; Statistical Reporting and Uniform Accounting, headed by Walter S. Gifford, President American Telephone & Telegraph Co., and Departmental problems, headed by John H. Fahey, publisher, Worcester (Mass.) "Post."

The Committee on Departmental Problems will have a number of subcommittees on Foreign Service, headed by Edward N. Hurley, Chicago, Chairman of the Board Hurley Machine Co.; Domestic Commercial Surveys, Henry L. Dennison, President Dennison Manufacturing Co.; Fees for Services, Robert L. Lund, Vice-President Lambert Pharmaceutical Co., and Reporting and Publication Policies, Dr. C. K. Leith, Professor of Geology, University of Wisconsin.

Dry Goods, Department and Specialty Stores Draft Code of Fair Competition Under National Industrial Recovery Act—Set Minimum Pay at \$12 to \$18 a Week for Men and \$10 to \$12 for Women, with 48-Hour Week—Selling Price of Merchandise Must Be at Least 10% Above Invoice Cost.

A proposed code of fair competition for the dry goods, department and specialty stores of the United States, under the provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act, was made public on June 25 by the National Retail Dry Goods Association. The draft of the code has been submitted for approval to the members of the Association, who represent 3,800 stores doing a business of approximately \$3,500,000,000 in 1932. It establishes minimum wage scales of \$12 to \$18 a week for experienced male workers and \$10 to \$12 a week for experienced women employees, with the wage rates based on a 48-hour work week and graduated according to the population of the trading areas in which retail stores are located. The code would also provide a minimum mark-up of 10% on goods, would prohibit the sale of products manufactured in penal institutions, and would frown upon misrepresentation of merchandise and criticism of competitors' goods. It was formulated by a committee and the directors of the National Retail Dry Goods Association. According to Lew Hahn, President of that organization, retailers in affiliated lines are working through the Retailers' National Council to perfect a unified program for all branches of retail trade. When these are completed, he added, they will probably all be blended into one national retail code for submission to the industrial recovery administration. The text of the code which has been prepared by the National Retail Dry Goods Association for submission to Hugh S. Johnson, Administrator of the National Recovery Act, follows:

In drafting a code of fair competition for the regulation of the retail trade in conformity with the purposes and provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act, it is necessary to point out one fundamental difference between production and distribution. This is that retail distribution is the final outlet for a very large percentage of the commodities produced in the industries. To a considerable extent, the existing unemployment problem has been caused by underconsumption and overproduction. In order to balance production with consumption it may be temporarily necessary to place restricting limits on the volume of goods produced, but no restraint which will reduce the volume of goods sold for consumption should be placed upon the orderly process of distribution.

In attempting to establish principles of fair competition within the retail distributing trade, we recognize that most of the destructive practices

which have grown up in competition and which have made business unprofitable and which have seriously affected the producing industries and their labor, have centered about ignorance of actual operating cost, the fall in the general price level and destructive wage or price cutting. In the code which we herewith submit, we have confined ourselves to:

1. Providing a fair deal for employees through (a) the right to organize and bargain collectively; (b) a minimum wage; and (c) maximum working hours.
2. Control of unfair price competition.
3. Regulation of advertising statements.
4. A practical method of administering this code.

Nothing in the restraints imposed by this code is of a discriminatory nature. All restraints proposed in this code are to protect consumers, competitors, employees and others and are in the furtherance of the public interest.

No provision will stifle the initiative of any business conforming to these fair competition practices.

The National Retail Dry Goods Association which presents this code imposes no inequitable restrictions on admission to membership in its organization; is truly representative of the dry goods, department store, mail order and specialty shop trades. The code which it offers is not designed to promote monopolies or to eliminate or oppress small enterprises and will not operate to discriminate against them.

It is our conviction that this code will tend to effectuate the policy of Title I of the National Industrial Recovery Act.

I. LABOR CODE.

1. Collective Bargaining.

In conformity with the provisions of Section 7a of the National Industrial Recovery Act, the attitude of this trade with respect to the labor of employees shall be as follows:

- (1.) That employees shall have the right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, and shall be free from the interference, restraint, or coercion of employers of labor, or their agents, in the designation of such representatives or in self-organization or in other concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection;
- (2.) That no employee and no one seeking employment shall be required as a condition of employment to join any company union or to refrain from joining, organizing, or assisting a labor organization of his own choosing; and
- (3.) That employers shall comply with the maximum hours of labor, minimum rates of pay, and other conditions of employment, approved or prescribed by the President.

2. Maximum Working Hours.

The maximum number of working hours in retail dry goods, department store, mail order and specialty shop establishments, except for a period of two weeks before Christmas and two days a year for inventory, shall not exceed 48 hours a week. This shall not apply to executives.

3. Minimum Compensation.

In arriving at minimum wage rates for retail dry goods, department store, mail order and specialty shop trades we have had to bear in mind the fact that hundreds of thousands of these stores are located in very small communities where the cost of living is low and a lower wage permits a satisfactory standard of living.

The established minimum rates of wages for retail dry goods, department store, mail order and specialty shop trades for a 48-hour week are to be as follows:

A. Adult male employees over 18 years of age and with one year's experience in a retail store—

1. Within metropolitan areas (as defined by the United States Census of 1930) of over 1,000,000 population at the rate of \$18 for a 48-hour week.
2. Within metropolitan areas (as defined by the United States Census of 1930) of from 250,000 to 1,000,000 population at the rate of \$15 for a 48-hour week.
3. In the entire balance of the United States at the rate of \$12 for a 48-hour week.

B. Adult female employees over 18 years of age and with one year's experience in a retail store—

1. Within metropolitan areas (as defined by the United States Census of 1930) of over 1,000,000 population at the rate of \$12 for 48-hour week.
2. Within metropolitan areas (as defined by the United States Census of 1930) of from 250,000 to 1,000,000 population at the rate of \$11 for a 48-hour week.
3. In the entire balance of the United States at the rate of \$10 for a 48-hour week.

C. Junior employees of both sexes under the age of 18 years and (or) apprentice employees over 18 years of age with less than one year's experience in any retail store—

1. Within metropolitan areas (as defined by the United States Census of 1930) of over 1,000,000 population at the rate of \$11 for a 48-hour week.
2. Within metropolitan areas (as defined by the United States Census of 1930) of from 250,000 to 1,000,000 population at the rate of \$10 for a 48-hour week.
3. In the entire balance of the United States at the rate of \$9 for a 48-hour week.

It is recognized that these suggested rates are subject to such further adjustments on account of the varying cost of living as may be necessary.

II. UNFAIR COMPETITION.

1. It shall be unfair competition for any one to sell, offer for sale, or advertise to the public at retail any merchandise at less than the net invoice cost plus 10% to insure that labor costs shall at least be partially covered.

Nothing in this paragraph, however, shall be interpreted to prevent seasonal clearances of merchandise, so advertised or plainly marked, or of perishable or damaged goods, so advertised or plainly marked, nor shall any retailer, for the purpose of discontinuing the handling of such goods, when so advertised or plainly marked, be stopped from selling merchandise at less than net invoice cost plus 10% to insure that labor cost shall at least be partially covered.

2. Advertising (written, printed, radio or display) which misrepresents merchandise, values or services, or selling methods which tend to mislead the consumer, shall be deemed acts of unfair competition.

3. Retailers shall be free to advertise their own goods, their own services and their own prices, but references to the goods, services or prices of competing retailers shall be regarded as an act of unfair competition.

4. The use of, participation in, publishing or broadcasting of any statement or representation which lays claim to a policy or continuing practice of generally underselling competitors is an unfair and uneconomic practice.

5. It shall be considered unfair competition for any merchant to offer for sale any product of a penal institution.

III. ADMINISTRATION OF FAIR COMPETITION CODE.

A National Retail Recovery Board shall be formed to consist of one or more representatives from each of the following national retail organiza-

tions and of such other national retail organizations, as are truly representative, which may now exist or may be formed prior to the acceptance of this code:

American National Retail Jewelers Association.
National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers.
National Association of Retail Druggists.
National Association of Retail Grocers.
National Retail Dry Goods Association.
National Retail Furniture Association.
National Retail Hardware Association.
National Shoe Retailers Association.

It is recommended that each local metropolitan trading area, as defined by the United States Census of 1930, and such other rural trading areas as cannot be included in a metropolitan trading area, be required to set up a tentative, initial local Retail Recovery Board representative of all national retail organizations represented on the National Retail Recovery Board and of such other divisions of retailing as may be important locally. The local Retail Recovery Boards, when organized, shall be certified to the National Retail Recovery Board and shall report their regulations to it.

It shall be the duty and responsibility of the local Retail Recovery Board to draft such regulations as may be necessary to make the provisions of this code applicable to the business situation within an area, but the essentials set forth in this national retail code shall be the minimum to be observed in each locality.

The regulations of such local Retail Recovery Boards shall be drafted and administered without discrimination against any individual retailer or class of retailers so that the spirit of fair and equitable treatment may prevail. Appeal from their decisions may be made to the National Retail Recovery Board.

For the purpose of effectuating the provisions of Title I of the National Industrial Recovery Act supplements to this code or additional codes not inconsistent herewith may from time to time be submitted for the approval of the President; and the President may from time to time cancel or modify any order, approval, rule or regulation issued hereunder.

Retail Grocers Draft Code of Fair Competition—Giving of Premiums and Prizes Prohibited—Matthew Woll, Addressing Convention, Praises Recovery Act.

The National Association of Retail Grocers, meeting in convention at Atlantic City on June 27, adopted a tentative code of fair competition for submission to the National Industrial Recovery Administration. The code as formulated includes among a list of unfair and forbidden practices the giving of prizes, premiums and free merchandise. The convention was addressed by Matthew Woll, Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor, who spoke in unqualified praise of President Roosevelt, the Administration's policies and the Industrial Recovery Act. The tentative code was summarized as follows in an Atlantic City dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" on June 27:

The purpose of the retailers' code is given as "increasing employment, establishing fair and adequate wages, improving standards of labor, granting the right of collective bargaining to employees and applicants for employment, and eliminating unfair trade practices."

The code would "restore the income of enterprise within the industry to levels which will make possible the payment of such wages and to provide for periodic revision of wages to reflect variations in the cost of living." An industry council of 21 members would act for the trade to administer the code, adjust complaints and set up regulations for any rebellious section of the industry.

Among the unfair practices proscribed were deceptive statements of quality, nature or use of any goods, selling at less than replacement cost plus reasonable profit, inclusion of credit and delivery costs, which must be separate charges, and abuse of buying power to force unjust terms on sellers or buyers. Other forbidden practices include contract violation, unearned discount, substitution, short measure, discrimination between customers and variation of prices on the same goods between several stores of the same ownership, other than the variation caused by different costs of transportation.

National Public Works Board Issues Statement of Policy Regarding Handling of Construction Projects Under National Industrial Recovery Act—Specifies Conditions Under Which Federal Assistance May Be Granted.

A statement of policy for the public works program to be carried out under the provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act was issued on June 22 by the National Public Works Board, of which Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes is Chairman and Colonel Donald H. Sawyer is Public Works Administrator. The statement follows:

I. Policy in Handling Applications.

Application for Federal financing or other aid for proposed projects should not be rushed to Washington. They should be withheld until an organization is in existence and functioning which can handle them in an orderly and effective manner. In handling projects submitted from different localities, a high degree of decentralization is indispensable in order to prevent the creation of a hopeless jam at Washington. For handling all such applications a system of State administrators will be set up. Each administrator will be provided with a technical expert staff sent out from the Washington administration and with a local advisory board. These agencies will receive all proposed projects applicable to their States and will submit to the central administration at Washington only the projects which they approve. Until this organization is set up, it will be useless to send on projects directly to Washington.

The central administration at Washington will pass upon the projects submitted from the State administrators. For this purpose units will be set up to consider each project from the following points of view:

1. General policy.
2. Soundness from an engineering and technical standpoint.
3. Legal feasibility.
4. Financial setup.
5. Economic desirability, i. e., relation to unemployment and the revival of industry.

6. From the standpoint of co-ordinated planning, taking into account the social desirability of the project and its relation to other projected works.

Any conflicts that may arise with reference to a project from these various points of view will be ironed out by a board of investigation and review which will reject certain projects and recommend others for approval to the special board of public works.

It is suggested that proposed Federal works, i. e., works recommended not by a local administrator but by one of the Federal departments, should be subjected to examination by the central public works administration from two of the above-mentioned points of view, i. e., the economic point of view and the point of view of co-ordinated planning. Such projects should be fed into the central public works administration through the two units concerned with these problems.

II. Construction Policy.

All public works projects, whether National, State or local, should meet the test of certain requisite conditions and should be ranged in a certain order of priority. These tests and priorities should be applied by the local and central administration in passing upon all projects submitted.

The requisites which a project should possess in order to entitle it to consideration are the following:

1. The project should be socially desirable in the sense of contributing something of value to the equipment of the community and should not be a mere makeshift to supply work.

2. No work should be constructed which would require for its maintenance or operation an additional outlay by the Federal Government.

The priorities to which different classes of projects should be entitled are as follows:

1. Projects which can be entered upon at once and completed with reasonable speed should be preferred to projects which would be spread over a relatively long period. This is in order to stimulate immediate revival of employment and industrial activity.

2. Projects which are located in or near a centre of unemployment should be preferred, so far as practicable, to those located in areas where the problem of unemployment is less acute.

3. Projects which are integrated with other projects into a significant plan should be preferred to projects which are isolated and unrelated.

III. Labor Policy.

1. Opportunities for employment on projects authorized under its administration shall be equitably distributed among qualified workers who are unemployed—not among those who merely wish to change one good job for another.

2. These work opportunities shall be distributed, geographically, as widely and as equitably as may be practicable.

3. Qualified workers who, under the law, are entitled to preference shall secure such treatment.

4. The wasteful costs and personal disappointments, due to excessive migration of labor to the vicinities of work projects, should be avoided.

5. Local labor required for such projects, and appropriately to be secured through employment services, should so far as possible be selected from lists of qualified workers submitted by local employment agencies designated by the United States Employment Service.

Note.—All contracts shall meet the provision of the National Industrial Recovery Act.

Employees Administering Emergency Legislation Cannot Receive Pay at Higher Rate Than Those in Comparable Federal Services According to Order from President Roosevelt—Regulation Will Affect 40,000.

Administrators of the emergency legislation that will provide direct employment for approximately 40,000 non-civil service workers have received an order from President Roosevelt, transmitted while the President was on his vacation, that "no extraordinary salaries shall be paid," and that salaries fixed shall be comparable to similar service in the ordinary field of government activity, according to dispatches from Washington on June 25. The order was said to have been issued at the suggestion of the Bureau of the Budget. It was expected that definite salaries in many cases for persons administering the farm relief, industrial control, public works, home loan and farm financing acts will not be fixed until after the President returns to Washington.

Public Works Administration Under National Industrial Recovery Act Allots \$400,000,000 in Road Funds to States and Territories, Available July 1—Army Program Asks \$135,000,000 for Reconditioning Posts and National Cemeteries—Details of Construction Projects.

A total of \$400,000,000 in road funds was allotted to States and Territories under the provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act public works program on June 23, while on the same day the War Department submitted a \$135,000,000 project for reconditioning army posts and National cemeteries. The announcement regarding the road funds, which become available on July 1, was made by Colonel Donald Sawyer, Public Works Administrator, who also issued a complete schedule governing the rules and regulations for the use of these funds. Among other stipulations, the rules provided:

1. All projects must be initiated by the States in the same manner as other Federal-aid projects.

2. Not more than 50% of funds apportioned to any one State may be used outside municipalities; not less than 25% must be used on extensions of the Federal-aid highway system into and through municipalities, and not more than 25% may be applied to secondary roads until provision has been made for completion of at least 90% of the initial Federal-aid highway system.

3. The right is reserved to require construction of roads desired by the Co-ordinator of Transportation to replace branch-line railroad service.

4. Preference in purchasing materials must be given to materials produced under codes approved by the Industrial Recovery Administration.
5. No convict labor shall be employed.
6. All contracts must prescribe minimum wage rates, which must be sufficient to provide "a standard of living in decency and comfort."
7. Labor preference must be given (a) to ex-service men with dependents; (b) to bona fide residents of the local subdivisions where the work is being done, and (c) to bona fide residents of the State.
8. A maximum thirty-hour week must be observed "so far as practicable and feasible."
9. The maximum of human labor must be used in lieu of machinery "where consistent with sound economy."

The largest grant under the road fund allotment goes to Texas, with \$24,244,024. New York receives \$22,330,101, Pennsylvania \$18,891,004, Illinois \$17,570,770, New Jersey \$6,346,039 and Connecticut \$2,865,740. Announcement of the apportionment of the funds was made as follows by the Department of Agriculture on June 23:

Acting Secretary of Agriculture R. G. Tugwell to-day apportioned, with the approval of the Special Board for Public Works, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, Chairman, the \$400,000,000 appropriated by the National Industrial Recovery Act for expenditure on highway construction.

The money will be available for expenditure July 1 for construction of roads in the Federal-aid highway system and extensions thereof into and through municipalities, and for the survey, planning, improvement and construction of secondary or feeder roads to be agreed upon by the State Highway Departments and the Secretary of Agriculture.

Allocation of the money has been made in accordance with the requirements of the act which provide that seven-eighths of the total sum apportioned to the States shall be divided in accordance with the three-way plan established by the Federal Highway Act which gives equal weight to population, area, and rural post road mileage, and one-eighth in proportion to population. Sharing in the apportionment are the 48 States and Hawaii and the District of Columbia. In apportioning the seven-eighths part the States of Delaware, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont and Hawaii and the District of Columbia receive a minimum share of 1/2 of 1%.

The amounts allocated follow:

State	Appportionment	Total	State	Appportionment	Total	State	Appportionment	Total
Alabama	\$8,370,133		Maryland	\$3,564,527		Oregon	\$6,106,896	
Arizona	5,211,960		Massachusetts	6,597,100		Pennsylvania	18,891,004	
Arkansas	6,748,335		Michigan	12,736,227		Rhode Island	1,998,708	
California	15,607,354		Minnesota	10,656,569		South Carolina	5,459,165	
Colorado	6,874,530		Mississippi	6,978,675		South Dakota	6,011,479	
Connecticut	2,865,740		Missouri	12,180,306		Tennessee	8,492,619	
Delaware	1,819,088		Montana	7,439,748		Texas	24,244,024	
Florida	5,231,834		Nebraska	7,828,961		Utah	4,194,708	
Georgia	10,091,185		Nevada	4,545,917		Vermont	1,867,573	
Idaho	4,436,249		New Hampshire	1,909,839		Virginia	7,416,757	
Illinois	17,570,770		New Jersey	6,346,039		Washington	6,115,867	
Indiana	10,037,843		New Mexico	5,792,935		West Virginia	4,474,234	
Iowa	10,055,660		New York	22,330,101		Wisconsin	9,724,381	
Kansas	10,089,604		North Carolina	9,522,293		Wyoming	4,501,327	
Kentucky	7,517,359		North Dakota	5,804,448		Dist. of Col.	1,918,469	
Louisiana	5,828,591		Ohio	15,484,592		Hawaii	1,871,062	
Maine	3,369,917		Oklahoma	9,216,798				

Rules and regulations for carrying out the work provided for by the funds apportioned were also promulgated by the Acting Secretary with approval of Mr. Ickes as Chairman of the Public Works Board.

The rules and regulations define secondary or feeder roads as roads not now included in the Federal-aid highway system, but which are either part of the State highway system, or important local highways leading to shipping points, or which will permit co-ordination or extension of existing transportation facilities, including highway, rail, air, and water.

Not more than 50% of the funds apportioned will be applied to projects on the Federal-aid system outside of corporate limits. Not less than 25% will be applied to extensions of the Federal-aid system into and through municipalities; and not more than 25% will be available for secondary or feeder roads until provision has been made for the satisfactory completion of at least 90% of the initial limiting mileage of the Federal-aid system, which is 7% of the State's certified rural road mileage.

The War Department program includes reconditioning work on barracks and officers' quarters as well as miscellaneous work, at 225 army posts and National cemeteries in forty-five States and Territories. The army's allocation of the \$135,000,000 funds, according to the recommendation submitted must first be approved by a subcommittee before becoming effective.

Industrial Recovery and Agricultural Adjustment Acts Declared Constitutional by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Tugwell in Address Before Western New York Law Group—Says Measures Recognize Changes in American Economic Life.

The new industrial control and agricultural adjustment laws were upheld as strictly within the provisions of the Constitution by Dr. Rexford G. Tugwell, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, in an address on June 24 before the Federation of Bar Associations of Western New York at Rochester. These new laws provide adequate recognition of changes in American economic life, he said, while the tendency of anti-trust laws has been to repulse the co-operative impulses of industry. His further remarks, as given in Associated Press advices from Rochester, follow:

"What was sound and economically necessary was branded as wrong legally," he said, continuing that the Constitution, in the past, has been used as "a holy of holies within which the ugly practices of free competition can be hid from vulgar eyes."

"As the Government 'interfered' in days of pre-competitive exploitations with bonuses for production, tariff, grants of natural resources, anti-trust Acts and prescriptions for raising two blades of grass where only one grew before, I have felt that the Government must now intervene in other ways to conserve and maintain the industrial system which was developed here.

"It is Government function, not only because this conservation is a matter of public interest, but also, because enterprises cannot act collectively for preservation.

"In this era of our economic existence, I believe it is manifest that a public interest well within the function of Government and well within the authority of Government under our Constitution, commands the protection, the maintenance, the conservation of our industrial faculties against the destructive forces of unrestrained competition. Certainly the Constitution was never designed to impose upon one era the obsolete economic dogma which may have been glorified under it in an earlier day.

"To-day, and for to-morrow, our problem is that of our National economic maintenance for the public welfare by governmental intervention—any theory of government, law or economics to the contrary notwithstanding. Hence, the National Recovery Act and the Agricultural Adjustment Act."

Petroleum Code Under National Industrial Recovery Act Adopted at Chicago Meeting—Administration Asked to Fix Marketing Prices—Production Control Provided by Agreement—Principal Features of Tentative Project.

A code of fair competition for the petroleum industry, under the terms of the National Industrial Recovery Act, received final approval by oil marketers and refiners meeting at Chicago on June 24, after a last-minute clause had been inserted asking the Administration to fix marketing prices for petroleum. Some of the delegates opposed the price-fixing clause, but were defeated when the question was put to a vote. The text of the clause follows:

What is true of selling crude petroleum below the cost of production is also true of the selling of refined products thereof below cost, and the President is requested upon the recommendation of the Emergency National Committee to establish from time to time minimum and maximum prices for motor fuel and any other products of petroleum, the prices of which the Committee decides should be fixed for the different localities of the United States in relation to such base points as the Committee may indicate.

Other principal features of the petroleum code were summarized as follows, in a Washington dispatch to the New York "Journal of Commerce" on June 23:

The allowed production in the United States, plus imports and withdrawals from storage, shall, as nearly as may be, equal the current domestic consumption plus the demand for export. The amount of crude petroleum necessary to meet such requirements shall be equitably allocated between current production, withdrawals from storage and imports, and there shall be equitably allotted a maximum production to the various producers, areas, properties and wells located thereon, all as determined or approved by the President.

In order that the production of crude petroleum may be held within such reasonable amount as not to injuriously affect inter-State or foreign commerce, no person shall be permitted to commence the drilling of a well for petroleum within the United States without first obtaining a permit from the President.

Stripper Wells.

It is estimated that there are approximately 300,000 wells in the United States known as stripper wells, producing an aggregate of approximately 500,000 barrels per day, and representing an estimated reserve of several billion barrels of petroleum. Conservation of the National supply requires the preservation of these reserves and they can only be preserved by a price which permits their production without loss.

The sale of crude petroleum below the actual cost of production is contrary to the policy of conservation. To avoid these evils the President is requested to establish minimum prices for crude petroleum in the various producing areas and in order to protect consumers may also fix maximum prices therefor.

Every purchaser of crude petroleum shall be required currently to post publicly the price offered, to report monthly to the President each purchase made, indicating quantity purchased, how and by whom transported, from whom purchased, and the price paid.

Withdrawals Limited.

To pay a secret price, or a price other than the one posted by the purchaser, shall be deemed unfair competition.

Withdrawals from storage may be limited by the President. Withdrawals from storage shall be equitably allocated among the various persons holding such storage. Withdrawals of crude petroleum in excess of current supply shall not exceed in the aggregate an average of 100,000 barrels per day. Suitable regulations shall also be made for limiting withdrawals from storage of petroleum other than crude for purposes of refining.

The President is requested to limit the imports of crude petroleum and the products thereof to an amount not exceeding the average daily imports into the United States during the last six months of 1932. Such imports to be allocated to the various persons desiring to import such petroleum and the products thereof in such equitable manner as the President may determine.

It shall be deemed a waste of natural resources, unfair competition and violation of this code, if any person shall produce crude petroleum or any product thereof in excess of the allocated share of such person of the demand, and dump the same in inter-State or foreign commerce, or in intra-State commerce, in such manner and to such extent as to divert or otherwise injuriously affect inter-State or foreign commerce, under circumstances reasonably calculated in economic effect to bring prices below the normal and average cost of production.

Agreements between competitors within the industry for the purpose of accomplishing the objects of this code, or any of them, are hereby expressly permitted but such agreements shall be submitted to the President and may at any time be disapproved by him.

Where any oil pool is made up of leases separately owned by different operators nothing in this code shall be interpreted to authorize the compulsory operation of such pool as a single unit under one management and thereby force each separate owner to contribute to the expense and share in the returns from such unit operation unless all of such operators owning all of such leases consent to such utilization.

Public Works Administrator Sawyer Seeks Quick Approval of Loans for 100 Non-Federal Construction Projects Totaling \$100,000,000—Secretary Ickes Asks Recommendations for Positions of State Public Works Administrators.

Donald H. Sawyer, Administrator of Public Works, on June 26 asked the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for

a list of non-Federal projects that would be included under the self-liquidating section of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act. Unofficial reports in Washington indicated that there were approximately 100 such projects investigated by Reconstruction Finance Corporation agencies, but for which the Corporation is not empowered to lend money, while the average expenditure per project was said to be \$1,000,000. On the same day (June 26) the Reconstruction Finance Corporation turned over to the Public Works Administration the self-liquidating phases of its work, and sent to the new authority projects the applications for which total more than \$500,000,000. The number of applications deferred for consideration by the Public Works Administration was 96, with information covering 340 loans that had been declined but will also be available for consideration by the new body. Mr. Sawyer is quoted as saying:

No new applications for public works loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will be eligible, but the governmental expenditure in investigation already made will be salvaged.

Original applications must be made to State Administrators of public works as soon as they are appointed.

The Public Works Administration hopes on re-examination to pluck from this list projects which loans may be approved quickly, avoiding a wait while the new Public Works Administration is organizing. In the list may be the first non-Federal projects aided from the \$3,300,000,000 provided by Congress.

On June 26 Secretary of the Interior Ickes made public a letter which he has addressed to Governors, Senators and chambers of commerce, asking them to recommend men fitted to serve as State Administrators in the expenditure of the \$3,300,000,000 Public Works Fund.

In his letter he said:

"We feel that our [State] representative should be, if possible, a resident of the State, and we wish to get a man of the highest calibre, who will enjoy the confidence of all the people. He must, of course, be without any embarrassing connections with firms or individuals who could possibly profit by any of the projects approved.

"Suspicion of any political aspect to his appointment must be avoided in both spirit and letter."

Mr. Ickes added in his letter that names already had been presented to President Roosevelt from various sources in many States, and continued: "We have decided before making a final choice to ask the Governors, Senators and the State Chambers of Commerce in each State to submit four or five names, if they care to do so, for our consideration, with a very brief account of the reasons why the men suggested are particularly fitted for the work to be done.

"Will you send us any names you have to suggest at the earliest possible minute. If we do not receive names by the 29th of June we will understand that you have no suggestions to offer.

We must have our list ready and the men appointed, if possible, not later than the 1st of July."

Bonds of Federal Home Loan Corporation to Be Admitted to Trading Privileges on New York Real Estate Securities Exchange.

The Chairman of the Committee on Listing of The New York Real Estate Securities Exchange, Inc., announced on June 23 that the bonds to be issued by the newly-organized Federal Home Loan Corporation will be admitted to trading privileges on the floor of the exchange.

Operation of Home Owners' Loan Corporation Will Require Force of from 5,000 to 7,000—State Managers First—About 6,000 Appraisers and Attorneys Will Be Retained on a Fee Basis.

Operations of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, which will disburse \$2,000,000,000 for the benefit of small home owners, will require a force estimated at from 5,000 to 7,000 in Washington and in the field. The estimate was announced on June 20 by William F. Stevenson, Chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. Washington advices, June 20, to the New York "Times" further reported:

While the corporation is entirely separate from the Home Loan Banks, members of the Home Loan Board are directors of the other organization.

Mr. Stevenson said that consideration was now being given to the selection of State headquarters and the appointment of personnel, including a manager for each State. State delegations and members of the House and Senate, he declared were being heard in this connection.

The belief was expressed that on an average one appraiser and one attorney would be employed on a fee basis in each county, or about 6,000 in that capacity. In some counties, it was pointed out, no special agents will be required, while in others several must be retained.

The local agents who will make appraisals of real estate offered as collateral for loans and study titles will be selected by the State managers with the approval of the Board. Appraisals and titles will be reviewed at the State headquarters. The Washington office reserves the right of review. Some of the States will have several branch offices.

Applications for loans, it was stressed to-day, should be filed with the State branch offices. They will be referred to the local appraisers. If the applicants are eligible for loans the State office will advance funds or bonds of the corporation, whichever are desired.

Mr. Stevenson expressed the hope that the State managers would be selected by July 1. The time of starting actual advances is in doubt, although it is believed that by Aug. 1 some of the home loan money will be put out.

State offices will not necessarily be in State capitals, but will be located in the centre of potential business. An agreement virtually has been reached on Chicago for Illinois, with a possibility of a down-State branch

or branches. Philadelphia probably will be the headquarters for Pennsylvania, with branches at Pittsburgh and Harrisburg. No decision has been reached as to New York.

Former Representative James G. Strong Elected Treasurer of Home Owners' Loan Corporation.

James G. Strong, a former Republican Representative from Kansas, was elected on June 19 Treasurer of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, which is being formed to administer the \$2,000,000,000 Home Mortgage Refinancing Act.

Governor Comstock of Michigan Signs Measure to Permit Banks in State to Exchange Home Mortgages for Bonds Issued Under Federal Home Loan Act.

Governor Comstock of Michigan, on June 20, signed the measure permitting Michigan banks to exchange home mortgages for Federal bonds issued under the Home Owners' Loan Act. The bill is expected to permit banks to liquefy mortgages totaling close to \$100,000,000, said advices from Lansing, June 20 to the Detroit "Free Press" which also had the following to say:

The statute will benefit home owners who are unable to meet their obligations in that the banks can surrender the mortgages to the Government instead of foreclosing. The Government will guarantee interest on the bonds, but not the principal. The mortgages exchanged under the plan will not be foreclosed for at least 18 years, if payments lapse.

The Governor did not act on any of the other 50 bills on his desk. He is considering vetoing the proposed law reducing the small loan interest rate from 3½% a month to 1¼% and the measure levying a tax of \$250 a year on chain stores when more than 25 are under one ownership.

Socialistic Trend in National Industrial Recovery Act and Other Legislation Denied by President Roosevelt's Secretary Louis McH. Howe—Explains Data on Banks.

Assertions that the National Industrial Recovery Act and other legislation passed at the recent session of Congress would change the system of government and set up State socialism were challenged by Louis McH. Howe, Secretary to President Roosevelt in a radio talk over the National Broadcasting network on June 25. No one, said Mr. Howe (who spoke from Washington) could give him a definition of socialism that agreed with any one else's definition, but he did not think that the recovery act fitted any of them. From a despatch June 25 from Washington to the New York "Times" we quote further as follows:

Mr. Howe said he liked to refer to the last Congress as "the Congress that dared." He held unfounded all allegations that it was a rubber-stamp Congress. He referred to the prohibition question, forecasting a scramble for the band wagon if more States continued to fall in line for repeal.

Asked by his radio interviewer, Walter Trumbull, a newspaper correspondent, whether repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment would supply material revenues to meet expenditures under the recovery laws, he said:

"It is obvious that receipts of the Internal Revenue Department, after the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, will be increased by many millions of dollars. How much is purely guesswork. I have seen estimates by wise statisticians running from two hundred million to half a billion dollars."

Mr. Howe also discussed the banking system, giving the latest compilation of figures to show that of about \$44,000,000,000 deposits in banks closed during the holiday, all but \$10,000,000,000 had been released by reopenings on a 100% basis. He was told by Mr. Trumbull that figures which he gave two weeks ago had been questioned.

"I was referring only to the National banks," said Mr. Howe. "There are 815 State banks, members of the Federal Reserve, of which 690 are open. There are 10,288 non-member banks, of which 8,043 are open. The total deposits of all these banks was roughly \$44,000,000,000. The total amount in the banks still closed or on a restricted basis is roughly about \$10,000,000,000.

"In other words, about 76% of all the money deposited in all banks at the time of the crash is now available to depositors.

"As I said last week, the percentage of the deposits available in the National banks alone is 90%. In addition to the non-member banks, State authorities also have permitted the reopening of 145 of the 578 mutual savings banks which were closed."

Asked if Congress had acted because there was "some one behind it with a gun," Mr. Howe said that "there has been a general feeling that in some way this Congress was merely a rubber-stamp body," but he denied that charge.

Drainage, Levee and Irrigation Division of Reconstruction Finance Corporation Organized—Emil Schram of Illinois Appointed Chief—Will Administer \$50,000,000 Appropriation Provided for in Emergency Farm Mortgage Act.

Organization of the drainage, levee and irrigation division of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to administer the \$50,000,000 appropriation for refinancing of drainage, levee and irrigation districts as provided for in the Emergency Farm Mortgage Act, was announced on June 24 by Judge Wilson McCarthy on behalf of the directors of the Corporation. Emil Schram, of Illinois, has been appointed Chief of the new division. An announcement issued by the Corporation, on June 26, from which the foregoing is taken, continued:

Applications for such refinancing as is provided under the terms of the Act must be made to Washington on blanks available both at Washington and at the R. F. C. loan agencies. An effort will be made to give early consideration to those levee, drainage and irrigation districts in which all or approximately all bonds have been deposited by their holders for adjustment. Under the provisions of the Act the Reconstruction Finance Corp. cannot make any loans for new work or extension of existing facilities, and refinancing will be undertaken only in those cases where there is distress or danger of foreclosure. It has been decided, also, that the fund will be distributed as nearly as possible to each State in proportion to the relationship that its problem bears to such needs in the country as a whole.

The application blanks will include the specific regulations under which loans will be granted. The interest rate to be charged by the R. F. C. has not yet been definitely determined.

The Act, which offers relief in 36 States, authorizes the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to refinance completed projects devoted chiefly to land for agricultural purposes. Loans must not exceed 40 years, and must be secured by bonds, notes or other obligations which are a lien on the real property of the project; assessments, taxes, or other charges imposed under the State law, or acceptable collateral. The borrowers must agree to issue no other bonds during the period of the R. F. C. loan except with the Corporation's consent, and to pay the Corporation, until the loan is retired, all collections over the cost of operation and maintenance. Another section of the Act provides for a reduction in assessments in proportion to the cut made in the principal and interest through refinancing.

Projects for which refinancing loans are granted must be reappraised, be economically sound, and give evidence that an agreement has been made with the bondholders that all of such bonds will be purchased at a price which the Corporation believes to be reasonable. The Corporation will fix the price of bonds at a figure it believes to be reasonable after taking in consideration the average market price of such bonds over the six months' period ending March 1 1933.

G. T. Cross Appointed Member of Legal Staff of Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Guernsey T. Cross, who was Secretary to President Roosevelt when he was Governor of New York, was on June 13 appointed a member of the legal staff of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation Authorizes 18 Self-Liquidating Loans—Total Approximately \$5,000,000.

Eighteen self-liquidating loans, totaling approximately \$5,000,000, authorized during the week of June 24 by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, will provide direct employment, when the construction work is well under way, for more than 2,000 men in several States for periods ranging from one month to one year. More than \$3,000,000 will be expended on materials and the remainder will be paid out directly for labor on the various projects. The Corporation, in an announcement issued June 25, continued:

The main feature of this construction work, however, according to Director Harvey Couch, is the huge army that will be given employment indirectly in mills and factories and on the railroads of the country. Most of the loans were to assist small towns in building water supply systems, which are necessary, in many cases, to safeguard the health conditions of those communities.

Miles of cast-iron pipe will be required for the water systems, which means a noticeable increase in transportation. The demand for pipe, pumps, tanks, and other equipment will call for renewed activity in the mines and factories, Mr. Couch said, and general aid to employment all around.

This increase of employment is provided without cost to the Government. The loans are made on adequate security and will be repaid within a reasonable time with interest. They have the further advantage of financing projects for many American communities at a time when financing is difficult and sometimes impossible.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation Authorizes Loans to 12 Self-Liquidating Projects.

According to Director Harvey Couch, of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, 12 self-liquidating loans authorized by the directors of the Corporation during the week of June 9 total approximately \$1,500,000, and will result in the purchase of more than \$1,000,000 worth of material. An announcement issued by the Corporation on June 9 continued:

These projects will bring employment to thousands of workers. More than 1,200 men will be given work directly on the new improvements to be made, and many times that number will be needed in the mills and factories to assemble and fabricate the necessary material. The projects will aid the railroads, which will be required to transport hundreds of carloads of pipe, cement, tanks, piling, and the like.

Five of these projects are new water supply systems for towns unable to finance such improvements during the depression, and three are for sewage disposal plants, necessary to safeguard health conditions. A toll bridge, canning factory, merchandise market and gymnasium are included among other improvements made possible by the R. F. C. financing system.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation Agrees to Purchase \$40,000 of 5½% Revenue Bonds of University of North Carolina—Funds to Be Used by University to Build Stadium.

The University of North Carolina, at Raleigh, N. C., will construct a reinforced concrete stadium on one side of the university athletic field, providing additional seating capacity for approximately 7,500 persons, with funds obtained June 17 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, we learn from an announcement issued by the Corporation. The Board of Directors of the R. F. C. agreed to pur-

chase \$40,000 worth of 5½% revenue bonds of the University at par, according to Director Harvey Couch. The announcement continued, in part:

The loan will be secured by a first lien on the gross athletic revenues of the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering. R. F. C. examiners estimate that the gross revenues anticipated will be 14 times the amount necessary for service of the loan.

An average of 60 men will be employed 30 hours a week for four months directly, and the materials, estimated to cost \$21,000, will provide work indirectly for many others. The loan is authorized under the provisions of Section 201 (a), Paragraph 1, of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation Advances Additional \$500,000 for Earthquake Reconstruction Work in California.

The Board of Directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation authorized an additional commitment of \$500,000 to the Unified Rehabilitation Corporation of Los Angeles, Calif., on June 22, to be used in earthquake reconstruction work. Three previous commitments of \$500,000 each have been made for this purpose, the Corporation announced.

President Roosevelt in Message to Convention of Advertising Federation of America Asks Co-Operation in Restoring Improved Trade Conditions—Message of Hugh S. Johnson, Administrator of National Industrial Recovery Act.

A message from President Roosevelt read at a luncheon which preceded the opening of the three-day Convention of the Advertising Federation of America said:

"I wish you would say that I hope the high standards which have made good advertising an economic and social force of vital importance to us all will be continued.

"Your co-operation will be valuable to the restoration of improved levels and flow of trade. It also will help business and industry to return to better times.

"By doing these things, you will be serving your country and Government."

The above was read by Edgar Kobak, President of the Federation, who likewise announced the following message from Hugh S. Johnson, Administrator of the National Industrial Recovery Act:

"The interest of advertising men and women in the Industrial Recovery Act is a source of encouragement to those of us who are charged with the responsibility of putting its provisions in effect.

"Advertising is certain to be an important factor in the new industrial relationships under the terms of the act. In its effect the law will bring to the fore the sales problems of the manufacturers and will emphasize the importance of an accurate knowledge of his markets.

Modification of Order Discontinuing Market News Service of Department of Agriculture—To Be Continued on Reduced Basis—Curtailed to Effect Saving.

An order issued June 19 by Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, to discontinue the market news service of the Department of Agriculture was modified on June 28, when announcement was made of plans for continuing the activity on a reduced basis.

Savings under the original order were to have been \$1,300,000; under plans for its continuance, the outlay for this year will be limited to \$575,000 it is stated. Many offices will be closed and methods of distributing the information altered. The service on live stock, meats and wool will be limited to offices with a reduced personnel in Boston, New York, Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis, Sioux City, St. Paul, Des Moines, Denver, San Francisco, Casper, Wyo., and Ogden, Utah. Associated Press accounts from Washington on June 28 said:

The Department intends to collect from railroads shipment and unloading information on fruits and vegetables and to maintain for this purpose offices with a reduced personnel in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cincinnati, Kansas City and St. Louis.

It will also operate about 30 temporary stations in important producing sections to place the service within reach of growers and shippers.

In the last year 42 offices of this kind were maintained. Financial aid from State and local agencies "will be expected in carrying on this part of the service," the Department said.

Some of the price reporting and disseminating features of the service on dairy and poultry products will be eliminated. The service will be reduced to consist of compilation of statistical data, mostly by mail, of monthly estimates of current production of butter, cheese, condensed and evaporated milk and dry milk, and also information on the output of commercial hatcheries and commercial egg-breaking plants. Offices for this will be maintained in New York, Chicago and San Francisco.

The following is the Department's announcement of June 28:

As previously stated by Secretary Wallace, the Federal economy program will limit the Department's expenditures very drastically during the fiscal year 1934. As a part of the process of adjusting the activities of the Department to this program it was announced that the Market News Service would be eliminated. Other adjustments within the Department, however, have made possible the continuance of the service on a reduced basis. The expenditure for this service during the fiscal year just closing was \$1,300,000. It is expected that for the next year the expenditure will be \$575,000. Information can be collected in many of the more important marketing centers and data as to shipments can be supplied. The Depart-

ment hopes that radio stations, newspapers, and States will take over most of the work of disseminating the information collected.

Under the greatly reduced program the Department plans to continue to collect the shipment and unload information on fruits and vegetables from the railroads and to maintain offices with a reduced personnel in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cincinnati, Kansas City, and St. Louis.

