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The Financial Situation

A REAL menace that confronts the country at the present time is the ready way with which our legislators vote Government money for huge expenditures of one kind or another, with the result of enormously swelling the public indebtedness, and propose measures for adding still further to the burdens of the already heavily overlaid body of taxpayers. This is a real menace, and it cannot be too strongly discountenanced. Business recovery is now undoubtedly proceeding in a slow kind of way. Whether one is inclined to attribute this to the policies so earnestly being pushed by the Washington Administration for social and economic regeneration in the name of the New Deal or to natural causes, the endeavor must be in either case to see that no setback occurs. Yet a setback cannot be more surely invited than by adding to the burdens already straining the economic structure almost to the breaking point. Unfortunately, by reason of the constantly recurring experience of recent years we have come to think and act in billions, where previously we scrutinized with the utmost care outlays involving merely millions. The voting of billions is becoming an everyday affair, and no longer arrests attention or creates any anxiety. But these new burdens are burdens nevertheless, and they are really assuming staggering dimensions, with only an occasional protest and no consideration of the ill consequences that are sure to follow unless a speedy halt is called. And when we say this we have in mind not merely the growth in direct public indebtedness and in public expenditure, but the adding to the outlays in the conduct of the everyday activities of the country. Our legislators are becoming altogether too prone to think that there is no limit to the costs that may be imposed on the carrying on of business so long as in their estimation they are deemed desirable—not from a business standpoint, but because they involve certain ideals from a social or humanitarian standpoint.

The daily papers on Monday of this week contained an instance of this latter kind. Dispatches from Washington, dated the night before, apprised us that "another social experiment had been proposed in detailed form that night in the shape of "job insurance"; that is, unemployment insurance, the Federal Government taking the initiative in the matter in order to force its general adoption by the States. Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, it was stated, sponsor of much of the Administration's social and economic legislation, and Representative David J. Lewis, Democrat of Maryland, were scheduled to introduce the measure in the two

houses of Congress. President Roosevelt, we were told, had voiced his interest in the bill in sympathy for its general purposes, without committing himself publicly and specifically as yet. This scheme of legislation, it was declared, was intended as a "means of stabilizing industry, mitigating the full force of depressions and meeting relief needs." In a joint statement it was averred by Senator Wagner and Mr. Lewis that unemployment insurance was "imperative as a matter of social justice." The bill imposes a Federal tax on employers, based on their payrolls. Those employers who contribute under a federally approved State law to an unemployment insurance or reserve system will be able to offset the tax to the extent of their contributions.

But what is to be the cost of this new scheme? The answer is that a tentative tax rate of 2% is suggested. This, it is figured, on the basis of 1929 payrolls, would yield about \$1,000,000,000 annually if there were no offsets. **Just a cool billion dollars!**

But who is to provide the money for this extra billion dollars? Here we have an illustration of the light and easy way in which billions are treated. The question where this billion dollars a year is to come from is certainly most pertinent. If the money is to come out of income, what would be left of this income (treating the business of the country as a whole) after providing for this billion dollars annually? Would it indeed be economically possible to carry an extra burden of a billion dollars in addition to all the other burdens which now weigh so heavily on the industrial activity of the country? Are there to be any exceptions to this new tax? Yes; agriculture is exempted from the insurance program along with employers of less than five persons. There are numerous voters among these two classes, and obviously it is desirable, from a political standpoint, that they be propitiated. But it should not escape observation that if a total of a billion dollars is to be extracted it would not be out of the income of the whole population, but the income alone of what is left after that of the two classes referred to has been deducted. That, of course, would make the extra burden heavier to bear, since the tax would be levied on only the income remaining after deducting that of the two classes referred to.

The purpose behind this machinery, it is explained, is to give a "realistic" impetus to State action. With a State unemployment system enacted, employers would escape the Federal tax, and the burden of the State tax would not penalize them in inter-State competition, since employers in States failing to take action would be liable to the Federal levy. Only

Wisconsin has State unemployment insurance now. It is furthermore explained that under the Wagner bill the States may experiment in creating their own systems so long as they meet certain requirements. But what are these requirements? They include weekly benefits of at least \$7.00, and a ban on insuring through private insurance companies. Another requirement, it was pointed out, promotes the general labor movement by insisting on "specific safeguards for labor standards and union membership." In this last provision we see the object of the whole movement clearly disclosed for which a billion dollars annually is to be extracted from the income of a portion of the population. It is plain enough that the whole scheme should be dropped—at least until the time when some real income is available for the purpose. In the meantime any of the States that wish to do so may "experiment" with the scheme, which is one, anyway, that belongs within the sphere and province of the State.

THE next day (Tuesday, Feb. 6) the daily papers contained a record of another billion dollar scheme, dealt with in the same spirit of unconcern. This contained the record of the action of the House of Representatives on Monday in voting a huge sum for emergency and farm relief. The daily papers, in their accounts from Washington, said that acting under suspension of the rules the House appropriated or authorized a total of \$1,185,000,000 to be expended for emergency and farm relief. It appears that by a vote of 382 to 1 the members, after only 40 minutes of debate, approved unchanged President Roosevelt's recommendation for an immediate appropriation of \$950,000,000 to continue the Civil Works Administration, at least until May 1, and to provide for direct relief of the destitute for perhaps another year. Then, under the same tight procedure, which requires a two-thirds vote, the House authorized a fund of \$200,000,000 for relief of the cattle situation—beef and dairy—by means of controlling production, and authorized \$35,000,000 for seed loans to farmers unable to finance their future plantings. Here we have one of those contradictions so often seen in Congressional action. It is well known that the Administration is moving Heaven and earth to reduce the size of the leading crops, and this is to be done by cutting down acreage and curtailing output, while now a special sum is voted to enable other farmers to maintain their production, when it would be the part of wisdom to let such acreage lie idle.

But note the overwhelming vote by which these large sums of money were appropriated—382 votes in favor and only a single vote in opposition. The man who had the courage to stand up and voice his objections was Representative George B. Terrell, Democrat of Texas, 71 years old, and serving his first term in Congress after being elected in his district, we are told, in 1932 by 37,742 majority over his Republican opponent. The Republicans, it appears, voted solidly with the Administration. Representative Terrell, the news account tells us, has piled up a record in the House for voting against legislation bearing Administration approval, including the Gold Act, insofar as he considered the proposals depart from the Constitution and the functions of the Federal Government, and objected to the CWA bill on those grounds. "The purpose is unconstitu-

tional," Mr. Terrell said. "There is no authority for expenditure of this money except on projects of the United States Government. When they spend it on State, municipal or private contracts, it is without the authority of the Constitution. The sooner the Government terminates the CWA the better it will be for the country. It is going to require civil war or revolution to stop it anyway, in my opinion. Men cut off from the payroll are going to resort to violence when it stops."