The Department also expects to continue to operate about 30 temporary stations in important producing sections to place the service within reach of growers and shippers in highly concentrated fruit and vegetable producing districts. Forty-two offices of this kind are being conducted during the current fiscal year. Financial aid from States and local agencies will be expected in carrying on this part of the service.

The service on livestock, meats and wool will have to be limited to offices with a reduced personnel in Boston, New York City, Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis, Sioux City, St. Paul, Des Moines, Denver, San Francisco, Casper, Wyoming, and Ogden, Utah.

Some of the price-reporting and information-disseminating features of the service on dairy and poultry products will be eliminated. This service, on a reduced basis, will consist of compiling statistical data, mostly by mail, such as the monthly estimates of current production of butter, cheese, condensed and evaporated milk, dry milk, and also information regarding the output of commercial hatcheries and commercial egg breaking plants. It is planned to maintain a representative of this service in New York, Chicago, and San Francisco, and it is hoped that information as to the current movement of cold storage stocks can be obtained in several of the important markets.

The service on grain, hay, feeds and seeds will be greatly curtailed and limited chiefly to the collection of information on cash grain prices in a few markets, commercial grain stocks, and other general statistical information.

The leased wire system around which the market news service has been built must also be drastically curtailed. The reduced program, however, contemplates a wire extending from Boston to San Francisco and connecting 12 of the cities listed above.

Offices in the following cities furnishing the service indicated in each instance will be closed, except as noted:

- Atlanta (covers fruits and vegetables only).
- Baltimore (covers fruits and vegetables only).
- Boston (closed for dairy products; retained for fruits and vegetables, wool and meats).
- Buffalo (covers livestock only).
- Chicago (closed for grain and hay only).
- Cincinnati (closed for livestock; retained for fruits and vegetables).
- Cleveland (covers livestock and fruits and vegetables).
- Denver (closed for fruits and vegetables and grain; retained for livestock).
- Detroit (covers fruits and vegetables only).
- Fort Worth (closed for both fruits and vegetables and livestock).
- Indianapolis (covers livestock only).
- Kansas City (closed for grain and hay; retained for fruits and vegetables and livestock).
- Lansing (covers beans only).
- Los Angeles (uncertain, depending on amount State can contribute).
- Louisville (covers livestock only).
- Minneapolis (covers fruits and vegetables, grain and hay, and dairy products).
- Nashville (covers livestock only).
- New Orleans (covers fruits and vegetables only).
- Pittsburgh (closed for livestock; retained for fruits and vegetables).
- Portland, Oregon (closed for livestock, grain and hay; retained for very limited program on fruits and vegetables, and possibly dairy products).
- Salt Lake City (covers fruits and vegetables only).
- San Francisco (closed for fruits and vegetables, grain and hay; retained for livestock and dairy).
- Seattle (closed for fruits and vegetables and dairy).
- St. Joseph, Mo. (covers livestock only).
- Spokane (covers fruits and vegetables only).
- Wichita (covers livestock only).

In addition the leased wire connections at Corvallis, Oregon, Columbus, Ohio, Jefferson City, Missouri, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Richmond, Virginia, Stevens Point, Wisconsin and Clay Center, Nebraska will be discontinued unless the State or other agencies using the information made available by the Department's leased wire at these points provide for its continuance.

At the time of the announcement of the proposed discontinuance of the Market News Service, Washington advices, June 19, to the New York "Times" said:

The Market News Service, which for the last 16 years has been maintained as an adjunct of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, has been regarded as one of the most important functions of the Department of Agriculture. Telegraph lines extended into most of the States, frequent daily market bulletins being flashed and reprinted in newspapers throughout the country.

Secretary Wallace declared that "it seems a pity" to tear down such an activity, and he admitted that under the new farm plans dependable market quotations would be of the utmost value. In discussing the Department's general economies he said:

"Cash withdrawals from the Treasury by the Department of Agriculture during the fiscal year 1934 will be limited to about \$60,000,000, or a reduction of about 37% under 1932.

"This figure is roughly comparable to approximately \$75,000,000 provided for 1934; \$82,000,000 for 1933, and \$94,000,000 for 1932.

"These amounts apply to the regular work of the Department and to Federal aid to the States for experiment stations, extension and forestry, but do not include road funds or expenditures under the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

"To come within the limitations for 1934, the Market News Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics will be eliminated."

It had not been definitely decided how many workers would be discharged by the Department, he said.

The Market News Service (according to Washington advices to the New York "Herald Tribune"), has maintained a force of about 300 men in market centers throughout the country, reporting on the movements and price change of staple agricultural commodities.

Chicago Board of Trade Closes at Noon on June 30 and July 3—New Rule Ends Trading in Split Quotations.

Because of unusually heavy trading in grain during the past week, and in order to afford some respite to clerks and brokers who had been working overtime, directors of the Chicago Board of Trade announced on June 29 that it would close at noon yesterday (June 30) and on Monday (July 3).

Members of the Board of Trade voted yesterday, 363 to 117, to eliminate the practice of trading in split quotations. The amended rule provides that future delivery contracts on grain shall be in multiples of one-eighth of a cent a bushel. Under the former regulations, one-half of the amount contracted for could be sold at a specified price and the other half at one-eighth of a cent per bushel higher or lower than such specified price. The new ruling is effective immediately.

Selected Income and Balance Sheet Items of Class I Steam Railways for April.

The Bureau of Statistics of the Inter-State Commerce Commission has issued a statement showing the aggregate totals of selected income and balance sheet items of Class I steam railways in the United States for the month of April. These figures are subject to revision and were compiled from 146 reports representing 151 steam railways. The present statement excludes returns for Class I switching and terminal companies. Data for this class of roads were included in all published statements prior to January 1933. The report in full is as follows:

TOTALS FOR THE UNITED STATES (ALL REGIONS).
Compiled from 146 reports (Form IBS) representing 151 steam railways.

	For Month of April.		For the Four Months of	
	1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.
Net railway operating income	\$ 19,019,628	\$ 20,273,024	\$ 52,738,561	\$ 85,646,636
Other income	13,408,602	16,480,305	55,482,554	65,309,374
Total income	32,428,230	36,753,329	108,221,115	150,956,010
Rent for leased roads	10,889,188	10,738,739	42,715,490	42,071,057
Interest deductions	44,412,092	43,998,402	177,248,754	175,448,833
Other deductions	1,965,751	2,123,931	8,012,185	8,204,438
Total deductions	57,267,031	56,861,072	227,976,429	225,724,328
Net income	\$ 24,838,801	\$ 20,107,743	\$ 119,755,314	\$ 74,768,318
Dividend declarations (from income and surplus):				
On common stock	398,944	576,070	11,704,754	18,573,660
On preferred stock	239,842	808,481	3,570,007	5,563,134
Balance Sheet Items.				
	Balance at End of April.			
	1933.		1932.	
<i>Selected Asset Items—</i>	\$			
Investment in stocks, bonds, &c., other than those of affiliated companies	769,980,021		774,151,584	
Cash	257,792,976		282,374,722	
Demand loans and deposits	31,340,354		43,056,497	
Time drafts and deposits	16,689,594		25,552,672	
Special deposits	31,135,715		35,701,585	
Loans and bills receivable	11,752,587		14,615,785	
Traffic and car-service balances receivable	43,743,764		51,100,527	
Net balance receivable from agents and conductors	38,768,731		38,067,134	
Miscellaneous accounts receivable	136,111,818		148,872,071	
Materials and supplies	305,667,187		363,449,463	
Interest and dividends receivable	38,890,291		36,495,822	
Rents receivable	3,054,423		8,811,616	
Other current assets	4,682,035		5,576,469	
Total current assets	1,919,629,475		1,048,744,963	
<i>Selected Liability Items—</i>	\$			
Funded debt maturing within six months*	117,148,802		103,974,666	
Loans and bills payable	333,193,852		279,066,573	
Traffic and car-service balances payable	57,809,612		65,158,559	
Audited accounts and wages payable	211,885,098		217,414,354	
Miscellaneous accounts payable	55,851,664		49,826,187	
Interest matured unpaid	186,860,563		155,154,093	
Dividends matured unpaid	4,928,312		5,512,853	
Funded debt matured unpaid	66,364,524		53,533,602	
Unmatured dividends declared	682,636		3,889,747	
Unmatured interest accrued	109,640,689		106,518,550	
Unmatured rents accrued	32,177,758		32,378,233	
Other current liabilities	14,602,694		17,999,382	
Total current liabilities	1,073,997,402		985,952,133	

Excludes returns for Class I Switching and Terminal Companies. Data for this class of roads were included in all published statements prior to January, 1933.

* Includes payments which will become due on account of principal of long-term debt (other than that in Account 764, Funded debt matured unpaid) within six months after close of month of report.

† Includes obligations which mature less than two years after date of issue.

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Stock of Bank of United States Held Assessable in Decision by Justice Lydon, After Suit Brought by State Superintendent of Banks Broderick—Some of Original Defendants Agreed to Pay Half of Assessment Now and Balance in 1936—Some Directors Also Settle.

Stockholders of the closed Bank of United States will be required to pay the \$25 a share assessment asked by Joseph A. Broderick, New York State Superintendent of Banks, according to a ruling on June 23 by Supreme Court Justice Lydon, who handed down what was virtually a judgment

against 170 of the largest shareholders of the institution. The suit originally involved 440 defendants, but most were eliminated when the case started, some through settlements and others because they lacked sufficient funds to satisfy judgments. The decision was regarded as opening the way to the speedy bringing of assessment suits against the rest of the stockholders. During the course of the trial about 50 of the original 440 defendants signed an agreement to pay half the assessment by Aug. 1 and the balance, should it prove necessary, by Dec. 31 1936. A description of the judgment by Justice Lydon follows, as given in the New York "Times" on June 24:

Although the assessment action against the entire body of stockholders seeks a total of \$25,250,000, officials of the State Banking Department, who brought it, have never been very hopeful that more than \$5,000,000 could be realized. They pointed out that many stockholders are unable to pay and that a number of others have gone into bankruptcy since the closing of the bank.

Technically Justice Lydon's decision does not entirely close the action. Stockholders whose defense has been that the stock listed in their names actually belonged to some one else are still to receive an opportunity to present their evidence. For most of the 170 defendants, however, unless an appeal should be taken, it represents the last legal step in the levying of an assessment save the actual payment.

"On the general issues the case is closed," Justice Lydon stated in his brief decision. "The Superintendent of Banks has established the fact that the bank was insolvent when he closed it."

Some Directors Agree to Pay.

Carl J. Austrian, chief counsel for the Banking Department in the action, revealed yesterday that a number of directors of the closed bank have agreed by stipulation to pay the assessments levied against them. They include Reuben Sadowsky, \$207,325; William Fishman, \$10,450; Jao L. Hoffman, \$26,000; A. Milton Napier, \$49,750. Mr. Austrian said William P. Kenneally, Tammany leader of the Twelfth Assembly District, also had agreed to pay his \$2,500 assessment.

Among the parties to the suit who entered no specific defense were Bernard K. Marcus, President of the bank, and Saul Singer, Executive Vice-President, both now serving terms in Sing Sing prison. The Marcus assessment, the largest of the lot, was set at \$1,991,375 and Singer's was \$1,112,475. Isidor J. Kresel, counsel for the bank, was assessed for \$20,200. He is awaiting trial on the same charge on which Marcus and Singer were convicted.

One of the 260 who offered no defense in the action was Robert Adamson, another director against whom a \$8,400 judgment was filed.

It is expected that the terms of the stipulation with its partial payment provisions will be offered to all stockholders of the institution not parties to the suit.

Senate Inquiry Into Affairs of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.— Otto H. Kahn Tells Committee He Favors Government Supervision of Every Instrumentality Dealing With Money and Credit—Favors Trial of Roosevelt Reforms Which May be "Right"—Income Tax Law "Bad"—Payment of British Tax—Clarifies Stock Sales.

Otto H. Kahn, senior partner of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., told the Senate Banking and Currency Committee on June 29 that he favored a new deal under which there would be governmental supervision of every instrumentality which dealt with money, currency and credit. Washington advices June 29 to the New York "Times" reporting this, continued:

He was unwilling to suggest methods of achieving this, however, until President Roosevelt's "new deal" had a fair trial.

"I know a great deal must be changed," said Mr. Kahn. "And I know the time is ripe to have it changed—override in some ways. Maybe the new deal is wholly right and can stand as it is."

The observations of Mr. Kahn about the necessity for reforms along this line and others came after he had testified in considerable detail about his income tax return for 1930 and the transaction by which in December of that year he sold five blocks of stock to Mrs. Maude E. Marriott, his daughter, for an indicated loss of \$117,584, and obtained them by re-assignment from her in March 1931.

Mr. Kahn testified that the Internal Revenue Bureau was "misinformed" on the manner in which he had transferred the securities to his daughter, and that a field agent of that bureau was incorrect in asserting that they had been sold on the Stock Exchange.

He also denied that the transaction involved any intention on his part to deprive the Government of its right to collect income taxes.

"I had no intention of doing anything to the detriment of the Government," he said.

Paid \$4,480 in British Tax.

No income taxes were paid by him to any foreign government for 1930, 1931 or 1932, Mr. Kahn testified, except for \$4,480.26 paid to the British Government, representing a deduction on English securities "at the source."

References by Mr. Kahn to the Rooseveltian new deals of to-day and 30 years ago, along with the expression of other important and interesting opinions relative to the American banking, financial and securities situation occupied the attention of the Senate Committee nearly two hours during the morning session.

He received a free rein, but was frequently questioned by Ferdinand Pecora, counsel for the committee; Senators Fletcher, Costigan and others, who listened intently to the development of his ideas. What he said was seemingly heard with deep interest by them.

Among the points made by Mr. Kahn were: That the profit-and-loss provision of the income tax law was "bad" and should be abandoned, because it gambled with the nation's prosperity and tended to inject an artificial depression into the market in one month every year—December.

That the New York Stock Exchange should have Federal regulation.

That issuance of corporation stocks should be regulated.

That no director of a corporation should be permitted to sell short any stock in his own concern.

Defends Trading on Margin.

Mr. Kahn asserted that the capital profit-loss provision kept investors from taking their profits and therefore led to inflation. He believed this provision was a very substantial factor in the inflation of 1928-29. It

had also encouraged bear cliques and, Mr. Kahn added, "it is a hazardous piece of business to gamble on the country's prosperity in the way of a gain and profit provision."

Mr. Kahn vigorously condemned both bear raiding and financial gambling, but drew a distinction between "gambling" and "speculation."

"I think gambling fulfills no legitimate purpose whatever," he asserted. "I think speculation fulfills a legitimate purpose, provided it is speculation and it is not gambling."

Trading in stocks and bonds on "margin" he regarded as "speculation," provided "people have the money and they must employ it."

Mr. Kahn asserted that experience had shown that every 30 years the United States "determines that it will change its economic pattern." It had done so under Theodore Roosevelt and again within the last three months.

In these changes of economic pattern, he said, things which formerly had been orthodox "become heterodox—become wiped out."

The First Roosevelt Pattern.

The economic pattern of the country under Theodore Roosevelt, he went on, had developed anti-trust legislation and the nation was held to be better off with "ruthless competition" with the "devil taking the hindmost." The fittest survived.

"Now we are about to be converted," Mr. Kahn said, "to the opposite theory—rightly, in my opinion. The new deal is now being made. It is of the utmost consequences economically and socially. I do not believe any man is wise enough at this moment to express any views until these new theories and laws have been tested. Maybe the new deal is right and can stand wholly as it is.

"Maybe—and that, in my opinion, is the more likely way—we will find by test and trial what is worth preserving and what must be changed."

As for the "good deal" which "must be changed," Mr. Kahn was asked by Senator Fletcher whether he was willing, "as a kind of starter," to favor limiting stock and bond issues to actual and full contribution to the capital enterprise.

"By all means," replied the witness. Mr. Pecora asked Mr. Kahn to name the elements which had developed "the perfect mania" for speculation and gambling in the United States in 1928 and 1929, condemned by him in earlier testimony.

"The first thing which developed," Mr. Kahn quickly replied, "was that the mania was the megalomania. We thought we were bigger than we actually were."

May Examine Roosevelt Market.

Mr. Kahn was questioned at considerable length during the afternoon session about the creation of the Pennroad Corporation, a railroad holding company, by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. in 1929, and the part played by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., as its underwriters.

The affairs of the Pennroad Corporation will be gone into more extensively to-morrow, when Mr. Kahn will again be a witness.

Other witnesses will include Henry H. Lee, President of the Pennroad Corporation, and Frank E. Taplin of Cleveland, from whom, according to Mr. Kahn's testimony to-day, the Pennroad Corporation bought stock of the Pittsburgh & West Virginia RR. for \$37,910,800.

Mr. Pecora will try to show, among other things, that one of the primary purposes of the formation of the Pennroad Corporation, was to circumvent the plans of the Interstate Commerce Commission for the merger of the railroads of the United States in its originally proposed four-system plan.

At the hearing on June 29 a list of prominent bankers and officials of industrial concerns granted "good will tokens" in the form of participation in the "spread" on certain bond issues floated by the firm were made public.

The Washington correspondent noted that included in the list were Percy A. Rockefeller, Charles E. Mitchell, Albert H. Wiggin, L. F. Loree, F. H. Eckner and members of the banking company. The list is given elsewhere in this issue of our paper.

Senate Inquiry Into Affairs of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.— Otto H. Kahn Supplies Committee With Terms of Co-Partnership.

The articles of co-partnership of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., dated Dec. 31 1932, were placed in the record of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee by Otto H. Kahn on June 27. From the advices on that date from Washington to the New York "Times" we quote as follows:

The partners listed were Mr. Kahn, George W. Bovenizer, Lewis L. Strauss, William Wiseman, Frederick M. Warburg, Gilbert W. Kahn, John M. Schiff, Benjamin J. Battenwieser, Hugh Knowlton and Elisha Walker.

The principal provisions included: Semi-annual interest at an undisclosed rate for each member on the capital furnished by him, with additional interest, also undisclosed, to Mr. Schiff upon the value of his Stock Exchange seat, which is to be treated, for the protection of creditors, as an asset of the partnership.

Net losses are to be borne by each partner in the same proportion at which he would share net profits.

No partner may, without the written consent of his associates, speculate directly or indirectly in stocks "or any other article whatsoever."

No partner may invest in any securities of which the majority disapproves, nor borrow any securities or property of the partnership.

In the event of death or withdrawal of any partner, the partnership shall be continued by the others. Five partners, whose identity was not divulged, have the sole right to use the partnership name and to dissolve the partnership on two months' notice, or to admit new partners.

Provision for valuation of the interest of any partner by dying or withdrawing, but no value shall be placed upon good-will.

The interest of any partner may be terminated on two months' notice by the five "controlling" partners. If a partner withdraws or his interest is terminated by the others, he agrees not to engage in similar business in or near New York, such agreement subject to waiver by the controlling partners.

Provision for liquidation of the business by such partner or partners as shall be designated by a majority of the five controlling members.

The articles were submitted in full, but except for the names of the partners all names and amounts thereafter were withheld by the committee. They may be made public later.

**Senate Inquiry Into Affairs of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.—
Business Philosophy of Otto H. Kahn.**

Otto H. Kahn's philosophy of business was revealed in testimony which he gave on June 29 before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee. In the "Times" Washington account it was indicated that some of the outstanding points were:

It seems to me that from every point of view it is for the Government a hazardous piece of business to gamble on the country's prosperity in the way of a gain and profit provision.

If some way can be devised by which the Government will get no less money, by which rich people will pay, as I believe they would, more money to the Government; by which this temptation to do that which the law plainly permits is definitely removed for all time, and people pay what they manifestly and on the face of their income ought to pay, I think you would have rendered a very great service to the community.

Anything which interferes with the natural flow of prices, whether it is artificial and conscienceless or not, and exaggerated bull pools or bear pools, are in my opinion a social evil.

I understand the law is that no director is permitted to sell short stocks of his own company. If it is not the law, it ought to be the law.

I think the test of speculation or gambling is the motive to a very large extent—to an almost controlling extent and the test is what good or what harm is done to the community.

Experience has shown that about every 30 years this country determines that it will change its economic pattern. . . . It may be that the New Deal is wholly right and can stand as it is. It may be—and that in my opinion is the more likely way—we will find by test and trial what is worth preserving and what must be changed. And I know a great deal must be changed. And I know the time is ripe to have it changed.

Short-selling is, in my opinion, a perfectly legitimate exercise of individual activity. I think when you get up bear raids you are doing a socially damaging thing.

It is difficult enough to meet the situation [of speculation as against gambling] in such a way that the distribution of rewards is reasonably fairly enforced. The world has not solved that problem yet.

**Inquiry into Affairs of Kuhn, Loeb & Co by Senate
Committee Investigating Stock Market Operations
—Lists of Depositors 1927-1931.**

The names of all corporations engaged in inter-State commerce having banking deposits with Kuhn, Loeb & Co. in excess of \$50,000 during the period from 1927 to 1931, inclusive, were given to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee by Otto H. Kahn on June 27, it was indicated in advices from Washington on that day to the New York "Times," which gave the list as follows:

Balaban & Katz Corp.	Nat'l. Malleable Steel Castings Co.
Baltimore & Ohio RR. Co.	New Orleans, Tex. & Mexico Ry. Co.
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Co.	Pacific Oil Co.
Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific RR. Co.	Paramount-Famous-Lasky Corp.
Chicago & North Western Ry. Co.	Paramount Public Corp.
Delaware & Hudson Co.	Pennroad Corp.
Denver & Rio Grande West. RR. Co.	Pennsylvania Co.
Gulf Mobile & Northern RR. Co.	Pennsylvania RR. Co.
Hudson Coal Co.	Southern Pacific Co.
Hudson-Manhattan RR. Co.	Texas & Pacific Ry. Co.
Illinois Central RR. Co.	Transportation Products Corp.
Indiana & Illinois Coal Corp.	Union Pacific RR. Co.
Inland Steel Co.	Utah Fuel Co.
Internat'l-Great Northern RR. Co.	Wabash Ry. Co.
Kansas City Southern Ry. Co.	Western Maryland Ry. Co.
Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp.	Western Union Telegraph Co., Inc.
Missouri Kansas & Texas RR. Co.	Westinghouse Electric & Manufac- Co.
Missouri Pacific RR. Co.	Westinghouse Lamp Co.
	Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.

The following was also contained in a dispatch from Washington June 27 to the "Times":

The total bank deposits with Kuhn, Loeb & Co. of corporations engaged in inter-State commerce at the end of each of the calendar years 1927 to 1931, and the number of such corporations was given to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee to-day by Otto H. Kahn as follows:

Corporations—	Total Deposits.	Year.
14	\$24,151,503.54	1927
17	33,338,974.89	1928
18	59,703,040.79	1929
19	31,245,767.37	1930
15	12,891,901.47	1931

**Inquiry into Affairs of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. by Senate
Committee Investigating Stock Market Operations
—Names of Banks and Trust Companies with
Which Deposits Were Maintained from 1927-1931—
Balances as of March 31 1933.**

As we note elsewhere in our issue to-day, the inquiry by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee into the affairs of the private banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. of New York City was begun on June 27. On that date the names of banks and trust companies in which Kuhn, Loeb & Co. maintained deposits from 1927 to 1931, inclusive, and the balances as of March 31 1933, as well as a similar list of foreign banks and trust companies were given as follows to the Committee by Otto H. Kahn, according to Washington accounts to the New York "Times":

(a) Names of banks and trust companies in which this firm maintained deposits during the years 1927 to 1931, inclusive:

- Mechanics & Metals National Bank, New York City.
- National City Bank, New York.
- Chase National Bank, New York.
- National Bank of Commerce in New York.
- * Chemical National Bank, New York.
- Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, N. Y.

* Title changed.

(b) Balances as of March 31 1933:

Guaranty Trust Co. of New York	\$748,624.61
National City Bank, New York	161,792.03
Chase National Bank, New York	60,498.36
* Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York	300,392.84
Bank of The Manhattan Co., New York	57,293.26

* Title changed.

(c) Foreign banks and trust companies in which deposits were maintained during the period 1927-1931:

Balance as of March 31 1933 (Dollar Equivalent).

Bank of Montreal, debit	\$10,099.00
National Provincial Bank, Ltd., London (account closed)	-----
Swiss Bank Corp. (account closed)	-----
Westminster Bank, Ltd., London	35,188.23
Dresdner Bank (formerly Darmstadter und National Bank, Berlin)	316.67
Deutsche Bank and Disconto-Gesellschaft, Berlin	251.70
Deutsche Effecten and Wechsel Bank, Frankfurt-am-Main	1,078.18
Deutsche Vereins Bank, Frankfurt (account closed)	-----
Direction der Disconto-Gesellschaft, Berlin (account closed)	-----
Oesterreichische Credit Anstalt, Vienna	64.00
Banque de Paris at des Pays-Bas, Paris	2,011.35
Comptoir Natl. d'Escompte de Paris, Paris (account closed)	-----
Credit Lyonnais, Paris	957.00
Chase Bank (formerly Equitable Trust Co.), Paris	504.49
Societe Generale pour Favoriser, &c., Paris	480.34
Banque Centrale Anversoise, Antwerp	93.00
Banque de Bruxelles, Brussels	90.35
Credit Suisse, Zurich	255.71
Banque Federale, Zurich	202.00
Amsterdamsche Bank, Amsterdam	101,476.50
Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij, N. V., Amsterdam	460.00
Central Banken for Norge, Oslo	14.63

**Senate Inquiry into Affairs of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.—Par-
ticipants in Kuhn, Loeb Syndicate Operations.**

A consolidated list of persons who were invited, or were to be invited, to participate in the various syndicate operations of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. was introduced in evidence on June 29 during the Senate committee's Stock Exchange inquiry, according to Washington advices June 29 to the New York "Times," which gave as follows the total bond and stock participation of each person named on the list:

Participant—	Bonds.	Shares	Participant—	Bonds.	Shares
Newcomb Carlton	\$1,450,000	3,750	Charles A. Peabody	900,000	4,000
L. F. Loree	1,100,000	3,500	Mrs. A. G. Schlift	200,000	9,500
R. S. Lovett	950,000	2,500	Hanstra Corporation	-----	2,000
A. H. Wiggin	1,200,000	9,000	Mrs. A. W. Kahn	-----	4,500
P. A. Rockefeller	2,100,000	17,000	James C. Bennett	-----	2,500
W. H. Williams	1,000,000	8,500	Fred'k M. Warburg	-----	500
F. H. Ecker	75,000	3,750	Gerald F. Warburg	-----	500
C. E. Mitchell	200,000	11,000	Paul F. Warburg	-----	500
Samuel Rea	300,000	2,000	Edward M. M. Warburg	-----	500
Henry Tattall	600,000	1,000	A. J. County	50,000	-----
H. H. Lee	700,000	-----	C. W. Galloway	-----	500
Cosmopolis Securities Corporation	900,000	8,000	Wellington Finance Corporation	1,000,000	-----
Henry W. de Forest	1,000,000	9,500	J. J. Hanauer, ace't of	-----	1,500
J. S. Alexander	700,000	3,500	Mrs. A. Hellman	-----	-----
James Loeb & Co.	750,000	4,000	Mrs. J. H. Schlift	200,000	-----
Guy E. Tripp	250,000	500	Estate of A. Wolff	200,000	-----
Paul M. Warburg	200,000	750	James D. Callery	-----	1,250
Sir William Wiseman	525,000	4,000	A. W. Robertson	400,000	-----
C. B. Seger	950,000	4,000	L. W. Baldwin	500,000	-----
Paul M. Warburg, President	200,000	-----	Fred W. Sargent	400,000	-----
James Paul Warburg	300,000	1,000			

The 22 bond and stock flotations, in one or more of which those listed above participated, with the interest rate and maturity dates, were as follows:

Issue—	Int. Rate.	Maturity Date.	Issue—	Int. Rate.	Maturity Date.
Missouri Pacific	5	1977	Southern Pacific	4½	1969
Penn. Ohio & Detroit	4½	1977	Missouri Pacific	5½	1949
Union Pacific	4½	1967	Chicago & North West'n	4¾	1949
Southern Pacific	4½	1977	Pennroad Corp. (under-writing)	-----	-----
Hudson Coal	5	1962	Baltimore & Ohio	4½	1960
Balto. & Ohio com. stk.	-----	-----	Western Union	5	1960
Youngstown	5	1978	Pennsylvania	4½	1970
Inland	4½	1978	Southern Pacific	4½	1977
Penn. Company	4¾	1963	Illinois Central RR. and Chicago St. Louis & New Orleans	4½	1963
U. S. Rubber stock	-----	-----	Paramount-Famous	6	1947
Mid-Continental Petroleum stock	-----	-----			
Westinghouse stock	-----	-----			

**Inquiry Into Affairs of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. by Senate
Committee Investigating Stock Exchange Trading
—Otto H. Kahn Heard—Floating of Chilean
Loans—Norman H. Davis as Private Citizen Said
to Have Received Fees for Promoting Loans.**

The Senate Banking and Currency Committee resumed on June 27 its inquiry into Stock Exchange trading, its investigation this week being directed toward the affairs of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. of New York. The present phase of the inquiry follows that conducted into the operations of J. P. Morgan & Co., items regarding which, appeared in our June 10 issue (pages 4019-4026) and earlier issues of our paper. It was made known by the Committee on June 13 that the inquiry into the affairs of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. would be undertaken this week. Associated Press advices from Washington on June 13 stated:

Decision to resume the inquiry this month instead of waiting until fall was reached to-day at a meeting of the Senate Banking subcommittee in charge of the investigation, attended by Ferdinand Pecora, its Counsel.

The Committee decided to follow the Kuhn, Loeb inquiry with investigations of Dillon, Read & Co. and the Chase National Bank, but not necessarily immediately.

Mr. Pecora estimated that the Kuhn, Loeb inquiry would take about ten days. He indicated it would follow the same lines as the investigation of the house of Morgan.

It is designed, he said, "to show the general activities and methods of operation" employed by the firm.

In addition to Mr. Kahn, the Committee has subpoenaed George W. Bovenizer and Benjamin J. Buttenwieser, partners in the firm. Others may be called by the time the hearings open.

In the Dillon, Read inquiry the star witness will be Clarence Dillon. He also will be accompanied by other members of the firm.

Whether the Committee goes right ahead with Dillon, Read after completing the Kuhn, Loeb inquiry depends, Mr. Pecora said, on the circumstances, the Committee, the weather and "the endurance of the counsel."

Chase Inquiry Later.

Mr. Pecora indicated he was not over-anxious to proceed at once with the other investigations, particularly after the strain under which he has

worked during the past few weeks. He reported, however, that he was ready, and the Committee voted unanimously to proceed.

The inquiry into the Chase National Bank and its security affiliate, the Chase Securities Corporation, probably will not come until later in the summer.

Albert H. Wiggin, former Chairman, who is now in Europe, has been subpoenaed to appear July 14, but Mr. Pecora's preliminary work on this institution is not nearly so far advanced as on the other two houses.

In turning to the Chase Bank, the Committee will be completing a phase of the inquiry which was interrupted by its scrutiny of private banking.

An investigation of the National City Bank was made at the end of the last session of Congress, but the Chase inquiry was postponed to take up the private bankers at the suggestion of President Roosevelt.

Details of the \$90,000,000 bond issue of the Mortgage Bank of Chile floated in the United States by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the Guaranty Co. of New York, but upon which the Government of Chile has defaulted on interest and sinking fund requirements, were revealed as the Senate Banking Committee on June 27 reopened its investigation of private banking operations. The Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" from whose account June 27, we take the foregoing, also said:

The story surrounding the issue characterized as a "sore point" because it is the only foreign issue floated by Kuhn, Loeb that has defaulted, was related to the Committee under examination by Ferdinand Pecora, special investigator, of Otto H. Kahn and Benjamin J. Buttenwieser, partners in the banking concern.

According to Mr. Buttenwieser, the \$90,000,000 issue was floated in five different instalments, four of \$20,000,000 and one of \$10,000,000. The first \$20,000,000 was sold at 97.308; the second at 99¼; the third amounting to \$10,000,000 at 98¾; the fourth, \$20,000,000 at 95¾, and the fifth at 92. The bonds are now selling around 13 and 14.

Discusses Flotation.

The flotation in the United States, he declared, was undertaken only after considerable negotiation with the Chilean Government, which after it had been overthrown in 1925 agreed to guarantee sinking fund payments. Payments in the fund, he said, were continued up to 1930.

Mr. Buttenwieser insisted, under questioning by Mr. Pecora, that the guaranty of the bond issue by the Chilean Government had merit and was valid despite the fact that Chile at the time had neither a constitution nor Congress and was operating under a Presidential decree.

The transaction was undertaken, he said, only after consultation between the counsel of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the Guaranty Co. and counsel of the Chilean Government who agreed unanimously that it was a valid guaranty. The guaranty of the Chilean Government was included in the prospectus of the bond issue and he denied that it was desired by Kuhn, Loeb as a selling argument.

Cable communications between the home office of Kuhn, Loeb and Emanuel Foster, its representative in Chile, which were also made public, revealed a desire upon the part of Kuhn, Loeb officials to insist upon referring to the "military council" of Chile as the "governing council." Mr. Buttenwieser explained that this term was insisted upon because it was felt it more correctly described the council.

Pecora Takes Exception.

Mr. Pecora declared his belief, however, that the words "governing council" were used because it "would sound better" in the prospectus. The council, he added, was made up of army and naval officers.

The Washington dispatch June 27 to the New York "Times" stating that Mr. Kahn told the Senate Committee that Norman H. Davis, Ambassador at Large, received two fees amounting to \$35,000 in 1925 for promoting Chilean loans, also said in part:

Both fees, Mr. Kahn testified, were paid to Mr. Davis by the Guaranty Co. of New York. One of \$25,000 was for services in connection with a loan of \$20,000,000 to the Mortgage Bank of Chile, negotiated in 1925, and another of \$10,000 was in connection with the negotiation of a second loan of \$20,000,000 to the same concern.

"My firm contributed nothing," Mr. Kahn testified. "The syndicate contributed, as part of the syndicate expenses, \$15,000, and the Guaranty Co. contributed \$10,000. Afterward the second business was done, and Mr. Davis received another fee of \$10,000; so that his total fees received were \$35,000."

The syndicate to which Mr. Kahn referred consisted of the Guaranty Co. and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and the two loans of \$20,000,000, in connection with which it was testified that Mr. Davis had been paid the two fees, were part of a series of five loans totaling \$90,000,000 which the syndicate made to the Mortgage Bank of Chile between 1925 and 1929.

Davis Then Private Citizen.

Mr. Kahn testified that Mr. Davis was a private citizen at the time he rendered the services for which the fees were paid.

Anticipating that he would be interrogated about the Davis fees, he took the precaution to obtain from J. R. Swann, President of the Guaranty Co., a memorandum on June 2 relative to the services for which Mr. Davis was paid. This memorandum asserted that Mr. Davis in 1925 had informed the Guaranty Co. that the representative of the Chile Mortgage Bank had consulted with him with regard to placing a loan in New York.

Mr. Swann added that Mr. Davis "wished to know if we would be interested in considering it, to which we replied in the affirmative."

"And how much all told of these Mortgage Bank of Chile bonds were underwritten by your firm and the Guaranty Co. of New York and thereafter sold to the American public?" asked Mr. Pecora.

"Ninety million dollars," replied Mr. Kahn rather sadly. "And after that, Mr. Pecora, we were foolish enough or right enough, or loyal enough, whatever might be the proper term, to put our own money into an additional loan of \$8,000,000, which we did not offer to the public, but which was our own money and the money of some of our associates, and which money is still there. We did not offer that issue to the public."

"That was a short-time advance that you made, wasn't it?" Mr. Pecora smiled.

"It has turned out to be a pretty long term," interposed Senator Goldsborough.

This \$8,000,000, it was brought out, was in addition to the \$90,000,000 put into the Chilean transaction, and Mr. Kahn said all were guaranteed by the Chilean Government of that time. The firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., he explained, insisted upon having such a governmental guarantee before participating in the syndicate transaction.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co., according to Mr. Kahn, actually put \$3,600,000 of its own funds into this \$8,000,000 loan, but, he said, "we found that \$3,000,000 of our \$3,600,000 were snapped up by others," and after passing this \$3,000,000 to participants it left the remainder of only \$600,000 as the actual extent of the participation of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. in the \$8,000,000 advance.

"And," said Mr. Pecora, "the Government from which you got that guarantee was one that had instituted itself in power in Chile by what you call a moderate show of force or violence?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Kahn.

Financial Statement Presented.

Unlike J. P. Morgan, Mr. Kahn read no prepared statement at the outset of his testimony, which covered a wide range, from the presentation of the partnership agreement of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. to its financial statement for the years 1927 to 1931 inclusive, a description of the firm's business, which he declared consisted principally of marketing railroad securities, and a detailed elaboration of his personal views of what should constitute the ethics of banking. Mr. Kahn was questioned at length concerning the absence of competition in bidding by bankers for railroad issues.

The balance sheets for the five-year period ending Dec. 31 1931, submitted to the Committee by Mr. Kahn, revealed that after the market collapse of 1929, following which the firm had drawn back much of its money from abroad, it began to buy United States Government securities heavily in 1930, when it acquired such holdings amounting to \$9,146,956, and that in 1931 it bought United States Government Treasury bills and certificates amounting to \$24,919,859.72. None of these was bought by the firm in 1927, 1928 or 1929.

A decline in assets from \$120,402,103 in 1929 to \$66,974,845 in 1931 was shown by the balance sheets.

The examination of Mr. Buttenwieser during the hearing on June 28 revolved around details of Kuhn, Loeb's financing of the Mortgage Bank or Chili. The series in which the \$90,000,000 of bonds which were floated in this country for the mortgage bank were detailed by Mr. Buttenwieser through questioning by Committee counsel, Mr. Pecora, said the Washington account June 28 to the "Journal of Commerce," which went on to say:

Except for two issues, Kuhn, Loeb had with them as co-origins of the bonds in this country the Guaranty Co. and Lehman Bros.

National City Included.

The National City Bank joined the group on a flotation of \$20,000,000 and another of \$10,000,000 during the time it was fiscal agent for the Chilean Government.

Detailing the flotation of the first issue of bonds offered by Kuhn, Loeb, Guaranty and Lehman Bros., Mr. Buttenwieser asserted that they were underwritten by a syndicate and then sold through a third group of distributing agents, both of which were controlled by the originators.

Asked why it was necessary to set up so many groups, with all of them taking a profit, to dispose of the issue, the witness pointed out that the syndicate underwrites the risk of the originators. He held that it was analogous to an insurance company spreading its risk in underwriting.

Asked if it was customary for bond originators to offer for sale more bonds than they had to sell, Mr. Buttenwieser replied in the affirmative. He explained that such action was taken because often buyers change their minds between the time they order and the time they pay for bonds.

Mr. Kahn Outlines Policy.

Mr. Kahn interjected that it was the firm's experience that 2 to 5% of buyers order more than they really buy. He contended that it was the duty of the originator to see that the market is made for a reasonable length of time for all of the bonds in an issue to be placed.

Counsel Pecora then developed that the company had conditioned allotments to distributors on the agreement that no sales would be made below the market price for 60 days.

He asked if these practices were not "pegging" the market until all of the bonds were unloaded on the public. Mr. Buttenwieser replied in the negative, adding that the firm did not maintain a fixed bid, but did try to "absorb all bonds hanging over the market."

Mr. Kahn, defending the practices, insisted that it was "aiding the market until the entire issue had been placed in the hands of bona-fide investors." He added that the firm used its own judgment as to the fair level at which it would come to the aid of the market.

Tells of Aiding Market.

Counsel Pecora then developed that following the 60-day period during which the market was so "aided" the bonds fell off to about 94½. Mr. Buttenwieser added that the market recovered later and went as high as 98 during the stock market boom.

During the sale of subsequent issues, which in all totaled five, the market was "aided" during the process, Mr. Buttenwieser admitted.

The \$230,000 loss on the Chilean operations were caused through a \$600,000 loss on a defaulted short-term note for \$8,000,000 made in August 1930, that was never paid. Previous to this loss, the firm had realized a profit of \$370,000 on the four series of bond issues it had floated. On the fifth and last issue, Kuhn, Loeb had to share a loss of \$33,582 with Guaranty Co., National City Co. and Lehman Bros.

Inquiry by Senate Committee Into Affairs of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.—No Federal Income Taxes Paid by Otto H. Kahn for 1930, 1931 and 1932 Because of Heavy Losses—Sold Stocks at Year-End.

Otto H. Kahn, senior partner of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., told the Senate Banking and Currency Committee on June 28 that he paid no Federal income taxes for the years 1930, 1931 and 1932, according to the Washington account June 28 to the New York "Times," which said that Mr. Kahn expressed the hope that "there will be a different picture for 1933." The June 28 advices from Washington to the "Times" also stated in part:

Mr. Kahn said he paid a very substantial income tax to the Government for 1929 and also for 1928, but he did not reveal the amounts.

It was brought out in the testimony that Mr. Kahn failed to pay income taxes during the three years in question because of net losses instead of net income.

These calendar years, which followed the financial storm that broke over Wall Street and the nation in 1929, were in the financial world lean years compared with those immediately preceding 1930. The balance

sheet of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. as a firm, introduced in evidence yesterday, shows assets of \$120,402,103.78 on Dec. 31 1929, but these dropped to \$85,155,752.52 on Dec. 31 1930, and to only \$66,974,845.45 on Dec. 31 1931. . . .

Employees Prepared Returns.

Mr. Kahn frankly told the committee to-day that he was unable to go into particulars respecting his income tax returns for the years in question and that he, in fact, had not made out his Federal income tax returns, but had relied on trusted employees in whom he had implicit confidence.

"This is rather a confused story," Mr. Kahn said, when asked who prepared his individual income tax returns. At another juncture he said: "If there is one subject on which my knowledge is less than it is on income tax returns, I do not know it."

His ignorance of income tax affairs was "abysmal," he said, and always had been, and he could tell the Committee nothing about his returns that would "be any more than the merest guesswork."

Ferdinand Pecora, counsel for the Committee, developed the fact, however, through assistance given to Mr. Kahn by several associates with whom he conferred, that five blocks of stocks had been sold by or for Mr. Kahn on Dec. 30 1930 for an indicated loss of \$117,584.

Deductions were made in the income tax return of Mr. Kahn for 1930 on account of this loss. The Internal Revenue Bureau questioned this deduction and insisted upon imposition on Mr. Kahn of a tax, understood to be about \$16,000. The Senate Committee was informed to-day by Carl de Gersdorff, counsel for Kuhn, Loeb & Co., that the objection of the Internal Revenue Examiner to this deduction of \$117,584 "was taken up at Washington and finally decided in Mr. Kahn's favor." Mr. de Gersdorff asserted that the protest was made while Mr. Kahn was in Europe, that he never saw it, did not sign it and "I suppose that is why he is so utterly ignorant about it."

The five blocks of stock figuring in this indicated loss consisted of 1,000 shares of Electric Power & Light, 1,000 shares of International Nickel, 500 shares of Manhattan-Dearborn Co., 250 shares of Reynolds Metal Co. and 600 shares of Tubize Chatillon Co. B.

"Some of them have a gloomily familiar sound," exclaimed Mr. Kahn when the list was read by Mr. Pecora.

"Why are they gloomily familiar?" asked Mr. Pecora.

"They did not turn out well," quickly replied Mr. Kahn, with a good-natured but rather wistful smile; "they turned out lemons, most of them; not all of them."

Mr. Pecora asked Mr. Kahn to look at copies of his income tax returns, held by an associate sitting beside him, and try to refresh his recollection. Mr. Kahn did so, but insisted that he had no recollection concerning the matter because he had not prepared the returns himself.

"I find these stocks that you have indicated on this list," he calmly told Mr. Pecora, "and the presumption from this list is that they were sold, but I cannot tell you from my own knowledge."

Asked whether he directs the sales of securities which he owns, Mr. Kahn replied that he did in some cases, but that other persons direct the sale of some of them.

"A good many people butted in with my full willingness and consent," he said.

Mr. Pecora asked Mr. Kahn whether he recalled that on Dec. 31 1930 his daughter, Maude E. Marriott, assigned to him certain securities which included the five blocks enumerated.

"Not to my knowledge," replied Mr. Kahn.

Asked whether he had been questioned by any representative of the Internal Revenue Bureau respecting this particular sale of stock, Mr. Kahn replied that he had not been so questioned, but he knew that every one of his returns had been gone over carefully by a revenue officer who spent days in his office.

Senate Inquiry Into Affairs of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.— Bank Competition Deplored by Otto H. Kahn— Firm's Code of Ethics and Financial Operations.

On June 27, Otto H. Kahn, partner of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., appearing before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee investigating stock market operations presented a general cross-section of the firm's code of ethics and financial operations.

In giving details of the hearing a Washington dispatch June 27 to the New York "Times" in part said:

Mr. Kahn testified that he had been connected with the firm as a partner since 1897. The other present partners of the firm, he said, are Felix M. Warburg, George W. Bovenizer, Lewis L. Strauss, Sir William Wiseman, John M. Schiff, Gilbert W. Kahn, Frederick M. Warburg, Benjamin J. Buttenwieser, Hugh Knowlton and Elisha Walker.

The firm has existed 65 years. Its principal offices during that time have always been in New York City, and it "maintains offices in no other city," he said.

From 1927 to 1929 Gordon Leath of London was a partner and resided in London. Kuhn, Loeb & Co. paid his office expenses, but, Mr. Kahn added, "it would be going rather beyond the spirit of our arrangements if I should say we had an office in London."

Since 1927, he continued, Kuhn, Loeb & Co. had not had any contract affiliation with any other bank or banking house.

Describing the nature of the firm's business, Mr. Kahn said it buys and sells securities from and to its clients.

Deposits Only From Clients.

"It accepts deposits from its clients, but not from the general public, and it is not in the business of soliciting deposits," he said. "It buys and sells securities on the Stock Exchange, again for its regular clients, but not for the general public, and does not maintain any kind of special department for the service of clients that may wish to buy securities on the Stock Exchange through its offices. One of our partners is a member of the Stock Exchange."

"It is our function to advise our clients, or those who wish to become our clients, upon financial affairs in general. And may I emphasize the word 'financial,' because our business is a financial business and is not to run anybody else's business, only to run our own business as best we can in a financial way."

"Does the clientele of your firm consist of persons engaged in any particular kind of business?" asked Ferdinand Pecora, Counsel for the Committee.

"The clientele of our firm is primarily corporations engaged in different lines of business," Mr. Kahn said. "We have few private clients. We have some inherited European clientele; some of the leading European banks maintain relations with us and have maintained them for a great many years. But not of any significance—rather minor accounts. Generally speaking, it would be correct to say that our relationship is mainly with corporations."

Long Specialized in Rails.

"With what kind of corporations?"

"Railroad corporations and some industrial corporations," Mr. Kahn answered. "We have no public utility affiliations, and never have had any unless you consider the Western Union a public utility, or the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., in the financing of which we have, for a number of years, had an interest together with others."

Mr. Kahn said that, almost since the beginning of the firm's existence, it had specialized in marketing railroad securities.

"We have specialized in that line perhaps unduly," he went on. "And perhaps to the exclusion of other opportunities which might have been more tempting. We have some industrial clients but the majority of our clientele is railroads."

Mr. Pecora asked Mr. Kahn to explain the general method by which his firm had financed railroad operations.

"Precisely the same method by which a lawyer approaches clients," he replied.

There was a flutter of laughter and Mr. Pecora remarked,

"Well, lawyers are not supposed to approach clients."

"I was coming to that," quickly intervened Mr. Kahn, "or the method by which a doctor approaches a patient. He does not go after him. Ethically and as a standard of the legal profession, you are not permitted to go after him."

Calls Firm a "Good Doctor."

"I do not suppose that a doctor would be permitted to go after a patient under the ethical standards of the medical profession," the witness continued. "He gets his clients by reason of his reputation for ability and successful cures and for sound advice. So it is with the architect."

"In our case it has long been our policy to get our clients, not by chasing after them, not by praising our own wares, but by an attempt to establish a reputation which would make clients feel that, if they have a problem of a financial nature, 'Dr. Kuhn, Loeb & Co.' is a pretty good doctor to go to."

"We haven't got a show window as you have in Fifth Avenue, where goods are attractively displayed. Our only attractiveness is our good name and reputation for sound advice and integrity. If that is gone, our business is gone, however attractive our show window might be."

"We hold our position subject to recall. It can be recalled by the public at any time they choose. It can be recalled by a corporation at any time they choose. The public is entirely at liberty to go elsewhere, and both the public and corporations have done that in the past."

"It would be ungracious for me to mention names, but there have been ups and downs in banking prestige, and there has been a rise and fall of banking firms."

Says I.-S. C. C. Fixes Compensation.

"Isn't there the fairly well recognized canon of ethics in the banking business, in pursuance of which a private banking firm, which once undertakes the financing of a corporation, continues to do its financing, practically to the exclusion of any others, unless it voluntarily chooses to give up the client?" Mr. Pecora asked.

"I use the same simile again," Mr. Kahn replied. "If I am known to be a pretty good doctor I am liable to keep my patients. If I am not, the patient will quit me cold. So will the financial community; so will corporations."

Mr. Kahn assented to Chairman Fletcher's statement that the "next step," after establishing relationship, was the question of compensation.

Asked whether the private bankers' compensation was based on any general rule, Mr. Kahn replied:

"It is the result of negotiation—which, by this time, is pretty well stabilized and normalized."

"As far as railroad securities were concerned, the Inter-State Commerce Commission fixes the price," he continued. "We do not get any commission from the railroads. No fixed compensation. We buy the bonds at a price arranged between the railroads and ourselves, which, in our judgment, is fair to the railroads and the public."

"I cannot emphasize too much the element of reciprocal fairness is of the essence of any bankers' business. If it is violated the banker will pay the price."

Sets "Reasonable Spread."

Mr. Kahn was questioned in some detail by Senators Fletcher and Townsend and Mr. Pecora as to what the witness considered a "reasonable spread" between the price private bankers like Kuhn, Loeb & Co. would pay for securities and the price the public pays.

"The spread," said Mr. Kahn, "if fixed upon, first, reasonable compensation for the originators; second, reasonable compensation for distributors, who may be called underwriters, for their risk, effort, and responsibility. That has become pretty well stabilized and normalized by usage."

"A reasonable spread, Senator, dependent upon the kind, size of issue, and prevailing conditions in the market, would be between 2¼ and 2½% gross, out of which would come all expenses."

Mr. Kahn said the responsibility of the banker was measured to a certain extent by the size of the investment, but that the risk taken with an issue of \$50,000,000 was not actually 50 times greater than in the case of a \$1,000,000 issue.

"Actually," he said, "we have, by long experience, gained complete confidence in that list of distributors with whom we generally do business. It happened that we stood in the breach for syndicates at the time the Lusitania went down, which was a very unpleasant experience, and gave us some sleepless nights—but no worse than we had yesterday with the first touch of the heat."

"We stood in the breach for a very large issue at the time that the great panic of October 1929, broke. Again it was not a pleasant experience. But, with few exceptions, even in the face of these unforeseen calamities, our list of tested and well-collected distributors and friends all made good."

Decries Cut-Throat Competition.

"Has there not developed a rule among bankers to keep hands off the client when they know that client had its financing done by another banker?" Mr. Pecora asked.

"That rule," replied Mr. Kahn, "is very much in the spirit of the kind of code which the Legislature has now adopted, or is about to adopt, to regulate the business activities of all branches of business in the country."

"In other words, instead of cut-throat competition, which is not to the interest of the public; instead of the kind of competition we had between 1926 and 1928—when, to my knowledge, 15 American bankers sat in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, making bids, and a dozen American bankers sat in a half dozen Southern and Central American States, or in Balkan States—instead of that kind of competition, cut-throat competition, one outbidding the other foolishly, recklessly, to the detriment of the public, compelling him to force bonds upon the public at a price which is not determined by the value of that security so much as by his eagerness to get in—that kind of competition, I hope, is ended."

"The competition which exists, in my opinion, is a competition of service and performance—the competition of attracting clients, not by chasing after business."

Mr. Pecora asked Mr. Kahn to describe in greater detail the rivalry of American bankers "competing in Belgrade in some ruinous fashion."

Recalls Competition for Bonds.

"I referred," Mr. Kahn explained, "to the competition by American bankers for European and foreign issues in general, through the two mad years of 1926 and 1928 when, as in 1929, nothing counted but pieces of paper, equities; so in the two or three years preceding before that the public had a mania for buying high-interest-bearing bonds."

Senator Costigan—Where were these bankers assembled? A.—Oh, in all the capitals of the various nations.

Q.—Were they the leading bankers of the United States? A.—It is a little ungracious of me to graduate them, Senator. They were bankers engaged in the business of buying securities. I hope you will not ask me whether they were leading bankers or less leading bankers.

Q.—Well, among them, were there some leading bankers of this country? A.—I hate to seem evasive, but would it not be embarrassing and ungracious if I answered that question?

Q.—Was your firm represented in this competition? A.—Not once. Senator Costigan asked whether compulsion was brought by these bankers on others to market the securities.

"The compulsion was rather upon the banker himself," rejoined Mr. Kahn. "He had the bear by the tail. He had to get rid of him somehow." "As a matter of fact," interposed Senator Barkeley, "he had a bull by the tail when he thought he had a bear."

Governments' Credit Affected.

"That has happened many times," said Mr. Kahn, "as we all know to our cost. But the fact of the compulsion, by an unduly competitive system, by a cut-throat competitive system, by endeavoring to break in at whatever cost, the public is damaged because the public pays an unduly high price."

"And the banker who has been triumphant in getting that issue will very soon find himself regretful that he did get it. That kind of competition is harmful both to the corporations and to the public and to the governments involved, because those governments, by this very method, have seen their credit spoiled."

Mr. Pecora asked whether the custom had developed in the banking profession of not going after another banker's client.

"Not in the banking business peculiarly," replied Mr. Kahn. "It has developed more or less in all professions by a process of enlightenment."

He said there was a fixed and clear-cut competition between bankers, based on services and accomplishment.

Price Not Always Justified.

Mr. Kahn was examined at some length on competition in the marketing of American railroad securities and competitive bidding for equipment trusts.

When asked by Mr. Pecora whether a banker would "pay a price not justified by the circumstances," he replied "frequently," adding that he had "a constant potential competition in every other banking house."

"I do not believe," he said, "that it is in the best interest of a corporation always to squeeze out the last dollar at a particular moment that the securities can be sold for. If you compel people to go the limit of competitive bidding, you do not benefit the railroads, the public or anybody in the long run."

After the Kuhn, Loeb articles of co-partnership and the firm's balance sheets were introduced, Mr. Kahn, replying to Mr. Pecora, asserted that the firm has no affiliates "and never had."

Mr. Pecora asked whether Kuhn, Loeb & Co. was in any way interested in the European Merchants Banking Co., Ltd., of London.

At Mr. Kahn's request Benjamin J. Buntzenwieser, another partner, was permitted to testify regarding this matter. He said the London company was a stock corporation which existed from 1927 to 1930, during which period Kuhn, Loeb & Co. owned the shares of that company, which was a private banking concern, accepting relatively small deposits and making loans. The company was liquidated Dec. 31 1930.

No Objections to Examination.

Mr. Kahn testified that the partnership of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. held no meetings at regular intervals for transaction of business, but did meet irregularly "when business happened to be active" and no written records of these partnership meetings were ever kept.

"There is no significance to the meetings," he said. "They are thoroughly informal and merely informative. We are a family affair."

He testified that his firm was not subjected to examination by any public officer of the State of New York or of the Federal Government. Under the definition of the State law, the firm had accepted no deposits and therefore was not subject to examination, he said.

Mr. Pecora—Don't you know that counsel for your firm appeared or collaborated with counsel for other private banking firms in New York City and helped draft the legislation of New York with regard to private bankers? A.—Not to my knowledge, but it may well be so.

Q.—Was not that provision put into the law for the benefit of a few private banking firms, to your knowledge? A.—To my knowledge, no. Moreover, it would not appear to be to their benefit in my humble opinion. I see no benefit in not being examined.

Defends Rise in Rail Debt.

At the outset of the afternoon session Mr. Kahn was questioned concerning the history of competitive bidding for the equipment trust certificates of railroads, as reflected in recent reports of the I.-S. C. Commission. He asserted that these reports had narrowed and made more difficult the market for equipment trusts.

Inquiry Into Affairs of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. by Senate Committee Investigating Stock Exchange Trading—Banking Firm's Balance Sheets from 1927 to 1931.

The balance of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. at the end of each calendar year from 1927 to 1931, inclusive, was given to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee by Otto H. Kahn on June 27. The record as contained in Washington advices June 27, to the New York "Times" follows:

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash on hand & in banks.	\$1,904,952.28	Capital	\$20,000,000.00
Call loans secured by Stock Exch. collateral.	60,825,000.00	Deposits	69,449,016.08
Time loans secured by Stock Exch. collateral.	1,150,000.00	Accounts payable	7,795,611.94
All other loans	6,478,136.67		
Accounts receivable	16,457,667.76		
State and munic. bonds	2,931,668.91		
Other bonds and stocks	7,427,202.40		
New York Stock Exchange membership	70,000.00		
Total	\$97,244,628.02	Total	\$97,244,628.02

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928.		Capital	
Cash on hand & in banks.	\$747,157.81	Capital	\$20,000,000.00
Call loans secured by Stock Exch. collateral.	45,180,000.00	Deposits	58,821,113.02
All other loans	2,097,670.01	Accounts payable	7,542,857.89
Accounts receivable	6,455,582.74		
State and munic. bonds	15,859,779.25		
Other bonds and stocks	15,043,781.10		
Total	\$86,363,970.91	Total	\$86,363,970.91

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1929.		Capital	
Cash on hand & in banks.	\$1,999,739.30	Capital	\$25,000,000.00
Call loans secured by Stock Exch. collateral.	39,350,000.00	Deposits	88,549,766.13
Time loans secured by Stock Exch. collateral.	10,000,000.00	Accounts payable	6,852,337.65
All other loans	8,634,640.82		
Accounts receivable	10,796,770.75		
State and munic. bonds	27,080,026.22		
Other bonds and stocks	22,540,926.69		
Total	\$120,402,103.78	Total	\$120,402,103.78

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1930.		Capital	
Cash on hand & in banks.	\$3,435,565.80	Capital	\$25,000,000.00
Call loans secured by Stock Exch. collateral.	8,725,000.00	Deposits	57,032,847.08
All other loans	9,339,298.61	Accounts payable	3,122,905.44
Accounts receivable	9,012,002.35		
U. S. Government certificates of indebtedness	9,146,956.00		
State and munic. bonds	24,403,922.07		
Other bonds and stocks	21,093,007.69		
Total	\$85,155,752.52	Total	\$85,155,752.52

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.		Capital	
Cash on hand & in banks.	\$16,295,242.63	Capital	\$21,250,000.00
Call loans secured by Stock Exch. collateral.	300,000.00	Deposits	29,118,918.20
All other loans	8,378,314.21	Accounts payable	16,605,927.26
Accounts receivable	777,409.31		
U. S. Government Treasury bills & certificates	24,919,859.72		
State and munic. bonds	9,953,051.25		
Other bonds and stocks	6,350,968.34		
Total	\$66,974,845.46	Total	\$66,974,845.46

Suspension of Holidays and Opening of Banks for Business.

Since the publication in our issue of June 24 (page 4397) with regard to the banking situation in the various States, the following further action is recorded:

CALIFORNIA.

A plan for the reorganization of the defunct California National Bank of Sacramento, Calif., and its affiliated institution, the California Trust & Savings Bank, which closed Jan. 21 1933, was presented on June 23 to representatives of the respective depositors, stockholders and officers of the institutions, according to a dispatch by the Associated Press from Sacramento on June 24, which went on to say:

The proposal was presented by Lewis Lilly of a San Francisco accounting firm after conferences with Edward Rainey State Superintendent of Banks and officials of the Comptroller of the Currency the Federal Reserve and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

It contemplates formation of a State bank and must have approval of stockholders depositors State and national bank authorities. In order to bring about reorganization Lilly said measures must be taken.

A temporary waiver by depositors whose deposits are over \$50 of both banks of half of their deposits; waiver of the entire amount of \$2,450,000 of stockholders' liability; subscription of a minimum of \$1,250,000 in new capital; a loan from the R. F. C. and liquidation of slow and doubtful assets through the formation of the subsidiary companies which will pay the depositors back as much of their waived 50% as it is possible to realize.

Rainey said the banks, if reorganized into one institution, would have to have an entirely new management.

ILLINOIS.

According to Monmouth, Ill., advices on June 26, printed in the Toledo "Blade," the Monmouth Trust & Savings Bank of that place had been licensed by the Illinois State Auditor and was to reopen the following day, June 27, without restrictions.

KENTUCKY.

That the Citizen's National Bank of Richmond, Ky., had been placed in receivership on June 27, is indicated in the following dispatch on that date from Richmond to the Louisville "Courier-Journal":

J. P. Chenault, Richmond attorney, to-day was appointed receiver for the closed Citizens' National Bank here. The bank closed June 1 for an examination and June 15 was placed in charge of Paul E. Enlow, special representative of the Comptroller of the Currency. Mr. Chenault said that while he had received no definite instructions, he planned to liquidate the bank immediately. The bank reopened on a 5% withdrawal basis following the National banking holiday. Its last statement on Dec. 31 showed deposits of approximately \$500,000.

LOUISIANA.

Baton Rouge, La., advices on June 21, printed in the New Orleans "Times-Picayune," stated that stockholders of the new City National Bank which is to be opened in Baton Rouge by July 1 or shortly thereafter, had that day elected eight directors suggested by the depositors' committees of the Union Bank & Trust Co. and the Bank of Baton Rouge, which the new institution replaces. The dispatch went on to say in part:

The eight elected to the Board are Ernest L. Gass, B. A. Cross, Joseph Gottlieb, W. L. Ward, Wade H. Bynum, J. H. Percy, Lewis Gottlieb and Marion Kahn.

Four other members of the Board are to be appointed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

MARYLAND.

According to a statement made on June 26 by Gwynne Crowther, President of the Baltimore Commercial Bank of

Baltimore, Md., a plan for the reorganization of the institution is meeting with a satisfactory response and it is expected the bank will reopen on a 100% operating basis in a short time. The Baltimore "Sun" of June 27, reporting the above, continuing said:

It is now intended to make 55% of deposits available instead of 53% as originally planned, in addition to the 5% already released. Instead of applying 26% of deposits to the purchase of new stock only 24% will now be so applied.

The issuance of participation certificates will remain unchanged at 21% of deposits.

The plan has the approval of State Bank Commissioner John J. Ghingher and the Federal Reserve System, of which the bank has been a member during most of its existence.

That the Boonsboro Bank at Boonsboro, Md., had reopened on a 100% basis, was reported in the following advices from Baltimore on June 26 to the "Wall Street Journal":

Boonsboro Bank, of Boonsboro, in Washington County, Maryland, has reopened on a 100% basis, following the approval of a reorganization plan, states John J. Ghingher, State Bank Commissioner. This bank had been reorganized under the provisions of the Maryland Emergency Banking Act. The reorganized bank will have deposited approximately \$600,000.

Announcement was made on June 24 by John J. Ghingher, State Bank Commissioner for Maryland, that the Tilghman Bank at Tilghman, Talbot County, would reopen on June 26 on a 100% basis. In noting the above, the Baltimore "Sun" of June 25, continued:

The bank has deposits of more than \$100,000, Mr. Ghingher said, adding that S. Taylor Harrison is its President, J. Mitchell Howett its Cashier. Governor Ritchie and W. Preston Lane Jr., Attorney-General, have approved the plan for its reopening.

The bank's reorganization plan, Mr. Ghingher said, provided for a reconstruction of its capital that enabled it to charge off all losses and doubtful accounts.

According to a dispatch from Federalsburg, Md., on June 27 a petition was being circulated among the depositors of the Eastern Shore Trust Co. (head office Cambridge, Md.), protesting against the institution's reorganization. The petition addressed to John J. Ghingher, State Bank Commissioner of Maryland, says:

"We . . . protest the proposed plan and think it should be so amended that the present stockholders shall not be allowed to escape their lawful 100% stock liability and further consider unfair the proposal that holders of the present capital stock of the company should receive an equal number of shares in the reorganized bank to be known as the County Trust Co. of Maryland."

The advices continued as follows:

Signers of the petition said the first reorganization plan submitted to them proposed that 66 2-3% of their deposits be made available to them in cash, the remaining 33 1-3% being invested in new capital stock.

Since approving that plan they said, the terms have been altered so that now they are offered only 50% in cash, while 33 1-3% will be converted into stock at \$33.33 a share and 16 2-3% will be returned to them in the form of non-interest-bearing certificates of beneficial interest.

MICHIGAN.

That reorganization of the defunct First National Bank Ypsilanti, Mich., had started on June 23 with W. J. Penningroth and H. J. Merz of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation present, was reported in advices from Ypsilanti on that date, appearing in the Detroit "Free Press", which also said:

A plan was outlined by the Board of Commerce committee headed by R. B. Haig, whereby the liquid assets of the old bank would be used and a working capital of \$100,000 and a reserve capital of \$25,000 would be subscribed by the depositors. Assistance will be received from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation but the definite amount is not known.

In approximately two weeks depositors will receive 25% of their deposit through the new bank. Additional payments will be made as assets are liquidated.

The Board of Commerce committee was composed of Harry Schaefer, G. C. Handy, William Bassett, Paul Ungrodt and E. G. Doran.

That the Lenawee County Savings Bank at Adrian, Mich., had reopened for normal business after having been closed since the Michigan bank holiday was declared on Feb. 14 last, was noted in advices from that place on June 27, appearing in the Toledo "Blade." The dispatch added:

Officers said withdrawals compared only with those of a normal business day before the banking holiday. The bank is releasing 50% of depositors' accounts immediately and is holding the other 50% in trust.

The Commercial Savings Bank of Adrian was reopened last week.

MINNESOTA.

Reopening for regular banking functions of the Citizens' State Bank of Gaylord, Minn., and the Harmony State Bank at Harmony, Minn., was announced on June 22 by Elmer A. Benson, State Commissioner of Banks for Minnesota, according to the Minneapolis "Journal" of June 23. At the same time Mr. Benson announced that the Farmers' & Merchants' State Bank and the First State Bank, both of Dawson, Minn., had reopened and then immediately consolidated under the title of the First State Bank of Dawson, and also that the Farmer's State Bank of Lafayette and the Lafayette State Bank, both of Lafayette, had opened and merged. These two banks will continue in business under the name of the Citizens' State Bank, it was said.

MISSISSIPPI.

Reopening of the 200th State bank in Mississippi since the March bank holiday was reported by the State Banking Department on June 26, according to the Jackson "News" of June 27. The institution resuming was the Bank of McLain at McLain in Greene County. The paper mentioned continuing said:

J. S. Love, superintendent of banks, said the bank had capital at \$10,000 with \$3,000 surplus and opened in strong position as to liquidity. H. M. Weldy is President.

Mr. Love pointed out that in addition to the 200 reopened banks out of a State total of 216 when the holiday went into effect, plans had been carried through for several others by means of reorganizations. Among these are the Citizens' Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Jackson, and the McComb Savings Bank & Trust Co. at McComb.

NEBRASKA.

Associated Press advices from Lincoln, Neb., on June 22 stated that E. H. Luikart, State Superintendent of Banks for Nebraska, had announced on that date that three banks which had been operating on a restricted basis since the banking holiday, had been taken over for final liquidation under the State Banking Department. The banks named are the Farmers' & Drovers' State at Whitney, the Farmers' & Merchants' at Snyder and the Farmers' State at Kearney.

The Citizens' State Bank of Virginia, Neb., has been authorized to reopen without restrictions, according to Associated Press advices from Lincoln, Neb., on June 23.

NEW JERSEY.

Reopening of the Steneck Trust Co. of Hoboken, N. J., which closed its doors on June 27 1931, was virtually assured on June 26 by an order granted by Vice Chancellor Lewis in Jersey City. The order permits the purchase of the assets of the bank by the Seaboard Trust Co. of Hoboken, a newly organized institution. The new trust company will take over the Steneck Trust Co. building and is expected to give employment to many former employees of the closed bank. The New York "Times" of June 27, from whose account the matter the foregoing is taken, went on to say:

The plan for the purchase of the assets of Steneck Trust provides that all depositors who had \$100 or less in the bank would get full payment. Other depositors would receive 30% in cash and 55% in pro-rata shares of 20-year bonds of North Bergen. They also would receive an interest in other assets equal to 5% of their deposits and 10% in stock of the new bank. The new institution is expected to open in September.

Reorganization of the Orange Valley Bank of Orange, N. J., which has been operated on a restricted basis since the banking holiday, was started on June 27 by a depositors' committee, acting on plans approved by the New Jersey State Department of Banking and Insurance. Advices to the New York "Times" from Orange, from which this is learnt, furthermore said:

The plans call for the sale at \$32.50 a share of 7,500 shares of 6% cumulative preferred stock of \$10 par value. The stock, non-assessable, will be subject to retirement at the full price paid, and has priority over present outstanding stock. Depositors will be asked to buy stock amounting to one-third of their deposits.

Concerning the affairs of the Palisades Park National Bank & Trust Co., Palisades Park, N. J., now in the hands of a conservator, Associated Press advices from Washington, D. C., under date of June 26, contained the following:

Mayor Thomas Monaghan of Palisades Park, N. J., conferred with Treasury Department officials to-day on a plan to reopen the Palisades Park National Bank and Trust Co.

He was accompanied by Washington by Edward Boyd, conservator for the Palisades Park Bank; George Rotolo and Fred Meuter.

Mr. Monaghan said the delegation had as its prime purpose reorganization of the local bank and its reopening on an unrestricted basis. The bank, he said, was interested also in the proposed consolidation of several banking institutions in Bergen County, N. J.

NEW YORK STATE.

Probable reopening shortly of the Citizens' National Bank of Port Henry, N. Y., is indicated in a dispatch from that place on June 23, which said:

At a meeting of the management committee for the reorganization of the Citizens' National Bank this afternoon (June 23) the following were selected as directors for said institution to become effective when the reorganization plan is completed. Thomas Clydesdale; Dr. Thomas J. Cummins; Alvin M. Cummings, William Berman, Berne A. Pyrke, former State Commissioner of Farms and Markets; Daniel A. Keenan, Mayor of Port Henry; County Judge Harry E. Owen, Harold W. Henry and Harold P. Kelley.

It is expected that the plans for reorganization will be completed so that the bank can reopen for business by July 15.

OHIO.

Liquidation of First-Central Trust Co. of Akron, Ohio, has been ordered by the State. The formal order was filed by Charles C. Carr, counsel for the conservator, in the name of Ira J. Fulton, State Banking Superintendent, with Common Pleas Court, placing the bank under supervision of the Ohio State Banking Department.

Ashtabula, Ohio, advices on June 22 to the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" stated that announcement was made on that

day of the approval by Ira J. Fulton, State Superintendent of Banks, of a plan to reopen the Marine Savings Bank Co. of Ashtabula for the transaction of normal business. The dispatch furthermore said:

Fifty-five per cent of all accounts above \$50 would be freed at once. The balance of 45% would be withheld for the present. Certificates of participation would be issued for this balance.

The plan would provide release of \$115,000 in public funds which have been on the restricted list since the bank holiday was declared Feb. 28. These include funds of the city, the county and Harbor Schools.

Associated Press advices from Columbus, Ohio, on June 22 stated that licenses to reopen for normal business were granted by the Ohio State Banking Department on that day to the Clyde Savings Bank of Clyde, Sandusky County, and the Union State Bank of Payne, Paulding County. Both banks have been operated by conservators.

That a new bank is being organized in Bryan, Ohio, under the name of the Citizens' National Bank, which will take over part of the assets and deposit liabilities of the Farmers' National Bank of that place, would appear from the following dispatch from Bryan on June 20, printed in the Toledo "Blade":

Approval has been given by the Comptroller of Currency at Washington to the proposed organization of a new bank here, the Citizens National. The plan of transferring part of the assets and deposit liabilities of the Farmers' National to the new bank will also be taken before the Federal Court in Toledo for approval.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Announcement was made on June 23 by A. E. Streibich, conservator of the First National Bank of Braddock, Pa., that plans to reopen the First National Bank and its parent institution, the Braddock Trust Co., had been laid before Federal and State banking authorities. If the two are reopened, Mr. Streibich said, approximately \$3,000,000 of deposits, tied up since the National banking holiday, will be released to more than 9,000 depositors. The Pittsburgh "Post Gazette" of June 24, from which the foregoing is learnt, continuing said:

Reorganization plans for the First National Bank of Braddock call for issuance of \$75,000 of common stock to be sold at a price which will bring, in addition to this amount, \$50,000 for the surplus account. When the common stock has been subscribed, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will subscribe \$75,000 in preferred stock.

That the Union National Bank of Carnegie, Pa., will reopen shortly is indicated in the following taken from the Pittsburgh "Post Gazette" of June 26:

Paying depositors in full, the Union National Bank of Carnegie will open early in July, according to former Congressman Guy E. Campbell, who said he had been assured by Treasury officials in Washington that affairs were being settled satisfactorily. Examination by National bank examiners was declared to have shown the bank's affairs in good condition. The next step before reopening, it was stated, was for stockholders to authorize F. C. Hopper, former Cashier and now conservator, to proceed with reopening plans.

Advance payments to depositors in five closed Pennsylvania banks were announced on June 23 by the State Banking Department. Two of the banks are in the Philadelphia District, namely the Columbus Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia and the Suburban Title & Trust Co. of Upper Darby. The Philadelphia "Ledger" of June 24, from which the above information is obtained, continuing said:

Depositors of the Columbus Title & Trust Co. will receive a 10% advance payment, amounting to \$71,686, on July 6. The bank closed its doors Oct. 17 1931, with total deposits of \$716,863. To date, it has paid 37 1/2% to depositors and the July payment will bring the figure up to 47 1/2%.

The Suburban Title & Trust payment will be made July 6. It will be 5%, amounting to \$118,505. The bank closed May 9 1931, with a deposit liability of \$2,370,255. Payments of 15% and 5%, respectively, previously have been made on account of this institution's deposits.

A 10% cash advance payment will be made to depositors of the Heights Deposit Bank, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on July 10. The payment will amount to \$130,389.

Depositors of the Snow Shoe Bank, of Snow Shoe, Pa., will receive an advance payment of 10%, amounting to \$17,084, on June 30.

A payment of 5% will be made to depositors of the Archbald Bank, of Archbald, Pa., on June 30. It will amount to \$42,106.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Following rejection by the State Board of Bank Control of plans for the reorganization of the Central Union Bank of South Carolina (head office Columbia), Governor Blackwood of South Carolina on June 21 signed an order instructing S. J. Zimmerman, conservator of the institution, to "proceed promptly" with the liquidation of the bank's affairs.

The statement given out by the State Board of Bank Control, as printed in the Columbia "State" of June 22, from which the above information is obtained, was as follows:

"The Board of bank control has for the past two months given all consideration possible to the stockholders' committee of the Central Union Bank in their efforts to reorganize and reopen their bank without restriction. It may seem that the Board has consumed an unusually long time in reaching its decision, but it wished to be sure that the plans submitted would operate in the interest of the depositors, the protection of whose interest the board feels to be its first duty. After the most careful consideration of the plans submitted, the Board has reached the following conclusion:

"That in the judgment of this Board the plan submitted for reopening the Central Union Bank of South Carolina is not sound and does not carry adequate safety for either depositors or for the permanency of the bank and should be and is refused for the following reasons:

"The plan contemplates paying only 5% of unsecured deposits to the depositors, which is in substance asking the depositors to waive 95 cents on the dollar of their deposits for an indefinite period, not exceeding five years.

"The plan proposes to pledge to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation collections from stockholders' liability, which in the opinion of this Board belongs entirely to the unsecured depositors, and is a right or claim that this Board has not the authority to divert.

"It appears to this Board that the plan proposed for reorganization does not properly protect new deposits from being used to liquidate "frozen" assets.

"It is the judgment of the Board in view of the above stated facts and circumstances that it would be inconsistent with its duties to safeguard the interests of depositors to give its sanction and approval to the proposed reorganization plan."

According to the "State," the Central Union Bank of South Carolina had about 9,000 depositors and total deposits of approximately \$6,800,000 last Mar. 4. With its main offices in Columbia, it had branches at Rock Hill, York, Greenwood and Due West.

VIRGINIA.

It is learnt from Associated Press advices from Richmond, Va., on June 23, that depositors of the First National Bank of Louisa, Va., which recently was taken over by a new bank, the Bank of Piedmont at Louisa, on that date were paid \$350,000, representing approximately half of the deposits in the old institution. The dispatch added:

The First National Bank of Louisa was kept closed after the bank holiday and it to-day was one of the first of the closed banks to make a substantial payment on deposits tied up since the holiday.

According to the Richmond "Dispatch" of June 23, the State Corporation Commission of Virginia the previous day directed the State Banking Division to apply for a receiver for the Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co. of Norfolk.

Additional List of Banks Licensed to Resume Operations in Second (New York) Federal Reserve District.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued the following list on June 28, supplementing its statement of June 21 (noted in our issue of June 24, page 4400), showing additional banking institutions in the Second (New York) District which have been licensed to resume full banking operations:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.	
[Circular No. 1251, June 28 1933]	
MEMBER BANKS	
NEW JERSEY.	
<i>Addition—</i>	Hackettstown— The Peoples National Bank of Hackettstown.
NEW YORK STATE.	
<i>Addition—</i>	Spring Valley— Ramapo Trust Co.
NONMEMBER BANKS.	
NEW JERSEY.	
<i>Withdrawal—</i>	New Brunswick— x New Brunswick Trust Co.
x Now operating on a restricted basis.	
GEORGE L. HARRISON, Governor.	

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &C.

At a regular meeting of the Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange, held June 28, the petition of the members to close the Exchange on Monday July 3 was not granted. The Exchange will be closed July 4, Independence Day. Governors of the Commodities Exchange, Inc., have voted to close the Exchange July 3 and announced that members having commodities to deliver or receive on Exchange contracts on that date will keep their places of business open for completion of deliveries.

The Greenwich Savings Bank, 36th Street and Broadway, New York, is celebrating its 100th anniversary to-day (July 1). Charles M. Dutcher, President, recently achieved his 50th year of service with the bank. The first deposit was for \$11, made by a Abraham H. Pattison on July 1 1833. Deposits for the first day totaled \$14,014.11. On Jan. 1 1933, the bank had deposits of \$154,059,208 and resources of \$175,482,220.

Arrangements were completed June 27 for the sale of two Commodity Exchange, Inc., memberships as follows: William H. Schill to Frank E. Hirschstein for another at \$3,500 and Frank L. Marx to Francis P. Keelon, for another, at \$3,550. The last previous sale was at \$3,700. On June 28 arrangements were completed for sale of an extra membership by Samuel T. Hubbard, Jr. to Milton R. Katzenberg for another at \$3,600.

Four memberships were sold June 26 on the Chicago Board of Trade, the first at \$9,650, the second at \$9,750, the third at \$9,800 and the fourth at \$9,900. Prior to Monday, the last sale was at \$9,500. On June 27 a membership was sold for \$10,300.

Arrangements were completed June 27 for the sale of a membership in The Chicago Stock Exchange for \$9,000, down \$1,000 from the last previous sale.

Announcement was made following the Executive Committee meeting of The National City Bank of New York held on June 27 of the appointment of James Stillman Rockefeller, an Assistant Cashier, as an Assistant Vice-President assigned to the head office. Mr. Rockefeller is a son of the late William G. Rockefeller and a nephew of Percy A. Rockefeller. He was born in New York City on June 8 1902. Following his graduation from Yale University, he was employed by Brown Brothers & Company. In March 1930 he entered the Comptroller's Department of The National City Bank of New York and was appointed Assistant Cashier on April 14 1931. He is now connected with the Metropolitan District in the head office.

Brigadier General Oliver Benedict Bridgman, senior partner of the brokerage firm of Bridgman & Company, New York, and a member of the New York Stock Exchange, died on June 23. General Bridgman suffered an attack of acute indigestion while dining at the Stock Exchange on June 22. His death occurred at his home 1220 Park Ave. General Bridgman, who was 74 years old, had been a member of the Stock Exchange since Sept. 23 1897. His friends presented him with a watch last September on his 35th anniversary as a member. He was also a director of the A. & N. Realty Co., Inc., and the Caledonian-American Insurance Co. and a trustee of the North River Savings Bank. General Bridgman was formerly commanding officer of Squadron A, New York National Guard cavalry unit. In 1926, the Association of Ex-Members of the squadron, elected him life President.

New deposits of over \$1,000,000 and new depositors totalling 5,269 is the record it is stated of the Cypress Hills Branch of the Hamburg Savings Bank, Brooklyn, during the first six months of its existence. The branch which is located at the corner of Fulton and Crescent Streets, is in charge of Charles Hasloeher. The bank's President is C. William Wohlers. The parent institution was established in 1905, and prior to the Cypress Hills Branch had no offices in addition to its main location at Myrtle Avenue near Knickerbocker.

On June 19 1933 the First National Bank of Damariscotta, Maine, and the Newcastle National Bank of that place, both capitalized at \$50,000, were consolidated under the title of the First National Bank of Damariscotta, with capital of \$100,000 and no surplus.

The Comptroller of the Currency on June 21 granted a charter to the National Bank of Commerce of Portland, Portland, Me., capitalized at \$400,000. Charles Sumner Cook is President of the new bank and Edward B. Moulton, Cashier.

The Brandon National Bank, Brandon, Vt., was granted a charter by the Comptroller of the Currency on June 23. The new institution, which succeeds the Brandon National Bank, is capitalized at \$50,000, consisting of \$25,000 preferred and \$25,000 common stock. D. D. Burditt is President and James R. Leonard, Cashier, of the new bank.

Victor I. Neilson, since last year receiver of the Mechanics' Bank of New Haven, Conn., for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and widely known in Hartford, Conn., for previous banking connections in that city, died in New Haven on June 22 after a long illness. Mr. Neilson, who was born in Hartford, was 41 years of age. He began his banking career in 1910 with the Riverside Trust Co. of Hartford, where he rose to the position of discount clerk. He left that organization after 11 years to become a bank examiner in the State Banking Department, where he remained four years.

He then became Treasurer of the Mutual Bank & Trust Co., and in November 1927 was elected Vice-President and a director. These positions he held until his resignation in October 1929. He moved to New Haven a year ago when he was appointed receiver of the Mechanics' Bank by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the office he held at his death.

William H. Burr, President of the Southport Savings Bank of Westport, Conn., and in 1911 representative for that place in the State Legislature, died at his home in Westport on June 22. The deceased banker was 78 years of age.

John A. McCarthy, heretofore a Vice-President and Trust Officer of the Real Estate Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., has been promoted to Executive Vice-President, while continuing as Trust Officer. The post of Executive Vice-President is a new one in the company. Announcement of Mr. McCarthy's promotion was made on June 23 by Samuel F. Houston, President of the institution, who also stated that Melville M. Parker would become Vice-President and Treasurer of the company on Aug. 1, succeeding Edward S. Buckley Jr., who is retiring from active business after nearly 26 years' association with the institution. In appreciation of his services, the Board of Directors of the company has voted to continue the payment of full salary to Mr. Buckley after his retirement. The Philadelphia "Ledger" of June 24, authority for the foregoing, went on to say:

Mr. McCarthy, long an associate of the late George H. Earle Jr., has been an officer of the trust company since 1907. Previously he had been a practicing attorney. He is President of the Pennsylvania Sugar Co., President of the Pennsylvania Warehousing & Safe Deposit Co., a director of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., and since October 1931 has been closely associated with Dr. William D. Gordon, Secretary of Banking of Pennsylvania, in the work of speeding up payments to depositors in closed banks in the Philadelphia district.

Mr. Parker has tendered his resignation as acting manager of the Philadelphia agency of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. He has been with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation agency in this city since July 23 1932, first as Assistant Manager and in recent months as Acting Manager. He has been associated with banking activities in Philadelphia for the last 13 years, having served as an officer on several Philadelphia banking institutions. He formerly was connected with the Pennsylvania Banking Department, and is a past President of Philadelphia Chapter, American Institute of Banking.