But the strongest and most convincing argument against the proposition was in Mr. Terrell's further statement. "The proposal continues a perpetual bond issue, a continued strain on the country to pay the interest on the bonds," he said. "As long as the Government persists in this kind of thing, private industry will be held back. No man is going to invest money when the Government is competing with him on every side. It is an unsound policy from a business standpoint. If it ran on for two or three years we would still have four million to five million unemployed." What Mr. Terrell here says should be heeded, for there is a world of truth in his statement that as long as the Government injects itself in such schemes, private industry will be held back. It also is true that no man is going to invest money when the Government is competing with him on every side. Mr. Terrell wound up his opposition with the following dramatic utterances: "They can retire me if they want to. The others can go through like dumb driven cattle if they want to, but I am not going to. They can't snap the whip behind me."

Representative John Taber, Republican of New York, ranking minority member of the Appropriations Committee, declared the appropriation was not needed, though he voted for the bill, nevertheless. His statement also deserves to be placed on record. It was to the effect that there are a total of 7,000,000 families on relief—4,000,000 on CWA rolls costing \$225,000,000 a month; 2,650,000 on direct relief costing \$50,000,000, and 350,000 provided for by the PWA costing \$150,000,000, or a grand total of \$425,000,000 monthly. Let the reader well remember this, that relief is costing \$425,000,000 a month, or over \$5,000,000,000 a year!

IT IS true that money has been coming rather easily into the public coffers. The statement regarding money stocks in the country, issued on Thursday, tells plainly how the Government has just enriched itself in a huge sum without effort. During the past week the monetary stock of gold in the country has been increased in the enormous sum of \$3,001,000,000, the amount having risen during the week from \$4,035,000,000 to \$7,036,000,000. The statement also indicates where this extra gold stock has gone, for it shows that Treasury cash and deposits with the Federal Reserve banks was enlarged during the week in the sum of \$2,853,000,000, rising from \$596,000,000 to \$3,449,000,000. Of course all this reflects merely the marking down of the dollar from 100c. to 59.06c. With less gold in the dollar, a given stock of gold will naturally produce more dollars. But obviously this is a process that cannot be repeated many times, even if there should be authority for so doing, though a few hundred millions more can be obtained by further diminishing the gold content of the dollar so that it will be worth only 50c. instead of 59.06c.

JESSE H. JONES, the Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, has also the present week been distinguishing himself by the light-hearted and light-handed way in which he has been dealing with public figures involving billions of dollars. He spoke on Monday before the New York State Bankers' Association, and the burden of his speech was that the banks ought to pursue a more liberal policy in extending credit to actual or prospective borrowers. The daily papers, however, only featured his utterances on that point, and especially his remark that "if the banker fails to grasp his opportunity and to meet his responsibility, there can be but one alternative—Government lending." Mr. Jones argued that "no one must be allowed to suffer for a lack of food or clothing or shelter, or become mendicants for the lack of credit for agriculture, business and industry, small as well as large, and including those instances that carry a little mite more than the average business risk." Mr. Jones also contended that "banking should be conducted more in a spirit of public service than purely for profit; it should be more a profession than a business involved with speculation."

The newspapers quoted only these references to his remarks. As a matter of fact, there were many similar striking passages on other subjects. As a preliminary it is worth noting how satisfied Mr. Jones feels with things—with himself and with everything in general. The Federal Reserve banks have just been denuded of a considerable portion of their gold holdings, thereby impairing their strength. They have also had to turn over half their surplus for the purpose of subscribing to the capital stock of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. But that has not lessened Mr. Jones's confidence in the System. He says, "We have a Federal Reserve System—the best banking system in the world, owned by its member banks, and they (the ordinary commercial banks) should not hesitate to make use of all its facilities." Parenthetically it might be remarked here that the fact that the Federal Reserve banks are "owned" by the member banks has not prevented their being stripped of over 40% of their gold holdings by the Government.

Here is another striking utterance: "Our property has value and our money has value. It will always be so in America. Furthermore, the depression is over, and we are assuredly on the up-grade." Again: "Now that the President and Congress have acted on our money, there is no longer any valid reason for hesitation, and the Government should not be forced to become the banker for every deserving borrower in the United States. Let's also quit worrying about the dollar—it is the best money in the world." We are also told that "with deposit insurance in effect, there is no longer any occasion for extreme bank liquidity." Mr. Jones thinks that "deposit insurance for people of small and moderate means is highly desirable, and as applied to this class of depositors should never be repealed. It makes bank runs improbable, if not actually impossible, and is worth whatever it cost." Here it seems proper to inject the observation that it is precisely in this expression of a sense of security, this feeling that the depositor is protected, and hence there is no need to worry, that he no longer is called upon to think about the management of the bank, whether it is good or bad; this leads to an absence of the watchfulness which alone insures safe and sound

banking methods, leading to inevitable losses, with the safety of the System imperilled from the start. In such a state of things the guarantee of deposits becomes a snare and a fraud. The assumption that everything is all right produces a situation where everything is likely to turn out all wrong.

However, let that pass. What we wish particularly to emphasize is the facile way in which Mr. Jones disposes of the growing public debt of the United States and the suggestion that we give no concern whatever, no matter how it keeps expanding. Here is the skillful and dexterous way in which Mr. Jones disposes of the immense mass of the public debt, making one feel that we ought to thank the almighty that we are permitted to live in a state of such extreme bliss:

"Some of the more conservative of our people are concerned about the size of our national debt, and, to my way of thinking, unnecessarily. The public debt is now approximately \$25,000,000,000, with offsetting and earning assets due the RFC and Public Works sufficient to reduce this amount to less than \$22,000,000,000. Adding \$10,000,000,000 included in the President's extraordinary budget will bring the total indebtedness to not more than \$32,000,000,000. The interest on this at 3% is slightly less than a billion dollars a year, and if it was necessary to amortize the entire amount in say 35 years the added annual cost would be \$320,000,000, or a yearly outlay of approximately \$1,300,000,000.

"When it is considered that in 1929 the income of the American people was \$89,000,000,000, and in 1932—the low year—\$40,000,000,000, this national debt is not a serious problem. It is fair to assume that with recovery already assured, the nation's income may safely be calculated at \$65,000,000,000, 2% of which would completely extinguish the national debt in 35 years."

It is always well to be optimistic, and in this country experience has shown that a hopeful view regarding the future is always justified. But spending habits, where outlays and expenditures running into billions are not viewed with the deepest solicitude, are full of genuine menace, and they certainly cannot be regarded as an aid to business recovery, but instead are calculated to retard such recovery. The country cannot count upon a return to normal trade and business activities unless we make up our minds that outlays of such magnitude must not only be discountenanced but speedily brought to a close. Old-fashioned principles of rigid economy will still be ruling the universe even if the New Deal should meet the most sanguine expectations, and the sooner that we recognize that fact the better it will be.

THE Federal Reserve condition statements this week call for no special comment, though the statement of the changes in money circulation and monetary gold stock, issued concurrently with the same, show several large changes growing out of the devaluation program. These last were not included in the return for last week, a footnote then having explained that the gold holdings were still valued at the former figure of \$20.67 an ounce, as the books of the United States Treasury had been closed on Jan. 31 prior to the issuance of the Presidential proclamation reducing the weight of the gold dollar to 15 5/21 grains. This week the holdings have been taken at the new value, and as a consequence there is an increase in the monetary gold stock in the huge sum of \$3,001,000,000, the total having risen

from \$4,035,000,000 on Jan. 31 to \$7,036,000,000 Feb. 7. At the same time we see revealed what has become of the greater part of the \$3,001,000,000 addition to the gold stock in an increase in Treasury cash and deposits with the Federal Reserve banks in the tremendous sum of \$2,853,000,000, this latter item the present week standing at \$3,449,000,000 as against only \$596,000,000 last week. There has been no real addition to the gold stocks and to Treasury cash in the amounts named, but as the dollar now has a value of only 59.06c. where before it had the value of a full 100c., there are naturally correspondingly more of the dollars of smaller gold content.

In the ordinary Federal Reserve return no such striking changes appear, inasmuch as the figures are on the same basis as a week ago. Between the two dates the principal features are a reduction in the volume of Reserve credit outstanding as measured by the bill and security holdings, and an expansion in much the same amount in Federal Reserve note circulation. The reduction in the amount of Reserve credit outstanding has come about through a further diminution in the borrowing of the member banks as indicated in a reduction in the discount holdings of the 12 Reserve institutions from \$82,732,000 Jan. 31 to \$73,327,000 Feb. 7, while at the same time the holdings of acceptances purchased in the open market have fallen from \$111,397,000 to \$96,899,000. There has also been a small decrease in the holdings of United States Government securities, which this week are reported at \$2,431,743,000 as against \$2,433,970,000 last week. The result altogether is that the total of the bill and security holdings has diminished in the sum of, roughly, \$26,000,000, standing at \$2,603,262,000 this week as against \$2,629,392,000 last week.

On the other hand, Federal Reserve note circulation has increased during the week from \$2,926,243,000 to \$2,946,226,000, though this is partly offset by a decrease from \$203,057,000 to \$201,984,000 in the amount of Federal Reserve *bank* notes in circulation. The gold holdings of the 12 Reserve institutions show no change of consequence, and, as a matter of fact, there are no gold holdings now. The new gold certificates which have been substituted for the same stand virtually unchanged, being reported at \$3,513,171,000 this week and \$3,513,884,000 last week. The amount of the deposits has fallen during the week from \$3,035,035,000 to \$2,962,541,000, this following from the reduction in Government deposits from \$241,860,000 to \$84,912,000. Member bank reserve deposits, on the other hand, have increased from \$2,651,945,000 to \$2,735,701,000, the member banks having regained a portion of the large reduction in such reserves which they lost the previous week because of the heavy payments they were obliged to make on their heavy subscriptions to the offering of Treasury notes and certificates of indebtedness. The falling off in the volume of deposits required smaller cash reserves against the same, while the larger volume of note circulation called for increased cash reserves. The result is that the reserve ratio stands at a trifle larger this week than last week. In other words, the ratio of total reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined stands at 63.9% as against 63.6% last week. The amount of United States Government securities held as part collateral for Federal Reserve note issues has decreased during the week from \$570,000,000 to \$561,100,000.

ENLARGED or renewed dividend distributions by corporate entities have again been numerous the present week. The American Woolen Co. declared a dividend of \$1.25 a share on its 7% cumul. pref. stock, being the first distribution on this stock since April 15 1927. The International Nickel Co. of Canada, Ltd., declared a dividend of 10c. a share on common, payable March 31, this last being the first payment on this stock since Dec. 31 1931. The Atlas Powder Co. declared 50c. a share on common, payable March 10, this being the first distribution on this stock since June 10 1932. The Pennsylvania Gas. & Electric Corp. declared 37½c. a share on the \$1.50 non-cumul. part. class A stock, payable March 1; in this case this is the first distribution since Dec. 1 1930. The Columbian Carbon Co. declared an extra dividend of 25c. a share, in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 50c. a share payable March 1. The Kroger Grocery & Baking Co. declared an extra dividend of 50c. a share, in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 25c. a share on the common stock, both payable March 1. The Celanese Corp. of America declared a dividend of \$4 a share on account of accumulations on the 7% cumul. 1st part. pref. stock, payable March 2, leaving the accruals of back dividends on this stock at only \$1 a share. The Van Raalte Co., Inc., declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the 7% cumul. 1st pref. stock, together with all dividends in arrears thereon, payable on March 1; the current quarterly dividend, with the dividends in arrears now to be paid, aggregate \$5.25 a share on the stamped stock and \$38.50 a share on the unstamped stock. The Socony-Vacuum Corp declared a dividend of 15c. a share on its capital stock, payable March 15; during 1933, distributions were made in the following order: 10c. a share on March 15, and 25c. a share on Dec. 15.

BUSINESS failures in January continue reduced in number, much as they were during the closing months of 1933. Dun & Bradstreet report 1,364 insolvencies in the United States for the opening month of the new year, compared with 2,919 similar defaults in January a year ago and 3,458 in that month for 1932. Failures in January are usually at the high point of the year, so far as the number is concerned. That was the case in both preceding years. An increase at that time was shown over December of approximately 25 or 26%. This year in January the increase in the number of failures over the closing month of 1933 was 20.5%. The decline in the number of business defaults during most of 1933 was almost continuous, especially in the last six months of that year. Liabilities reported last month were somewhat in excess of those for the last four months of 1933, the amount for January being \$32,905,428. Some large failures added to the total this year. The indebtedness shown, however, was very much less than that reported for January of the two preceding years, when the amounts were respectively, \$79,100,602, and \$96,860,205. The large failures in both of the years last mentioned were more than double those reported for January 1934.