The Philadelphia National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa., will take formal action this fall to effect divorcement of its securities affiliate, the Philadelphia National Co., from the institution. The Philadelphia "Ledger" of June 20, in noting this, went on to say:

Joseph Wayne Jr., President of the bank, on June 19 declared the action, made necessary under the newly passed Banking Act of 1933, will not be taken until that time in order to allow officials sufficient time to study the law and move in accordance with its terms. Under the law, banks must divest themselves of securities affiliates within a year.

"We have not taken any direct steps in the matter as yet," he said. "The Philadelphia National Co., of course, will be turned over to its stockholders. Who the officers will be, what the effect on the bank will be, and exactly how the change will be made are matters that still have to be worked out.

"Since shares in the bank contain evidence of the bank stockholders' beneficial interest in Philadelphia National Co., this much is clear—all bank stock will have to be called in and new shares issued which do not contain the beneficial interest provisions.

"No meeting has been called to consider action and no proposals have been worked out as yet."

That payment of \$204,562 to 9,818 depositors of the closed Pittsburgh-American Bank & Trust Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa., representing a 10% distribution, would be made on June 29, was announced on June 22 by the Pennsylvania State Banking Department, according to the Pittsburgh "Post Gazette" of June 23, which added:

This corrected a previous announcement from Harrisburg, last week, which said only a 5% distribution was to be made. This is the second payment by the bank since it closed, a first distribution of 10% having previously been made.

Effective June 14 1933, the Farmers' & Miners' National Bank of Bentleyville, Pa., with capital of \$100,000, went into voluntary liquidation. The institution was taken over by the Citizens' National Bank of Bentleyville.

Webster Bell, former President of the Park Bank of Baltimore, Md., which failed in August 1932, was sentenced, on June 23, to serve three years in the Maryland State Penitentiary for conspiracy to defraud the depositors, according to Associated Press advices from Baltimore on that date. The conviction of Mr. Bell, on April 11 last, was noted in the "Chronicle" of April 15, page 2551.

John Cooke Grayson was one of four men indicted on June 28 by a District of Columbia Grand Jury in connection with a shortage in the funds of the closed Park Savings Bank of Washington, according to Associated Press advices from that city on the date named, which continuing said:

A charge against Grayson, former clerk in the Chief National Bank Examiner's office of the Treasury Department, is that he informed the late Robert S. Stunz, former Vice-President of the Park Bank, of pending visits to the institution by Federal Bank Examiners. In return, it was charged, Stunz accepted overdrafts from Grayson and credited the latter's account with approximately \$4,000 he never deposited.

Stunz killed himself last March. He left a note taking the blame for a shortage in the Park Bank's funds estimated at \$1,700,000.

The other three indicted to-day were David Smith, a nephew of Stunz; Alexander M. McNeil, a depositor, and his son, Benedict M. McNeil, Assistant Cashier of the bank. The specific charge against the four is conspiracy to commit embezzlement and larceny. Members of Grayson's family reported that he is seriously ill at Charlottesville, Va.

The First National Bank of Rural Retreat, Va., with capital of \$50,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on June 14 1933. The institution was taken over by the People's Bank of the same place.

We learn from the Richmond "Dispatch" of June 22 that the Morris Plan Bank of Virginia, in Richmond, Va., has taken over the branch bank quarters at Fourth and Grace Streets, that city, of the American Bank & Trust Co. of Richmond, now in the hands of receivers, and was to open its new branch on June 24. The paper mentioned, continuing said, in part:

Coincident with the leasing of the Fourth and Grace bank quarters, the Morris Plan is taking over the entire personal small loan department of the American, as well as liquidating for the American's receivers other items. The two transactions will have a monetary valuation of more than \$100,000.

A five-year lease was signed by the Morris Plan, at a rental figure deemed reasonable by the American's receivers. The Morris Plan new branch will be in charge of L. H. Fairbank, Vice-President. The State Corporation Commission early this week authorized the Morris Plan to move from its Third and Broad branch to Fourth and Grace.

In connection with the receivers' sale of industrial loans to the Morris Plan, G. Allen Rady, who has been in charge of the American's industrial department, will render every assistance to the Morris Plan officials, while continuing in the employ of the American's receivers.

Stockholders of the Citizens' Exchange Bank & Trust Co. and the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank, both of West Point, Va., will meet July 3 to further plans for a proposed consolidation of the institutions, according to advices from that place on June 20, appearing in the Richmond "Dispatch," which went on to say:

The new bank, under tentative plans, would be named the Citizens' & Farmers' Bank of West Point.

The movement toward consolidation is said to have supporters in both organizations. At a recent meeting of the Boards of Directors of both banks it was unanimously voted that the movement be accomplished.

The State Corporation Commission of Virginia on June 21 authorized the merger of the Bank of Brownsburg, at Brownsburg, and the Bank of Fairfield, at Fairfield, into and with the Bank of Raphine, at Raphine, according to the Richmond "Dispatch" of June 22. In indicating the proposed consolidation of these banks, which are all in Rockbridge County, a dispatch from Lexington, Va., on June 12, to the paper mentioned, said, in part:

The plan is to merge the Brownsburg and Fairfield banks into the Bank of Raphine. The latter, if the merger is completed, will operate branches at Brownsburg and Fairfield. It is believed by the directors of each bank that better service can be rendered by merging, in view of changing banking conditions.

If the merger is approved, the new bank will be called the Bank of Rockbridge, with a capital of \$25,000 and surplus of \$10,000, with the following as officers: E. R. Flippo, President; D. J. Whipple, Vice-President; H. S. Wade, Cashier.

The Board of Directors of the Charleston National Bank, of Charleston, W. Va., announces the election of Joseph Loewenstein as President of the institution, effective June 6 last.

Stockholders of the Third National Bank & Trust Co. of Dayton, Ohio, at a special meeting held recently, approved a proposed increase in the bank's capital from \$400,000 to \$500,000, according to advices from that city on June 17 to the "Wall Street Journal," which added:

Capital stock has been increased to 20,000 shares from 4,000, and \$200,000 has been added to surplus and undivided profits. Par value of shares has been reduced to \$25 from \$100.

The American Savings Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, on June 23 declared a semi-annual dividend of \$3 a share on the capital stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 28, according to Cleveland advices, on June 23, to the "World-Telegram," which added:

The dividend is a reduction from \$5 a share paid six months ago, prior to which the stock was on a \$14 annual basis.

The Red River National Bank & Trust Co. of Grand Forks, N. Dak., on June 17 changed its title to the Red River National Bank of Grand Forks.

A charter was issued on June 20 by the Comptroller of the Currency for the Community National Bank & Trust Co. of Knoxville, Knoxville, Iowa, capitalized at \$50,000. The new institution succeeds the Knoxville-Citizens' National Bank & Trust Co. E. L. Job heads the new bank, with J. R. Dyer as Cashier.

The payment of dividends to two closed Nebraska banks was noted in the following dispatch by the Associated Press from Lincoln, Neb., under date of June 23:

The State Banking Department Friday (June 23) announced payment of another 10% dividend of \$8,544 to depositors in the failed Nebraska State Bank of Beatrice, bringing the amount returned to 50% or \$42,719.

The Department also paid a first dividend of 10% or \$5,400 to depositors in the State Bank of Lanham and an additional 5% dividend of \$20,062 to depositors in the Farmers' & Merchants' State Bank at Benkelman, bring the amount returned to \$60,191 or 15%.

Associated Press advices from Charleston, S. C., on June 23 stated that Frank B. Vincent of Savannah, Ga., on that day was appointed Vice-President in charge of the new Spartanburg branch of the Citizens' & Southern Bank of South Carolina, which will open to-day (July 1), while Arthur F. Willis, of Savannah, was chosen Cashier of the branch. The dispatch continuing said:

Announcement of the new officials was made at a meeting here of the Board of Directors of the parent bank, of which Mills B. Lane, of Savannah, is Chairman.

Vincent has been an employee of the Citizens' & Southern Bank since 1918. He was elected a Vice-President of the institution in 1928, having charge of the credit, public relations and new business departments.

Willis was Cashier in the Broughton Street office of the bank in Savannah and formerly worked with banks in Valdosta, Ga., and Dublin, Georgia.

Under date of June 16, a charter was granted by the Comptroller of the Currency for the First National Bank of Trinity, at Trinity, Tex., with capital of \$27,500, consisting of \$15,000 common stock and \$12,500 preferred stock. The new bank replaces the Trinity National Bank of that place. P. H. Cauthan and F. M. Goodrum are President and Cashier, respectively, of the new bank.

Effective June 20 1933, the First National Bank of Lott, Tex., capitalized at \$50,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation. The successor institution is the First National Bank in Lott.

Stockholders of the Anglo-California National Bank of San Francisco have ratified the proposed increase in the capital of the institution proposed by the directors through the issuance of that amount of 5% preferred stock of the par value of \$20 per share, according to San Francisco advices on June 26 appearing in the New York "Evening Post," which added:

The new issue, to be underwritten by Standard Oil Co. of California and by Mortimer Fleishacker, brings total capitalization to \$15,400,000, there being \$10,400,000 of the present common stock now outstanding.

As of June 22 1933, a charter was granted by the Comptroller of the Currency for the First National Bank of Chico, at Chico, Calif., capitalized at \$150,000. Alden Anderson is President of the new bank.

Acquisition of the American National Bank of Portland, Ore., by the First National Bank of Portland, and plans for conversion of an affiliated bank at Gresham, Ore., into a branch in the near future were announced June 23 by John M. Grant, President of the Transamerica Corp., San Francisco, Calif., which controls the First National Bank. According to the announcement, the First National Bank of Portland will take over the deposit liability of approximately \$4,300,000 and the safe deposit business of the American National Bank. Total deposits of First National of Portland after the consolidation will approximate \$40,000,000.

The acquisition of the American National Bank makes this the sixth branch office to be established by First National Bank of Portland through consolidation of independently operated banks since the passage of the Oregon branch banking legislation, April 1 last. In addition to these six branch offices, the First National is affiliated with a bank in Gresham, Ore., which is to be changed to a branch office of the First National as soon as routine steps can be completed with the Comptroller's office in Washington. Mr. Grant said:

Since the passage of the Oregon bank legislation last April, the First National Bank of Portland has extended its branch banking activities to include the full territory of the City of Portland. Now that the Glass-Steagall Bill has been passed, the way is clear to establish through First National Bank of Portland a State-wide branch banking system for Oregon similar to the service extended throughout California by the Bank of America.

The initial moves in the inauguration of this program are under way at the present time, and further acquisitions of independent units outside the metropolitan area of Portland are now under consideration.

Effective June 17 1933, the Puget Sound National Bank of Tacoma, Wash., and the Puget Sound Broadway Bank of that city, capitalized, respectively, at \$600,000 and \$200,000, were consolidated under the title of the Puget Sound National Bank of Tacoma. The new institution is capitalized at \$600,000, with surplus of \$150,000.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Trading on the New York Stock Exchange was brisk and many new tops were recorded during the forepart of the week as a result of the violent advances in the commodities markets, especially the sensational jump in the price of wheat. The daily transactions have been heavy, particularly on Tuesday when the turnover reached 5,642,000 shares. On Wednesday and Thursday, the market was somewhat unsettled due to disquieting rumors from abroad regarding the foreign exchange difficulties. The so-called "wet" stocks have continued in brisk demand, and occasional periods of strength have been manifest in the railroad group and oil shares. Profit taking has been apparent, particularly during the first half of the week, and there was considerable short covering in evidence on Tuesday. Call money renewed at 1% on Monday and has continued unchanged at that rate on each and every day of the week.

Motor stocks attracted considerable speculative attention during the two-hour session on Saturday, and while the changes were somewhat mixed during the first hour, trading became more active as the market neared the close and many prominent shares were higher for the day. Specialties were in demand at higher prices, one of the strongest of the group being American Woolen, the common moving up a point or more, while the preferred stock jumped about 3 points. Industrials were active on the upside, particularly Bethlehem Steel, which surged forward 2 3/8 points to 39 7/8, and United States Steel, which improved about 1 point. J. I. Case also was strong as it moved up a point or more. The heavy transactions in Chrysler and General Motors carried those stocks to new tops. Among the changes on the side of the advance were American Hide & Leather pref., 2 3/4 points to 45; American Ice pref., 3 points to 45; Crown Cork & Seal, 2 7/8 points to 53 7/8; Johns' Manville, 1 1/2 points to 87; Shell Union Oil pref., 2 points to 52 1/2, and West Penn Electric, 1 3/4 points to 71 3/4.

Stimulated by the spectacular advance in wheat, the stock market soared upward to new high levels on Monday, recording new peaks all along the line. Alcohol shares were the outstanding strong features, and farm implement stocks were in good demand at higher prices, and there was some interest displayed in the specialties. Railroad issues, in many instances, broke into new high ground for the year and oils were well taken throughout the day. The gains for the session included, among others, Air Reduction, 2 1/4 points to 67 3/4; Allied Chemical & Dye, 3 1/2 points to 117 1/2; American Car & Foundry pref., 2 1/4 points to 42 3/4; Amer. Tel. & Tel., 2 1/4 points to 129 5/8; Auburn Auto, 2 points to 65 1/2; Bethlehem Steel pref., 4 points to 76 1/2; J. I. Case Co., 6 1/2 points to 92; Corn Products, 2 3/8 points to 77 1/2; Mack Truck, 2 3/4 points to 43 3/4; National Distillers, 7 1/2 points to 85 1/2; Reading Company, 2 points to 50 3/4; Western Union Telegraph, 2 1/4 points to 57 3/8; and Wilson & Co. pref., 5 5/8 points to 61 1/4.

The market was again buoyant on Tuesday as numerous stocks broke into new high ground for the year. The gains in the general list ranged up to 6 or more points, though some isolated issues registered advances up to 10 points. The strength in the commodities markets, together with a substantial amount of short covering, was an important factor in the general upturn. National Distillers was the outstanding strong spot and jumped about 6 points at its top for the day and General Motors shot upward to above 30. Considerable profit taking was in evidence from time to time, but this had little effect on the upward swing. Prominent in the list of gains at the close were such active issues as Air Reduction 1 1/4 points to 89, American Car Foundry pref. 2 points to 44 3/4, American Commercial Alcohol 3 1/2 points to 38 1/2, American Locomotive 4 1/8 points to 34 1/2, Armour Ill. pref. 3 3/4 points to 64, Atchison pref. 2 1/4 points to 67 1/4, Celanese Corporation 4 1/8 points to 49 1/2, Illinois Central pref. 2 1/8 points to 40 1/4, Industrial Rayon 2 3/4 points to 72, Liquid Carbon 5 1/4 points to 38 1/2, New York, Chicago & St. Louis 7 7/8 points to 17 1/2, New York Steamheating pref. 6 3/4 points to 108 3/4, Norfolk & Western 6 points to 158, Pittsburgh & West Virginia 2 points to 24, Shell Union Oil pref. 3 points to 58, Texas Pacific Railway 4 points to 37, Union Pacific Railway 2 1/2 points to 119 1/2, Ward Baking pref. 2 points to 39 1/2 and Yale & Towne 3 1/4 points to 21 1/4.

Following a brisk opening during which several of the more active stocks reached new tops for the year, the market turned downward on Wednesday due to commodity weakness and profit taking, and the losses ranged from fractions to 2 or more points. American Ice and Standard Brands were

both in strong demand at higher prices. As the day progressed the market turned into a hectic affair, the unsettlement extending throughout the list. The strong stocks in the early trading included the railroad shares, steel issues and industrial specialties, and there was considerable buying in the so-called "wet" group, but most of the gains were reduced or entirely cancelled before the close. Stocks closing on the downside included among others, Allied Chemical & Dye 2 1/4 points to 115, American Hide & Leather pref. 2 5/8 points to 45, American Smelting 2 points to 33 1/2, Auburn Auto 2 1/8 points to 63, J. I. Case Co. 4 1/8 points to 88 5/8, Celanese Corporation 6 1/4 points to 55 3/4, General Printing Ink pref. 6 points to 60, Liggett & Myers pref. (7) 3 points to 131, Union Pacific 2 3/8 points to 117 3/8 and Western Union Telegraph 1 1/8 points to 56 1/8.

Except for the brief setback during the early trading on Thursday, the market was moderately strong with a fairly large number of leading issues and miscellaneous specialties showing gains ranging from fractions to 3 or more points. Railroad stocks were particularly active and many of the low priced and comparatively inactive shares recorded gains of a point or more. During the noon hour, the market wobbled around to a considerable extent due largely to profit taking, but prices steadied as the day progressed and as the pressure lifted, the trend turned upward. Standard Brands was in active demand and at one period was up more than 4 points. Delaware, Lackawanna & Western was the strong stock of the railroad group and was up about 3 points at its top for the day. The changes at the close were not particularly noteworthy, though, on the whole, the market was slightly higher than the preceding close. Among the gains were such active stocks as Armour of Delaware pref. (7) 2 1/4 points to 82 1/4, Atlas Powder 4 points to 34, Rock Island 2 1/4 points to 12 1/4, Crown Cork & Seal 2 points to 60, Delaware Lackawanna & Western 2 1/8 points to 39 3/8, Detroit Edison 2 points to 88 3/4, Eastman Kodak 2 1/2 points to 83 1/2, McCall Corporation 3 1/2 points to 30, Standard Brands 3 1/8 points to 28, Warren Brothers 2 1/2 points to 21 1/2, Wheeling Steel 2 1/2 points to 28 1/2 and Wilson & Company pref. 2 1/4 points to 62.

The market was weak during the early trading on Friday, but the rally that developed toward the end of the session carried many prominent stocks slightly above the previous close. Railroad shares were the strong issues but there was also some activity in the miscellaneous specialties. Trading was light, the volume of sales falling below the previous day. The gains included American Car & Foundry, 8 points to 36 1/2; American Shipbuilding (2), 4 points to 32; Baldwin Locomotive pref., 7 points to 40; Central RR. of N. J., 3 1/2 points to 88 1/2; Corn Products, 2 3/8 points to 79 1/2; Delaware & Hudson, 4 3/4 points to 82; Homestake Mining, 19 points to 140; New York Central, 2 1/4 points to 43; Norfolk & Western pref., 2 points to 78; Sears, Roebuck, 2 1/4 points to 39 1/4; Union Pacific, 2 5/8 points to 117 5/8 and Universal Leaf Tobacco, 2 5/8 points to 47 7/8. The market was strong at the close.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended June 30 1933.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad and Miscell. Bonds.	State, Municipal & For'n Bonds.	United States Bonds.	Total Bond Sales.
Saturday	1,696,390	\$4,992,000	\$1,346,000	\$187,000	\$6,525,000
Monday	4,528,029	9,299,000	2,888,000	1,116,700	13,303,700
Tuesday	5,642,695	13,849,000	3,407,000	2,261,000	19,517,000
Wednesday	5,506,841	14,937,000	3,280,000	1,659,500	19,876,500
Thursday	4,593,510	10,268,000	3,815,000	1,887,000	15,970,000
Friday	3,673,920	11,584,000	2,849,000	587,600	15,020,600
Total	25,641,385	\$64,929,000	\$17,585,000	\$7,698,800	\$90,212,800

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended June 30.		Jan. 1 to June 30.	
	1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.
Stocks—No. of shares.	25,641,385	3,771,042	340,859,129	177,235,328
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$7,698,800	\$17,429,500	\$260,247,100	\$401,116,600
State & foreign bonds	17,585,000	15,208,500	388,454,500	388,331,500
Railroad & misc. bonds	64,929,000	24,650,200	1,063,435,900	754,744,500
Total	\$90,212,800	\$57,288,200	\$1,712,137,500	\$1,544,192,600

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended June 30 1933.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	23,155	\$15,000	15,638	\$7,000	1,172	---
Monday	52,811	2,000	44,833	1,100	2,257	\$3,600
Tuesday	84,550	1,500	51,672	4,500	1,740	10,000
Wednesday	69,238	2,000	49,352	12,000	1,185	19,100
Thursday	62,129	---	43,200	21,100	2,662	3,300
Friday	14,311	2,000	10,730	---	1,825	---
Total	306,194	\$22,500	215,425	\$45,700	10,841	\$36,000
Prev. wk. revised	316,813	\$54,050	269,605	\$22,000	16,123	\$52,600

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

The forward movement on the Curb Market continued with occasional interruptions due to profit taking during most of the present week and large gains were registered all along the line, particularly during the early part of the week. The demand for the so-called "wet" stocks has been particularly urgent, though the textiles have attracted considerable attention and there has been some large buying among the specialties, miscellaneous industrials and oil shares. Public utilities have been somewhat mixed at times, but the trading among the investment trusts and mining shares has been of a substantial character. Transactions have been heavy and well above the average during most of the week. On Saturday the curb market was quiet and irregular with the textiles attracting a goodly part of the speculative attention. Hiram Walker also continued in demand following reports of a large merger of Canadian whiskey concerns. British Celanese was up almost a point, Tubize was up over 2 points and there was a moderate demand for Parker Rust Proof, Pittsburgh Plate Glass and Aluminum Co. of America. Public utilities were heavy due to dividend cuts by Commonwealth Edison of Chicago and Public Service of Northern Illinois. The spurt in air-conditioning stocks put Safety Car Heating & Lighting up about 4½ points while Carrier Corp. moved ahead fractionally. Local tractions moved within narrow channels, but the mining stocks were moderately strong, especially Lake Shore, Pioneer Gold and Teck Hughes. Specialties and miscellaneous industrial shares led the upward spurt on Monday, some of the more active stocks recording gains up to 10 or more points. Pivotal issues in the utilities were also in demand and many good-sized gains were registered before the close. Aluminum Co. was one of the outstanding strong stocks, particularly Aluminum, Ltd. pref., which soared upward about 10 points. Deere & Co., General Tire & Rubber and Atlas Glass were also among the outstanding features. Electric Bond & Share and Columbia Gas & Electric were the leaders of the utilities as they swung upward. Carrier Corp. was up about 3 points, Hazel Atlas Glass about 5, and Pittsburgh, Lake Erie & Western gained about 4½ points. Oil shares were fairly strong and mining issues improved, especially Roan Antelope, which broke through 19.

Many of the pivotal stocks reached higher levels on Tuesday, the list, as a whole, following the lead of the "big board." The advances extended to practically all parts of the list, though the industrial specialties were the leaders of the upward movement. Outstanding stocks in the latter group were Deere & Company which gained about 2 points, Distillers Corporation and General Tire. Other strong stocks were Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., Hazel Glass and Ford of Canada A. Pan America was the strong stock of the aircraft group, utilities were higher and so were the mining shares and most of the oil issues. The "wet" stocks were also in good demand, particularly Hiram Walker. Pivotal shares were irregular on Wednesday, but specialties including alcohol and glass stocks were in active demand at higher prices. Considerable speculative attention was directed toward Hazel Atlas Glass which made a gain of 9 points to 83 at its top for the day and Pittsburgh Plate Glass which jumped a point to 34. The movements in the utilities were somewhat mixed, Columbia Gas & Electric pref. dropping 3 points to 127, while Electric Bond & Share advanced 2 points to 37. Mining stocks were somewhat irregular, Newmont and New Jersey Zinc showing fractional gains, while Pioneer Gold dipped to 23½. Investment stocks were strong, especially United States International Securities pref. which rose 2 points to 22½. Curb industrials were again in demand on Thursday and in spite of the irregularity apparent, a number of sharp gains were registered as the market closed, though this advance was checked to some extent by the dip of ten cents in wheat from its top level of a few days previous. Scattered selling also had a depressing effect for a brief period but this was readily absorbed as the day progressed. Public utilities were under pressure, Electric Bond & Share dipping about a point, while Columbia Gas pref. lost about 7 points. In the mining group, New Jersey Zinc was the strong stock but oil issues like Humble Oil and Standard of Indiana moved toward lower levels.

Prices sagged during the early trading on Friday, though some improvement was apparent toward the end of the session when stocks rallied under new demand and several of the speculative favorites moved slightly higher, though the changes, on the whole, were toward lower levels. Prominent in the declines were Celanese pref., which dipped to 103¾ with a loss of 3½ points on the day. Utilities were heavy, American Gas and Commonwealth Edison slipping below the previous close. Oil shares were irregular

and mining stocks showed modest improvement. The changes for the week were largely on the side of the advance, though none were particularly noteworthy. Prominent in these advances were Aluminum Co. of America, 84 to 86; American Beverage, 2¼ to 3⅝; American Gas & Electric, 43 to 43½; American Light & Traction, 22½ to 22¾; Deere & Co., 29½ to 42; Ford of Canada A, 11½ to 12½; International Petroleum, 16⅞ to 17⅝; New Jersey Zinc, 51 to 57⅝; Parker Rust Proof, 49⅞ to 50; Standard Oil of Indiana, 31½ to 31¾; Swift & Co., 19⅞ to 20¾; Teck Hughes, 5⅞ to 6; United Founders, 2 to 2½, and Utility Power, 2⅝ to 2¾.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 112.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended June 30 1933.	Stocks (Number of Shares).	Bonds (Par Value).			
		Domestic.	Foreign Government.	Foreign Corporate.	Total.
Saturday	295,750	\$1,741,000	\$74,000	\$117,000	\$1,932,000
Monday	661,273	3,302,000	193,000	99,000	3,594,000
Tuesday	893,799	4,477,000	98,000	191,000	4,766,000
Wednesday	907,445	4,022,000	147,000	213,000	4,382,000
Thursday	582,115	3,459,000	152,000	204,000	3,815,000
Friday	514,866	3,954,000	92,000	117,000	4,163,000
Total	3,855,248	\$20,955,000	\$756,000	\$941,000	\$22,652,000

Sales at New York Curb Exchange.	Week Ended June 30.		Jan. 1 to June 30.	
	1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.
Stocks—No. of shares.	3,855,248	412,616	49,455,147	24,362,733
Bonds.				
Domestic	\$20,955,000	\$12,145,000	\$462,968,000	\$366,185,100
Foreign government	756,000	529,000	21,217,000	14,561,000
Foreign corporate	941,000	1,345,000	22,778,000	36,584,000
Total	\$22,652,000	\$14,019,000	\$506,963,000	\$417,330,100

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings are now reflecting the improvement in trade and showing expanding totals. This is the fourth week in succession that our bank clearings totals have registered a gain, when compared with a year ago. Though for the present week the increase is moderate, this is due mostly to the fact that the July 1 payments last year were cleared in this week, while the present year the July 1 checks will not go through the clearing houses until Monday of next week. In spite of this fact six of the largest cities out of twelve report increases 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, July 1) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 2.3% above those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$5,539,599,-885, against \$5,414,855,421 for the same week in 1932. At this center there is a gain for the five days ended Friday of 17.5%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph, Week Ending July 1.	1933.	1932.	Per Cent.
New York	\$2,972,178,867	\$2,530,484,934	+17.5
Chicago	184,188,682	194,480,764	-5.3
Philadelphia	199,000,000	232,000,000	-14.2
Boston	168,000,000	230,000,000	-27.0
Kansas City	52,969,585	52,008,915	+1.8
St. Louis	48,400,000	46,600,000	+3.9
San Francisco	*80,000,000	79,459,000	+0.7
Los Angeles	No longer will report clearings.		
Pittsburgh	69,357,102	65,205,634	+6.4
Detroit	39,647,410	60,223,459	-34.2
Cleveland	36,953,486	52,144,805	-29.1
Baltimore	31,983,209	47,142,633	-32.2
New Orleans	14,928,000	19,180,140	-22.2
Twelve cities, 5 days	\$3,897,606,341	\$3,608,930,334	+8.0
Other cities, 5 days	552,060,230	528,844,950	+4.4
Total all cities, 5 days	\$4,449,666,571	\$4,137,775,284	+7.5
All cities, 1 day	1,089,933,314	1,277,080,137	-14.7
Total all cities for week	\$5,539,599,885	\$5,414,855,421	+2.3

* Estimated.

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 June 24. For that week there is an increase of 25.0%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$5,109,627,190, against \$4,087,562,027 in the same week in 1932. Outside of this city there is a decrease of 0.9%, the bank clearings at this center recording a gain of 42.6%. The Boston, Philadelphia, Atlanta, St. Louis and Minneapolis Reserve districts also had increases but these districts, even though showing substantial gains, were unable to offset the losses in the other districts, which accounts for the loss outside of

New York City. 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 an improvement of 41.7%, in the Boston Reserve District of 23.4%, and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 1.6%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals record a decline of 2.7% and in the Richmond Reserve District of 19.5%, but in the Atlanta Reserve District the totals have risen 3.5%. The Chicago Reserve District suffers a loss of 19.6%, but the St. Louis Reserve District enjoys a gain of 14.3% and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 20.3%. The Kansas City Reserve District has a decrease of 4.7%, the Dallas Reserve District of 6.2% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 2.0%.

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

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table showing bank clearings for various Federal Reserve districts (e.g., First Federal Reserve District, Second Federal Reserve District, etc.) for the years 1933, 1932, 1931, and 1930, along with percentage changes.

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

Detailed table of bank clearings for 119 cities across 11 Federal Reserve districts (e.g., First Federal Reserve District, Second Federal Reserve District, etc.) for the years 1933, 1932, 1931, and 1930, with percentage changes.

Summary of bank clearings for 18 cities across various Federal Reserve districts (e.g., Seventh Federal Reserve District, Eighth Federal Reserve District, etc.) for the years 1933, 1932, 1931, and 1930.

Summary of bank clearings for 4 cities across various Federal Reserve districts (e.g., Ninth Federal Reserve District, Tenth Federal Reserve District, etc.) for the years 1933, 1932, 1931, and 1930.

Summary of bank clearings for 9 cities across various Federal Reserve districts (e.g., Eleventh Federal Reserve District, Twelfth Federal Reserve District, etc.) for the years 1933, 1932, 1931, and 1930.

Summary of bank clearings for 13 cities across various Federal Reserve districts (e.g., Thirteenth Federal Reserve District, Fourteenth Federal Reserve District, etc.) for the years 1933, 1932, 1931, and 1930.

Summary of bank clearings for 32 cities across various Federal Reserve districts (e.g., Fifteenth Federal Reserve District, Sixteenth Federal Reserve District, etc.) for the years 1933, 1932, 1931, and 1930.

a No clearings available. b Clearing house not functioning at present. * Estimated.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at S. Louis Stock Exchange, June 24 to June 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Brown Shoe, Bruce (E. L.) pref., Coca-Cola Bottling, etc., with their respective prices and sales data.

* No par value.

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

Table of National Banks with columns: Date, Bank Name, Capital, and a brief description of stock types and officers. Includes entries for June 14 (The National Bank of Waterloo, Iowa), June 15 (The Birmingham National Bank, Birmingham, Mich.), etc.

CHANGE OF TITLE.

Table of bank changes of title, including Red River National Bank & Trust Co. of Grand Forks, N. Dak., and Farmers & Miners National Bank of Bentleyville, Pa.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table of voluntary liquidations, including The Farmers & Miners National Bank of Bentleyville, Pa., and The First National Bank in Valley Mills, Tex.

BRANCHES AUTHORIZED UNDER ACT OF FEB. 25 1927.

Table of authorized branches, including The Puget Sound National Bank of Tacoma, Wash., and The First National Bank of Portland, Ore.

CONSOLIDATIONS.

Table of consolidations, including The First National Bank of Damariscotta, Me., and The Puget Sound National Bank of Tacoma, Wash.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Buffalo and Baltimore on Wednesday of this week:

Table of auction sales, including shares of capital stock of The Cleveland Trust Co., Republic Electric Power Co. (Del.), and various bonds.

Table of bonds, including \$4,000 1st mtg. partic. certif. No. 3008, issued and guaranteed by J. Lehrenkrauss & Sons, and \$750 bond and 1st mtg. due July 1 1931.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table of securities listed by R. L. Day & Co., including 10 Amoskeag Co. preferred, 5 Goodall Worsted Co., and various other stocks and bonds.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table of securities listed by Barnes & Lofland, including 195 Union Improvement Co., 30 Central-Penn National Bank, and various other stocks.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table of securities listed by A. J. Wright & Co., including 20 International Rustless Iron and 5 Angel International Corp.

By Weillepp, Bruton & Co., Baltimore:

Table of securities listed by Weillepp, Bruton & Co., including 360 Bonded Mortgage Co. of Baltimore, Md., and 100 Garrison Realty Holding Co., Inc.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Hornblower & Weeks have prepared a special analysis of sixteen New York bank stocks which have come through the depression with "a remarkably good dividend record as compared with other equities."
—The New York Stock Exchange firm of J. S. Bache & Co. announces the opening of a Pittsburgh office in the Henry W. Oliver Building under the management of James S. Malseed and Peter A. Curran
—Kloppstock & Co., Inc., New York, announce that James B. Lyon Jr., J. K. Barnekov and William T. Higgins, formerly with Bauer, Pogue & Co., Inc., have become associated with them.
—Hemphill, Noyes & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the opening of their Spring Lake office in the Monmouth Hotel, with James Weller Eben as manager.
—George A. Dewey Jr., formerly with Chase Harris Forbes Corporation, has become associated with R. H. Johnson & Co., Inc., as their representative in Troy, New York.
—Farr & Co. are distributing a brief study of the American Beet Sugar industry, with statistics of the American Best, Great Western and Holly Sugar companies.
—John E. Sloane & Co. announce the opening of a New Jersey office at 60 Park Place, Newark, under the direction of James A. Knowles.
—W. O. Gay & Co., 27 William St., New York City, have prepared a list of North Carolina and South Carolina municipal bonds.
—J. R. Williston & Co. announce the retirement of Joseph J. Heard of their Boston office as a general partner of the firm.
—P. H. Shedy has been appointed manager of the trading department for Griffith-Wagenseller & Durst, Los Angeles.
—Anderson, Block & Co. announce that William Ullman will be admitted as a general partner in their firm July 1 1933.
—Phelps, Fenn & Co., New York, have issued a list of State and municipal bonds yielding from 3.50% to 5.75%.
—Monahan, Schapiro & Co. announce the removal of their offices to 30 Broad Street, New York.
—Allen G. Maxwell is now associated with Bond & Goodwin, Inc.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Fire Insurance Companies, and Bank and Trust Companies.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Miscellaneous (Continued), American Ice Co. pref. (quar.), American Motorists Ins. Co. (quar.), American News Co., Inc., com. (bi-mo.), American Shipbuilding (quar.), Anglo-Persian Oil, American dep. rec. ord. reg., Ordinary register, 1st preferred reg. (s.-a.), 2d preferred reg. (s.-a.), Atlantic City Sewerage (quar.), Auburn Automobile Co. (quar.), Autoline Oil, 8% pref. (quar.), Avondale Mills (quar.), Basic Industry Shares, Bayuk Cigar Inc., 7% 1st pref. (quar.), Belding Corticelli, Ltd., com. (quar.), Bourbon Stockyards (quar.), Calamba Sugar Estates, com. (quar.), Preferred (quar.), Calaveras Cement, 7% pref. (quar.), California Group, 6% pref., Canada Packers, Ltd., 7% pref., Canadian Foreign Invest., com. (initial), On account of accumulations, Carnation Co., 7% pref. (quar.), 7% preferred (quar.), Case (L.) & Bond (quar.), Central Franklin Process, 7% 1st pf. (qu.), 7% 2d preferred (quar.), 7% 2d preferred, Cincinnati Advertising Products (quar.), Coca-Cola Bottling of St. Louis, com. d. v. action deferred, Collyer Insulated Wire, Commercial Discount (Los Ang.) pf. (qu.), Commercial Solvents Corp., com. (quar.), Consolidated Car Heating (quar.), Extra, Cont. Gin, 6% pref. (quar.), Cool (W. B.) Co., 7% pref. (quar.), Corporate Trust Shs., acc. series (mo.), Series AA (modified) (s.-a.), Accumulative series (s.-a.), Series AA (s.-a.), Original series (s.-a.), Courier Post, 7% pref. (quar.), Crowell Publishing, 7% pref. (s.-a.), Curtiss-Wright Export, 6% pref. (quar.), Discount Corp. of N. Y. (quar.), Drava Corp., 6% pref., Eureka Pipe Line Co., Fibreboard Products, pref. (quar.), Firemen's Fund Ins. (quar.), Firststone Tire & Rubber Co., com. (qu.), First All-Canadian Trustee Shares, Ordinary shares, Extra, Five Year Fixed Trust Shares (s.-a.), Fixed Trust Oil Shares (s.-a.), Fixed Trust Shares, orig. series (s.-a.), Series B (s.-a.), Fruehauf Trailer, pref. (quar.), General Mills (quar.), German-Amer. Bldg. & Loan Corp. (Va.), Government Gold Mines Areas, Ltd., reg. American deposits received, Grace (W. R.), preferred A (quar.), Gross (L. N.), 7% preferred (quar.), Hamilton Woolen, Inc., Harbison-Walker Refractory, pref. (qu.), Hart & Cooley (quar.), Hercules Powder Co., pref. (quar.), Hershey Chocolate Corp., com. (quar.), Convertible preference (quar.), Highland Dairy, Ltd., 7% pref. (quar.), Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Monthly, Horn & Hardart (N. Y.) com. (quar.), Preferred (quar.), Idaho-Maryland Consol. Mines, Illuminants Shares, class A (quar.), International Printing Ink Corp., Preferred (quar.), Johnson Pub. Co., 8% pref. (quar.), Kayne Co., pref. (quar.), Kellogg Co., Lamont Corless, \$6 pref. (quar.), Lane Bryant, Inc., 7% pref. (quar.), Leslie-California Salt Co., com. (quar.), Link Belt, 6 1/2% pref. (quar.), McGillic Bond & Mtge., pref. (s.-a.), MacAndrews & Forbes Co., com. (quar.), Preferred (quar.), Major Corp. Shares (s.-a.), Manischewitz Co., pref. (quar.), Melville Shoe Corp., com. (quar.), 1st preferred (quar.), 2d preferred (quar.), Midland & Pacific Grain, pref. (quar.), Midland Steel Products Co., 1st pf. (qu.), Molloyhan Mfg. Co., pref. (s.-a.), Morris Plan of Savannah (Ga.) (s.-a.), Morris Plan Corp. of Am., 6% pf. (quar.), Morrison Cafeterias, 7% pref. (quar.), Murray (J. W.) Mfg., 8% pref. (quar.), Nat. Bearing Metals Corp., 7% pf. (qu.), 7% preferred, National Depositors Corp., Nation Wide Sec. Trust etfs., ser. A, Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co. (quar.), New Eng. Inv. & Security Co. pf. (s.-a.), New Jersey Zinc, com. (quar.), Niagara Alkali Corp., pref. (quar.), North Amer. Trust Shares (s.-a.), North & Judd Mfg Co. (quar.), Norwich Pharmaceutical Co. (quar.), Oakland Cotton Mill, pref. (s.-a.), Pacific Southwest Realty, 6 1/2% pf. (qu.), 5 1/2% preferred (quar.), Pacific Truck Serv. Corp., 7% pref. (qu.), Plymouth Cordage (quar.), Randall & Atwood Mfg. (quar.), Randall Co., pref. A, Roos Bros., Inc., 6 1/2% pref., St. Croix Paper (quar.), Scott Paper Co., ser. A pref. (quar.), Series B preferred (quar.), Selected Cumulative Shares, Selected Income Shares, Sharpe & Dohme, pref. A (quar.), Preferred A, Shuron Optical, pref. (quar.), Smyth Mfg. Co. (quar.), Solvay Amer. Invest., pref. (quar.), Standard Coosa-Thatcher (quar.), Standard National Corp. (N. Y.), 7% preferred (quar.), Stanley Works, 6% pref. (quar.), State & City Bldg. 6% pref. (quar.), State Street Investment Corp. (quar.)

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Contains financial data for various companies under the heading 'Miscellaneous (Continued)'. Includes entries like Dominion Glass Co., Preferred (quar.), Dominion Stores, Ltd., common (quar.), etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Contains financial data for various companies under the heading 'Miscellaneous (Continued)'. Includes entries like Hunts, Ltd., class A and B (quar.), Huron & Erie Mfg. Corp. (quar.), Huylers of Del., Inc., 7% pref. (quar.), etc.

Table of financial data for various companies under the 'Miscellaneous' category. Columns include Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive, and details of stockholders and dates.

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Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, June 29, 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 note statement (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Reserve Agents and the Federal Reserve banks. The fourth table (Federal Reserve Bank Note Statement) shows the amount of these bank notes issued and the amount held by the Federal Reserve banks along with the collateral pledged against outstanding bank notes. The Reserve Board's comment upon the returns for the latest week appears in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 28 1933.

Table with 11 columns for dates from June 28 1933 to June 29 1932. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Fed. Res. agents, Gold redm. fund, Gold held excl. agst. F.R. notes, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F.R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Government securities, etc.).

* "Other cash" does not include Federal Reserve notes or a Bank's own Federal Reserve bank notes. a Now included in "other cash." b Revised.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 28 1933

Table with 13 columns for banks: Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Fed. Res. Agents, Gold redm. fund, Gold held excl. agst. F.R. notes, etc.)

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Table listing various publications: COMPENDIUMS (Public Utility, Railway & Industrial, State and Municipal), MONTHLY PUBLICATIONS (Bank and Quotation Record, Monthly Earnings Record).

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The Review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 80.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Large table titled 'STOCKS. Week Ending June 30.' with columns for Shares, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Railroads, Int Yrs of Cent Am., Pacific Coast, etc.

* No par value.

Quotations for United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, &c.—Friday, June 30.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid., Asked. Lists various Treasury certificates with their respective rates and prices.

U. S. Treasury Bills—Friday, June 30.

Rates quoted are for discount at purchase.

Table with columns: Maturity, Bid., Asked. Lists U.S. Treasury bills with their bid and asked prices.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation.

Table titled 'Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices' with columns for date (June 24-30) and various bond types (First Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, Treasury, etc.) with High, Low, and Total sales data.

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

Small table listing registered bond transactions: 12 Fourth 4 1/8s, 1 Treasury 4 1/8s, 2 Treasury 3 3/8s, 5 Treasury 3s.

Foreign Exchange.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.25 1/2 @ 4.30 1/4 for checks and 4.26 @ 4.30 1/4 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4.27; 60 days, 4.26, 90 days, 4.25 1/2, and documents for payment 60 days, 4.26 1/2. Cotton for payment, 4.27 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris banker's francs were 4.93 1/2 @ 5.00 1/4 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 5.40 @ 5.50.

Exchange for Paris on London, 86.28, week's range, 86.62 francs high and 86.00 francs low.