Separating the figures for the January failures into the three leading classes, a marked improvement appears for all three. In some respects the division covering manufacturing concerns makes the best showing. There were in the manufacturing class 295 defaults involving \$9,265,377 of indebtedness;

for trading, 951 failures, for which the liabilities were \$18,110,930, and for the third division, mainly agents and brokers, the number was 118, owing a total of \$5,529,121. In January 1933 there were 568 manufacturing defaults, for \$30,747,022 of indebtedness; 2,182 failures of trading concerns owing \$36,920,410, and 169 of the third class involving \$11,433,170.

All sections of the country report fewer business defaults in January this year than a year ago. In some divisions the reduction is very great. Perhaps the West and South make the best showing. Separated by Federal Reserve districts, eight out of the 12 sections of the United States show a number of business failures in January this year considerably less than one half of those reported in that month of 1933. These Federal Reserve districts include Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Minneapolis; also the Atlanta and Dallas districts. The Philadelphia and Cleveland districts make a similar showing. In New England the reduction shown for the failure statistics this year was very large, and the same thing was true as to the New York district, the Richmond and San Francisco divisions. For the four sections last mentioned, however, the improvement over a year ago was not so marked as for the eight divisions first mentioned.

ON THE New York Stock Exchange the activity and buoyancy of previous weeks continued in full force and strength last Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, with the volume of business of large proportions, but on Wednesday and again on Friday the market broke badly, with extensive declines, the result entirely of large sales to realize profits. On Thursday afternoon the market recovered to some extent, but on Friday it swung down again. Great activity and steadily rising prices was also a feature of the bond market, with large-sized further gains, but in the downward reaction in stocks many bond issues also suffered a downward reaction. The developments were all of a favorable nature, the Cabinet crisis in France, which eventuated in riotous demonstrations of a very ominous character on Tuesday appeared to have no influence on the security markets in this country, and have since given way to normal conditions with the establishment of a new Cabinet regime. The American Iron and Steel Institute on Monday submitted a statement regarding steel production that greatly surpassed expectations. It showed that the steel mills of the country were now engaged to 37½% of capacity as against 34.4% the previous week and 32.5% the week preceding, and establishing another new high record since the Steel Institute started publishing weekly figures on Oct. 23 last. A little later in the week the figures regarding the production of electricity appeared, and they also showed a rising rate of growth as compared with a year ago, and an increase likewise as compared with two years ago, this last having now been the case for four successive weeks. The output by the electric light and power industry for the week ended last Saturday was reported at 1,636,275,000 kilowatt hours as against 1,454,913,000 kilowatt hours in the corresponding week of 1933 and 1,588,853,000 kilowatt hours in the same week of 1932. The ratio of increase over 1933 is 12.5%, which is a larger ratio of increase than in any recent week since Sept. 16 1933. Car loadings of revenue freight also continued their record of growth in the week ending last Satur-

day (Feb. 3), having been 564,098 cars as against 486,059 cars in the corresponding period of the preceding year, the ratio of increase being 16.0%. Some of the commodity markets have at the same time established higher levels of prices, this being especially true in the case of cotton, and quite generally the consensus of reports regarding trade is that the volume of business keeps increasing, even if in only a moderate way, and there have been no adverse developments of any great consequence, except for action at Washington designated to regulate the Exchanges. The general disposition is to think that trade recovery will continue to make steady, even if slow, progress in the immediate future, though more or less concern is felt in financial quarters because of the unrestrained way in which Congress keeps voting appropriations of enormous amounts. The foreign exchanges have not been a disturbing feature to the extent that they were only a very short time ago, though they may not be proceeding in quite the way and to quite the extent desired by the Administration at Washington.

As indicating the course of the commodity markets, the May option for wheat at Chicago closed yesterday at 90½c. against 91¾c. the close on Friday of last week. May corn at Chicago closed yesterday at 51½c. as against 52½c. the close the previous Friday. May oats at Chicago closed yesterday at 36¾c. as against 37¾c. the close the previous Friday. The spot price for cotton here in New York yesterday was 12.55c. as against 11.80c. on Friday of last week. The spot price for rubber yesterday was 10.63c. against 9.82c. the previous Friday. Domestic copper was quoted yesterday at 8c. as against 8c. the previous Friday. Silver showed only slight deviation during the week. In London the price yesterday was 19 13/16 pence per ounce as against 19 1/4 pence on Friday of last week. The New York quotation yesterday was 44.70c. as against 43.50c. the previous week. In the matter of the foreign exchanges, cable transfers on London yesterday closed at \$5.02 against \$4.88 the close the previous Friday, while cable transfers on Paris closed yesterday at 6.44c. against 6.23½c. the close on Friday of last week. Large numbers of stocks, as also bonds before the Wednesday break, sold at the highest figures of either 1933 or 1934. Call loans on the New York Stock Exchange again continued unchanged at 1% per annum.

Trading was very active but fell off after the break on Wednesday. On the New York Stock Exchange the sales at the half-day session on Saturday last were 2,081,170 shares; on Monday they were 4,940,250 shares; on Tuesday 4,330,980 shares; on Wednesday 4,499,070 shares; on Thursday 3,199,920 shares, and on Friday 3,337,240 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 321,665 shares; on Monday 744,385 shares; on Tuesday 768,885 shares; on Wednesday 656,520 shares; on Thursday 492,980 shares and on Friday 497,760 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, most stocks show losses because of the break the last half of the week. General Electric closed yesterday at 22¾ against 23⅞ on Friday of last week; North American at 22¾ against 20¾; Standard Gas & Electric at 15¼ against 14; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 43⅞ against 44½; Brooklyn Union Gas at 79 against 75; Pacific Gas & Electric at 21⅞ against 20; Columbia Gas & Electric at 17 against 16½; Electric Power & Light at 8⅞ against 7½; Public Service of N. J. at 42¾

against $41\frac{1}{2}$; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at $78\frac{5}{8}$ against $81\frac{1}{4}$; International Harvester at $43\frac{5}{8}$ against $44\frac{1}{8}$; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at $47\frac{7}{8}$ against 49; Montgomery Ward & Co. at $32\frac{3}{8}$ against $31\frac{1}{8}$; Woolworth at $50\frac{3}{4}$ against 51; Western Union Telegraph at $62\frac{1}{2}$ against $61\frac{7}{8}$; Safeway Stores at 53 against $54\frac{1}{4}$; American Tel. & Tel. at $120\frac{7}{8}$ against 120; American Can at $101\frac{1}{4}$ against $100\frac{1}{4}$; Commercial Solvents at $31\frac{1}{8}$ against $34\frac{1}{4}$; Shattuck & Co. at $9\frac{3}{4}$ against $10\frac{3}{4}$, and Corn Products at $76\frac{3}{4}$ against 80.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at $150\frac{1}{2}$ against $153\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; Associated Dry Goods at $17\frac{1}{4}$ against 17; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at $98\frac{5}{8}$ against $100\frac{1}{4}$; National Cash Register A at 21 against 22; International Nickel at $22\frac{3}{8}$ against 23; Timken Roller Bearing at 38 against $38\frac{1}{4}$; Johns-Manville at $62\frac{1}{4}$ against $63\frac{1}{2}$; Coca-Cola at $105\frac{7}{8}$ against $102\frac{1}{2}$; Gillette Safety Razor at $11\frac{3}{8}$ against $11\frac{5}{8}$; National Dairy Products at 16 against $16\frac{5}{8}$; Texas Gulf Sulphur at $40\frac{3}{8}$ against $39\frac{7}{8}$; Freeport-Texas at 46 against $46\frac{1}{4}$; United Gas Improvement at $18\frac{1}{4}$ against $18\frac{3}{8}$; National Biscuit at $43\frac{1}{2}$ against $43\frac{3}{4}$; Continental Can at 79 against $77\frac{3}{8}$; Eastman Kodak at $87\frac{1}{2}$ against $89\frac{1}{2}$; Gold Dust Corp. at $20\frac{1}{2}$ against $21\frac{1}{2}$; Standard Brands at $22\frac{3}{4}$ against $24\frac{1}{4}$; Paramount Publix Corp. cfs. at $4\frac{3}{8}$ against $3\frac{1}{8}$; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at $42\frac{1}{2}$ against $44\frac{1}{4}$; Columbian Carbon at 67 against $67\frac{1}{8}$; Reynolds Tobacco class B, at 42 against $42\frac{7}{8}$; Lorillard at 18 against 19; Liggett & Myers class B, at 92 against 94, and Yellow Truck & Coach at $55\frac{5}{8}$ against $57\frac{5}{8}$; Owens Glass at 92 against $90\frac{1}{2}$; United States Industrial Alcohol at $61\frac{3}{4}$ against $60\frac{3}{8}$; Canada Dry at $26\frac{1}{8}$ against 28; National Distillers at $28\frac{1}{2}$ against 30; Crown Cork & Seal at 32 against $35\frac{1}{2}$, and Mengel & Co. at $8\frac{1}{2}$ against $9\frac{3}{4}$.

The steel shares moved up and down with the general list. United States Steel closed yesterday at $56\frac{1}{4}$ against $56\frac{3}{8}$ on Friday of last week; United States Steel pref. at $95\frac{1}{2}$ against 95; Bethlehem Steel at $45\frac{1}{8}$ against $46\frac{1}{2}$, and Vanadium at 26 against $26\frac{3}{4}$. In the motor group, Auburn Auto closed yesterday at 52 against $52\frac{5}{8}$ on Friday of last week; General Motors at $38\frac{7}{8}$ against $41\frac{1}{2}$; Chrysler at $56\frac{1}{4}$ against $58\frac{1}{8}$; Nash Motors at $28\frac{3}{8}$ against $30\frac{5}{8}$; Packard Motors at $4\frac{1}{2}$ against 5; Hupp Motors at $5\frac{5}{8}$ against $6\frac{5}{8}$, and Hudson Motor Car at 21 against $22\frac{1}{4}$. In the rubber group, Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at $38\frac{1}{4}$ against $38\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at $16\frac{1}{2}$ against $16\frac{3}{8}$, and United States Rubber at $20\frac{1}{4}$ against 19.

The railroad shares were rather weak. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at $35\frac{3}{4}$ against $37\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at $68\frac{3}{4}$ against $71\frac{1}{8}$; Atlantic Coast Line at $49\frac{3}{8}$ against $49\frac{3}{8}$; Chicago Rock Island & Pacific at $5\frac{3}{8}$ against $5\frac{1}{8}$; New York Central at $40\frac{3}{4}$ against $41\frac{3}{4}$; Baltimore & Ohio at $32\frac{1}{8}$ against $32\frac{1}{2}$; New Haven at $20\frac{7}{8}$ against $22\frac{3}{8}$; Union Pacific at 128 against 129; Missouri Pacific at 5 against $5\frac{1}{4}$; Southern Pacific at $30\frac{1}{2}$ against $31\frac{3}{4}$; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at $12\frac{3}{4}$ against $13\frac{1}{2}$; Southern Ry. at $33\frac{5}{8}$ against $34\frac{7}{8}$; Chesapeake & Ohio at $44\frac{1}{2}$ against $45\frac{1}{2}$; Northern Pacific at $31\frac{3}{4}$ against 32, and Great Northern at 29 against $30\frac{1}{2}$.

The oil stocks continued inclined to weakness. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at $47\frac{1}{4}$ against $48\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Standard Oil of Calif. at $40\frac{3}{8}$ against $42\frac{1}{8}$; Atlantic Refining at

33 against $34\frac{1}{4}$. In the copper group, Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at $15\frac{3}{4}$ against 17 on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at $20\frac{1}{2}$ against $22\frac{1}{4}$; American Smelting & Refining at $47\frac{1}{4}$ against 45; Phelps-Dodge at 17 against $17\frac{1}{4}$; Cerro de Pasco Copper at $36\frac{1}{4}$ against $35\frac{5}{8}$; and Calumet & Hecla at $5\frac{5}{8}$ against $5\frac{7}{8}$.

PRICE trends on securities markets in the leading European financial centers were generally favorable this week, notwithstanding the sensational developments in France. International currency uncertainties, together with the rioting in the French capital, caused natural hesitation on all markets for a time, but when it appeared that the French crisis would be overcome with great speed, trading increased and prices advanced. An important factor was the confidence in France that the Doumergue Government will be able to maintain the gold standard unimpaired, despite the immense flow of gold now taking place across the Atlantic. Financial circles in London and New York view the French prospects somewhat more pessimistically, but the decision to keep paying the metal proved heartening. The increase in the discount rate of the Bank of France to 3%, Thursday, from its former level of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$, was in line with expectations, as the gold drain is causing a little tightening of money in Paris. It is evident that all markets will continue to follow French developments with the closest attention, for indications of the international currency trend. The conviction has deepened in Europe that the dollar is undervalued at 59.06% of former parity, and new adjustments are held inevitable. There were no changes of great significance in trade and industrial reports from Europe this week.