The week's range for exchange rates follows:

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, with High and Low rates.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 81.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 112.

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday June 24, Monday June 26, Tuesday June 27, Wednesday June 28, Thursday June 29, Friday June 30); Stocks (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Adams Mills, Address Multi-gr Corp., etc.); PER SHARE Range Since Jan 1. On basis of 100-share lots. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1932. (Lowest, Highest).

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. a Optional sale. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. c Cash sale.

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday June 24, Monday June 26, Tuesday June 27, Wednesday June 28, Thursday June 29, Friday June 30), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 On basis of 100-share lots (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1932 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Bendix Aviation, Best & Co., Bethlehem Steel Corp., etc.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. a Optional Sale. r Ex-dividend c Cash sale. p Ex-rights.

FOR SALES DURING 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 June 24, Monday June 26, Tuesday June 27, Wednesday June 28, Thursday June 29, Friday June 30), Sales for the Week, STOCK NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 on basis of 100-share lots (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1932 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Debenham Securities, Deere & Co, Detroit Edison, etc.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. a Optional sale. x Dividend. y Ex-rights.

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday to Friday), Sales for the Week, STOCK NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell., etc.), PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1932.

*Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Optional sale. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Y-right. ¶ Cash sale

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday June 24, Monday June 26, Tuesday June 27, Wednesday June 28, Thursday June 29, Friday June 30); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 On basis of 100 share lots. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range or Previous Year 1932. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock symbols and names like Thatcher Mig, The Fair, Thermoid Co, etc.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. a Optional sale. s Sold seven days. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. x Ex-warrants.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended June 30.', 'Price Friday June 30.', 'Week's Range or Last Sale.', 'Range Since Jan. 1.', and 'Bonds Sold'. Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS' and 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended June 30.' with various bond titles and prices.

r Cash sales. a Deferred delivery. * Look under list of Matured Bonds on page 108.

Main table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended June 30., Interest Period, Price Friday June 30., Week's Range or Last Sale., Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1., and a second set of columns for another section of bonds.

r Cash sales a Deferred delivery. * Look under list of Matured Bonds on page 103.

Table with columns: BOND, Interest Period, Price Friday June 30, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Bing & Bing deb 6 1/2s, Botany Cons Mills 6 1/2s, etc.

Table with columns: BOND, Interest Period, Price Friday June 30, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Hackensack Water 1st 4s, Hansa SS Lines 6s with warr, etc.

* Cash sales. a Deferred delivery. * Look under list of Matured Bonds on page 108. z Holland-Amer. Line 6s 1947 sold on May 3 at 29 "Cash."

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, June 24 to June 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Boston Stock Exchange transactions. Columns include Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows are categorized by Railroad, Mining, Miscellaneous, and Bonds.

* No par value. z Ex-dividend.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, June 24 to June 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Chicago Stock Exchange transactions. Columns include Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include various industrial and utility stocks.

Table of Outside Stock Exchanges transactions. Columns include Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include a wide variety of stocks from different companies and industries.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and another set of columns for a second table: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Toronto Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Stock Exchange, June 24 to June 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Abitibi Pow & Pap com., Alberta Pacific Grain A., etc.

Toronto Curb.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Curb, June 24 to June 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Beath & Son, W D 'A', Biltmore Hats com., etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, June 24 to June 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Arundel Corp., Atl Coast Line (Conn), etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, June 24 to June 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Bell Tel Co of Pa pref., Budd (E G) Mfg Co, Cambria Iron, etc.

* No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, June 24 to June 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Arkansas Nat Gas, Preferred, Armstrong Cork Co, etc.

* No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, June 24 to June 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Aetna Rubber common, Allen Industries, Apex Electrical Mfg, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Geometric Stamping, Goodyr T & Rub com, Halle Bros Co, etc.

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, June 24 to June 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Aluminum Industries, Amer Laundry Mach, Amer Products com, etc.

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—See page 84.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, June 24 to June 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Alaska Juneau Gold Min, Anglo Calif Natl Bk of S.F., Assoc Ins Fund Inc, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and additional columns for price ranges and dates.

New York Produce Exchange Securities Market. Following is the record of transactions at the New York Produce Exchange Securities Market, June 24 to June 30, both inclusive, compiled from sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and additional columns for price ranges and dates.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, June 24 to June 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and additional columns for price ranges and dates.

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and additional columns for price ranges and dates.

New York Curb Exchange—Weekly and Yearly Record

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (June 24 1933) and ending the present Friday, (June 30, 1933). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Exchange itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bond, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered:

Table with columns: Week Ended June 30, Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and additional columns for price ranges and dates.

Table with columns for Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), Bonds (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include various oil companies like Standard Oil (Ohio), American Petroleum, and numerous bond issues.

Main table containing bond market data with columns for Bond Name, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and Bond Name, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

Main table containing two columns of bond listings: 'Bonds (Continued)' and 'Bonds (Concluded)'. Each listing includes details such as issue name, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low and High), Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1 (Low and High).

* No par value. a Deferred delivery. c o d Certificates of deposit. cons Consolidated. cum Cumulative. conv Convertible. s Sold note below. m Mortgage. n Sold under the rule. n-v Non-voting stock. r Sold for cash. v t e Voting trust certificates. w l When issued. w w With warrants. z Ex-dividend.

z See alphabetical list below for "Deferred delivery" sales affecting the range for the year: American Manufacturing, pref., Feb. 7, 30 at 43 1/2. Arkansas Natural Gas, com., class A, March 15, 400 at 7/8.

e See alphabetical list below for "Under the rule" sales affecting the range for the year: Associated Telephone \$1.50 preferred, Feb. 9, 100 at 19 1/2. Chicago District Electric 5 1/2s, 1953, Feb. 2, \$7,000 at 95 1/2.

Additional bond sale information: Tennessee Public Service 5s, 1970, Jan. 13, \$1,000 at 95 1/4. Tennessee Public Service 5s, 1970, Jan. 13, \$1,000 at 95 1/4.

Quotations for Unlisted Securities—Friday June 30

Port of New York Authority Bonds.

Table with columns Bid, Ask, and bond descriptions including Arthur Kill Bridges, Geo. Washington Bridge, and Bayonne Bridge.

U. S. Insular Bonds.

Table with columns Bid, Ask, and bond descriptions including Philippine Government, Honolulu 5s, and U S Panama 5s.

Federal Land Bank Bonds.

Table with columns Bid, Ask, and bond descriptions including 4s 1957 optional 1937, 4s 1958 optional 1938, etc.

New York State Bonds.

Table with columns Bid, Ask, and bond descriptions including Canal & Highway, World War Bonus, and Institution Building.

New York City Bonds.

Table with columns Bid, Ask, and bond descriptions including a3s May 1935, a3 1/2s May 1954, etc.

New York Bank Stocks.

Table with columns Par, Bid, Ask, and stock descriptions including Bank of Manhattan, Bank of New York, etc.

Trust Companies.

Table with columns Par, Bid, Ask, and stock descriptions including Banca Comm Italiana, Bank of New York, etc.

Guaranteed Railroad Stocks.

(Guarantor in Parenthesis.)

Table with columns Par, Dividend, Bid, Ask, and stock descriptions including Alabama & Vicksburg, Albany & Susquehanna, etc.

Public Utility Bonds.

Table with columns Bid, Ask, and bond descriptions including Amer S P S 5 1/2s 1948, Atlanta G L 6s 1947, etc.

Public Utility Stocks.

Table with columns Par, Bid, Ask, and stock descriptions including Arizona Power, Assoe Gas & El orig pref, etc.

Investment Trusts.

Table with columns Par, Bid, Ask, and stock descriptions including Administered Fund, Amer Bankstocks Corp, etc.

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks.

Table with columns Par, Bid, Ask, and stock descriptions including Cuban Telephone, North Bell Tel, etc.

Sugar Stocks.

Table with columns Par, Bid, Ask, and stock descriptions including Fajardo Sugar, Savannah Sugar Ref, etc.

* No par value. † Last reported market. ‡ Defaulted. § Ex-coupon. ¶ Ex-stock dividends. ** Ex-dividend.

Quotations for Unlisted Securities—Friday June 30—Concluded

Chain Store Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes entries like Bohack (H C) com., 7% preferred, Butler (James) com., etc.

Industrial Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes entries like Alpha Portl Cement pf., American Book \$4, Bliss (E W) 1st pref., etc.

Industrial and Railroad Bonds.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Includes entries like Adams Express 4s '47 J&D, American Meter 6s 1946, etc.

Chicago Bank Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes entries like Amer Nat Bank & Trust, Central Republic, etc.

Short Term Securities.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Includes entries like Allis-Chal Mfg 5s May 1937, Amer Metal 5 1/2s 1934, etc.

Water Bonds.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Includes entries like Alton Water 5s 1956, Ark Wat 1st 5s A 1958, etc.

Aeronautical Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes entries like Alexander Indus 8% pf., Aviation Sec Corp (N E), etc.

Insurance Companies.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes entries like Aetna Casualty & Surety, Aetna Fire, American Life, etc.

Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes entries like Bond & Mortgage Guar., Empire Title & Guar., etc.

New York Real Estate Securities Exchange Bonds and Stocks.

Table with columns: Active Issues, Bid, Ask. Includes entries like Albany Metropolitan Corp., Colonial Hall Apts cfts, etc.

Other Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday June 30

Railroad Equipments.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Includes entries like Atlantic Coast Line 6s, Equipment 6 1/2s, etc.

* No par value. d Last reported market. e Defaulted. s Ex-dividend.

Table listing various railroad and utility companies with columns for Name of Company, When Published, Page, and Issue of Chronicle.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—We give below the latest weekly returns of earnings for all roads making such reports:

Table showing weekly gross earnings for various railroad systems including Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, Georgia & Florida, etc., with columns for Name, Period Covered, Current Year, Previous Year, and Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both being very comprehensive. The include all the Class I roads in the country.

Large table comparing monthly gross and net earnings for various railroad systems from 1932 to 1933, including months like January, February, March, etc.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe System—Table showing earnings for 1932 and 1933, with monthly breakdowns.

Atch Topeka & Santa Fe—Table showing earnings for 1932 and 1933, with monthly breakdowns.

Panhandle & Santa Fe—Table showing earnings for 1932 and 1933, with monthly breakdowns.

Atlanta & West Point—Table showing earnings for 1932 and 1933, with monthly breakdowns.

Atlantic City—Table showing earnings for 1932 and 1933, with monthly breakdowns.

Atlantic Coast Line—Table showing earnings for 1932 and 1933, with monthly breakdowns.

Baltimore & Ohio System—Table showing earnings for 1932 and 1933, with monthly breakdowns.

B & O Chicago Terminal—Table showing earnings for 1932 and 1933, with monthly breakdowns.

Bangor & Aroostook—Table showing earnings for 1932 and 1933, with monthly breakdowns.

Belt Ry of Chicago—Table showing earnings for 1932 and 1933, with monthly breakdowns.

Bessemer & Lake Erie—Table showing earnings for 1932 and 1933, with monthly breakdowns.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates

Table listing net earnings for various railroad systems (Akron Canton & Youngstown, Ann Arbor, Atlanta Birmingham & Coast, etc.) from 1932 to 1933, including monthly breakdowns.

Detroit & Toledo Shore Line—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Detroit & Toledo Shore Line.

Duluth Missabe & Northern—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Duluth Missabe & Northern.

Duluth Winnipeg & Pacific—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Duluth Winnipeg & Pacific.

Elgin Joliet & Eastern—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Elgin Joliet & Eastern.

Erie System—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Erie System.

Chicago & Erie—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Chicago & Erie.

New Jersey & New York—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for New Jersey & New York.

Florida East Coast—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Florida East Coast.

Fort Smith & Western—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Fort Smith & Western.

Georgia—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Georgia.

Georgia & Florida—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Georgia & Florida.

Grand Trunk Western—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Grand Trunk Western.

Great Northern Ry—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Great Northern Ry.

Green Bay & Western—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Green Bay & Western.

Gulf Mobile & Northern—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Gulf Mobile & Northern.

Gulf & Ship Island—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Gulf & Ship Island.

Illinois Central System—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Illinois Central System.

Illinois Central RR—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Illinois Central RR.

Yazoo & Mississippi Valley—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Yazoo & Mississippi Valley.

Illinois Terminal Co—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Illinois Terminal Co.

International Great Northern—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for International Great Northern.

Kansas City Southern System—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Kansas City Southern System.

Texarkana & Fort Smith—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Texarkana & Fort Smith.

Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf.

Lake Terminal—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Lake Terminal.

Lehigh & Hudson River—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Lehigh & Hudson River.

Lehigh & New England—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Lehigh & New England.

Lehigh Valley—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Lehigh Valley.

Louisiana & Arkansas—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Louisiana & Arkansas.

Louisiana Arkansas & Texas—

Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 5 rows of financial data for Louisiana Arkansas & Texas.

Pennsylvania System—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$26,372,112 to \$39,076,955.

Long Islan —

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$1,954,866 to \$15,124,693.

Pennsylvania RR—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$26,372,112 to \$51,895,442.

Peoria & Pekin Union—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$76,070 to \$139,470.

Pittsburgh & Shawmut—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$48,368 to \$101,498.

Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$70,702 to \$140,440.

Pittsburgh & West Virginia—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$225,152 to \$365,088.

Reading Co—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$3,980,143 to \$7,747,603.

Richmond Fredericks'g & Potomac—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$551,831 to \$4,101,101.

Rutland—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$304,298 to \$466,365.

St Louis San Francisco System—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$3,393,916 to \$5,854,027.

Fort Worth & Rio Grande—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$37,626 to \$74,676.

St Louis-San Francisco of Texas—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$86,157 to \$141,735.

San Antonio Uvalde & Gulf—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$62,742 to \$177,330.

San Diego & Arizona—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$40,130 to \$108,405.

Seaboard Air Line—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$2,752,183 to \$4,057,074.

Southern Pacific System—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$8,081,444 to \$16,176,250.

Southern Pacific SS Lines—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$383,550 to \$686,078.

Texas & New Orleans—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$2,651,383 to \$5,079,291.

Staten Island Rapid Transit—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$141,810 to \$214,848.

Southern Ry System—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$401,240 to \$732,169.

Cin New Orleans & Texas Pacific—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$1,061,522 to \$1,612,150.

Georgia Southern & Florida—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$148,855 to \$302,028.

New Orleans Terminal—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$112,857 to \$159,866.

New Orleans & North Eastern—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$164,695 to \$397,252.

Northern Alabama—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$47,326 to \$80,950.

Southern Ry—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$6,544,085 to \$10,337,450.

Spokane Portland & Seattle—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$404,794 to \$661,051.

Tennessee Central—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$143,171 to \$257,134.

Terminal RR Assn of St Louis—

Table with 4 columns (Year: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—). Values range from \$531,164 to \$917,353.

Texas Mexican—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Texas Mexican.

Texas & Pacific—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Texas & Pacific.

Toledo Peoria & Western—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Toledo Peoria & Western.

Toledo Terminal—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Toledo Terminal.

Union Pacific System—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Union Pacific System.

Oregon Short Line—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Oregon Short Line.

Oregon Washington Ry & Nav Co—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Oregon Washington Ry & Nav Co.

St Joseph & Grand Island—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for St Joseph & Grand Island.

Union Pacific Co—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Union Pacific Co.

Union RR (Pennsylvania)—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Union RR (Pennsylvania).

Utah—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Utah.

Virginia—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Virginia.

Wabash—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Wabash.

Western Maryland—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Western Maryland.

Western Pacific—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Western Pacific.

Western Ry of Alabama—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Western Ry of Alabama.

Wheeling & Lake Erie—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Wheeling & Lake Erie.

Wichita Falls & Southern—

Table with 5 columns (Year) and 5 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, etc.) for Wichita Falls & Southern.

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 to the Commission.

(The) Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System.

Large table for Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System, including monthly and 5-month ending May 31 reports.

Bangor & Aroostook RR.

Table for Bangor & Aroostook RR, including monthly and 5-month ending May 31 reports.

Boston & Maine RR.

Table for Boston & Maine RR, including monthly and 5-month ending May 31 reports.

Canadian National Railways.

Table for Canadian National Railways, including monthly and 5-month ending May 31 reports.

Norfolk & Western Ry. Co.

Table with columns for 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Net ry. oper. income, Other inc. items, Gross income, Int. on funded debt, Net income, and various expense ratios.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 1 '33, p. 2231

Soo Line—System.

(Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry. Co.) (Including Wisconsin Central Ry. Co.)

Table with columns for 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Net after rents, Other income, Net income, Div. of net pref. or def., and System Dr.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 22 '33, p. 2791

Texas & Pacific Ry.

Table with columns for 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Net ry. oper. income, Net income, 5 Mos. End. May 31, and Net income.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 29 '33, p. 2968

Western Maryland Ry. Co.

Table with columns for 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Net ry. oper. income, Other income, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, and System Dr.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 20 '33, p. 3528

Earnings of Large Telephone Companies.—The Interstate 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:

Table with columns for No. of Co., Stations in Service, Operating Revenues, Operating Expenses, Operating Income. Rows for April 1933, April 1932, 4 months ended Apr. 30 1933, 4 months ended Apr. 30 1932.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS CO'S.

American Products Co.

(And Subsidiary)

Table with columns for 1933, 1932. Rows include 6 Months Ended March 31, Net loss after taxes, charges, prov. for bad debts, &c.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Dec. 24 '32, p. 4387

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with columns for Month of May, 5 Mos. End. May 31. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exp., maint. & tax., Gross income, Int. & amortization of disc., Preferred dividends, Int. & amortiz. of disc. of Amer. Water Works & Electric Co., Inc., Balance, Reserved for renewals, retirements and depletion, Net income, Preferred dividends, Available for common stock, Shares of common stock, Earnings per share.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 11 '33, p. 1713

Alabama Power Co.

A Subsidiary of The Commonwealth & Southern Corp.)

Table with columns for Month of May, 12 Mos. End. May 31. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exps., incl. taxes & maintenance, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, Provision for retirement reserve, Dividends on preferred stock, Balance.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 15 '33, p. 2597

Atlantic Gulf & West Indies S. S. Lines.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with columns for Month of April, 4 Mos. End. April 30. Rows include Operating revenues, Oper. exps. (inc. deprec.), Net oper. revenue, Taxes, Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Interest and rentals, Net income.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 20 '33, p. 3539

Boston Elevated Ry.

Table with columns for Month of May, 1933, 1932. Rows include Receipts (From fares, From oper. of spec. cars, special motor coaches & mail service, From advertising in cars, on transfers, privileges at stations, &c., From rent of equipment, tracks and facilities, From rent of buildings and other property, From sale of power and other revenue), Total receipts from direct operation of the road, Interest on deposits, income from securities, &c., Total receipts, Cost of Service (Maintaining track, line equipment and buildings, Maintaining cars, shop equipment, &c., Power, Transp. exps. (incl. wages of car service men), Salaries and expenses of general officers, Law expenses, injuries and damages, and insur., Other general operating expenses, Federal, State and municipal tax accruals, Rent for leased roads, Subway, tunnel and rapid transit line rentals, Interest on bonds and notes, Miscellaneous items), Total cost of service, Excess of cost of service over receipts.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 25 '33, p. 1369

Boston Personal Property Trust.

Table with columns for 12 Months Ended, June 15 '33, June 15 '32, June 15 '31, June 16 '30. Rows include Income rec'd during year, Commissions, exp. & int., Taxes, Dividends paid, Surplus inc. for year, Taxes on cap. gains paid during year.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Jan. 7 '33, p. 161

Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co.

Table with columns for Period Ended May 31, 1933—Month—1932, 1933—5 Mos.—1932. Rows include Net profit after taxes and charges, but before depreciation & depletion.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 18 '33, p. 1889

California Water Service Co.

Table with columns for 12 Months Ended May 31, 1933, 1932. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Maintenance, General taxes, Net earnings from operations, Other income, Gross corporate income, Interest on long-term debt, Reserved for retirements & replacements, Reserve for Federal income tax, Miscellaneous deductions.

Table with columns for Net income, Dividends on preferred stock.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 22 '33, p. 2796

Chester Water Service Co.

(Including Wholly-Owned Non-Operating Cos.)

Table with columns for 12 Months Ended May 31, 1933, 1932. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Maintenance, General taxes, Net earnings, before prov. for Fed. inc. tax & retirements & replacements, Other income, Gross corporate income, Interest on long-term debt, Miscellaneous interest, Amortization of debt discount & expense, Provision for Federal income tax, Provision for retirements & replacements, Miscellaneous deductions, Net income, Dividends on preferred stock.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 22 '33, p. 2756

Collins & Aikman Corp.

(And Subsidiaries)

Table with 5 columns: Quarter Ended, May 27 '23, May 28 '32, May 31 '31, May 31 '30. Rows include Operating profit, Miscellaneous income, Total income, Reserve for depreciation, etc.

Connecticut Electric Service Co.

Table with 4 columns: 12 Months Ended May 31, 1933, 1932, 1931. Rows include Gross revenue, Net income after deprec., taxes, int., subs. pref. divs., &c.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.

Table with 4 columns: Month of May, 1933, 1932, 5 Mos. End. May 31, 1933, 1932. Rows include Railway oper. revenue, Net rev. from oper., Taxes, etc.

Commercial Credit Co.—Baltimore.

(Including All Subsidiaries)

Summary of Operations Five Months Ended May 31 1933.

Table with 2 columns: Item, 1933. Rows include Gross receivables purchases, Gross earnings, Sundry income, Discount on notes and debentures retired, etc.

Endicott-Johnson Corp.

Table with 4 columns: 6 Mos. Ended, June 3 '33, June 4 '32, July 3 '31, July 5 '30. Rows include Net sales, Mfg. costs & other exp., Net oper. income, etc.

Engineers Public Service Co.

(And Constituent Companies)

Table with 4 columns: Month of May, 1933, 1932, 12 Mos. End. May 31, 1933, 1932. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, etc.

(The) Commonwealth & Southern Corp.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1933, 1932. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exps., incl. taxes and maintenance, Gross income, etc.

Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co. of Balto.

Table with 3 columns: 1933, 1932. Rows include Revenue from electric sales, Revenue from gas sales, Revenue from steam sales, etc.

Consumers Power Co.

(A Subsidiary of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp.)

Table with 4 columns: Month of May, 1933, 1932, 12 Mos. End. May 31, 1933, 1932. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exps., incl. taxes and maintenance, Gross income, etc.

Continental Motors Corp.

Table with 4 columns: 6 Mos. End. April 30, 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross profits, Other income, Total income, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item, \$101,242. Rows include Net income after expenses and charges but before provision for Federal and State income taxes.

Fox Film Corp.

Table with 4 columns: Quarters Ended, April 1 '33, Mar. 26 '32, Mar. 28 '31, Mar. 29 '30. Rows include Gross inc. from sales & rentals of film & literature & theatre receipts, Income from rental of stores & offices, etc.

Net deficit. \$1,432,918 \$1,026,660 \$851,266 \$884,288. Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Jan. 14 '33, p. 332

Net profit. loss \$557,122 loss 1,922,€ 27 \$974,704 x\$4,356,218. Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 9 '32, p. 2707

Fidelio Brewery, Inc.

Table with 4 columns: Period, April, May, May 31 '33. Rows include operating profit after expenses, before Federal and State taxes, and operating profit for two months.

Georgia Power Co.

Table with 4 columns: Month of May 1933, 1932, 1933, 1932. Rows include gross earnings, operating expenses, gross income, fixed charges, net income, and balance.

Hat Corp. of America.

Table with 2 columns: Earnings for 6 Months Ended April 30 1933, Net loss after taxes, depreciation, interest, &c.

Honolulu Rapid Transit Co., Ltd.

Table with 4 columns: Month of May 1933, 1932, 1933, 1932. Rows include gross revenue, operating expenses, net revenue, and total revenue.

International Hydro-Electric System.

Table with 4 columns: Period End Mar. 31—1933, 3 Mos—1932, 1933—12 Mos—1932, 1933. Rows include operating revenue, taxes, depreciation, and earned surplus.

International Paper & Power Co.

Table with 4 columns: 3 Months Ended March 31—1933, 1932. Rows include gross sales, operating profit, net revenue, and surplus beginning.

International Shoe Co.

Table with 4 columns: 6 Mos. End, May 31—1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include net sales, net income, and earnings per share.

Lion Oil Refining Co.

Table with 4 columns: Month of May 1933, 1932, 1933, 1932. Rows include earnings for 3 months and net loss after taxes.

Mexican Light & Power Co.

Table with 4 columns: Month of May 1933, 1932, 1933, 1932. Rows include gross earnings, operating expenses, and net earnings.

Mexican Tramways Co.

Table with 4 columns: Month of May 1933, 1932, 1933, 1932. Rows include gross earnings, operating expenses, and net earnings.

Moto Meter Gauge & Equipment Corp.

Table with 4 columns: 3 Months Ended March 31—1933, 1932. Rows include net sales, cost of sales, gross profit, and net loss.

(The) Nevada-California Electric Corp.

Table with 4 columns: Month of May 1933, 1932, 1933, 1932. Rows include gross operating earnings, total income, and net operating income.

New York Telephone Co.

Table with 4 columns: Month of May 1933, 1932, 1933, 1932. Rows include operating revenues, operating expenses, and net operating income.

Ohio Edison Co.

Table with 4 columns: Month of May 1933, 1932, 1933, 1932. Rows include gross earnings, operating expenses, and net income.

Oregon-Washington Water Service Co.

Table with 4 columns: 12 Months Ended May 31—1933, 1932. Rows include operating revenues, operating expenses, and net income.

Coca-Cola Bottling Co., St. Louis.—Div. Deferred.—The directors have decided to defer action on the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about July 20 on the common stock, par \$1. A payment of 33 cents per share was made on Jan. 20 and April 20 last, as against 40 cents per share each quarter during the calendar year 1932.—V. 136, p. 332.

Collins & Aikman Corp.—Earnings.—For income statement for quarter ended May 28 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 136, p. 2616.

Collyer Insulated Wire Co.—Resumed Dividend.—A dividend of 10 cents per share has been declared on the common stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 26. Quarterly distributions of 12½ cents per share were made on this issue on Oct. 1 1931 and on Jan. 1 1932; none since.—V. 134, p. 2729.

Commerce Investments, Inc.—Smaller Distribution.—The directors recently declared a quarterly dividend of 9 cents per share on the investment management shares, no par value, payable July 1 1933 to holders of record June 23. This compares with 10 cents per share paid each quarter from July 1 1932 to and incl. April 1 1933.—V. 135, p. 132.

Commercial Solvents Corp.—Proposed Expansion.—See Rossville Alcohol & Chemical Corp. below.—V. 136, p. 3727.

Consolidated Car Heating Co., N. Y.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of \$2 per share has been declared on the common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share, both payable July 15 to holders of record June 30. An extra distribution of \$2 per share was also made on July 15 of last year.—V. 135, p. 132.

Continental Motors Corp.—Working Capital Increased Through Issuance of Additional Stock.—Earnings, &c.—President W. R. Angell, in a recent letter to the stockholders, stated in part:

Perhaps in no other similar period have there been so many unusual and untoward happenings affecting business and financial operations. During the past three years all business has been operating under the most severe difficulties and it seemed that the burden could not be greater. Nevertheless the uncertainty attendant upon a National election, together with the extremely unfavorable developments in the banking situation, proved this assumption to be fallacious. While all industries were adversely affected, that of automobile and automotive parts manufacturing was particularly so. The management of the corporation has continuously pursued its efforts to increase its volume of business, and to reduce operating expenses. Since April 1, there has been a substantial and encouraging upturn in business activity and this has resulted in greatly increased volume in practically all branches of the corporation's activities.

To provide additional working capital, that the opportunities in the improving business situation may be more fully directed to the advantage of the corporation and its stockholders, a part of the authorized but unused stock of the corporation has been sold. In this way, the working capital of the corporation has been increased materially, without issuing any interest-bearing obligations. As the balance sheet indicates, the corporation has no funded debt or any capital obligations, senior to the common stock. The figures reflecting these sales are not shown in the financial statements below as such sales were made subsequent to the termination of the period covered thereby.

With the recent upturn in business, providing increased volume, so essential to profitable operations, the outlook for all branches of the corporation's business is much better than it has been for many months.

Earnings.—For income statement for six months ended April 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30 1933.

[Before and after giving effect to (1) changing capital stock from no par value to par value of \$1 a share thereby creating capital surplus of \$21,346,645, (2) increasing the authorized capital stock from 3,000,000 shares to 5,000,000 shares, (3) writing down good-will from \$5,908,316 to \$1 by a charge against capital surplus and (4) transferring the profit and loss—deficit of \$3,827,017 to capital surplus.]

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities, Before, After. Rows include Cash on hand and deposit, Marketable securities, Notes and accounts receivable, Inventory, etc.

Total 20,810,858 14,902,543. a After deducting \$494,182 for allowance for doubtful accounts. b Includes raw materials, work in process and finished product \$1,975,748 and factory tools and supplies \$390,490; less \$790,583 for allowance for obsolete and excess materials. c After deducting \$20,000 for allowance for loss. d Less allowance for depreciation of \$11,035,231. Includes \$4,288,372 for buildings, \$9,120,213 for machinery and \$6,694,905 for equipment; less allowance for depreciation of \$11,035,231. e Represented by 2,113,000 shares of no par value. f Represented by 2,113,000 shares of \$1 par value.—V. 136, p. 4466.

Coos Bay Lumber Co. (& Sub.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years, 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Loss from operations, Interest paid (net), Depreciation, Depletion, etc.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets 1932, 1931. Liabilities 1932, 1931. Rows include Cash, Sundry accounts rec., Inventories, Property sales contract, etc.

Total 11,111,875 12,019,934. Total 11,111,875 12,019,934. x Represented by 63,500 no par shares in 1932 and 63,757 in 1931.—V. 135, p. 132.

Comstock Tunnel & Drainage Co.—Dealings Suspended.—The New York Curb Exchange has suspended dealings in the capital stock of the company.

Continental Shares, Inc.—Additional Collateral Sold.—A total of 3,700 shares of capital stock of the Cleveland Trust Co. was sold at public auction June 28 for \$60 a share, or \$222,000. The sale was conducted for the account of the Chase National Bank, creditor, which has thus realized a total of \$23,462,000 on its loan of about \$27,000,000 to the holding investment company. The shares sold June 28 were acquired by unidentified bidders but not by the Chase Bank, which bid in the greater part of the loan collateral sold for \$23,240,000 on June 12 at a previous auction.

The Cleveland Trust Co. and the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland were restricted by temporary injunction, issued by Common Pleas Judge Lee E. Skeel at Cleveland June 26, from selling at auction on June 27 the collateral securing their loans to Continental Shares, Inc.—V. 136, p. 4466.

Cosden Oil Corp.—Trustee.—The Manufacturers Trust Co. has been appointed trustee for \$1,750,000 1st mtge. 6% serial bonds dated May 15 1933.—V. 136, p. 4466.

Croft Brewing Co., Boston.—Financing Completed.—Directors and officers of the company in an official statement, giving complete details of the financial structure and activities of the company, announce the "completion of the financing initially required to equip the plant with new machinery throughout, to pay off all mortgages and to provide an amount of working capital deemed sufficient to commence operations." The company owns and is re-equipping the Highland Spring Brewery in Boston, in which, before prohibition, the famous "Sterling Ale" was brewed by Walter J. Croft, brewmaster of the present company. The letter further states that of the authorized capital, consisting of 2,000,000 shares, of which 1,118,737 shares are unissued, 61,777 shares are held in the treasury and 819,486 shares are outstanding. Of the outstanding shares 613,563 shares were issued for cash at \$1 per share net to the company and 205,923 shares were issued for land and buildings. Certain unissued shares are reserved as follows: Subscriptions by officers, 23,332 shares at \$1.50 per share. Options to directors, officers and employees, 65,664 shares at \$1.50 per share.

It is further stated that options issued in connection with the original financing call for \$86,514 shares at \$1 per share. None of the above options extends more than two years after the company commences commercial operation.

The company will have outstanding approximately \$275,000 in notes, given in part payment for machinery and equipment, due in ten monthly payments commencing two months after installation, which is expected to be completed in October 1933. The company has awarded contracts for the purchase and installation of all necessary machinery and equipment to produce some 240,000 barrels per annum. The company plans to market its product in New England and the Metropolitan district of New York, and eventually extend its activities on a national basis. Shipments are expected in the early autumn.—V. 136, p. 2075.

Duquesne Brewing Co. of Pittsburgh.—Stock Offered.—Moore, Leonard & Lynch, Singer, Deane & Schribner, Inc., and Kay Richards & Co., Pittsburgh, recently offered 75,000 shares class A cum. preference convertible stock at \$5 per share. Stock was offered as a speculation.

The stockholders of Independent Brewing Co. of Pittsburgh have authorized the transfer of all of the assets of the company, subject to its liabilities, to Duquesne Brewing Co. of Pittsburgh, on the condition that at least 50,000 shares of the class A cum. preference conv. stock of Duquesne Brewing Co. of Pittsburgh are sold and the proceeds, to be not less than \$250,000, are to be paid into the treasury of Duquesne Brewing Co. of Pittsburgh, from which amount the brokers' charges are to be paid. The company is to pay \$1 per share to the brokers if the entire 75,000 shares are sold.

This offering is made subject to allotment and prior sale and no stock will be delivered unless orders are received for at least 50,000 shares. Class A Cumulative Preference Convertible Stock.—Preferred as to dividends of 50 cents per share annually, cumulative from July 1 1933 until July 1 1936 only. Preferred as to assets up to \$5 per share in case of liquidation. Redeemable after July 1 1936 at \$5.50 per share plus a sum equal to 50 cents per share per year for any period for which the preference dividend has not been paid. Convertible into the common stock at any time at the option of the holder in the ratio of 11 shares of common stock for 10 shares of class A cum. preference conv. stock. Transfer agent, Colonial Trust Co., Pittsburgh. Registrar: Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh. Exempt from present Pennsylvania four mills personal property tax.

Listing.—The Pittsburgh Stock Exchange has approved for listing 75,000 shares of class A cum. preference conv. stock and 236,308 shares (par \$5) common stock.

The following is taken from the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange "Bulletin":

Company.—Company was originally organized in Pennsylvania April 4 1899 with an authorized capital of \$2,500, which was increased to \$300,000 on June 1 1899; to \$400,000 on Oct. 12 1899; to \$800,000 on Aug. 25 1903, and to \$10,000,000 on Jan. 27 1904. On March 14 1933 the company was recapitalized and the authorized capital stock reduced from 200,000 shares (par \$5) to 600,000 shares (par \$5) divided into two classes as follows:

Table with columns: Capitalization, Authorized, Outstanding. Rows include Class A cum. preference conv. stock, Common stock.

Funded Debt.—First mtge. 50 year 6% gold coupon bonds of Independent Brewing Co. of Pittsburgh. Under the plan of reorganization (below) one half of the outstanding bonds as of Feb. 1 1933 (\$1,634,000) are to be converted into common stock, leaving outstanding upon the completion of the plan \$817,000 of bonds. Bonds are dated Feb. 9 1905 and mature Jan. 1 1955. The status of the outstanding bonds at the time of the application to list the securities of Duquesne Brewing Co. was as follows:

Authorized, \$4,500,000; canceled and retired, \$1,311,000; held in sinking fund, non-negotiable, interest suspended to Jan. 1 1936, \$1,326,000; balance, \$1,863,000; bonds in company's treasury to be retired on completion of reorganization, \$229,000; balance, \$1,634,000; one half of bonds

deposited (held by company not to be reissued), \$641,500; bonds not deposited \$351,000; one half of bonds deposited (held by public), \$641,500.

Under the plan of reorganization (below) for each \$1,000 bond deposited, the funded debt outstanding will be decreased \$500 and the common stock outstanding will be increased 62 shares.

Reorganization.—In 1905 Duquesne Brewing Co. sold all its assets to the Independent Brewing Co. and all of the outstanding stock at that time, comprising 20,000 shares, par value \$50 per share, was assigned to that company.

Under a plan of reorganization approved April 7, 1933, by which the company was to acquire all the assets, business and good will of Independent Brewing Co. of Pittsburgh subject to its liabilities, the company made the following offer to the bondholders and stockholders of the Independent company:

45,000 shares of common stock to be offered to the preferred stockholders of Independent Brewing Co. in exchange for their holdings (90,000 shares, par \$50 per share) at the rate of one share of Duquesne Brewing Co. common stock for two shares of Independent Brewing Co. preferred stock.

30,000 shares of common stock to be offered to the common stockholders of Independent Brewing Co. in exchange for their holdings (90,000 shares, par \$50 per share) at the rate of one share of Duquesne Brewing Co. common stock for three shares of Independent Brewing Co. common stock.

\$1,700 shares of common stock to be issued in exchange for one half the outstanding bonds of Independent Brewing Co. (\$1,634,000).

19,608 shares of common stock to be offered in exchange for unpaid coupons on bonds now outstanding in the hands of the public up to and including July 1, 1933.

In addition to this exchange of securities, 75,000 shares of class A cum. preference conv. stock were offered to the public through brokers to net the company \$4 per share; the proceeds to be used to provide the necessary working capital for the company.

After completion of the sale of assets of the Independent Brewing Co. and the refinancing of the Duquesne Brewing Co., the Independent company will be liquidated and the 60,000 shares of common stock, issued to the Independent company for the acquisition of its properties, will be distributed as a liquidating dividend to its stockholders, the principal one of which will be the Duquesne Brewing Co. With the issuance of the latter named amount of common stock, the company will have outstanding 236,308 shares of common stock.

Of the balance of authorized common stock, 263,692 shares, 82,500 shares are reserved for the class A stock conversion and 25,000 shares, or any part thereof, are reserved under a two year option to brokers from July 1, 1933 at \$5 per share during the year ending July 1, 1934, and at \$6 per share during the year ending July 1, 1935.

The plan of reorganization was declared operative, and the sale of the properties consummated June 15, 1933 by the Duquesne Brewing Co. acquiring all the assets of Independent Brewing Co. Bonds actually deposited as of that date were \$1,327,000, leaving undeposited \$307,000. More than 80% of the holders of the preferred and common stocks of Independent Brewing Co. have consented to exchange their holdings for the common shares of the Duquesne Brewing Co.

Business.—Company was organized for the purpose of manufacturing and brewing malt liquors. With the acquisition of the business of Independent Brewing Co., it will continue the manufacture and sale of the products known under the following trade names: "Silver Top," "Duquesne Lager," and "Duquesne Stout."

Officers.—Jno. A. Friday, Pres.; L. F. Koenig, 1st Vice Pres., Sec. & Treas., and Sebastian Hoehl, 2d Vice Pres.

Directors.—Jno. A. Friday, L. F. Koenig, Daniel H. Greene, Sebastian Hoehl, W. C. Steinert, G. H. Olmhausen, and L. A. Greenwald, all of Pittsburgh.

Pro Forma Adjusted Balance Sheet—Feb. 1, 1933.

Table with 3 columns: Assets, Liabilities, and Total. Rows include Cash and U. S. securities, Notes and accts. receivable, Inventories, etc.

Deere & Co.—Listing of Common Stock of No Par Value.—(The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 1,078,640 shares of common stock (no par).—V. 136, p. 2981.)

Dictaphone Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929), Profit for year, Depreciation, Reserve for income tax, etc.

In addition a stock dividend of 10%, amounting to 11,484 shares was paid on common stock Feb. 14, 1930.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Assets (1932, 1931, 1932, 1931), Liabilities (1932, 1931), Total (1932, 1931). Rows include Cash, U. S. Treas'y bills, Marketable secur., etc.

After depreciation \$563,713 in 1932 and \$503,739 in 1931. y Represented by 126,622 no par shares.—V. 136, p. 3170.

Dictograph Products Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1932, 1931, 1931, 1931), Net sales, Cost of sales, Gross profit from sales, etc.

Balance Sheet December 31. Assets—1932, 1931, 1932, 1931. Liabilities—1932, 1931, 1932, 1931. Rows include Cash, Notes, drafts, trade acceptances, etc.

Dominion Stores, Ltd.—Sales.—Period End. June 17—1933—4 Wks.—1932. 1933—24 Wks.—1932. Sales—\$1,584,054 \$1,742,883 \$9,099,028 \$10,805,915

The company operated 51 fewer stores during 1933.—V. 136, p. 3914.

Driver-Harris Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1932, 1931, 1930, 1930), Operating income, Provision for depreciation, Bond interest and expense, etc.

Net profit for year—loss \$378,671 \$202,778 \$259,568

Includes deduction from income of \$21,825 of forfeited deposit for option to acquire licenses. Does not include as income \$496,416 the excess of net proceeds from sales of treasury common stock over cost of acquisition in prior years, credited directly to surplus.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets—1932, 1931, 1932, 1931. Liabilities—1932, 1931, 1932, 1931. Rows include Cash & cfts. of dep, Notes rec., cust., Accts. receivable, etc.

Total—\$3,587,716 \$4,011,192 Total—\$3,587,716 \$4,011,192

After depreciation of \$2,073,105 in 1932 and \$2,022,756 in 1931.—V. 135, p. 1499.

Drug, Inc.—Reorganization Plan—To Dissolve Holding Corporation—To Segregate Assets.—

Reorganization of Drug, Inc., which will result in the dissolution of the holding corporation and the re-establishment of its five principal operating subsidiaries as independent companies, was recommended by a unanimous vote of its board of directors on June 29.

The companies which will emerge from the reorganization as independent units are Sterling Products, Inc., United Drug Co., Bristol-Myers Co., Vick Chemical Co. and Life Savers, Inc.

Upon consummation of the proposed plan, shareholders will receive pro rata for each 10 shares of Drug, Inc. capital stock a total of 14 shares of stock in the new corporations divided as follows: 5 shares of Sterling Products, 4 shares of United Drug, 2 shares of Vick, 2 shares of Bristol-Myers and 1 share of Life Savers.

A. H. Diebold, President of Drug, Inc., outlines the following reasons for the proposed reorganization:

"The plan of reorganization has been the result of careful study for some considerable time, and the directors have come to the definite conclusion that the interests of the stockholders of Drug Inc., will best be served if the proposed segregation is carried out.

"National and economic events have moved rapidly recently and all stockholders will realize that there is to-day in process of development an entirely new and changing set of conditions which will have far-reaching effect on business operations in many industries.