The London Stock Exchange was firm in the initial session of the week, but trading was light. British funds were neglected. In the industrial section motor stocks were in good demand, while other good features also were present. Most attention was directed, however, to South African gold mining stocks, which advanced sharply as the gold price in the London auction market moved up on American buying. In Tuesday's session British funds registered small gains, while similar advances were scored in many industrial issues. The international section was stimulated by reports of a good trend at New York. Gold mining shares receded on profit-taking. Business Wednesday was sharply restricted owing to the French crisis. British funds were well maintained, while most industrial securities likewise showed gains. International stocks held their ground, but foreign bonds were weak. In a further quiet session, Thursday, British funds again advanced, while most industrial stocks also were firm. Brazilian bonds were active and higher on reports of a debt agreement. Anglo-American trading favorites dropped sharply owing to consideration by the United States Government of measures to control exchanges. The trend was firm yesterday, but dealings were small. British issues advanced generally, but international stocks were hesitant on the reports of drastic stock exchange regulations in the United States.

The Paris Bourse reflected, on Monday, the perturbation felt regarding the political situation and the fate of the franc. Rentes and other French bonds were sold heavily, and stocks also were unloaded in volume. Contrasting with the downward trend of

domestic issues was a sharp upswing in all foreign securities. French bank shares were especially affected by the selling, and the funds realized were placed mainly in foreign commodity stocks. In Tuesday's dealings the trend was reversed completely, as more confidence prevailed regarding the political and financial situation. French stocks and bonds were in good demand, while foreign securities were liquidated. The Bourse, on Wednesday morning, was more of a political forum than a financial market, as the events of the night before found their reflection in exciting scenes as brokers denounced the Daladier Government and marched around singing the Marseillaise. A short period of complete silence was observed in honor of the victims of the shooting at the Place de la Concorde. Prices were weak at first, owing to the tense political atmosphere, but when it was announced soon after the noon hour that M. Daladier had resigned, buying was resumed and prices recovered swiftly. Rentes closed with large net gains, and most other securities also were up for the day. The upward movement of prices was continued in an active session, Thursday. Rentes and French bank stocks were in greatest demand, as it was generally believed the political crisis had ended. Gains were sensational in many domestic issues, but foreign securities were a bit weaker. Profit-taking developed in French issues yesterday, and recessions were general in this group. International stocks were in better demand.

The Berlin Boerse was firm and fairly active in the first session of the week. Leading speculative favorites were up a point or two, and many bonds also showed gains, but the bulk of issues remained close to former levels. The Boerse was unsettled, Tuesday, by the omission of an expected dividend on Engelhardt Brewery shares. Sharp declines were registered in all brewery issues, and other shares were affected to a more moderate degree. Trading was on an extremely small scale, Wednesday, with the trend irregular. The events in Paris were disquieting, as they increased the fears of further international currency troubles, and there was a general tendency to await the outcome of the developments before increasing commitments. Most securities were slightly lower. Thursday's session on the Boerse was again quiet, with the trend uneven. Moderate selling of stocks sufficed to lower quotations, but the losses were small. After a weak opening yesterday, prices improved and small net gains were general at the close.

THE wrath and resentment of the French people over their accumulating troubles found expression this week in a series of riotous disturbances, directed chiefly against the Daladier Cabinet and the Parliament. The riots were the most serious experienced in France in many years. They were especially tumultuous in Paris, where soldiers and police fired on the demonstrators, killing a score of people and injuring hundreds. Bowing to the obvious will of the people, Premier Edouard Daladier presented his own resignation and those of all his Ministers to President Albert Lebrun, Wednesday. M. Lebrun promptly took steps for the formation of a national coalition regime, and he called former President Gaston Doumergue out of retirement to head this regime and select the political

leaders whose aid might be considered necessary in carrying out the grave tasks that must be performed. Apparently content with this change, and a promise by Premier Doumergue that he would form a Government of "elder statesmen," the people of Paris and other leading cities promptly ceased their demonstrations. It is plain, however, that these incidents foreshadow profoundly important alterations of French internal policy, and it is quite possible that French policy with regard to other countries also will be changed.

The restless dissatisfaction of the French people has been apparent for some time, and it is not without significance that Cabinets have fallen in rapid succession in recent months. Camille Chautemps found it necessary to resign on Jan. 28 because of developments in connection with the Stavisky scandal. Edouard Daladier assumed office on the following day, and he was chosen only after the President attempted to place M. Doumergue in the office of President of the Council of Ministers. At that time M. Doumergue declined the office, and the ordinary political expedients again were employed, despite ominous portents. M. Daladier put off his Ministerial Declaration before the Parliament until Tuesday of this week, but even before that day it was plain that trouble was brewing. The Premier dismissed Jean Chiappe, the Prefect of the Paris police, who was allegedly involved in the Stavisky scandal. Minister of Finance Francois Pietri, and Minister of War Jean Fabry presented their resignations last Saturday. M. Chiappe long has exercised great influence in French politics, and he has many powerful friends.

Pandemonium broke loose when Premier Daladier went before the Chamber, Tuesday, to make his statement of policy and request a vote of confidence. Within the Chamber, the Premier obtained ample support, as he was given three successive votes of confidence. Some 350 Deputies stood by him, while 220 voted adversely. But in the streets outside, mad crowds surged toward the Parliament buildings from half a dozen directions, and apparently with as many diverse aims. Some of the throngs were good-natured at first, but the temper of all changed quickly to sullen and desperate resentment when orders were given the police and the mounted Republican Guards to fire. Volleys of revolver shots rang out, and many of the bullets directed against the huge crowd in the Place de la Concorde found their marks. The police and soldiers charged and cleared the square, but they encountered great difficulties as the crowd became increasingly unmanageable. Paving blocks were torn from the streets and from behind barriers erected with the stones, missiles were flung at the charging police. The Ministry of Marine building, not far from the Chamber of Deputies, was set afire, and the blaze was extinguished only with the greatest trouble, as the hose lines of the fire department were cut by the rioters. Automobiles were set afire wherever the crowd encountered them near the Parliament buildings. In many other parts of Paris similar scenes were being enacted on a much milder scale, while in a score of other French cities huge demonstrations were taking place at the same time.

Numerous groups were involved in these manifestations, and their motives and aims were doubtless equally multifarious. French war veterans formed one of the most important groups. A column of

3,000 veterans formed at a distance from the Parliament buildings and marched calmly toward the Chamber. They were intercepted by the police and soldiers, who finally fired upon them. Nothing daunted, these veterans formed again and again and tried to reach the Chamber. Groups of French students also formed important elements in the surging crowds, while Socialists, Communists, Royalists and Fascists all took a hand in the proceedings. The cry of the mob was "To the Chamber!" The shouts penetrated to the Deputies and caused intense nervousness among them. When the sound of firing was heard the Deputy Scapini, who was blinded in the war, rose from his bench and in tense silence he asked Premier Daladier if he had given orders to fire. The Premier sat silent, and after a moment tumult broke loose in the Chamber itself, and the session had to be suspended.

Regarding the difficulties of the French people which thus dramatically came to a head there are, of course, many explanations, and the various observers tend to emphasize different aspects. The Stavisky scandal unquestionably added to the disaffection, but France has experienced many greater and most costly scandals without such manifestations. Lack of a balanced budget and the fears of inflation contributed something, while general discontent with the Government long has been apparent. Fuel was added to the flames by the recent reduction in the pay of civil servants, who make up a vast army in France. Important groups have for some time maintained that the foreign policy was ineffectual, and was tending to involve the country in war. Behind and beneath all such factors is the grumbling and discontent occasioned by the omnipresent depression, which is now being felt in France more than in almost any other country.

With the situation as it developed on Tuesday, Premier Daladier was unable to cope. He issued a long statement in defense of the police and the guards who fired on the demonstrators, and declared that the shooting was necessary because a real armed attack on the security of the State was in progress. "Certain political groups multiplied their incitement to riot and attempted a violent attack on the Republican regime," the Premier said. He conferred on Wednesday morning with numerous political leaders, and was urged to continue his efforts by some, but the majority indicated that resignation was the only course owing to the bloodshed. There is reason to think, indeed, that the rioting would have widened into general revolt if the Premier had not resigned, as the war veterans threatened to march toward the Government buildings once again, but with weapons in their hands, while other groups also indicated an intention of redoubled violence. Soon after noon, on Wednesday, M. Daladier presented the resignations of the Cabinet, and President Lebrun immediately called for M. Doumergue to take the helm. There was sporadic fighting in the streets of the capital Wednesday night, as the people were not yet fully reassured, but the demonstrations were much milder than on the previous day, and complete order was restored in the small hours of Thursday. M. Doumergue, who makes his home in the south of France, reached Paris later that day, and promptly began consultations with a view to forming a concentration Cabinet. "The urgency of the hour," he declared, "does not permit me to form any sort of Ministry other than one of political truce,

composed of eminent men well versed in statecraft." Rioting ceased entirely on Thursday, and only occasional troubles with looters were reported.

Premier Doumergue completed his Cabinet yesterday, and his selections give assurance that he will have ample support in the Chamber of Deputies. In contrast with the practice of recent years, the Premier assumed no portfolio himself, and he will thus remain simply the President of the Council. His Ministers are drawn from almost all important factions in the Chamber and Senate, and it is estimated that 480 Deputies, out of the 605 in the Chamber, will support the regime. A number of former Premiers will assist M. Doumergue, and this also will add stability to the Government. The important post of Foreign Affairs was assigned to Louis Barthou, while the Finance Ministry will be guided by Germain Martin. Paul Jacquier is named Budget Minister; Marshal Petain is Minister of War, while the Navy and Air posts are filled by Francois Pietri and General Denain. Former Premiers Edouard Herriot and Andre Tardieu are Ministers of State without portfolio. Henri Cheron as Minister of Justice, Albert Sarraut as Minister of the Interior and Pierre Laval as Minister of Colonies are other prominent selections.

CHANCELLOR ENGELBERT DOLLFUSS is meeting continually greater difficulties in his efforts to maintain his minority regime in Austria and prevent the advent of a Nazi State that would be highly sympathetic to the Nazi regime in Germany. The problem of Austrian independence is, indeed, one of the most troublesome that has faced the European chancelleries in many years. Germany disclaims any intention of infringing the sovereignty of its small Teutonic neighbor, but the Nazi authorities in Berlin obviously are delighted at the spread of Nazi sentiment, which promises to bring Austria firmly within the German orbit without raising the questions that formal "Anschluss," or political union, would bring. Great Britain, France and Italy, if they acted in concert, might be able to stop the substantial unification of the two Teutonic countries, but they are obviously indisposed to take a definite diplomatic stand in opposition to what appears to be a majority of the Austrians themselves. The perplexities of the problem are not diminished, moreover, by the realization that Nazi influence, if it overwhelms Austria, probably will spread much farther in Eastern Europe and introduce new factors in a European situation that, in all conscience, is already sufficiently complex.

Austria protested to Germany on Jan. 17 against interference in its affairs by Nazis in Germany, and a demand was made at the time by Chancellor Dollfuss for a German guarantee of Austrian independence. Chancellor Adolf Hitler scorned the Austrian claims in his address before the German Reichstag on Jan. 30, and in a formal reply to Vienna late last week the same attitude was taken. Austrian contentions were refuted point by point, an official German announcement of Feb. 2 said. "The German Government," it was stated, "has most meticulously abstained from mixing in domestic political conditions in Austria, and has repeatedly declared that any forcible intervention or any violation of treaty obligations was far from its thought. It can, therefore, only express great astonishment at the fact that on repeated occasions the Austrian

Government has cast suspicions on the German Government as if it threatened Austrian independence." The reply also emphasized the view of the German Government that the problem does not admit of international treatment and cannot be solved in that manner.

The Austrian Cabinet considered the German reply in a meeting late last week, and is said to have "rejected" it as unsatisfactory. In a further meeting last Monday the Cabinet empowered Chancellor Dollfuss to carry the matter to the League of Nations by making an appeal for a special League Council meeting. Before making any such appeal, however, Chancellor Dollfuss decided to visit Budapest in an endeavor to enlist the aid of the Hungarian Government in his struggle against the spread of Nazi doctrines and influence. The conflict within Austria, meanwhile, has been sharply intensified. Prince Ernst von Starhemberg, leader of the powerful Austrian Heimwehr, clearly is playing a game of his own in an attempt to wrest power from Dollfuss and establish a regime that would be Fascist in its leanings but adverse to Germany. This has introduced further dissension in the Austrian Tyrol, where the Austrian Nazis are making a determined effort to obtain control, and the situation is highly uncertain.

There is some reason to believe that the Austrian appeal to the League has been delayed in response to suggestions by one or more of the great Powers. London reports of last Monday stated that any such appeal would be highly embarrassing to the British Government while disarmament negotiations are in progress. The British are in no mood to take risks in order to save the Dollfuss Government, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said. The matter was debated in the London House of Commons, Tuesday, and Captain Anthony Eden, Lord Privy Seal, remarked that the British attitude "will be actuated by the principle that, while it is no part of our business to interfere in the internal affairs of another country, Austria has a right which we fully recognize to demand that there be no interference in her internal affairs by any other Government." In a Vienna dispatch of Monday to the New York "Times" it is pointed out that nobody seems to know just what the League of Nations could do, other than to warn the German Government, which has already expressed its contempt of the League. "Italy is cool toward Chancellor Dollfuss since it became evident that his ability to convert Austria into an absolutely Fascist State had become dubious," the dispatch added. "France is occupied solely with her own internal difficulties. Great Britain's attention is centered upon getting something out of the disarmament conference, which she does not desire to complicate with an Austrian problem."