"Looking toward the future, the directors now believe that the unique character of the drug industry is such that independent units can function more effectively than under the sole ownership of a holding corporation such as Drug, Inc., which contains subsidiaries and sub-subsidiaries, each with diverse problems and objectives, and it is the belief of the directors that the corporate structure of Drug, Inc., should now be altered to permit its properties to operate more effectively under the varying conditions of these changing times.

"While many of the benefits of consolidated ownership of a number of separate corporations have been obtained since the organization of Drug, Inc., in 1928, and while it has had an enviable record of earnings and dividends since organization and through the period of the depression, it is believed that with segregation effected and with the executives of the separate units again in a position to devote their efforts solely to the separate properties with which they have been individually connected, more effective operating results can be obtained and new developments achieved, all in the interests of the stockholders.

"The working capital of these units will be adequate to enable them to carry on these businesses and it is believed that the earnings of these units are and will be such that the aggregate of the dividends to be paid by the new corporations will be at least equal to the present per annum dividend rate of Drug, Inc., i. e., \$3 per share. The new corporations will be under managements which will include the executives now respectively conducting the existing units."

Plan of Reorganization.

1. Drug, Inc., will cause to be organized under the laws of Delaware five new corporations, each with corporate powers that include, inter alia, the right to acquire and hold stock and other securities in other companies.

Table with 3 columns: No. of Shares, Par Value, New Sterling, New United, New Bristol-Myers, etc.

2. Drug will transfer to the new Sterling company all of the capital stock of Sterling Products (Inc.) in consideration of the issuance by new Sterling of all of its capital stock to the stockholders of Drug in the ratio of one-half of a share of new Sterling for each share of Drug.

3. Drug will transfer to the new United company all of the capital stock of United Drug Co. in consideration of the issuance by new United

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1932. 1931. Liabilities— 1932. 1931. Cash— \$79,289 \$144,737 Accounts payable— \$91,439 \$92,281

Electric Ferries, Inc.—Earnings.—

Earnings for the Year Ended Dec. 31 1932. Operating revenues— \$585,374 Operating expenses— 386,164 Operating income— 199,209

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1932.

Assets— Ferry & terminal property— \$1,450,224 Equipment, tools, fixtures & automobiles— 8,048

Endicott Johnson Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for six months ended June 3 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Assets— June 3 '33. June 4 '32. June 3 '33. June 4 '32. x Property acct.— 9,010,908 9,388,214

Essex Co., Lawrence, Mass.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1932. 1931. Current receipts for the year— \$60,273 \$87,164

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1932. 1931. Liabilities— 1932. 1931. Real estate— \$100,000 \$100,000 Capital stock— \$500,000 \$500,000

Eppley Hotels Co., Omaha, Neb.—Plan Opposed.—

From the Milwaukee "Sentinel" of June 20 we take the following: Opposition to plans of the committee for Eppley Hotels Co. 1st mtg. 6 1/2% bonds due July 1 1941 flared up in Milwaukee again yesterday when

withdrawal of deposited bonds was urged. The bonds are widely held in Wisconsin. The committee for the bonds has amended its plan to propose postponing payment of interest due July 1 1933 and Jan. 1 1934 until maturity of the issue, no interest to accrue on the deferred payments.

Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co.—To Increase Sales Force.

Convinced that business recovery definitely has set in and that the trend from now on will be upward, this company on June 28 announced that it will increase its sales organization, returning to the specialty selling plan of merchandising.

Listing of New Stock.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 275,618 shares of common stock (par \$5) in substitution for an equal number of no par value shares now outstanding.

Excess Insurance Co. of America.—Initial Dividend.—

An initial dividend of 25 cents per share was declared on June 27 on the capital stock, par \$5, payable July 15 to holders of record June 30.—V. 136, p. 1893.

Fada Radio & Electric Corp.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1932. Sales—Less returns and allowances— \$773,857 Royalties, freight, excise tax— 33,591

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1932.

Assets— Cash on hand and in banks— \$56,139 Liabilities— Notes payable— \$5,687

Falstaff Brewing Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for month of May 1933 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page. The balance sheet at May 31 1933 shows current assets of \$972,726 of which \$582,186 was in cash, compared with current liabilities of \$46,649, a ratio of more than 20 to 1.

Fashion Park Associates, Inc.—Stocks Stricken from List.— (The New York Stock Exchange on June 29 struck from its list the com. stock, no par value, and the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, of Fashion Parks Associates, Inc.)—V. 136, p. 1556.

Federal Bake Shops, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1932. 1931. 1930. Sales— \$3,233,943 \$3,983,877 \$4,402,995

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1932. 1931. Liabilities— 1932. 1931. Cash— \$140,365 \$199,844 Accts. pay.—trade— \$35,828 \$24,948

Total— \$1,792,824 \$2,017,140 Total— \$1,792,824 \$2,017,140 x Represented by 216,000 shares (no par).—V. 134, p. 2917.

Ferro Enamel Corp.—Earnings.—

Earnings for the Year Ended Dec. 31 1932. Operating Profit \$60,642. Interest and dividends from investments and other miscell. inc. 36,692. Profit from above sources \$97,334.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets—1932. 1931. Liabilities—1932. 1931. Cash—\$16,018. \$37,154. Notes payable—\$5,964. \$7,092.

Fidelity Brewery, Inc.—Earnings.—

For income statement for month and two months ended May 31 1933 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

The balance sheet as at May 31 1933, shows current assets of \$672,610, of which cash was \$427,216, compared with current liabilities of \$166,405, a ratio of approximately 4 to 1.

First All-Canadian Trustee Shares.—Initial Div.—

An initial dividend of 2½ cents per share was recently declared on the deferred shares, payable June 30 to holders of record June 21.—V. 135, p. 305.

First National Corp. of Portland (Ore.).—Accum. Div.

A dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the \$2 cum. & partic. class A stock, no par value, payable July 15 to holders of record June 23.

Fisk Rubber Co.—Removed from List.

The New York Curb Exchange has removed from unlisted trading privileges the certificates of deposit for 1st. mtg. 8% sinking fund gold bonds due Sept. 1, 1941, and certificates of deposit for 5-yr. 5½% sinking fund gold notes due Jan. 1 1931.—V. 136, p. 4278, 4096, 3544.

Flintkote o. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—1932. 1931. Gross operating earnings—\$2,711,814. \$4,965,584. Operating and general expenses—3,645,139. 4,382,514.

The consolidated balance sheet as at Dec. 31 1932 gives effect to write-downs on the books as of that date, aggregating \$6,412,465 in respect of plant and property, patents, royalty contracts, other rights and goodwill.

Footo-Burt Co.—Transfer Agent, &c.—

The Cleveland Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent and registrar for the above company as of June 21. The closed Union Trust Co. and Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland heretofore were transfer agent and registrar, respectively.—V. 136, p. 1208.

Fox Film Corp.—Listing of Stock.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of (a) 404,276 shares of class A common stock (new), without par value, on official notice of issuance, in exchange for the presently outstanding shares of class A common stock; and (b) 2,104,634 shares of its class A common stock (new), without par value, on official notice of issuance.

not be subscribed for by the stockholders to the extent of more than \$36,000,000.

Upon the completion of the proposed reduction and increase of the capital stock, as aforesaid, there will be no change in the capital value of the class A common stock which will remain, as at present, \$5 per share.

Resignation of Chairman.—

The corporation on June 21 announced the resignation of E. R. Tinker as a director, Chairman of the board and member of the executive committee.

Earnings.—

For income statement for 13 weeks ended April 1 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 136, p. 4468, 4453.

Furness Corp., Gloucester, N. J.—Receivers.—

Judge Avis in the U. S. District Court at Camden, N. J., has appointed Raymond W. Baker of Welsbach Co. and M. L. Prassman as two additional receivers for the company.—V. 136, p. 2982.

Gabriel Co.—New Contracts.—

The company has received a contract from the Chrysler Corp. to supply Plymouth, De Soto, Dodge and Chrysler cars with all of their trunk equipment.

An order for shock absorbers was received recently from a large automobile manufacturer. It was stated that in dollars this order would approximate that of the trunk business.

Gardner-Denver Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross income from ops.—\$558,032. \$1,174,479. \$2,088,222. \$3,014,472.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—1932. 1931. Liabilities—1932. 1931. Cash—\$381,301. \$395,850. Accounts payable—\$43,389. \$29,082.

x After deducting reserve for bad debts of \$63,817 in 1932 and \$77,575 in 1931. y Less reserve for depreciation of \$2,004,318 in 1932 and \$1,664,679 in 1931. z Represented by 179,666 shares no par value.

General American Transportation Corp.—Business Improves.—

Chairman Max Epstein states: "Our transportation business and earnings in the last two months have shown a large and more than seasonal increase. At present our refrigerator, stock and milk cars are all fully employed.

General Box Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Operating income—loss \$248,164. loss \$124,595. \$163,084. \$615,296.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—1932. 1931. Liabilities—1932. 1931. Cash—\$66,754. \$138,531. Notes payable—\$165,000. \$160,000.

x Represented by 140,005 shares of no par value. y After reserve for depreciation of \$913,890 in 1932 and \$1,008,420 in 1931.—V. 135, p. 137.

General Motors Corp.—Buick's Sales Rise.—

"Indications are that Buick's total volume of business in June will exceed that of May, since orders continue to come in," W. F. Huffstader, manager of the Buick Motor Car Co., said.

Oliver Farm Equipment Co.—Securities Barred in Massachusetts.

The Securities Division of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has handed down an order barring from sale in Massachusetts the securities of this company.

In his order Director Hull of the Securities Division, said: "In accordance with provisions of Section 7, Chapter 110A of the General Laws, as amended, the Securities Division required from the officers of said company further information necessary in the Division's judgment, to enable it to ascertain whether the sale of such securities would be fraudulent or would result in fraud, the same to be filed on or before June 22 1933. The officers of the said company have failed to submit the information so required within the time specified or thereafter, and have made no satisfactory explanation of such failure and the time for the filing of such information has not been further extended by the Securities Division.

"The failure to submit the information within the time specified or thereafter, without satisfactory explanation or extension by the Division of the time for filing such information, being prima facie evidence of fraud, the Securities Division, being of the opinion that the sale of the securities of the said company is fraudulent or would result in fraud, hereby makes a finding to that effect. Accordingly, such securities shall not be sold or offered for sale in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."—V. 136, p. 2439.

Oneida Brewing Co., Inc., Utica, N. Y.—Stock Offered.

—A. T. Burlleigh & Co., Inc., New York are offering 40,000 shares of common stock at \$3.25 per share. Stock is offered as a speculation.

Of the 40,000 shares, 25,000 will be purchased directly from the company, and the net proceeds thereof will be entirely retained by the company. The remaining 15,000 shares will be purchased from the company on account of existing commitments held by certain directors, and the net proceeds thereof will be entirely retained by the company on account of such commitments, to pay for the issue of stock thereunder, including such 20,000 shs.

Early in February 1933 company offered 58,000 shares of stock to the public at \$2.50 per share and in addition the directors were given options good until six months after the payment of an initial dividend on the stock to purchase 8,250 shares of such stock in addition to the shares to be then outstanding at a price of \$2 per share.—Ed.]

Transfer agent: United States Corporation Co., New York, N. Y. Registrar: Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of New York.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock (par \$1)-----	150,000 shs.	x141,750 shs.

x The remaining 8,250 shares are reserved for sale to directors under existing options at \$2 per share.

Data from Letter of F. B. Steele, President of the Company.

History and Business.—The Oneida Brewery is one of the oldest breweries in the State of New York having commenced operations in 1832. The brewery was combined with the Columbia Street Brewery which was founded in 1862. Until the advent of prohibition it produced beer and ale. Products included Oneida lager and Oneida ale. In addition to its own products the brewery bottled and distributed Pabst's Milwaukee Blue Ribbon beer between 1914 and 1917, and for the greater part of the period since the commencement of prohibition the brewing department has been kept intact and in operation. Liquid malt was manufactured in the brewery until September of 1932.

Oneida Brewing Co., Inc., was organized in January of 1933. It has acquired title to the property, buildings and equipment of the Oneida Brewery and has also acquired its good-will, trade names and other purchasable assets.

The land, buildings and equipment have been appraised by the Standard Appraisal Co. as of Dec. 27 1932, on the basis of an operative brewery for the manufacture of legalized lager beer, ale, porter or weiss beer, at a sound value in view of prevailing market conditions, after depreciation, of \$232,963. The replacement cost was similarly appraised as of that date of \$290,459. The property is subject to a mortgage of \$27,500 payable in installments beginning Aug. 1 1933, and ending July 1 1936.

Purpose.—To provide working capital for the company, to reduce mortgage indebtedness, to provide for expansion and for other corporate purposes.

Directors.—Seward W. Eric (Treas.); T. Harvey Ferris, Henry Hoffman (V.-Pres.), T. Edward McDermott, Dr. James G. Douglas, Frank B. Steele (Pres.), Richard Metzler, Ira Guilden, Frederic A. Willis, Henry Wanger, Leonard W. Ferris.

Pro Forma Balance Sheet Based on Corp.'s Balance Sheet as of June 1 1933.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash-----	\$100,216	Accts. payable & accruals-----	\$16,303
Merchandise inventory-----	5,052	Res. for legal fees, &c-----	7,500
Real est., building, &c-----	250,586	Mtge. indebtedness (1933)-----	7,500
Good-will, trade names, &c-----	1	Mtge. indebtedness (1934-36)-----	20,000
Prepaid expenses-----	986	Note pay., renew. till 1938-----	15,000
		Capital stock-----	141,750
		Surplus-----	148,787
Total-----	\$356,841	Total-----	\$356,841

Pacific Coast Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 15,250 shares 1st pref. stock (no par), 40,000 shares 2d pref. stock (no par) and 70,000 shares of common stock (par \$10) in substitution for a like number of shares of 1st pref. stock, 2d pref. stock and common stock, previously issued and now outstanding.

The directors on March 22 1933 recommended by resolution duly adopted that the shares of 1st pref. stock (par \$100) be changed into a like number of shares without par value; that the shares of 2d pref. stock (par \$100) be changed into a like number of shares without par value, and that the shares of common stock (par \$100) be changed into a like number of shares (par \$10). The stockholders on April 12 1933 approved the above recommendations.

After the change in the present capitalization is effected, the 1st pref. stock and the 2d pref. stock will have a stated value of \$10 per share. This will result in a reduction of capital stock in the amount of \$11,272,500. It is proposed that a reserve account will be set up, in the amount of \$8,263,294, to represent the reduction in property values and assets. The difference between the surplus arising from the reduction of capital stock and this new reserve account, namely, \$3,009,205, will be treated as capital surplus. No change in the priority, voting rights or respective dividend privileges, either by way of ordinary distribution or by liquidation, will be effected by the change in capital. See also V. 136, p. 3358.

Padre Island Bridge Co.—R. F. C. Loan.

A loan of \$225,000 at 6% was authorized by the R. F. C. June 24 for use of the Padre Island Bridge Co. in constructing a toll bridge of creosoted pile and tumber 11,300 feet long from Port Isabel, Tex., to Padre Island, a long narrow island off the coast from the citrus growing section of the lower Rio Grande Valley. The loan was authorized under the provisions of Sec. 201 (a), paragraph 3, of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932.

The bridge, or causeway, will span a body of water known as Laguna Madre. Padre Island is a sand formation only three miles wide, extending along the coast from Corpus Christi to Port Isabel. Engineers reported continued development in the lower Rio Grande Valley regardless of the depression and statistics showed the popularity of the island as a resort. The applicant is a subsidiary of an Ohio corporation which owns much property in Port Isabel and on Padre Island.

Pan American Life Insurance Co.—Dividend Omitted.

The directors have decided to omit the semi-annual dividend ordinarily payable about July 1 on the capital stock, par \$10. The last regular semi-annual payment of 60 cents per share was made on Jan. 1 1933.—V. 135, p. 643.

Paramount Publix Corp.—Trustees Sue Banks—Complaint Approves Continuance of Subsidiary Companies.

Charles D. Hilles, Eugene W. Leake and Charles E. Richardson, as trustees in bankruptcy, have filed a suit in the U. S. District Court against eight New York banks and four out-of-town banks, to set aside and avoid alleged preferences given by Paramount to the banks. The complaint seeks to upset a transaction made in March 1932, by which uncompleted films and net film rentals of Paramount were transferred to a newly organized subsidiary called "Film Production Corp."

The principal theory upon which the complaint seeks to set aside the March transaction is that Film Production Corp. was an instrumentality or agent of Paramount, and that the banks who were made creditors of this new company to the extent of approximately \$13,000,000 are really creditors of Paramount with no greater rights as against the assets of Film Production than any other general creditors of Paramount.

The principal defendants named in addition to Film Production Corp. are the National City Bank, Bankers Trust Co., County Trust Co. of New York, Manufacturers' Trust Co., Chemical Bank & Trust Co., Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of New York, Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Tradesmen's National Bank & Trust Co., First National Bank of Chicago, Empire Trust Co. and Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association.

While the trustees question certain transfers of assets by Paramount to Paramount Pictures Corp., Paramount Productions, Inc., Paramount Pictures Distributing Corp. and Paramount International Corp. in November 1932, the trustees in their complaint do not question the validity of the existence of these operating companies and state specifically that they wish to continue the operation of them for the reason that they believe it is important and in the best interests of the trust estate and the creditors that these companies be continued. They also ask that all contracts made by these companies since Jan. 26 1933 be held binding against the assets of the respective companies. The production of motion pictures by Paramount Productions, Inc., the distribution of pictures by Paramount Pictures Distributing Corp. and the business of Paramount International Corp. will in no way be affected by the relief asked for by the trustees in their complaint, and the business of these three companies will continue. All of the stock of these companies is owned by Paramount Pictures Corp., the stock of which is owned 100% by the trustees.

The defendants have 20 days in which to file their answer. Messrs. Root, Clark, Buckner & Ballantine are Attorneys for the trustees.—V. 136 p. 4474.

Peerless Motor Car Corp.—Company Proposes to Brew Ale in Motor Factory—Negotiating for Use of Canadian Brands—Manufacturing Operations Suspended.

In connection with the company's application to the New York Stock Exchange for permission to transfer and register 169,825 shares of common stock of \$3 par value, now held in the treasury, being a part of 436,739 shares of common stock heretofore listed upon the New York Stock Exchange the company makes known its intention to utilize a part of its factory for the brewing of ale. The company in its statement to the New York Stock Exchange says in part:

The corporation proposes to sell all of 178,150 shares of common stock now in its treasury to stockholders and (or) to other persons who may be willing to buy the same at a price to net the corporation not less than \$3 per share. The proceeds of such sale are to be used for the purposes hereinafter set forth. At this date (Jun. 15) the corporation has made no definite contract for the sale of said stock.

The corporation is a holding company. Its chief asset is the capital stock of Peerless Co., a wholly owned subsidiary corporation which holds title to the manufacturing plant formerly operated in Cleveland, Ohio. Said plant consists of approximately 22 acres of land and buildings thereon, situated near the center of population of Cleveland, served with adequate railroad facilities connecting with the main lines of the New York Central and Nickel Plate railroads. The buildings are mainly of modern steel and concrete construction, with a floor area of approximately 658,000 sq. ft.

Because of general business conditions, it was decided in the latter part of 1931 that it was inadvisable to continue the manufacture of automobiles, and manufacturing operations were accordingly suspended. The management thereupon initiated and have since continued efforts to locate through ownership or lease some other business upon the property in order to utilize its valuable manufacturing facilities. Until this is accomplished, the taxes, insurance and other fixed charges will constitute a heavy annual burden upon the corporation and its stockholders.

After thorough investigation, the directors have decided that it is advisable to adapt and equip a portion of the factory property for the brewing of ale, it being their opinion that a very profitable use can thus be found for a part of the plant. The portion of the plant thus to be adapted and equipped will be less than 25% of the total floor area. Said plant will be operated by Peerless Co.

Negotiations have been instituted and are now pending with a prominent Canadian brewing corporation whose shares are listed on the Toronto Exchange for the use of its internationally known brands and trade names and to secure from it the active co-operation of its technical-chemical organization in order to insure from the outset a product of uniform high quality.

J. C. Schultz & Son, of Buffalo, N. Y., architects and engineers, specializing in the construction of breweries, have made a study of the plant, and have furnished the corporation with estimates covering the cost of the plant alterations and equipment required to provide a capacity of 150,000 barrels per annum of first quality, properly aged ale. The installation of said alterations and equipment will require from three to four months. The approximate cost of said alterations and equipment, as shown by said estimate, is \$533,640. Their report points out that production can be increased to 264,000 barrels per annum merely by expanding the storage capacity, without increasing the brewing unit.

Based on an annual output of 150,000 barrels, the directors estimate that a working capital of \$300,000 should be provided.

The corporation proposes to finance the foregoing program in the following manner:

6% notes maturing in approximately equal annual amounts over a period of three years-----	\$300,000
Sale of 178,150 shares of treasury stock at \$3 per share-----	534,450

Total----- \$834,450

The foregoing plan contemplates that the notes will be taken at par by contractors and vendors of equipment in part payment for construction and machinery. Negotiations already carried on indicate that this can be arranged.

The plans of the directors call for the utmost economy in carrying out this program, including the provision that the president of the corporation, who is also president of the operating subsidiary, shall receive a salary not in excess of \$10,000 during the first year of operation, and that other salaries shall be in proportion thereto.

Under the plan proposed, that portion of the plant now equipped for the manufacture of automobiles would not be disturbed and in addition thereto the large three-story body plant with an area of approximately 250,000 square feet of space would be available for lease or for the establishment of additional businesses.—V. 136, p. 3919.

Pineapple Holding Co., Ltd.—Stockholders Offered Marketing Plan.

The stockholders will meet July 17 to consider a proposed new nine-year co-operative marketing agreement between seven major packers and pineapple producers.

Co-operative association details in the new agreement include that the co-operative directors fix the total amount of canned pineapple products to be packed by members and fixing the packing standards. Individual members will be limited to a fixed percentage total pack, with the Hawaiian Pineapple Co.'s quota about 30%. Title to the finished products of members will be transferred to the association.

Co-operative directors will fix prices at which members may repurchase the finished products from the association for subsequent sale to their respective customers. Proceeds from association sales will be distributed pro rata to members on a basis of their respective pack contributions.

The association will not be permitted to contract indebtedness, but must operate on an annual budget basis.

Having in mind the fact that the directors say in their letter to stockholders: "By joining in this unique plan your company would lose in considerable measure its independent action. However, the economic position of your company and the canned pineapple industry as a whole makes it imperative that the plan be adopted." (San Francisco "Chronicle").—V. 136, p. 3552.

Plymouth Cordage Co.—\$1.18 Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.18 per share on the common stock, par \$100, payable July 20 to holders of record June 30. After deducting the 5% Federal tax on dividends, the net payment to stockholders will be approximately the same as the distribution of \$1.12½ per share made on April 20 last. Quarterly dividends of \$1.25 per share were paid on the stock from April 20 1932 to and incl. Jan. 20 1933, as against \$1.50 per share previously each quarter.—V. 136, p. 2257.

ment, prepared from the books of the corporation and its subsidiaries, for the five months ended May 31 1933, indicates a net profit of \$57,346. Thus, for the 12 months from the date on which the corporation commenced business to May 31 1933, the indicated net profits have aggregated \$87,704. During this period the volume of industrial alcohol consumption has been at a relatively low level but prices have been well sustained.

A tentative consolidated balance sheet, prepared from the books of the corporation and its subsidiaries at May 31 1933, indicates a comfortable working capital position, with net current assets of \$2,473,936. The corporation has no funded debt, its capitalization consisting of 149,256 shares of 7% conv. pref. stock (\$25 par value) and 203,102 shares of common stock outstanding at May 31 1933. There are also outstanding warrants entitling the holders to purchase an aggregate of 30,000 shares of common stock at \$5.50 per share at any time up to and including April 30 1934. There are reserved for issuance sufficient shares of common stock to provide for conversion of the pref. stock and exercise of the warrants, and 25,000 shares are reserved for sale to officers and employees. In addition to the shares outstanding at May 31 1933, not exceeding 4,284 shares of pref. stock and 1,785 shares of common stock may be issued if the balance of the debentures of, or assumed by, the predecessor company are deposited under the reorganization plan of Feb. 15 1932.

The profits of the corporation are dependent almost solely on the manufacture and sale of industrial alcohol. The experience of the past several years has shown that, despite the stabilizing influence of close governmental supervision and the allotment system of production under which the industry operates, there have been extreme fluctuations in profits, and substantial losses have been incurred in some years. There are definite risks in the markets for raw material, the cost of which constitutes a substantial part of the cost of manufacture of alcohol. Consideration of such experience, and of the present and prospective competitive position of the corporation, as well as that of the industrial alcohol industry, have led the directors of the corporation to give consideration to various possibilities for the business including its sale to a larger and stronger company with more diversified lines of products and more sales outlets. With the assistance of The City Co. of New York, Inc., there has been worked out an agreement, which in the opinion of the directors, will, if consummated, be advantageous to both the preferred and common stockholders of the corporation.

An agreement has been entered into between Commercial Solvents Corp. and Rossville Alcohol & Chemical Corp. providing for the sale, to Commercial Solvents, of Rossville's industrial alcohol business, the New Orleans plants, the plant of the California subsidiary and certain of the current and working assets of the corporation and its subsidiaries, including inventories. In consideration for these assets, the agreement provides that Commercial Solvents will pay to Rossville 105,000 shares of Commercial Solvents stock and cash in the amount of the book value of the current and working assets to be sold.

The assets of Rossville and its subsidiaries, not covered by the agreement with Commercial Solvents, comprise principally cash, notes and accounts receivable, and the plants at Lawrenceburg, Ind., and Carthage, O., and certain other facilities which may be adaptable to the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages. Commercial Solvents is not to assume any obligation in respect of Rossville's current or other liabilities.

The proposed sale of assets to Commercial Solvents requires approval by holders of a majority of the pref. stock and a majority of the common stock of Rossville. The holders of a majority of the common stock of Rossville have indicated that they will vote in favor of the proposed sale if, and only if, the holders of substantially all of the pref. stock will presently consent to accept, on any future distribution of the assets of the corporation, \$10 in cash and 1/4 share of Commercial Solvents stock, per share of pref. stock, in lieu of the stated distributive value of the pref. stock.

After deducting the requirements of the pref. stock (\$10 cash and 1/4 share of Commercial Solvents stock per share of such pref. stock), the expenses incident to the sale, and the liabilities of the corporation and its subsidiaries, the remaining assets, including the balance remaining of the proceeds of the sale, will be available for such disposition as the board of directors may determine. Contingent upon consummation of the agreement with Commercial Solvents, the directors of Rossville have approved payment to The City Co. of New York, Inc., of a sum, not in excess of \$50,000, as compensation for services rendered by it in connection with such agreement.

The stockholders on July 18 will vote upon the proposed sale. The City Bank Farmers Trust Co., 22 William St., N. Y. C., is agent of the corporation.—V. 136, p. 3736.

Roos Bros., Inc.—8 1/4-Cent Preferred Dividend.—A dividend of 8 1/4 cents per share has been declared on the \$6.50 cum. conv. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15. A similar distribution has been made on this issue since and incl. Aug. 1 1932, prior to which the stock received regular quarterly payments of \$1.62 1/2 per share.—V. 136, p. 4475, 170

Safeway Stores, Inc.—Sales.—
 4 Weeks Ended 24 Weeks Ended
 June 17 '33. June 18 '32. June 17 '33. June 18 '32.
 Sales \$16,843,735 \$17,750,780 \$96,560,744 \$109,627,485
 Stores now in operation total 3,315 compared with 3,469 last year.—V. 136, p. 3920.

Sally Frocks, Inc.—Removed from List.—The New York Curb Exchange has removed from unlisted trading privileges the common stock (no par)—V. 135, p. 2505.

Schulco Company, Inc.—July 1 Interest.—The interest due July 1 1933 on the guaranteed 6 1/2% mortgage sinking fund gold bonds due 1946, "plain" and "stamped" will be paid on that date. The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange rules that the bonds be quoted ex-interest 3 1/4% on July 1 1933; that the bonds shall continue to be dealt in "flat" and that in settlement of contracts made beginning that date to be a delivery must carry the Jan. 1 1934 and subsequent coupons.—V. 136, p. 4257.

Sears, Roebuck & Co.—Stock Offered Employees.—The company on June 29 announced that the directors on May 29 had granted privileges to officers and employees, as authorized at the annual meeting in March, to purchase stock at \$25 a share.

President, R. E. Wood, stated: "The reduction of the purchase price of the shares of stock to be purchased under said plan from \$50 per share to \$25 per share was made because of the fact that the officers and directors of the company felt that unless there was such reduction, there would be no incentive to those granted the privilege to purchase shares of stock under said plan, to make such purchases."

Under the stock plan the board may, in its discretion, from time to time, grant to officers and employees of this company and its subsidiaries (who may be directors of this company) privileges to purchase an aggregate of 150,000 shares of the stock of this company at the price of \$25 per share. Privileges to purchase under this plan shall not be granted after the close of business on Dec. 31 1938, and all privileges to purchase granted under this plan, if not theretofore exercised, shall expire at that time. The directors, in their discretion, may provide for the exercise of such privileges from time to time in instalments or otherwise, and may grant such privileges to purchase upon such other terms and conditions and for such periods within the foregoing limitation as the board shall, in its absolute discretion, determine. The board may, in its discretion, issue all or any part of such 150,000 shares of stock to the Treasurer of this company as trustee for the officers and employees of this company and its subsidiaries from time to time entitled to participate in the benefits of this plan. The officers and employees of this company and its subsidiaries (who may be directors of this company) who shall be entitled to participate in the benefits of this plan and the amounts of their respective participations shall be determined by a committee of directors of this company who are not entitled to share in the benefits of this plan, which committee may, in its discretion, cancel or modify any or all outstanding privileges to purchase heretofore granted to officers and employees, subject to the provisions of this plan.

At a meeting of the board held on May 29 1933, a committee of three directors who are not entitled to share in the benefits of the plan, report the names of such officers and employees of the company and its subsidiaries who shall be entitled to participate in the benefits of the plan and the amounts of their respective participations, retaining and reserving the right to make from time to time such further determinations of officers and employees of the company and its subsidiaries (who may be directors of the company) who shall be entitled to participate in the benefits of the plan and the amounts of their respective participations as may thereafter be determined. Said committee also reported that it cancelled all outstanding privileges to purchase theretofore granted to officers and employees subject to the provisions of the plan and that privileges to purchase in accordance with the plan as amended and under resolutions of the

board be substituted as directed by the board in lieu of said prior out standing privileges to purchase so cancelled.—V. 136, p. 4475.

Seatrains Lines, Inc.—Inter-State Commerce Commission Overrules Seatrain—Latter Excluded as Participating Carrier in Southern Rate Classification.—See under "Current Events and Discussions" in "Chronicle" June 24 p. 4394.—V. 136, p. 3921.

Selby Shoe Co.—Earnings.

Years Ended Mar. 31—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Net sales	Not stated.	\$7,715,264	\$7,698,165	\$9,432,632
Cost of sales		5,718,653	5,708,255	7,575,964
Gross profit	\$1,591,537	\$1,996,611	\$1,989,910	\$1,856,667
Selling expense	1,086,286	1,465,020	1,561,676	1,445,454
Operating profit	\$505,251	\$531,591	\$428,234	\$411,212
Other income	179,662	166,559	169,310	202,794
Total income	\$684,913	\$698,150	\$597,544	\$614,006
Interest paid	4,792	14,280	5,532	24,371
Sundry losses	108,726	66,849	15,346	9,677
Prov. for Fed. income tax	61,000	97,257	53,000	50,105
Net income	\$510,395	\$519,764	\$513,666	\$529,853

Comparative Balance Sheet March 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.
Cash	\$166,896	\$238,190	\$276,320
Mark. Investments	2,340,828	1,835,706	205,000
Notes & accts. rec.	1,404,875	2,139,338	145,616
Acct. int. & other receivables	94,257	274,534	985,000
Inventories	739,649	1,011,520	6,922,407
Non-current inv. & receivables	1,484,568	883,377	
Plant & equip.	2,164,245	2,296,101	
Deferred charges	139,035	174,669	
Total	\$8,534,353	\$8,901,436	\$8,901,436

x Represented by 240,000 shares no par value.—V. 135, p. 644.

Selected Shares Corp.—Semi-Annual Dividends.—Semi-annual dividends on the Selected unit-type trusts, sponsored by this corporation, have been announced as follows: Selected Cumulative Shares will pay 12.9859 cents per share on July 1; Selected Income Shares will pay 8.8240 cents per share on July 1 and Selected American Shares will pay 5.1929 cents per share on June 30.

Semi-annual distributions were made six months ago as follows: Selected Cumulative Shares, 13.7 cents; Selected Income Shares, 8.1860 cents and Selected American Shares, 4.7952 cents per share.

Owners of Selected Income Shares will be credited with 3% in excess of the cash value of their July 1 1933 coupons if the proceeds of these coupons are re-invested in Selected American Shares, Inc., a new trust sponsored by Selected Shares Corp. The rights are effective as of June 15 1933, and they expire on July 15 1933. Rights should be exercised through the investment dealer through whom the shares now held were originally purchased. Rights cannot be exercised through the Trustee.—V. 135, p. 4398.

Service Stations, Ltd.—(To Reduce Book Value, &c.)—The stockholders on June 21 approved the writing down of the book value of the A and B common shares to \$3, with consequent write-offs from assets. The change will allow lower appropriations for taxes and depreciation. Under the new set-up, capital liabilities will be carried at \$5,257,036 instead of \$12,325,557 as formerly, and surplus will be eliminated by appraisal of fixed assets at \$1,402,378. Total assets will be carried at \$6,078,808 instead of \$14,549,707.

The Toronto "Globe" June 22 stated: Changes contemplated by the directors, and now confirmed, will be effective from Jan. 1 last, and consist of reduction in stated value of class A and class B common shares of \$7,068,521, and elimination of surplus by appraisal of fixed assets of \$1,402,378, making total reduction on liability side of \$8,470,899. These are contemplated for on the asset side by writing off premium paid for shares of subsidiary companies acquired, \$5,950,040; reduction in investment in affiliated companies, \$471,909, and the reduction in the book value of lands, buildings and equipments by \$2,048,949.—V. 135, p. 1837.

Sharpe & Dohme, Inc.—\$1 Accumulated Dividend.—A dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the \$3.50 cum. conv. preference stock, series A, no par value, on account of accumulations, in addition to a quarterly dividend of 50 cents on the same issue, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 14. A dividend of 50 cents per share was paid each quarter from Aug. 1 1932 to and including May 1 1933. Previously, the company made regular quarterly distributions of 87 1/2 cents per share on the preferred stock.

President A. H. Smith said: "Commencing Aug. 1 1932, for reasons then stated, quarterly dividends at the rate of 50 cents a share have been paid on the preference stock instead of the cumulative quarterly rate of 87 1/2 cents a share. As a result, unpaid accumulated dividends to and including Aug. 1 1933 amount to \$1.87 1/2 a share. After payment of the above additional dividend of \$1, unpaid accumulated dividends on the preference stock will amount to 87 1/2 cents a share."

"Net income of the company since the spring of 1932 has been at a rate slightly in excess of the quarterly preference stock dividend of 50 cents which the company is continuing to pay. In the meantime, the company has strengthened its current position, and has paid in advance of its maturity a mortgage of \$350,000 which constituted its only fixed indebtedness."

"The business outlook has improved, and in view of the company's strong current position, your board of directors feel that it is appropriate at this time to pay to the preference stockholders a part of the dividends which they have foregone during the past year, even though this action will result in a reduction of the company's moderate surplus."—V. 136, p. 3177.

Sieloff Packing Co.—Omits Dividend.—The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about June 30 on the common stock, no par value. Previously the company made quarterly distributions of 30 cents per share on this issue, the last payment at this rate having been made on March 31 1933.—V. 131, p. 4066.

Siemens & Halske, A. G.—July 1 Not Paid.—The interest due July 1 1933 on the 10-year 7% secured sinking fund gold bonds, due 1935, will not be paid.—V. 136, p. 3921.

Smyth Manufacturing Co.—Larger Dividend.—A dividend of 40 cents per share was recently declared on the common stock, par \$25, payable July 1 to holders of record June 21. This compares with 25 cents per share paid on April 1 last, and with 50 cents per share each quarter from April 1 1932 to and incl. Jan. 2 1933.—V. 136, p. 2256.

Solvay American Investment Corp.—Transfer Agents.—J. P. Morgan & Co. has been appointed as transfer agent for the 5 1/2% cum. pref. stock (with warrants), effective at the close of business June 23 1933.—V. 136, p. 4105.

Southeastern Cottons, Inc.—Initial Dividend.—An initial semi-annual dividend of \$3.50 per share has been declared on the 7% cum. pref. stock, payable from surplus earnings of the company on July 1.—V. 136, p. 861.

Southeastern Express Co.—Dividend Rate Decreased.—A semi-annual dividend of \$2.50 per share has been declared on the common stock, par \$100, payable July 1 to holders of record June 20. This compares with \$3.50 per share previously paid every six months.—V. 135, p. 2667.

Southern Dairies, Inc.—To Decrease Capital.—The stockholders will shortly vote on reducing the authorized class B stock to 235,000 shares from 500,000 shares.—V. 135, p. 2186

Reports and Documents.

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AMERICAN CAR AND FOUNDRY COMPANY

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT—YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1933

To the Stockholders:

Your Company's thirty-fourth fiscal year (May 1, 1932-April 30, 1933) opened amid the deepest financial and industrial gloom and fear—almost despair. At no time was business more depressed and at no time was there greater fear of what the future had in store for the country's industrial life. The expectation, or rather the hope, expressed in the report to our Stockholders of June 28, 1932, that the Congress, then about to adjourn, would fit the national outgo to the national income, failed of realization—and because of this the national credit was imperiled. Unemployment, with its inevitable accompaniment of social unrest, was alarmingly increasing. Confidence in the stability of the banking system of the country was fast disappearing. Credits were curtailed to the vanishing point. The market prices of agricultural products did not pay for the expense of their raising. The measures of relief set up by the Government were proving their inadequacy for the purposes intended. Bankruptcies and foreclosures were everywhere threatening—not only the individual householder and the small business man, but the basic industries of the country as well. The lack of buying power was almost complete, and the country seemed to be drifting into a state of financial, commercial and industrial paralysis.

In contrast with this, the year ended on a note of optimism. A new administration has taken charge at Washington and has vigorously, and we think efficiently, set about the task of putting our national house in order. The banking system of the nation has been saved by the heroic, but inexorably necessary, temporary closing of all the banks in all the states. There is now the likelihood that the national budget is, or soon will be, in fact balanced. Our recession from the gold standard may well give rise to concern with respect to its ultimate results, but possibly was made advisable by the international monetary situation. Legislation has been enacted designed to bring relief to the farmers, to the railroads and to industry generally. Already there are definite signs of business revival. Unemployment is lessening and in some lines of industry wages are increasing. But of the greatest importance is the restoration of confidence in the business, the institutions and the future of the country—and this has been accomplished in a remarkable degree by the present administration in the less than four months that have elapsed since it took over governmental control.

It is too soon to judge whether or not the hopes inspired will be translated into actualities. The legislation enacted by the Congress recently adjourned is far-reaching indeed, both in purpose and in scope. As to some of it, the President himself has frankly said that we are setting out on an untried path. Whether it will take us, the future will determine—but meanwhile it behooves us (to repeat what was said in the report to our Stockholders of a year ago) "to maintain our courage and to adapt ourselves to things as they are, with an abiding faith in the inherent strength of our country, its institutions and its industries, and in our ability to win through to the better times that surely will come."

Never in the history of your Company has there been so little buying of equipment by the railroads as during the fiscal year just closed. The reason for this is to be found in the general industrial conditions prevailing throughout the period, already referred to. Whether, and when, the recently-enacted legislation for railroad relief will stimulate the buying of needed equipment cannot at this writing be definitely predicted. The fact remains that the equipment is needed and sooner or later must be bought—and when the time comes for its purchase, there is no doubt that your Company will have its full share of the business.

As shown by the Consolidated Balance Sheet which, with Certificate of Audit, is annexed, your Company, despite the adverse conditions that beset it throughout the year, continues sound and financially liquid. For the second time in its corporate life a loss for the year is recorded, but due to the practice of the most rigorous economies in every department of the Company's activities (without, however, impairment of its ability promptly and efficiently to respond to whatever demand may be made upon its productive capacity) the amount of the loss is considerably less than was that for the preceding year when industrial conditions had not reached the depth of depression that prevailed during the year just closed.

On March 4 last, Mr. William H. Woodin, a Director of your Company since its founding and its President since February, 1916, was called to the high office of Secretary of the Treasury in the present national administration. This necessitated the relinquishment by him of all industrial, financial, and commercial activities and connections. His successor in the presidency of your Company has been for many years as its General Counsel and as a member of its

Board of Directors, entirely familiar with its business and affairs and with the policies by which Mr. Woodin was guided during his long service as the Company's chief executive—and so far as changing circumstances will permit, those policies, so eminently successful in the past, will be adhered to in the future.

The Management cannot close this report without once more expressing its sincere thanks to the members of the Company's organization for the loyalty and unselfish devotion to its interests and the interests of its Stockholders uniformly shown during the trying times through which we have been, and are still, passing.

By order of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. HARDY, *President.*

June 26, 1933.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

with Statement of Consolidated Net Loss,
Surplus and Working Capital

April 30, 1933

ASSETS	
PROPERTY AND PLANT ACCOUNT.....	\$71,709,702.03
CURRENT ASSETS.....	23,771,511.51
Materials on Hand, inventoried at cost or less, and not in excess of present market prices.....	\$2,836,492.52
Accounts Receivable.....	3,162,395.69
Notes Receivable.....	4,768,728.18
U. S. Government Securities.....	4,302,609.41
Stocks and Bonds of other Companies at cost or less, and not in excess of present indicated market values.....	2,372,921.18
Cash in Banks and on Hand.....	6,328,363.53
* TREASURY STOCK AT COST.....	533,399.75
	<u>\$96,014,613.29</u>
* Represented by 10,550 Shares of Preferred and 600 Shares of Common Capital Stock.	
LIABILITIES	
CAPITAL STOCK	
Preferred, authorized and outstanding (300,000 shares—par value \$100.00 per share).....	\$30,000,000.00
Common, authorized and outstanding (600,000 shares—no par value).....	30,000,000.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES.....	630,365.16
Accounts Payable, not due; and Pay Rolls (paid May 10, 1933).....	\$630,365.16
RESERVE ACCOUNTS.....	5,558,345.06
For Insurance.....	\$1,500,000.00
For General Overhauling, Improvements and Maintenance.....	1,012,641.86
For Dividends on Common Capital Stock to be paid when and as declared by Board of Directors.....	2,983,494.74
For Improving Working Conditions of Employees.....	62,208.46
EARNED SURPLUS ACCOUNT.....	29,825,903.07
	<u>\$96,014,613.29</u>
Subject to contingent liability of \$500,000 for guaranteed bank loan of Hall-Scott Motor Car Company.	

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED NET LOSS

Loss for the thirty-fourth fiscal year ended April 30, 1933, before including Repairs, Renewals, etc., as noted hereunder.....	\$1,018,453.59
Repairs, Renewals, Replacements, Repairs, New Patterns, Flasks, etc.....	1,192,816.22
Loss for Year.....	<u>\$2,211,269.81</u>

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED EARNED SURPLUS

Consolidated Earned Surplus, April 30, 1932.....	\$32,037,172.88
Less: Loss for Year.....	2,211,269.81
Consolidated Earned Surplus, April 30, 1933.....	<u>\$29,825,903.07</u>

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED WORKING CAPITAL

Consolidated Working Capital, April 30, 1932.....	\$19,838,112.09
Less: Loss for the year ended April 30, 1933.....	2,211,269.81
	<u>\$17,626,842.28</u>
Add: Net amount deducted from Property and Plant Account through disposal of various items thereof during the year.....	451.51
	<u>\$17,627,293.79</u>
Less: Treasury Stock purchased during year.....	44,492.50
Consolidated Net Working Capital, Excluding Reserves, April 30, 1933.....	<u>\$17,582,801.29</u>

Charles J. Hardy, *Esq.*, *President*
American Car and Foundry Company, 30 Church Street, New York City.

Dear Sir:—We have made an audit of the books and accounts of the American Car and Foundry Company, American Car and Foundry Securities Corporation and American Car and Foundry Export Company for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1933, and in accordance therewith, we certify that, in our opinion, the foregoing Statement of Income and the Balance Sheet are true Exhibits of the results of the operation of those Companies for said period, and of their condition as of April 30, 1933.

Very truly yours,

ERNEST W. BELL AND COMPANY

New York, June 20, 1933.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS

PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of this paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

Friday Night, June 30 1933.

COFFEE futures on the 26th inst. wound up 1 point lower to 3 points higher on Santos and 8 to 10 higher on Rio with sales of 9,000 bags of Santos and 7,000 bags of Rio. Selling by the trade caused an early decline but outside speculative buying prompted by the strength of other commodities and securities brought about an advance. The spot market was quiet with Santos 4s 9 to 9 1/4c., Rio 7s 7 1/2c. and Victoria 7-8s 7 1/4c. Cost and freight offers were weaker; prompt shipment Santos 4s 8.20 to 8.45c. and 3-4s at 8.60c. Rio 7s were held at 6.85c. for prompt shipment while 7-8s were here at 6.75c. On the 27th inst. Rio futures advanced 4 to 8 points with sales of 27,000 bags and Santos 10 to 18 points higher on sales of 21,000 bags. Commission houses were good buyers supposedly for foreign interests. The market was the most active since the beginning of the Brazilian revolution over a year ago. Spot coffee was fairly active at unchanged prices; Santos 4s, 9 to 9 1/4c.; Rio 7s, 7 1/2c.; Victoria 7-8s, 7 1/4c. Cost and freight offers from Brazil were unchanged at 8.20 to 8.25c. for basis, Santos 4s for prompt delivery; Rio 7s for immediate shipment sold at 6.85c. On the 28th inst. futures ended with Santos contract 1 point lower to 2 points higher and Rio contract 2 to 8 points up; sales 18 lots of Rio and 38 lots of contract. The July allotment of 62,500 bags of government coffee sold at 8.55 to 9.15c. The June price ranged from 9.31 to 9.76c. Spot coffee was quiet and lower with Santos 4s, 8 3/4 to 9c.; Rio 7s, 7 1/4c. and Victoria 7-8s, 7c. Cost and freight Santos 4s for prompt shipment were unchanged at 8.20 to 8.40c., but other grades, in some instances were 10 points higher. A sale of 4s well described sold at 8 1/4c. for immediate shipment. Shipment Manizales were offered at 9 1/4c. and Giradots at 9 3/4c. July-August shipment.

On the 29th inst. Rio futures closed 3 points lower to 4 points higher with sales of 4,000 bags and Santos futures 4 to 7 points lower on sales of 6,000 bags. Trading was restricted owing to the holiday in Brazil. Brazil and local interests were offering more freely. Spot trade was quiet with Santos 4s unchanged at 8 3/4 to 9c.; Rio 7s 7 1/4c. and Victoria-7-8s 7c. Cost and freight offers were limited owing to the holiday in Brazil, but prices were firmer with Santos 4s for prompt shipment up to 8.20 to 8.45c. Maracaibo, Trujillo 9 1/2 to 10c.; fair to good Cucuta 10 3/4 to 11 1/4c.; washed 11 1/4 to 12 1/4c.; prime to choice 10 3/4 to 11 1/4c. Colombian, Ocaña 9 1/2 to 10c. Bucaramanga, natural 10 to 10 1/2c.; washed 10 1/4 to 10 3/4c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot 10 to 10 1/4c.; Medellin 10 3/8 to 10 5/8c.; Manizales 9 7/8 to 10 1/8c.; Armenia 10 3/8 to 10 1/2c.; Mexican washed 9 1/2 to 10 1/2c. Liberian, Surinam 8 1/4 to 8 1/2c. East India, Ankola 18 to 25c.; manheling 18 to 25c. Genuine Java 17 to 21c. Robusta, washed 8 5/8c.; natural 8 1/2c.; Mocha 12 1/2 to 13c.; Abyssinian 11 to 11 1/4c. To-day prices declined 1 to 4 points on both Santos and Rio contract. Spot business was quiet. Commission houses were selling. The impending large crop in Brazil is a thorn in the side of the market. Final prices show an advance since a week ago of 4 to 20 points.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	7 1/4 @	December	5.65 @ nom
July	5.66 @ nom	March	5.65 @ nom
September	5.66 @ nom	May	5.65 @ nom

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	8 3/4 @	December	7.76 @ nom
July	7.90 @	March	7.71 @ nom
September	7.83 @ nom	May	7.67 @

COCOA to-day ended 4 to 12 points lower under profit-taking induced by the fall in sterling exchange and the mounting stocks of cocoa bean at New York. July ended at 4.46c., Sept. at 4.65c., Dec. at 4.89c., Jan. at 4.97c. and March at 5.13c. Final prices show a rise for the week of 11 to 13 points.

SUGAR on the 26th inst. closed 3 to 6 points higher on good support from commission houses, stimulated by London reports that the International Sugar Conference had agreed to the Cuban proposals and expectations of favorable action at the conference to be held at Washington. Sales were 44,000 tons. Futures on the 27th inst. ended 1 to 5 points higher under buying in anticipation of favorable action at Washington. Trading was exceptionally heavy with sales totaling 67,750 tons. Commission houses were good buyers. Cuban interests sold. Later reports from Washington were not so encouraging. Raw sugar was higher with a sale of 26,000 bags of Puerto Ricos due July 21 at 3.50c. Some 59,000 bags of Cubas for late July and August clearance sold at 1.50c. c. & f., and 15,000 bags for July loading at the same price. On the 28th inst. futures after an early strength receded on heavy profit taking and Cuban selling and closed unchanged to 3 points lower, after sales of 27,750

tons. And the prospects were none too bright for early action in regard to sugar stabilization at Washington. Some 10,000 bags of Cubas for early August shipment sold at 1.50c. c. & f. and it was said that 5,000 tons possibly for August shipment from warehouse at Norfolk were sold at from 1.45 to 1.47c. c. & f. Offerings were larger at 1.50c. c. & f. or 3.50c. delivered. Refined was unchanged at 4.60c. with good withdrawals. On the 29th inst. futures closed 1 to 2 points lower on liquidation due to indications of a delay in the program of sugar stabilization. Raws reflected the trend in futures and were easier at 1.50c. c. & f. Refined was quiet and unchanged at 4.60c. To-day prices advanced 2 to 3 points. The trading is awaiting developments in Washington and London. Raws were quiet with offerings plentiful at 3.50c. Final prices show a rise since last Friday of 5 to 7 points.

Closing quotations follow:

Spot unofficial	1.46 @	January	1.55 @ 1.56
July	1.45	Bid March	1.59 @ 1.60
September	1.47 @	May	1.64 @ 1.65
December	1.54 @		

LARD futures on the 24th inst. closed 5 to 15 points higher in sympathy with the rise in grain markets. Exports were 494,265 lbs. to Naples, Copenhagen and Trieste. Hogs however, closed 10c. lower owing to heavy receipts; top price, \$4.50. On the 26th inst. prices advanced 22 to 40 points in response to higher grain prices. Hogs on the other hand were lower owing to the heavy western run which totaled 134,000; at Chicago 40,000. Cash prime lard 6.65 to 6.75c.; refined to Continent 6 5/8c.; South American 6 7/8c. On the 27th inst. futures advanced 10 to 12 points on a good speculative demand induced by the strength of corn. Selling continued on heavy hog receipts and a government report indicating 4,000,000 more hogs than last year checked the advance to some extent. Hogs were 10 to 15c. higher. Cash prime lard 6.80 to 6.90c.; refined to Continent 6 3/4c.; South American 7c. On the 28th inst. futures ended 5 points lower to 10 points higher. Hog receipts were heavy and packers were selling. Hogs, however, were a little higher. The decline in corn checked the demand. Prime 6.80 to 6.90c.; refined to Continent 6 3/4c.; South American 7c. On the 29th inst. futures ended 7 to 13 points lower on selling by packers encouraged by continued heavy receipts of hogs. Good buying developed, however, on the decline. Secretary Wallace favors a reduction of 20% in the hog crop, according to a statement from Washington. Cash prime lard 6.70 to 6.80c.; refined to Continent 6 5/8c.; South American 6 7/8c. Hog prices were 10c. lower. To-day prices ended unchanged to 5c. lower. Final prices show a rise for the week of 25 to 40 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July	6.20	6.42	6.55	6.55	6.42	6.40
September	6.47	6.75	6.85 @ 6.87	6.82	6.75	6.70
October	6.52	6.85	6.97	6.95	6.85	6.80

Season's High and When Made.		Season's Low and When Made.			
July	6.95	May 12 1933	July	3.92	Feb. 21 1933
September	7.12	May 18 1933	September	4.02	
October	7.10	June 28 1933	October	4.57	

PORK was steady; mess, \$19; family, \$16.50; fat backs, \$15 to \$16. Beef firm; mess, nominal; packet, nominal; family, \$11.75 to \$12.50 nominal; extra India mess, nominal. Cut meats steady; pickled hams, 4 to 6 lbs., 6 1/2c.; 6 to 8 lbs., 6 1/4c.; 8 to 10 lbs., 5 3/4c.; 14 to 20 lbs., 11 3/4c.; 22 to 24 lbs., 10 1/4c.; pickled bellies, clear, f. o. b. N. Y., 6 to 10 lbs., 10 1/4c.; 10 to 12 lbs., 10c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, N. Y., 14 to 16 lbs., 8 1/2c.; 18 to 20 lbs., 8 3/8c. Butter, creamery, firsts to premium marks and higher score than extras, 21 1/4 to 26c. Cheese, flats, 17 to 21 1/2c. Eggs, mixed colors, checks to special packs, 12 to 20c.

OILS.—Linseed advanced to 9.5 to 9.7c. for tank cars and 10.1 to 10.3c. for ear lots. It was an active market most of the week but of late conditions were more quiet owing to the approach of the vacation period. Easier seed markets of late also checked the demand. Cocoanut, Manila, coast tanks, 3 3/8 to 3 1/2c.; tanks, New York spot, 3 3/8c. Corn, crude, tanks f. o. b. Western mills, 5 1/4c. China, wood, N. Y. drums, ear lots, delivered, 7 1/2 to 7 3/4c.; tanks, spot 7c.; Pacific Coast, tanks, 6.8c. Olive, denatured, spot, Greek drums, 66c.; Spanish drums, 69c.; shipment drums, Greek, 65 to 66c.; Spanish, 65 to 66c.; Soya bean, tank cats, f. o. b. Western mills, 7.70c.; drums, N. Y., 7.6 to 7.7c.; L. C. L., 8.1 to 8.6c. Edible, olive, \$1.40 to \$1.55. Lard, prime, 10c.; extra strained winter, 8 1/2c. Cod, Newfoundland, nominal. Turpentine, 44 to 46 3/4c. Rosin, \$4.65 to \$5.45.

COTTONSEED OIL sales to-day including switches 35 contracts. Crude S. E. 100 under July bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	5.75	Bid November	5.96 @ 6.06
July	5.75 @ 5.85	December	6.04 @ 6.08
August	5.76 @ 5.86	January	6.10 @ 6.14
September	5.83 @ 5.86	February	6.10 @ 6.25
October	5.90 @ 5.94		

PETROLEUM.—The usual summary and tables of prices customarily appearing here will be found on an earlier page in our department of "Business Indications," in the article entitled "Petroleum and Its Products."

RUBBER futures declined 2 to 4 points on the 24th inst. Dealers were more interested in July delivery of standard sheet and crepe. June-July ribs were bid at 5 15-16c. against 6 1-16c. offered. Thin pale was firm at 7 1-16c. July closed at 6c.; Sept. at 6.28c.; Oct. at 6.37c.; Dec. at 6.55 to 6.57c., January at 6.64c., March at 6.80c. and May at 6.98c. On the 26th inst. the advance in cotton and grain influenced the trend of futures which closed 22 to 29 points higher after sales of 5,000 tons. Other factors which induced general buying were the rise in sterling and restriction news. The Dutch East Indies shipped 27,713 tons during May against 19,436 tons in April and 19,422 tons in May last year. Actuals were 3-16c. higher on standard ribs and 1-16 to 1/8c. up on other grades, with a better demand reported by some dealers. July closed at 6.27c., Sept. at 6.50c., Oct. at 6.64c., Dec. at 6.81 to 6.83c., Jan. at 6.90c., March at 7.09 to 7.10c. and May at 7.25c. London was 1-32d. lower with July 3 9-32d., Sept. 3 11-32d., Oct.-Dec. 3 3-32d., Jan.-Mar. 3 17-32d. and April-June 3 5/8d. Singapore closed 3-32d. to 1/8d. lower with July 3 1-32d., July-Sept. 3 1-16d. and Oct.-Dec. 3 1/8c. On the 27th inst. futures rose 11 to 16 points after sales of 5,360 tons. Stronger foreign markets, the advance in other commodities and a rise in sterling exchange to above the \$4.30 level all led to heavy buying. London advanced 7-32d. Factories were said to be buying shipment rubber in the East. Standard ribs were up 1/8 to 3-16c. with spot and July offered at 6 3/8 to 6 7-16c. July closed at 6.40c., Sept. at 6.65c., Dec. at 6.97c. to 6.98c., Jan. at 7.05c., March at 7.20 to 7.22c., and April at 7.38c. On the 28th inst. futures closed 4 to 12 points lower after an early advance of 7 to 14 points. The early gain influenced by a sharp decline in the dollar and stronger sterling exchange was soon lost when heavy profit taking and other selling set in. July closed at 6.36c., Sept. at 6.55c., Dec. at 6.85 to 6.87c., Jan. at 6.95c., March at 7.13c. and May at 7.28c. London was 1-16d lower and Singapore was off 1-32 to 1-16d. On the 29th inst. futures ended 4 to 16 points higher despite a sharp drop in sterling exchange. Sales were 6,170 tons. Actuals were in better demand. Standard ribs for spot and forward delivery were about 1-16 to 1c. higher and latex was steady. Browns and crepes were firmer. July closed at 6.40c., Sept. at 6.71c., Oct. at 6.79c., Dec. at 6.95 to 6.97c., Jan. at 7.06c., March at 7.27c., and May at 7.40 to 7.43c. London was unchanged to 1-16d. higher with July 3 15-32d.; Sept. 3 17-32d., Oct.-Dec. 3 19-32d., Jan.-March 3 11-16d., April-June 3 25-32d. Singapore declined 1-32d. to 1-16d.; July 3 1-16d.; July-Sept. 3 3-32d.; Oct.-Dec. 3 5-32d. To-day prices ended 13 to 17 points lower reflecting the weakness in other commodities. Profit taking was general. Final prices are 24 to 28 points higher than a week ago.

HIDES futures on the 24th inst. ended 15 to 20 points higher after a weak opening. Sales of light native cows were reported at 11 1/2c. June ended at 11c.; Sept. at 11.80c.; Dec. at 12 to 12.15c. and March at 12.25 to 12.35c. On the 26th inst. futures on a good demand stimulated by the rise in other commodity markets, and the strength of stocks. Sales were 1,320,000 lbs. July closed at 12.25 to 12.30c.; Dec. at 12.35 to 12.40c. and March at 12.60 to 12.75c. On the 27th inst. after being weak early futures rallied and ended 15 to 25 points higher on a better demand, stimulated by the rise in other commodities and a stronger spot market. Sales were estimated at 3,840,000 lbs. Sept. closed at 12.40 to 12.55c.; Dec. at 12.56 to 12.59c.; March at 12.85 to 12.90c. and June at 13.20 to 13.30c. On the 28th inst. futures closed 5 to 20 points net higher after some early hesitation. The spot situation was a little better, although no transactions of importance were reported. Tanners, however, were more interested. Sales of futures were estimated at 1,800,000 lbs. Sept. closed at 12.60 to 12.70c.; Dec. at 12.64 to 12.70c.; March at 12.95 to 13.05c. and June at 13.25c. Packer, native steers and butt brands 12 1/2c.; Chicago, light native cows, 11 1/2c. New York City, calfskins, 9-12s, 2.10c.; 5-7s, 1.50c.; 7s, 1.40c. Futures on the 29th inst. closed 5 to 18 points higher after early irregularity. Sales were 1,960,000 lbs. Good buying was reported owing to increased activity in the spot market, where 10,000 pieces are said to have been sold at steady prices. Sept. closed at 12.70 to 12.75c.; Dec. at 12.82 to 12.85c.; March at 13.02 to 13.10c. and June at 13.30c. To-day prices ended unchanged to 9 points lower. March closed at 13.11 to 13.15c.; Sept. at 12.70 to 12.80c. and Dec. at 12.87c. Actuals were stronger. Final prices show a rise for the week of 107 to 110 points.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been quiet as a rule.

CHARTERS—Sugar: Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, 13s. 1/2d., July; Cuba, July, United Kingdom-Continent, 13s. 3d.; Cuba, July, one, 13s.; two, 13s. 6d., United Kingdom-Continent. Booked: 1 load prompt Montreal, Mediterranean, 8c., a few New York to Antwerp, 3 1/2c. Trips: West Indies, round, 70c., small steamer, same, \$1.15; prompt trip, across reported at 65c.; West Indies, prompt round, 60c.; prompt, West Indies round, 80c.

COAL.—Many of the leading producers are sold-up for prepared bituminous. Prices during June were firm. Some of the strength is reflected in the Hampton Roads and bituminous market. Export demand was better, principally from the West Indies, where some lost business has been recovered, owing to the cheapness of prices and freight

rates. Production of bituminous in the June 24th week increased nearly 400,000 tons to 6,000,000. For three weeks the total was 17,096,000 and the weekly average 5,698,000 tons against, respectively, 12,138,000 and 4,042,000 tons a year ago.

SILVER futures on the 24th inst. closed 5 points lower to 10 points higher, with sales of 1,850,000 ounces. Bar silver here was off 1/8c. to 3 3/4c., while London was down 1-16d. to 18 7-16d. July closed at 35.10c., Sept. at 35.43c., Oct. at 35.68c., Dec. at 36.20 to 36.35c. and Jan. at 36.45c. On the 26th inst. futures closed 60 to 77 points higher with sales of 6,025,000 ounces on good buying by commission houses, prompted by reports that India was willing to co-operate on the silver question. Shorts covered. India is understood to have given assurance that it would not dump 400,000,000 ounces on the market. China wants early stabilization of silver exchange in respect to gold. June closed at 35.60c., July at 35.60c., Sept. at 36.20c., Oct. at 36.45c., Dec. at 36.90c., Jan. at 37.15c., and March at 37.65c. On the 27th inst. futures closed 125 to 150 points higher on heavy buying owing to the favorable response of India to proposals for the revaluation of silver. The market was active with sales amounting to 10,075,000 ounces. July closed at 37.10c.; Sept. at 37.45c., Dec. at 38.40c., and March at 39.12c. On the 28th inst. futures closed 30 to 40 points lower owing to the uncertainty of the silver question abroad. Sales were 7,700,000 ounces. July closed at 36.70c., Sept. at 37.15c., Dec. at 38c. and March at 38.75c. On the 29th inst. futures closed 70 to 150 points lower with sales of 625,000 ounces. Uncertainty over developments in London and the declines in securities had their effect. July closed at 36c., Aug. at 36.13c., Sept. at 36.30c., Oct. at 36.50c., Dec. 37c., and March at 37.60c. The outside prices were 5/8c. lower here at 35 5/8c. and London was down 9-16d. to 18 3/8d. To-day the market closed 10 to 35 points higher with sales of 5,500,500 ounces. July closed at 36.10c., Sept. at 36.55c., Oct. at 36.80c., Dec. at 37.35 to 37.37c., and Jan at 37.35 to 37.37c. Outside prices were fractionally higher both at New York and London. Final prices are 100 to 110 points higher for the week.

COPPER was in fair demand at 8c. for domestic delivery. Sales abroad were not as large as at first believed, the aggregate on the 27th inst. being 1,400 tons. It was believed at one time that they would reach 2,500 tons. London was higher on that day. Futures on the 27th inst. gained 10 to 15 points with sales of 17 lots. Futures on the 28th inst. advanced 4 to 15 points owing to a better export demand. July closed at 6.95c., Sept. at 7.05c., Dec. at 7.35c. and March at 7.54c. Later a good demand was reported for domestic delivery and the price was firm at 8c. There was considerable buying by fabricators in anticipation of higher prices. The foreign demand was quieter. In London on the 29th inst. standard fell 7s. 6d. to £37 for spot and £37 3s 9d for futures; sales 1,700 tons of futures; electrolytic bid dropped 15s to £40 10s.; asked off 5s to £41 10s.

TIN early in the week advanced another cent to 45 3/8c. for spot Straits, with a good demand. Tin plate operations are 95 to 100% of capacity. Makers will not promise delivery on fresh orders before September or October. Futures on the 26th inst. were 105 points higher. London was sharply higher. On the 28th inst. spot Straits reached the highest level seen in several years when the price went to 46 1/2c. on the rise in sterling exchange. London prices however were lower. Futures here rose 105 points but there were no sales. Later in the week spot Straits declined 1 1/2c. to 45c. The differential between Straits and English refined tin has narrowed from 3 1/2 to around 1 1/2c. Many consumers who formerly used Straits are now buying the English product. In London on the 29th inst. spot standard dropped £1 to £222 15s.; futures off 12s. 6d. to £222; sales 330 tons of futures; spot Straits dropped £4 10s. to £235 15s.; Eastern c.i.f. London declined £2 10s. to £232 15s.; at the second London session standard fell 2s. 6d. on sales of 130 tons of futures.

LEAD was in good demand and steady at 4.20c. New York, and 4.05c. East St. Louis. Battery makers, and manufacturers of lead foil and pigments were the best buyers. In London on the 28th inst. spot rose 2s. 6d. to £13 11s. 3d. and futures advanced 1s. 3d. to £13 16s. 3d.; sales 1,400 tons of futures; at the second session prices fell 1s. 3d. on sales of 300 tons of futures.

ZINC advanced to 4.40c., a new high for the year. The average sales of prime Western and brass special have been 5,000 tons weekly during the past three weeks. London on the 28th inst. advanced 5s. to £17 18s. 9d. for spot and £17 12s. 6d. for futures while at the second session prices fell 1s. 3d.; sales 1,875 tons of futures. On the 29th inst. the price was advanced \$2. to 4.50c. East St. Louis with a fair demand. Galvanizers were good buyers of both prompt and forward metal. In London on that day spot fell 7s. 6d. to £17 10s.; futures off 8s. 9d. to £17 2s. 6d.; sales 1,800 tons of futures.

STEEL for prompt delivery has become scarce, especially in light forms, such as sheets and tin plate. There was a good demand in the New York district owing to the anxiety of consumers to fill immediate needs in anticipation of higher prices in the near future. A better demand is looked for in reinforcing bars as a result of the government highway fund

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows: Foreign stock as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday) we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

Table with columns for dates (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and rows for various stock locations like Liverpool, Manchester, Hamburg, Bremen, Havre, Rotterdam, Barcelona, Genoa, Ghent, Antwerp, etc.

Summary tables for Total European stocks, Total American stocks, and Total visible supply, including sub-sections for American stocks and middling uplands.

Table showing Continental imports for past week and the above figures for 1933, comparing with 1932 and 1931.

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:

Table with columns for Movement to June 30 1933 and Movement to July 1 1932, and rows for various towns like Ala., Birmingham, Eufaula, etc.

Large table of cotton movement data for interior towns, organized into two columns: Movement to June 30 1933 and Movement to July 1 1932. Each column has sub-columns for Receipts, Shipments, and Stocks.

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma. The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 48,919 bales and are to-night 86,879 bales less than at the same period last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

Table showing New York quotations for cotton from 1925 to 1933, with columns for year and price.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.

Table showing overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, with columns for dates and shipment amounts.

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 2,815 bales, against 3,540 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 180,652 bales.

Table showing receipts at ports to June 30 and net overland to June 30, comparing 1932-33 and 1931-32.

Table showing total marketed cotton, interior stocks in excess, and excess of Southern mill takings.

Came into sight during week and total in sight June 30.

Table showing North spinnings' takings to June 30.

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Table showing movement into sight in previous years with columns for week, bales, and since Aug. 1.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.

Table of closing quotations for middling cotton on various markets like Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, etc., for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table of New Orleans contract market quotations for various months from July to May, showing price ranges for different contract periods.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EXPLAINS BASIS OF JULY 8 COTTON REPORT.—In reply to an inquiry, the Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture explained that its estimate of cotton acreage to be published July 8 will relate, as in the past, to the acreage in cultivation July 1.

Cotton acreage curtailment under the program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration does not contemplate the removal of cotton acreage prior to July 1 and the Board will not consider such curtailment in its report. Information as to cotton acreage removal will be announced by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and as these announcements are made during the growing season the Crop Reporting Board will, of course, take cognizance of them in preparing its forecasts of production.

Weather reports by telegraph.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that the weather during the week has been generally dry and hot. The crop has stood up well and fair to good growth is reported from most sections. Fields are generally clean and plants are beginning to bloom northward to North Carolina and eastern Oklahoma. General rains are needed in most localities.

Texas.—In this State the growth of cotton during the week has been fair to good in most parts, but the late cotton needs rain and is generally backward.

Memphis, Tenn.—There have been beneficial showers in this vicinity but the crop generally needs moisture.

Table with columns: Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer. Lists weather data for various cities from Galveston, Tex. to Nashville, Tenn.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table showing river heights for various locations (New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, etc.) comparing June 30 1933 and July 1 1932.

Dallas Cotton Exchange Weekly Crop Report.

The Dallas Cotton Exchange each week publishes a very elaborate and comprehensive report covering cotton crop conditions in the different sections of Texas and also in Oklahoma and Arkansas.

TEXAS.

WEST TEXAS.

Abilene (Taylor County).—Weather has been hot and dry. Cotton is doing nicely. Showers would help but are not particularly needed.

Brady (McCulloch County).—Cotton prospect not good. Need rain. Older cotton looks well and growing nicely.

Snyder (Scurry County).—The cotton condition is now very poor. Whereas a 10% increase in acreage was intended, we now have a 15% decrease with very poor stands.

Stamford (Jones County).—Have seen no relief from the dry hot weather this week. The size of the crop depends on the length of this drouth.

CENTRAL TEXAS.

Brenham (Washington County).—Account of north winds a good rain would be beneficial—especially on hill cotton and late planted stuff.

Cameron (Milam County).—Past week favorable but need good rain next week. Farmers anxious to plow up.

Navasota (Grimes County).—Crop not so good as it was. North winds, high temperatures stopped growth for the present.

EAST TEXAS.

Palestine (Anderson County).—Crop made excellent progress during past week under very favorable weather conditions. Weather has been clear and hot.

SOUTH TEXAS.

Gonzales (Gonzales County).—Past week has been too hot. While cotton does best during clear warm weather, provided with morning dew and needed moisture, plant cannot withstand continued 100 and above, without shedding.

OKLAHOMA.

Hugo (Choctaw County).—Weather hot and dry—hot winds—need rain to improve stalk. Plants 6 to 12 inches high.

Mangum (Greer County).—No sign of rain past week, but as hot as blazes. Can't understand how our cotton is standing it but in most cases it looks fairly healthy.

Wynnewood (Garvin County).—Past week one of extreme heat—cotton wilting like it does in July and August. Badly in need of general rain.

ARKANSAS.

Ashdown (Little River Co.).—Crops clean, making no progress in growth account too dry. No rain since May 29, except local showers.

Conway (Faulkner Co.).—The past week has been dry. Cotton is very small. In fact less than five percent is of normal size and won't grow until we have rain.

Little Rock (Pulaski).—Conditions favorable past week. Cultivation good. Fields clean and stands satisfactory.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table showing Receipts at Ports, Stocks at Interior Towns, and Receipts from Plantations for various months from March to June.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1932 are 8,342,300 bales; in 1931-32 were 10,166,750 bales and in 1930-31 were 8,857,662 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Table comparing Cotton Takings, Week and Season, for 1932-33 and 1931-32, including categories like Visible supply, Total supply, and Total takings.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 4,715,000 bales in 1932-33 and 4,117,000 bales in 1931-32.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Table showing Alexandria Receipts and Shipments for 1932-33, 1931-32, and 1930-31, including Receipts (Cantars) and Export (Bales).

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 pounds. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended June 28 were 2,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 24,000 bales.

touched 99¼c., or the highest price seen in two years. Heavy offerings were rapidly snapped up. Wave after wave of buying orders swept into the market, stimulated by sensational crop damage reports from the American Northwest and western portions of Canada, and a belief which is now almost a certainty that the crop will not be adequate enough to fill domestic requirements. A report from Devil's Lake, N. Dak., said that the crop in that vicinity covering an area of 250 miles is damaged 25 to 50% by heat and drouth. Grasshoppers were said to be doing heavy damage in a large area in Manitoba. Some reports stated that the damage in some parts of the American Northwest was the worst ever to be recorded.

On the 27th inst. May sold at 106¾c. and December at 101¾c., in a rampant bull market. The closing was 5% to 6½c. higher, and it was the first time since September 1930 that futures went above the \$1 level. Bullish enthusiasm increased as reports of continued hot and dry weather were received, and no relief was indicated. Rain is badly needed in Western Canada, although reports stated that the weather was more reasonable there. According to Broomhal, storms have reduced prospects in Italy and France, and conditions in the Balkans are unfavorable. At one time prices were 2c. lower on liquidation and selling against offers, but the decline was short lived, as wave after wave of speculative and other buying was encountered. Commission houses were buying.

On the 28th inst. prices declined sharply, i.e., 5% to 6c., under heavy liquidation in an overbought market. Many considered this reaction as only natural after the recent advance since last Friday of over 20c. Stop loss orders were caught on the way down. There was a rally of about 4c. at one time on buying to replace long lines, but selling increased on the bulge, and the ending was at about the low of the day. Reports of heavy rains in Canada caused some selling, but the weather in the American Northwest was dry and damage reports continued to be received from that section. Showers were predicted for North and South Dakota. Winnipeg was 4% to 5c. lower.

On the 29th inst. prices ended ½ to ¾c. higher, after an early break of 2c. The early weakness was caused by heavy selling by commission houses and local operators, inspired by reports of heavy rains over the Canadian West and the American Northwest. Despite the belief that the heat wave had been broken over most of the belt, reports of damage continued to be received, and these, together with the over-sold condition of the market, brought in a good demand, which found offerings very limited. Many felt that the rains in Canada came too late to give much relief. The Chicago Board of Trade voted to close at noon to-morrow, and will not reopen until Monday morning, so that the clerks may be able to catch up with the work resulting from the extraordinary activity this week.

To-day prices ended ¾ to 1% higher. Minneapolis and Kansas City were also stronger, but Winnipeg was ½ to ¾c. lower. Rains and a forecast for more in the Northwest encouraged liquidation and an early decline, but the market ran into buying orders based on fears that the rain was too late to benefit the crop very much, and that private advices early next week will reveal startling damage and reduced yield. Export demand improved, sales being estimated at about 750,000 bushels. Estimates on the crop are expected to show a winter and spring wheat total under 520,000,000 bushels. Final prices show a rise for the week of 10% to 11c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red.....	100½	107½	115½	108	108½	109½

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July.....	82½	89¾	95½	89¾	90¾	90¾
September.....	85	91¾	98	92½	92½	93½
December.....	88	94¾	100¾	95½	95½	96
May.....		99	105¼	99¾	100	100½

Season's High and When Made.	Season's Low and When Made.
July.....96¾ September.....98¾ December.....101½ May.....106¾	June 27 1933 July.....43¾ June 27 1933 September.....45¾ June 27 1933 December.....68¾ June 27 1933 May.....94¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July.....	70½	74½	79¾	74¾	73	72¼
October.....	72½	77	81¾	77	75¾	75
December.....	73¾	78¾	83¾	78	77	76½
May.....						81

INDIAN CORN advanced in sympathy with wheat, and also because of reports of heavy damage to the crop in Illinois. On the 24th inst. prices rose 1 to 1¼c., again touching new highs for the season. The advance in wheat had its influence. So did reports that the crop had been badly damaged in Illinois, and that that State would produce only a half yield.

On the 26th inst. corn was influenced by the rise in wheat and ended at an advance of 3 to 3½c. The advance was checked to some extent by profit-taking sales and larger country selling. High temperatures continued, but light scattered showers were reported over most of the belt, with heavy rains in Indiana and Ohio. There are those who think, too, that it is too early to forecast the yield, and that with good rains the crop would improve materially and the outturn would be sufficient to fill the extra demand that will probably come from the short crops in other grain. On the 27th inst. prices advanced 3 to 3% higher. At one time selling to take profits caused some reaction, but reports of continued hot and dry weather in the belt, together with

the sharp rise in wheat, were followed by heavy buying, and the ending was at about the highest prices of the day.

On the 28th inst. the ending was 3 to 3¾c. lower, in response to the decline in wheat. Profit-taking was general, and support was lacking. Heavy rains were reported in parts of Missouri, and the weather map showed scattered showers over the belt. On the 29th inst. prices ended at a decline of 1 to 1¾c., under heavy liquidation by commission houses, owing to beneficial rains in Illinois and Indiana, and a generally favorable forecast. To-day prices closed ½ to 2c. higher, on a big demand, influenced by expectations of very bullish private estimates. Little attention was paid to beneficial rains in various parts of the belt and continued heavy receipts. Shipping demand was better. Final prices are 3 5/8 to 4¾c. higher than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow.....	62¼	65¼	68¼	66	64½	65¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July.....	49½	52¼	55½	52½	50¾	52
September.....	53¾	56¾	60½	56¾	55½	57
December.....	57¾	60¾	64¾	60½	59¾	61

Season's High and When Made.	Season's Low and When Made.
July.....55¾ September.....60¾ December.....64¾	June 27 1933 July.....25 June 27 1933 September.....26¾ June 27 1933 December.....38¾

OATS followed wheat upward, and crop reports were bullish. On the 24th inst. oats followed other grain to new highs on buying induced by bullish crop news. Liquidation and other selling developed on the rise, but the offerings were quickly taken. Last prices showed a rise of 2¾c. On the 26th inst. prices ended 4¼ to 5¼c. higher. The demand was on a large scale, accelerated by the advance in wheat and further bullish crop reports. On the 27th inst. prices touched new highs for the season, in wild trading. The ending was 2½ to 2¼c. higher. The advance in other grain had its influence.

On the 28th inst. prices fell 3¾ to 4¼c., under general liquidation influenced by the break in wheat. On the 29th inst. prices showed more strength than other grain, and ended at a rise of ¼ to ½c., owing to crop damage reports. To-day prices ended 1¼ to 2c. higher, with other grain up. Final prices show an advance for the week of 8% to 9c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white.....	47@48	52@53	54@55	49@50	50½@51½	52½@53½

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July.....	37¾	42¼	44¾	41	41½	43¾
September.....	38¾	43¾	46¾	42¾	43	45¼
December.....	40½	45¾	47¾	43½	45	47¾

Season's High and When Made.	Season's Low and When Made.
July.....45 September.....46¾ December.....48	June 27 1933 July.....16 June 27 1933 September.....16½ June 27 1933 December.....25¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July.....	29½	33	35	33¾	32½	32½
October.....	31½	35¾	37½	36	34¼	34¾

RYE advanced into new high ground, owing to unfavorable weather and the sharp rise in wheat. On the 24th inst. prices ended 2¾ to 3¾c. higher, in sympathy with the rise in other grain. New highs for the season were made. There was heavy profit-taking on the way up, but offerings were readily absorbed. On the 26th inst. unfavorable weather and the advance in wheat caused heavy buying, especially by commission houses. The ending was at a rise of 3½ to 4¾c., the highest prices seen in more than two years. Barley was up 6¼ to 6½c.

On the 27th inst. new highs for the season were reached when prices advanced 3½ to 4c. Realizing sales were heavy, but were quickly absorbed, and the advance continued with only slight interruptions. Barley advanced sharply. On the 28th inst. prices dropped 4½ to 5c in sympathy with the sensational break in wheat. Barley was 5¼ to 5½c. lower. On the 29th inst. the downward trend in wheat had its influence, and prices ended ¾c. lower to ¾c. higher. Barley generally followed the course of other grain, being off early but later rallied and ended ¼ to ¾c. higher. To-day prices closed unchanged to ¾c. higher, in response to the strength of wheat and corn. Final prices are 5½ to 6% higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July.....	70¾	74¼	77¾	72¾	73½	73½
September.....	74¾	77¾	81¾	77¾	77¼	77¾
December.....	78¾	82¾	86¾	81¾	81¾	81¾

Season's High and When Made.	Season's Low and When Made.
July.....78 September.....82¾ December.....86¾	June 27 1933 July.....31 June 27 1933 September.....41¾ June 27 1933 December.....55

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July.....	63¾	62	66¾	60¾	59¼	59¼
October.....	65	65¼	69¾	63¾	62¾	62

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BARLEY FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July.....	42	48½	55½	50	49½	51
September.....	46	52½	59	53¾	53	53¾
December.....	50	56½	62½	57	56¾	57¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BARLEY FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July.....	39¾	42¼	44¼	43¼	40¼	41¾
October.....	41¾	44¾	46¾	45¾	42¾	44

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.	
Wheat, New York—	Oats, New York—
No. 2 red, c.i.f., domestic.....109½	No. 2 white.....52¼-53¼
Manitoba, No. 1, f.o.b. N. Y. ....79¾	No. 3 white.....50¼-51¼
	Rye, No. 2, f.o.b. bond N. Y. ....65¾
Corn, New York—	Chicago, No. 2.....nom.
No. 2 yellow, all rall.....65¾	Barley—
No. 3 yellow, all rall.....65¾	N. Y., 47½ lbs. malting.....65½
	Chicago, cash.....44-46

COTTON.—This crop has withstood the dry weather remarkably well, and fair to good growth is still reported rather generally over the belt. Showers were helpful in a good many places in the Eastern States, but the week was practically rainless in western sections. Fields are generally clean and plants are beginning to bloom northward to North Carolina and eastern Oklahoma. For best results a good, general rain is rather badly needed.

In Texas growth of early cotton was fair to good in most sections, but the late-planted needs rain, and the crop is generally late. In Oklahoma the week was hot and dry and, while the condition of the crop is still fair to good, rain is needed. In the central States showers were generally light and the soil is dry in many places, with reports of some retardation in growth; in other sections it was fair to good. In the more eastern States showers were helpful and progress of the crop was rather generally good.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Rather warm and generally dry, except moderate, local showers Sunday which favored cotton, sweet potatoes, peanuts, southeastern truck and tobacco. Corn decidedly uneven, but good color. Most wheat cut or overripe; oats short and light. Haying in progress. Fruit somewhat delayed by continued dry weather.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Temperatures much above normal first half; some good local rains latter part, but scattered and large areas still dry where most crops suffering. Much early corn in critical stage without rain. Truck and pastures deteriorating. Tobacco suffering and ripening prematurely. Progress of cotton still generally good, though varying from poor to very good; beginning to bloom in south.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Abundant sunshine; temperatures above seasonal average. Light showers rather frequent at week-end and locally heavy. All crops freshened where good rains occurred. Cotton good progress, with squares and bloom forming freely. Corn, sweet potatoes, truck and other field crops have suffered materially from dryness, especially on uplands. Tobacco curing continues, with some complaint of premature ripening.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Warm, with local showers toward close beneficial, but some localities still dry. Progress of cotton mostly good; condition generally good to excellent; squaring rapidly in most sections and blooming freely in central and south. Growth of corn mostly fair, though upland suffered from dryness; condition now generally fair where sufficient moisture. Sweet potatoes good; setting resumed. Tobacco fair to good and rapidly maturing; curing progressing. Truck, pastures and most other crops improved where sufficient rain.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Cotton progress poor; condition fair; plants small. Corn fair and being harvested. Truck improved, but season over in south. Peanuts and cane good. Tobacco being cured. Ranges improving.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Warm first two days, but moderate thereafter. Drouth broken in extreme southwest and locally in southeast and central; still dry in north and central-west. Corn, pastures and gardens poor progress and deteriorating where too dry; recovery slow where rains occurred. Cotton slow advance, but condition fair to good, except late-planted in north; crop now generally needs rain; well cultivated.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Scattered showers, but continued dry in many places and rain needed over practically entire State. Progress of cotton fair; condition fair to good, but some late-planted poor. Progress of corn mostly good, but deteriorated in many sections; condition poor to fair. Pastures, gardens and truck suffered from dryness.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Warm, with scattered showers adequate only locally, mostly in southeast; very dry in most other sections. Growth of cotton retarded by drouth and progress mostly poor to only fair; condition fairly good, except poor in parts of north. Early corn suffering in much of northwest and west-central and late wilting; condition fair elsewhere. Rice needs rain for flooding, while cane made only fair growth.

Texas.—Houston: Temperatures about normal in south, slightly cool in extreme west, but warm elsewhere. Local showers in extreme east, extreme west and in Panhandle. Early cotton progress fair to good in most sections, but rain needed for late-planted in all districts; fields generally well cultivated; season 1 to 2 weeks late. Corn at critical stage and general rain would be beneficial. Truck crops are deteriorating in many localities due to dryness. Ranges mostly dry, though greatly benefited by rain in extreme west; cattle continue good.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Hot, with maxima averaging 100 to 106 degrees, except first 2 days. Only widely scattered showers, and general rain badly needed. Sunshine excessive. Rapid progress in threshing, which is nearing completion in many localities. Oat harvest practically completed. Cotton standing drouth well; condition fair to good; some blooming in east. Condition of corn poor to only fair; some firing badly. Broome corn suffering account dryness. Pastures drying and stock water scarce in some sections.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress of cotton very good in nearly all portions due to light to heavy showers last of week, following warm, dry weather of past weeks; crop putting on squares and bloom in many localities. Progress of corn fair to very good on most lowlands; very poor to only fair elsewhere, but greatly benefited by showers last of week. Too warm and dry for all minor crops.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Scattered moderate to heavy showers at end of week relieved situation in spots, while dryness prevails over greater portion. Planting and cultivation stopped over large areas and all vegetation suffered. Condition of early corn poor in west, but fair in east; late poor generally. Wheat threshing good progress; condition fair. Excellent progress in cultivation of cotton and crop generally clean; rain needed, especially on uplands. Tobacco deteriorated; condition of late-planted poor.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Temperatures high; good local showers over about half of State afforded temporary relief; crops otherwise suffering and needing rain. Corn planting ceased, but unfinished in many places. Tobacco setting suspended; stands of late set seriously affected. Condition of corn averages fair generally and very good where well cultivated; progress poor to only fair. Cultivation of corn and tobacco difficult in hardened soil. Wheat harvest nearly over; threshing proceeding; quality of grain affected by premature drying of straw.

THE DRY GOODSTRADE

New York, Friday Night, June 30 1933.

Following a slight lull in retail trade during the closing days of the preceding period, a new pick-up in business is reported, and in many instances total sales are believed to have reached figures which, for this period, have not been equaled in several years. Value of sales for the entire month promises fully to reach or slightly exceed last year's corresponding period. In an increasing number of instances retailers have found it possible to put through moderate advances in prices. Particularly encouraging reports were received from retail centers in the agricultural districts where sales of dry goods by certain chain store organizations are believed to exceed last year's sales by as much as 10% to 20%. A great deal of discussion has centered around the terms of the proposed retail code submitted by the National Retail Dry Goods Association. While here and there critical remarks were heard, the reaction in the trade in general has been favorable. Frequent reference was made to that part of the code dealing with underselling claims which are branded as unfair competition and enactment of which would undoubtedly necessitate radical changes in the advertising methods of certain leading retailers whose sweeping claims in this direction have long been made the butt of attacks by other leaders of the trade.

The new industrial control legislation continues to be the chief factor in the primary markets. While demand for seasonal merchandise tapered off somewhat, business as a whole has been brisk and in many instances manufacturers

were reported to have difficulty keeping up with demands for quick deliveries. A typical instance of the heightened interest in merchandise on the part of the retailers is the almost 20% increase in the number of buyers registered in the New York market. Particularly the sensational rise in grain and cotton prices has aroused enthusiasm as to the heightening of the purchasing ability of millions of the rural population, although wholesalers are reported to show some hesitancy to concede the sharply increased price demands, particularly in cotton textiles, claiming that prices of consumers' goods cannot be advanced in the same ratio without seriously discouraging consumer demand. A better spirit prevailed in the silk piece goods market and activity in finished silks for fall was quite brisk. Further advances in the prices of broad silks and velvets are believed to be coming. An increase of 25% in the number of employees in the silk throwing trade, a reduction in the maximum working hours from 50 to 40, with an advance in wages for all employees working on an hourly basis, are among the features of the code prepared by the Throwsters Research Institute, and many manufacturers have been inserting clauses in sales confirmations intended to protect them against rises in costs. Rayon yarn production continues at peak capacity, and in line with expectations additional price advances of 5c. per pound were put into effect by some producers. Most of the makers are booked up for the entire summer and scarcity of yarns has become so pronounced that some consuming mills are reported to have offered substantial premiums for spot delivery. It is also said that attempts have been made to bring in some foreign supplies to meet immediate requirements even though landed prices, in view of the prevailing duties, would exceed domestic prices quite considerably.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Moderate activity at steady prices featured the cotton goods market during the earlier part of the period under review. Important covering of future requirements appeared to be held up pending definite data as to processing taxes and acceptance of the cotton industry's code. When, on Monday, however, the sensational 85-point spurt in raw cotton made its appearance, a flood of buying poured into the market and prices of gray cloth soared to the highest levels of nearly three years. The volume of business was estimated at from 15 to 20 million yards. Following this spurt and in line with slightly easier raw cotton prices, the demand quieted down considerably, but prices held firmly at their higher levels, and at the close of the period another rush of buying developed, due to increasing uncertainty over the new working hour regulations facing the industry. As was to be expected, recent sharp advances in cotton goods have caused offerings from abroad, and some initial sales of Japanese print cloths at prices sharply below domestic levels are reported to have been closed. Sellers of finished goods withheld firm quotations in view of the sensational happenings in the primary fields. Later on advances of 1/2c. on cretonnes, 3/8c. on carded broadcloths, and 10% on fancy shirtings were announced. Fine yarn cotton cloths were fairly active and mills found little difficulty in inducing buyers to accept labor and delivery extension clauses. Curtain goods moved in good volume, both in plain weaves and fancy constructions. Closing quotations in print cloths were as follows: 39-inch 80s, 8 1/4 to 8 1/2c., 38 1/2 inch 64-60s, 6 1/2 to 6 1/4c., 38 1/2 inch 60-48s, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c., 39 inch 68-72s, 7 1/4 to 7 3/8c., 39 inch 72-76s, 8c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—The woolen piece goods market continued in a sold-up condition with trading slowing down owing to the reluctance of mills to quote prices on fabrics for August and September delivery. Men's suitings and overcoatings have been ordered in large volume and most plants are operating at capacity. White flannels and tropical worsteds for immediate delivery are extremely scarce and where available, premiums are demanded and being paid. Reports from the retail trade are to the effect that men's and boy's wear business during the past month has been better than in the corresponding period of the last two years. Men's Fall wear continues to be ordered in good quantities and it seems that many stores are anxious to promote somewhat higher price levels than prevailed earlier in the year. Women's wear manufacturers continue to be short of materials inasmuch as mills are still following their earlier policy of cutting down on orders placed with them. Cloaking sales are mounting and indications are that dress goods sales will establish new high records within the near future in view of the fact that the trend in fashions is steadily favoring the increased use of wool fabrics.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—The demand for linen suits and suitings continued unabated and supplies are quite scarce. Large orders for future deliveries have been placed abroad. Household linens while quieter, profited to some extent by the popularity of the suit and dress materials. Trading in burlap was entirely dominated by the sensational gyrations in the sterling rate. A great deal of confusion was caused and none but nominal quotations were available. Following Wednesday's drastic advance in prices an increase in buyer's interest was observed, but few actual sales materialized. Reports from Western centers indicate that consumption may show an improvement over last year. Domestically light weights are quoted at 5.00c., heavies at 6.35c.

Connecticut.—*Changes in List of Legal Investments.*—The following bulletin was issued by the State Bank Commissioner on June 19, amending the list of investments considered legal for savings banks on May 1 1933:

In accordance with Chapter 290 of the Public Acts of 1933, all bonds of the Dominion of Canada or any of its Provinces are required to be "payable in United States dollars within this country."

Also, all bonds and interest-bearing obligations of the following States are added to the list of legal investments: Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah.

In accordance with the same chapter, the following securities are removed from such list: Republic of France, all issues; Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, all issues.

The following cities are also removed from the list as of this date: Los Angeles, Calif.; Oswego, N. Y.

Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Tex.—*Formation of Bondholders' Committees Announced on City and County Bonds.*—Announcement was made on June 23 of the formation of two Bondholders' Committees, one to represent the interest of holders of all bonds, excepting water revenue, of above named city, and the other, the interests of holders of all bonds of the county, and Special Navigation and Road Districts within the county. This action follows default on Feb. 1 1933 in the payment of principal and interest on certain bonds of the city and county, and the assertion by officials that a continuation of payment on their bonded debt could not continue under present conditions due to the large percentage of delinquent taxes for 1932 and the current year. The purpose of these committees will be to endeavor to work out a plan of readjustment satisfactory to bondholders and the issuing committees.

Natt T. Wagner is Chairman of both Committees, the members of which are composed of insurance company executives representing substantial ownership of these bonds. The members of the Corpus Christi Committee are De E. Bradshaw, President Sovereign Camp, Woodmen of the World, Omaha, Neb.; C. F. Codere, Vice-Pres., St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co., St. Paul; and Fred W. Hubbell, Vice-Pres. and Treas., Equitable Life Insurance Co. of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa. In addition to the above group, the Nueces County Committee includes George W. Fowler, Vice-President and Treasurer, Bankers Life Company, Des Moines, Iowa. W. D. Bradford, 115 Broadway, New York, is Secretary of both Committees and the New York Trust Company, New York, depository. Holders are requested to deposit their bonds promptly. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman are counsel for both Committees.

Georgia.—*Governor Declares State Capitol Under Martial Law.*—On June 19 Governor Eugene Talmadge placed the State Capitol under martial law and forcibly removed Captain J. W. Barnett from the Georgia Highway Board, according to the Atlanta "Constitution" of June 20. The action is said to have been the Governor's reply to a civil action that had tied up funds he impounded. He has been engaged in a feud with the State Highway Board, according to report. The Governor issued the martial law proclamation soon after he returned on the 19th from New York and was informed that the Highway Board had tied up \$2,500,000 in highway funds which had been under military guard in the State Treasury for some time.

The proclamation specified that the Highway Department, its officials, employees, equipment and convict camps supervised by the Department were under martial law. It also decreed martial law for the Capitol and adjacent buildings, and also employees and officials of other executive departments, the Treasurer, Comptroller-General and Secretary of State. The decree provides that all civil actions now pending in the controversy between Governor Talmadge and the Highway Board shall be transferred to a military court.

Illinois.—*New 2% Sales Tax Measure Signed.*—According to Springfield advices of June 28 Governor Henry Horner had that day signed a State 2% sales tax measure, which provides that retail merchants must pay 2% of their gross sales to the State. The new law went into effect on July 1.

Iowa.—*Supreme Court Upholds 1931 Election Law.*—An act of the 1931 Legislature requiring a 60% majority of voters for the approval of local public bond issues, including road bonds, was upheld by the Iowa Supreme Court on June 20, according to a Des Moines dispatch appearing in the "Wall Street Journal" of June 26. An attempt is said to have been made to compel Butler County to issue \$450,000 of road bonds which had been approved by more than 50% but less than 60% of the voters in an election. The lower court refused the writ and its decision was sustained by the higher court.

Missouri.—*State Supreme Court Upholds Law Remitting Penalties on Delinquent Taxes.*—In a decision handed down on June 23, the State Supreme Court, sitting en banc, approved in its entirety Senate Bill No. 80, passed by the Legislature at its recent session and signed on April 13 by Governor Guy B. Park. The measure remits all interest, penalties and costs on delinquent tax bills, provided the amount of the original tax is paid by June 30. An Associated Press dispatch from Jefferson City to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of June 24, reported on the decision as follows:

Senate Bill No. 80, which remits all interest, penalties and costs on delinquent tax bills, provided the amount of the original tax paid by June 30, was upheld in its entirety to-day by the Supreme Court en banc.

The decision was in a suit brought by Attorney General Roy McKittrick against Frank W. Blair, Collector of Revenue of Jasper County, to compel Blair to accept payments in accordance with provisions of the bill, known as the Shotwell-Haymes-Crouse bill.

The Court made pre-emptory an alternative writ of mandamus it previously had issued against Blair. The decision of the court was unanimous. Judge Charles T. Hays wrote the opinion.

Some phases of the act previously had been upheld by the Court in a suit brought against Edmond Koell, St. Louis Collector of Revenue.

In addition to providing for remission of all interest, penalties and costs, provided the amount of the original tax is paid by June 30, the act provides for remission of 75% of interest, penalties and costs if the delinquent tax is paid by August 31, 50% if paid by October 31, 25% if paid by December 31.

New Jersey.—*Legislature Ends Lengthy Session.*—To Reconvene on Aug. 29.—The regular annual session of the State Legislature recessed at dawn on June 22 until Aug. 29, when it will meet again to consider making permanent the State beer regulations, which were extended in the closing hours of the session until Sept. 1, and to act upon emergency legislation which may be necessary at that time. The session is stated to have been the longest continuous sitting in the history of the State. It convened on Jan. 10, and because of political maneuvering by both parties, some of the most important measures were delayed until the closing hours. A dispatch from Trenton to the Newark "News" of June 22 reported as follows on the results of the session:

The Legislature adjourned at 5:20 a. m. to-day after a hectic 17-hour final session in which it legalized Sunday beer and use of bars. The session will reconvene Aug. 29.

Eighty measures were passed in the closing hours, most of which will become law. Two hundred and forty-six other laws were passed in the 22 weeks the Legislature has been in session, one of the longest regular sessions in memory.

The political manipulations which characterized the entire session were not so successful yesterday and early to-day.

An effort to compromise a \$17,000,000 tax claim for \$5,000,000 was defeated and the bold attempt to rip out the existing personnel of the State Highway Department also was lost.

Other major projects defeated are the jury reform bill and the constitutional amendments to reorganize the courts.

The Legislature failed to enact a permanent beer law but extended the temporary code to Aug. 31 and included the provision for bars and Sunday sales.

The salary reduction schedules for State employees were continued another year without change.

A major reorganization of the financial setup was effected by passage of the Princeton survey legislation for a single fiscal officer.

Relief Funds Not Raised.

No effort was made to raise an estimated \$20,000,000 needed for emergency relief. The teachers' pension fund failed to get \$4,140,000 borrowed from it last year, and a like amount due July 1. Provision was made whereby the fund may eventually receive the money.

An effort was made near the windup to hold a joint session for election of superintendents of election in Essex and Hudson counties, whose terms expire July 1. Nothing came of the move and neither superintendents nor a State Controller was chosen, all carrying over until their successors qualify.

An attempt at legalizing horse racing with pari-mutuel betting by constitutional amendment died. Senate President Richards was able to muster only five votes for the Altman concurrent resolution to remove gambling restrictions from the constitution, the only way in which betting at horse racing can be legalized in New Jersey. An indirect method of accomplishing the same result had passed previously by "legalizing" horse racing and authorizing only special police appointed by the racing corporations to enforce the restriction against gambling, subject to county referenda.

The controversial change in the billboard tax law did not come to a vote. The Senate failed to act on a House measure directing the Public Utilities Commission to immediately reduce utility rates.

Other Bills Passed.

Other legislation passed in both Houses included: Appropriation of \$10,000 to Law Revision Commission. Creation of nine-man commission to investigate workmen's compensation laws.

To require fingerprinting of persons obtaining revolver permits and recording serial number of weapons.

Establishment of 30 years' maximum sentence for attempted kidnaping or threats to do so.

Permitting former Justices Black and Minturn of Supreme Court, who are receiving pensions, to be paid master's fees.

Definition and regulation of shipodry.

Establishing new procedure for appealing railroad taxes.

The output of laws will be considerably above last year, when 275 were placed upon the statute books. If most of the present measures are signed there will be about 325 with prospect of many more when the Legislature reconvenes. More than 1,000 bills were introduced during the session, and those not acted upon can be considered in August.

New York City.—*Suit to Be Instituted Against State to Recoup \$4,533,438 of 1933 School Fund.*—Corporation Counsel Hilly was directed by the Board of Estimate on June 27 to begin a suit in the State Court of Claims to regain a deficiency in the 1933 city school fund. This action was prompted by a report from Comptroller Berry that the State's allocation of funds for the aid of the city's schools for 1933 is \$4,533,438.70 short of what had been expected. Mr. Berry is said to have first brought the deficiency to the attention of the Board of Estimate in a report on April 7. At that time he recommended that the Board of Education reduce its expenditures correspondingly, as there was little likelihood of making up the deficit from accruals or borrowings. Dr. George J. Ryan, President of the Board of Education, is reported to have rejected the suggestion, arguing that the education budget already had been reduced about \$20,800,000. Dr. Ryan is said to have held that it would be impossible to cut any further without doing lasting damage to the schools.

New York State.—*Bond Sale Establishes New High Credit Rating.*—An issue of \$26,595,000 serial bonds was sold on June 28 on the best terms obtained in almost 30 years, when a syndicate headed by the Chase National Bank bid in the bonds at a net interest cost to the State of 2.936%, for 2¾ and 3% bonds. The last time the State sold its securities at a comparable price was back in April 1905, when \$2,000,000 long-term 3% bonds were purchased on a 2.83% basis. The highest price the State has had to pay in marketing an issue was a basis of 4.89% in June 1921, when it disposed of an issue of long-term 5% bonds. (This latest sale is discussed in greater detail on a subsequent page of this section.)

An Albany dispatch of June 28 to the New York "Times" reported as follows on a statement issued by Comptroller Tremaine regarding the sale:

Comptroller Tremaine said to-day's sale "was merely additional evidence that discriminating investors are coming more to realize the significance of the constitutional safeguards which the people themselves have thrown around their sacred obligations."

But one of the more immediate reasons for the spirited demand for to-day's issue, in the Comptroller's belief, was the fact that New York State, through Mr. Tremaine's recent statement giving all the essential details as to the State's financial position, "has set the pace in anticipating the requirements of the new securities act."

"This is the first piece of financing of note," he said, "since that law was passed, and we have tried to establish a code of giving the interested investing public all the essential information beforehand in order that investors may reach an intelligent estimate of the merits of their investment before risking their money."

"Considering the prominence of the banking group, collectively and individually, that participated in to-day's sale it appears that there is no great fear of unbridled inflation and that the security bill holds no alarm for the investment banker, provided he is able to secure complete information such as that furnished by the State of New York prior to this issue covering full details of its financial condition."

According to records in the Comptroller's office, the highest rate the State has had to pay on long-term bonds in recent years was in 1924, when an issue of \$45,000,000 World War bonus bonds was marketed at a net interest cost to the State of 4.10%. The rate, with few exceptions, has been generally downward ever since.

The previous low interest record was set last Dec. 15, when Comptroller Tremaine sold an issue of \$30,400,000 on a 3.0273% basis.

Ohio.—Bill Signed Authorizing Issuance of Tax Notes.—A bill is reported to have been signed by Governor White providing authority to "taxing subdivisions to issue notes in anticipation of the collection of delinquent taxes and to declare an emergency." Such taxing authorities may request applications for certain amounts of the authorized notes. Unpaid current taxes of the county or lesser subdivision requesting notes must be more than 10%. The notes are negotiable bearing no interest and are due and payable not later than or before five years from the date of issue.

South Dakota.—New Laws Dispense with State Business Enterprises.—New laws which go into effect on July 1 will abolish the State's bonding and hail insurance departments and will speed up liquidation of the State rural credit business. According to the records, none of the various public service projects undertaken by the State have proved profitable and public sentiment has of late been against indulging in any more of such operations. A proposed constitutional amendment will be voted on at the next general election, limiting future debt-incurring power of the State to \$1,000,000. An Associated Press dispatch from Pierre on June 21 had the following to say regarding the unsuccessful enterprises:

A story of State business enterprises is being written—in red ink, so far—as South Dakota liquidates its varied public service projects. New laws, effective July 1, abolish the State's bonding and hail insurance departments and speed up liquidation of the rural credit business. Losses from all three enterprises are predicted by experts familiar with the affairs.

Reaction against the State's business ventures, most of them started with high hopes in 1919, was indicated when the 1933 Legislature submitted a constitutional amendment limiting the State government's future debt to \$1,000,000. Only one Senator voted no.

Briefly, the record of South Dakota's main business enterprises is written in official records and statements as follows:

Rural credit.—More than \$40,000,000 worth of bonds outstanding after eight years of liquidation, with taxpayers contributing some \$3,500,000 annually for interest and principal. About 12,500,000 acres of land have been acquired by the State through mortgage foreclosures and estimates of the final total loss in the project range as high as \$38,000,000.

Bonding Department.—Assets estimated at \$29,000 and liabilities at least \$52,000. Liquidation may take several years.

Hail Insurance.—In debt \$395,000 to State sinking funds, with assets exceeding \$500,000 in uncollected premiums.

Coal Mine.—Cost State \$185,000. Its sale was authorized by the Legislature and the last offer was \$20,000.

Cement Plant.—Is building up a sinking fund to retire \$2,000,000 worth of bonds issued for its construction. It is pointed out as an example of successful State business, although its opponents contend it would collapse if deprived of State support through purchase of cement for paving.

License plate and binder twine plants at the State Penitentiary are generally claimed to be successful. Supporters of the State business enterprises say the losses, which they minimize, are offset by benefits to citizens in reduced charges for goods and services.

Utah.—Special Session on Revenue Measures to Be Held on July 10.—Governor George H. Blood has called a special session of the Legislature to meet July 10 in order to provide revenue for support of the State, for school purposes and to consider any other matters, according to Salt Lake City dispatches of June 25. The Legislature is expected to clarify certain sections of Utah's new sales tax levy law. It is said that there is a demand to have portions of the law rewritten. The sales tax law, as at present collected, imposes a tax of 3/4 of 1% to be collected from purchasers. It is reported that during the first quarter of 1933 Utah expended for relief of destitution over \$700,000, exhausting the State's funds appropriated for this purpose.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

ANDERSON COUNTY (P. O. Palestine), Texas.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed by E. H. Shelton, County Judge, that the \$30,000 refunding bonds offered without success on May 8—V. 136, p. 3755—have not as yet been sold and the Commissioners' Court has decided to wait until such time as the bond market warrants a second offering. Interest rate not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Due \$3,000 annually for 10 years.

ARKANSAS, State of (P. O. Little Rock).—BOND REFUNDING ACT TO BE TESTED.—The following dispatch from Little Rock to the New York "Journal of Commerce" of June 24, reports on a proposed court test of the Ellis Road Bond Refunding Act of 1933, as applied to obligations of road districts:

"To provide a test of the Ellis Act for refunding \$146,000,000 of highway bonds and other obligations through issuance of State 3% 25 year bonds, O. E. Tapley will appeal from the decision to day by Chancellor Frank Dodge to deny his petition for an order to restrain the State Refunding Board from including road district bonds. When the State began its highway program six years ago it assumed payment of \$65,000,000 road district bonds, which were included in the Ellis Act for refunding."

ARKANSAS, State of (P. O. Little Rock).—GRANT BY FEDERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF ADMINISTRATOR.—The following announcement was issued on June 28 by the Relief Administration, regarding a grant made to this State on that day:

"Additional grant of \$270,144 was made to-day to Arkansas by Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Emergency Relief Administrator, under authority granted him by subsection (b) of Section 4 of the Federal Emergency Relief Act of 1933.

"Mr. Hopkins announced that this grant is based upon the reported public relief expenditures from all sources in Arkansas during the first three months of the present year. Previously, the Administrator has granted \$490,105 to Arkansas.

"To date, the allotments to all States, for which the Governors have submitted up-to-date data covering relief expenditures, aggregate \$50,422,685."

AGREEMENT BY RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION.—On June 26 the Corporation agreed to purchase \$60,000 in 5 1/2% bonds, general obligations of the Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia, to enable the college to build a fireproof dormitory.

ARKANSAS, State of (P. O. Little Rock).—RECEIVER APPOINTED IN BRIDGE BOND SUIT.—According to Little Rock advices to the "Wall

Street Journal" of June 23, W. E. Lenon, Chairman of the Board of the Peoples Bank of Little Rock, has been appointed receiver for the State-owned White River bridge at Devall's Bluff, against which \$464,000 bonds are outstanding. It is said that two bondholders in petitioning for receivership alleged that the State violated its pledge in refusing to use toll revenues to meet debt services—V. 136, p. 4124. Two payments have been defaulted since the Ellis refunding bill was introduced into the Legislature, according to report.

ARNOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—F. W. Mains, District Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (daylight saving time) on July 17 for the purchase of \$55,000 4 1/2, 5, and 5 1/4% coupon school bonds. Dated July 15 1933. Denoms. \$500 and \$100. Due on July 15 as follows: \$6,000 in 1936 and \$7,000 from 1937 to 1943 incl. Bids are callable in whole or in part for payment on or after July 15 1938. Interest is payable on Jan. and July 15. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the District, must accompany each proposal. Sale of the bonds is being made subject to approval of the issue by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs.

AUBURN AND ELLSWORTH, Me.—RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION GRANTS ADDITIONAL EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE FUNDS.—The following announcement of an additional loan grant to these two cities for rehabilitation (V. 136, p. 4124) was issued by the R. F. C. on June 22:

"The Board of Directors of the Corporation to-day authorized commitments of \$400,000 to the Auburn Rehabilitation Corporation and \$250,000 to the Ellsworth Rehabilitation Corporation to be used for fire reconstruction work.

"Previous commitments of \$600,000 to the Auburn Corporation and \$400,000 to the Ellsworth Corporation have been made."

BALLSTON SPA, Saratoga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 coupon or registered sewer refunding bonds offered on June 27—V. 136, p. 4305—were awarded as 5s. at a price of par, to the Ballston Spa National Bank. Dated July 1 1933 and due serially on July 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1935 to 1941 incl. and \$1,000 in 1942.

BEDFORD (P. O. Katonah), Westchester County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The Mount Kisco National Bank & Trust Co. has purchased an issue of \$27,000 certificates of indebtedness, maturing in June 1934.

BELOIT, Rock County, Wis.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—It is reported by the City Clerk that no further action has been taken regarding the issuance of the \$133,000 municipal light plant bonds authorized on June 5—V. 136, p. 4305.

BERRY, Fayette County, Ala.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 10, in order to submit a \$7,000 issue of school bonds to the voters, according to report.

BEVERLY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$100,000 current year revenue anticipation loan offered on June 28—V. 136, p. 4490—was awarded to Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc. of Boston, at 0.85% discount basis. Dated June 28 1933 and payable on Dec. 28 1933 at the First National Bank of Boston, or at the First of Boston Corp., New York City. Bids obtained at the sale were as follows:

	Discount Basis.
Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc. (purchaser).....	0.85%
Lee, Higginson Corp.....	1.25%
Beverly National Bank.....	1.42%
Second National Bank.....	1.67%

BLAIR TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hollidaysburg, R. D. No. 1), Blair County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—J. B. Robinson, Secretary of the Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on July 8 for the purchase of \$12,500 5% coupon township bonds. Dated July 15 1933. Denom. \$500. Due July 15 as follows: \$500 from 1936 to 1946 incl. and \$1,000 from 1947 to 1953 incl.; optional in 1938. Interest is payable in January and July. A certified check for \$100, payable to the order of the township, must accompany each proposal. Bids received will be subject to approval of the legality of the issue by recognized bond attorneys; also subject to approval of the issue by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs.

BONNEVILLE COUNTY (P. O. Idaho Falls), Ida.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported by our Western correspondent that the County Auditor is offering for sale \$522,000 of bonds, of which \$100,000 are 5% funding bonds issued to take up a like amount of 1932 warrants bearing 7%, and \$422,000 5% refunding bonds to retire road, bridge and county buildings bonds.

BOSTON, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY FINANCING ASSURED.—The City is reported to have received assurances from Boston Clearing House banks that funds sufficient to meet all expenses up to October 1933 will be made available. At that time the 1933 taxes will be due and payable. In addition to having obtained a loan of \$3,800,000 from New York banks last week—V. 136, p. 4490, the City also borrowed \$3,500,000 from local concerns. Each of the loans was obtained at 4 1/2% interest. Approve Advance Tax Payments.—The City Council on June 26 voted to take advantage of a legislative enactment authorizing the acceptance of tax payments in advance of the legal due dates and to pay interest on such pre-payments at a rate to be determined by the Mayor and City Treasurer. The law, it is said, specifies that a rate of 6% be allowed.

BOZEMAN, Gallatin County, Mont.—BONDS AND WARRANTS CALLED.—It is reported that various special sidewalk and curb warrants and special improvement district bonds are being called for payment. Interest to cease on July 1.

BRIDGEPORT, Fairfield County, Conn.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—Lehman Bros. and associates made public offering on June 26 of \$841,000 5% series A refunding bonds, dated July 1 1933 and due serially from 1935 to 1948 incl., at prices to yield 3.50% for the bonds due in 1935; 1936, 4%; 1937 and 1938, 4.25%; 1939 and 1940, 4.50%; 1941 and 1942, 4.60%; and 4.75% for the maturities from 1943 to 1948 incl. The bonds, according to the bankers, are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the States of New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut, and general obligations of the city, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes on all the taxable property therein. Award of the issue was made on June 23 at a price of 100.58, a basis of about 4.92%—V. 136, p. 4490.

BUFFALO, Erie County, N. Y.—DEBT FIGURES.—The Buffalo Municipal Research Bureau, Inc., recently issued the following statement with regard to the bonded debt of the city:

Total statutory debt limit July 1 1933.....	\$103,472,901
Gross bonded debt June 1 1933.....	103,363,818
Less exemptions and deductions.....	22,737,866
Net bonded debt.....	80,625,952
Debt margin July 1 1933.....	22,846,949

BURNS, Harney County, Ore.—PROPOSED BOND ELECTION.—An election is said to have been recommended for July 21 in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$100,000 in sewage disposal system bonds.

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento).—RELIEF BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on June 27—V. 135, p. 4306—the voters approved the proposal to issue \$20,000,000 in State unemployment bonds by a large margin. It is stated that the bonds will be sold to the R. F. C. as soon as necessary.

BONDS DEFEATED.—At the same time the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$55,000,000 of State bonds to refinance irrigation and reclamation districts under the District Finance Act of 1933—V. 136, p. 4490.

CAMBRIA COUNTY (P. O. Ebensburg), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$300,000 coupon bonds offered on May 29—V. 136, p. 3386—has been purchased as 5 1/2s, at a price of par, by Graham, Parsons & Co., of Philadelphia, according to report. Dated June 1 1933 and \$20,000 on June 1 from 1938 to 1952 incl.

CANASTOTA, Madison County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—H. Wesley Bauder, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on July 3 for the purchase of \$7,500 coupon or registered municipal hospital bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 annually on July 1 from 1934 to 1948 incl. Interest is payable in January and July. Rate of interest to be named by the bidder. A certified check for \$100, payable to the order of the village, must accompany each proposal.

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Woodbridge), Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—B. J. Dumnigan, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3:30 p. m. (daylight saving time) on July 10 for the purchase of \$1,318,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:
 \$449,000 assessment refunding bonds. Due as follows: \$74,000 in 1938, and \$75,000 from 1939 to 1943, incl.
 420,000 assessment refunding bonds. Due as follows: \$30,000 in 1934; \$40,000, 1935; \$42,000, 1936; and \$44,000 from 1937 to 1943, incl.
 374,000 sewer, sidewalk, curb, grade, gutter and park assessment bonds. Due as follows: \$37,000 from 1935 to 1943, incl., and \$41,000 in 1944.
 43,000 general impt. bonds. Due as follows: \$2,000 from 1935 to 1948, incl., and \$3,000 from 1949 to 1953, incl.
 32,000 funding bonds. Due \$2,000 annually from 1936 to 1951, incl.
 Each issue is dated Aug. 1 1933. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest will be payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. Bidder to name an interest rate of either 4%, 5, 5 1/4, 5 1/2, 5 3/4 or 6%. A certified check for 2%, payable to the order of the Township, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond of New York, will be furnished the successful bidders.

WOODBURY COUNTY (P. O. Sioux City), Iowa.—OTHER BIDS.
 —The following bids were also received for the purchase of the \$73,000 coupon or registered funding bonds that were awarded on June 19 to the Iowa-Des Moines Co. of Des Moines, as 5s, at a price of 100.432, a basis of about 4.90%—V. 136, p. 4499:

Bidder—	Premium.
Carleton D. Beh Co.....	\$220
Glaspell, Vieth & Duncan.....	314

YAKIMA COUNTY (P. O. Yakima), Wash.—BONDS CALLED.—C. D. Stephens, County Treasurer, is said to be calling for payment at his office on and after July 1, various drainage, irrigation district and road bonds. Interest shall cease on July 1.

ZANESVILLE, Muskingum County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The City Council has adopted an ordinance providing for the sale of \$16,000 4% bonds, the proceeds of which will be used to finance the purchase of real estate for storage purposes. Dated July 1 1933. Denom. \$640. Due \$640 annually on July 1 from 1935 to 1959 incl. Prin. and interest (Jan. and July) will be payable at the City Treasurer's office. The resolution provides that the faith, credit and revenue of the city are pledged for the prompt payment of both principal and interest.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities

CANADA (Dominion of).—\$60,000,000 NOTE ISSUE SOLD.—A comprehensive syndicate headed by the Chase National Bank of New York concluded arrangements on June 28 for the purchase of a \$60,000,000 4% note issue, dated July 1 1933; due Oct. 1 1934, and redeemable as an entirety at the option of the Government on July 1 1934, or on the first business day of each month thereafter until maturity, at par and accrued int. on 30 days' published notice. Notes are in coupon form, with denoms. of \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) are payable in lawful money of the United States in New York City, free from deduction in respect of all Dominion Government taxes present and future, but this shall not exempt from such taxes payments in respect of these notes when beneficially owned by persons residing or ordinarily resident in Canada. The bankers made public re-offering of the issue on June 29 at a price of 99 3/4 and int. Official advertisement of the offering appears on page vi of this issue.

PURPOSE OF LOAN.—The above loan was negotiated by the Dominion for the purpose of providing for the payment of a \$60,000,000 note issue floated in this market in September 1932 by the Chase Harris Forbes Corp. of New York and associates. That issue was sold bearing int. at 4% and to mature on Oct. 1 1933. The Government, however, reserved the right to redeem the issue in its entirety, on July 1 1933 and thereafter, at par and int., on 30 days' notice. The bankers underwriting the current flotation have announced that the Government has decided to exercise its right of prior redemption of the loan now outstanding and has called the entire \$60,000,000 issue for payment on Aug. 1 1933. Such notes, it is said, will be taken in payment for notes of the current issue on a 1% bank discount basis. A large number of holders of the notes being called have indicated that they will subscribe to the new loan on that basis.

Members of the group handling the current \$60,000,000 note issue are as follows: The Chase National Bank; Bancamerica-Blair Corp.; The First of Boston Corp.; The City Co. of New York, Inc.; Bankers Trust Co.; Cassatt & Co.; First National Bank of Chicago; The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh; The Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo; Stone & Webster and Budget, Inc.; Edward B. Smith & Co.; Lee, Higginson Corp.; First Wisconsin Co.; BancNorthwest Co.; First Securities Corp. of Minnesota; Bankamerica Co.; San Francisco; Trust Co. of Georgia; Atlanta; Anglo-California Co.; San Francisco; Bank of Montreal; The Royal Bank of Canada; The Canadian Bank of Commerce; The Bank of Nova Scotia; Wood, Gundy & Co., Inc.; Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., and A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd.

NOTES COMPLETELY SOLD.—The underwriting syndicate announced that subscriptions were received several times in excess of the amount of the issue and that the books were closed early on June 29, the day of the original offering.

FOREST HILL, Ont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$97,107 5% improvement bonds, due in from 10 to 20 years, was recently awarded to Dymont, Anderson & Co., of Toronto, at a price of 97.845. Bids were requested for both 5 and 5 1/2% bonds. D. H. Burgess & Co., of Toronto, bid a price of 98.53 for \$62,515 as 5 1/2s, and 95.37 for \$23,855 as 5s. The following other bids were submitted for the issue at 5% interest:

Bidder—	Rate Bid
Cochrane, Murray & Co.....	97.27
Griffis, Fairclough & Norsworthy.....	97.13
Wood, Gundy & Co. and Dom. Secs.....	96.317
J. L. Graham & Co. and Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	94.77
Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.....	97.09*

* Asked for option on 5s and on 5.42% basis.

BURLINGTON, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—J. J. Hobson, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 5 p.m. on July 4 for the purchase of \$70,500 5 1/2% improvement bonds, of which \$60,000 will mature in five years and \$10,500 in 20 years. Each issue is dated March 1 1933.

LANARK COUNTY, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The County recently sold an issue of \$20,000 5% 10 year improvement bonds to Mr. Tom Farmer, of Perth. Price paid has not been made public. In connection with the sale, it is noted that the county collected all of its 1932 tax levy of \$225,000, and that at the close of the year the total debenture debt was \$876,780. Loans sold since then have amounted to \$26,000. Payment of \$61,086 bonds maturing in the present year will be made from the 1933 tax levy.

MONCTON, N. B.—BOND SALE.—The Midland Securities Corp. and Cochrane, Murray & Co., jointly, recently obtained the award of \$204,600 5% 20 year construction bonds at a price of 98.41, a basis of about 5.12%. Unsuccessful offers for the issue were as follows:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
A. E. Ames & Co. and Bank of Montreal.....	98.375
McLeod, Young Weir & Co., and Bell, Gouinlock & Co.....	98.05
Harrison & Co. and McTaggart, Hannaford, Birks & Gordon.....	97.50
Bank of Nova Scotia and R. A. Daly & Co.....	97.293
Wood, Gundy & Co. and Eastern Securities.....	97.17
Dominion Securities Corp.....	96.07
J. L. Graham & Co. and C. H. Burges & Co.....	95.41

MOOSE JAW, Sask.—PAYS BONDS IN CANADIAN FUNDS.—The City Council voted on June 26 to make payment of \$390,000 bonds maturing on July 1 1933 in Canadian funds. A resolution was passed "authorizing the City Treasurer to pay all debenture and interest payments due or accruing in Canadian funds only."

NEWFOUNDLAND (Government of).—OBTAINS LOAN TO MEET DEBT CHARGES.—Premier Frederick C. Alderdice announced on June 26 that the British Government had arranged to extend a credit with which to meet any portion of the \$2,600,000 bond interest charges due on June 30 and July 1. The exact amount of the loan was not given, according to the Montreal "Gazette" of June 26. Payment of \$1,971,473 debt charges on Dec. 30 1932 and Jan. 1 1933 was made possible through a loan of \$1,250,000 jointly by the Governments of Great Britain and Canada. At that time a Commission was appointed to study conditions in Newfoundland and report on any changes deemed necessary. The work of the Commission has not been completed as yet.

TORONTO, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—George Wilson, Commissioner of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern daylight saving time) on July 5 for the purchase of \$4,886,000 4 1/2% coupon (registerable as to principal) bonds, including various issues of the City aggregating \$3,886,000 and \$1,000,000 Toronto Harbor Commissioners bonds, guaranteed as to payment by the City. The bonds are described as follows:

\$1,084,000 local impt. bonds. Dated April 1 1933. Due in 10 years.	1,000,000 duplicate water works bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1933. Due in 30 years.
1,000,000 Toronto Harbor Commissioners bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1933 and due on Sept. 1 1953.	820,000 sewage disposal water works bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1933. Due in 20 years.
410,000 water works bldg. bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1933. Due in 20 years.	186,000 Police and Fire Dept. shop bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1933. Due in 20 years.
146,000 Main St. bridge bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1933. Due in 20 years.	118,000 water mains bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1933. Due in 20 years.
48,000 water mains bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1933. Due in 30 years.	41,000 hospital grant bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1933. Due in 20 years.
19,000 local impt. bonds. Dated April 1 1933. Due in 10 years.	14,000 pavement bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1933. Due in 10 years.

The \$3,886,000 bonds of the City will be in denoms. of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, while the Harbor Commissioners issue will be available in units of \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. on all of the bonds will be payable in Toronto. It is stated that tenders will not be received for any part of either issue, but must be for the entire amount of and name one price for each issue; meaning the \$3,886,000 City issues and the single guaranteed issue of \$1,000,000. Bids may be submitted, however, for either or both loans. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Commissioner of Finance, must accompany each proposal. The favorable opinion of the legal firm of Clarke, Swabey & McLean of Toronto, as to the validity of all of the issues will be engraved on the bonds. The July 1 issue of the "Financial Post" of Toronto referred to the guarantee feature of the \$1,000,000 Harbor Commissioners bonds and the policy of the City never to refund any of its obligations as follows:

"The city's guarantee of the Province of Ontario. It is not stated definitely under special statutes of the Province in expenses. But the city's estimates included provision for issuance of \$1,500,000 of harbor bonds.

The Harbor Commission's debt is \$27,000,000 gross, less \$4,513,000 in sinking fund, leaving net \$22,488,000. Of the \$27,000,000 original debt, \$25,000,000 was issued under a mortgage trust deed on specific properties under the Commission's control. The other \$2,000,000 was not so issued, and the present proposed issue is not in the form of a mortgage. In addition to the Harbor Commission's expenditures on the port facilities, the Dominion has spent \$8,000,000 on the harbor and shore protection.

"Under its guarantee, the city had met \$5,390,274 of Harbor Commission debt charges to Dec. 31 1932. The city states it 'will continue this policy so long as the harbor revenues are insufficient to fully meet such obligations.' The Harbor Commission has paid \$5,420,513 in taxes and local tions." The Harbor Commission is now estimated in excess of \$33,000,000. This includes leased lands. The city emphasizes in its invitation for bids that it never renews or refunds any of its obligations, but pays them all at maturity. Since Jan. 1 1919, it states that \$118,590,000 of debt has been retired in this way, of which \$27,330,000 was before maturity. In addition, bonds of \$3,130,000 will mature this year and provision has been made in the estimates for payment of them. Of course the city has continued to increase its debt over the period 1919 to 1933."

WENTWORTH COUNTY, Ont.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The County Council has adopted a by-law providing for the issuance of \$166,520 highway improvement bonds.

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