DISARMAMENT negotiations in Europe were suspended this week, owing to the crisis in France, but some additional light was thrown on recent developments by debates on the subject in the British House of Commons. Sir John Simon, the British Foreign Secretary, admitted, on being questioned, that the British policy is one of compromise between the German desire to re-arm and the French attitude. France, it was again made plain, wishes neither to disarm herself nor to permit Germany to re-arm. In this debate, which developed Tuesday, Sir John Simon stated that Germany's

right to armaments equality could not be questioned. Sir Austen Chamberlain seized upon this declaration and obtained from the Foreign Secretary an admission that naval equality was not meant, as this is an "entirely separate subject for entirely separate negotiations." The latest British proposals, the Foreign Secretary pointed out, would permit some re-armament by Germany, but it would keep the German armaments within limits while calling for a measure of disarmament by other Powers. Nothing that was really new was said on the subject, a London dispatch to the New York "Times" remarked. "There is nothing new except, of course, disarmament, which neither the statesmen of this country nor those of any other country seem seriously to contemplate," the dispatch added. In a further debate on Wednesday there seemed to be general agreement in the House of Commons that the threat of war must be faced in Europe, a further report to the New York "Times" said. The problem of naval armaments was debated in the Diet in Tokio, late last week, and Navy Minister Osumi admitted that Japan would ask for a better naval ratio at the next international conference on this matter.

ALTHOUGH Foreign Minister Koki Hirota proclaimed in a speech before the Tokio Diet, on Jan. 23, that Japan has naught but peaceable intentions, there has since been an increase rather than a decrease in the world-wide discussion of possible Japanese encroachments on the Russian Maritime Provinces in Siberia, and a consequent Russo-Japanese war. In London it is taken almost for granted that there will soon be a conflict between the two countries, and reports indicate that the question most frequently discussed is whether the war will start this coming spring or in 1935. Washington observers are represented as viewing the matter in a very gloomy light. In Japan there has been a diminution of the provocative magazine articles by prominent militarists dealing with imaginative future wars with Russia or the United States. But the press of that country continues to reflect a determination to build an ever larger army, and to obtain a higher naval ratio in coming conferences. Russian authorities continue to talk with the most amazing frankness of expected aggression by Japan and of the preparations that are being made to meet any attacks. Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinoff, the astute diplomatist of the Moscow regime, has concluded treaties of non-aggression with almost all the neighboring countries of Russia, but his efforts to arrange a similar pact with Japan remain fruitless. He achieved a further diplomatic victory on Tuesday, however, when announcement was made of the resumption of normal diplomatic relations between Hungary and Russia. This action was unexpected, as Hungary heretofore has observed a highly anti-Communist attitude.

Russian statements on a possible future conflict are of unusual importance, owing to their official nature. Joseph Stalin, Secretary-General of the Russian Communist party and the real ruler of the country, told the All-Union Communist Party Congress in Moscow, on Jan. 27, that every precaution must be taken against sudden attacks in the Far East. "The refusal of Japan to sign a non-aggression pact reveals that in the relations of the two countries all is not well," M. Stalin declared. He commented on the open advocacy by some Japanese

militarists of war with Russia, but added that Russia will continue to follow a policy of peace and will attempt to improve its relations with Tokio.

In a speech before the same Congress, made available last Saturday, War Commissar Klementi Voroshiloff declared that Russia is well prepared for attacks from any quarter. He disclosed for the first time the existence of fortified areas in the Northwest, the West and the Far East, but added that recent successes of Soviet diplomacy have lessened the danger of conflict in the West. He spoke at length of the situation in the Far East, however, remarking that Japan was the first nation to seek to issue from the depression by the aid of war. "Japan has become," M. Voroshiloff added, "the greatest purchaser of war materials and of war industrial supplies in the world market, and is simultaneously carrying on the political preparation of the country for a more serious war than she waged in China. That is clear to the non-militarist eye." Alluding to the frequent Japanese discussions of a war of conquest in Siberia, he remarked that Russia could hardly continue to regard Japan with as much confidence as before. "Our measures of self-defense seem to be an affront to the Japanese," the Commissar for War said. "Doubtless it would be preferable to our neighbors if we left our frontiers in the same defenseless state as the Chinese Manchurian frontier in 1931. But that favor, in all politeness, we grant to no one."

EXTENSIVE negotiations in Rio de Janeiro on the debt service of Brazilian bonds floated in the United States were terminated Tuesday, when an agreement was signed by President Getulio Vargas providing for a classification of Brazilian loans into eight groups, on which varying amounts will be paid. The negotiations were conducted by Valentim Boucas for the Brazilian authorities, and by J. Reuben Clark in behalf of the American holders of Brazilian bonds. Mr. Clark is a director of the Foreign Bondholders' Protective Council, which was formed here late last year. He accompanied Secretary of State Hull on his trip to Montevideo for the sessions of the Pan-American Conference, and remained in Brazil to conduct negotiations for the Council. The agreement on debt service was announced by the Brazilian Finance Minister, Osvaldo Aranha, who indicated that Brazilian payments thereunder would be reduced very substantially during the next four years from the contractual figures. He expressed the view, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, that the agreement would permit a financial rehabilitation which would enable Brazil to resume normal debt service on its expiration.

The first of the eight groups, it was indicated, includes the funded loans of the Brazilian Federal Government, on which full interest and amortization charges are to be met. Coffee valorization loans comprise the second group, on which full interest will be paid, but only 5% on amortization. In the third group there are six Federal loans, including those to be funded after this year, on which interest payments are to be graduated from 35% to 50% of the sums due. The fourth group includes several Federal loans and one of the Brazilian Lloyd, with interest payments to be made 7½% to 40% of sums due. The Sao Paulo Coffee Institute loans in group five will draw from 22½% to 37½% of the amounts

due. Group six embraces loans of the States of Sao Paulo, Minas Geraes and Rio Grande du Sul, and one municipal loan, on which 20% of interest will be paid this year, 22½% next year, and 35% in each of the two succeeding years. In group seven there are 27 municipal loans on which interest payments will be 17½% this year, 22½% next year, and 32½% in the two following years. For the eighth group, which includes 28 loans of the Northern Brazilian States, no terms of interest payments have been arranged.

Raymond B. Stevens, President of the Foreign Bondholders' Protective Council, issued a statement in New York, Wednesday, which fails to elaborate or explain the agreement reached by Mr. Clark in Rio de Janeiro. Mr. Stevens expressed satisfaction regarding the new terms, and declared that the agreement is an important step toward a resumption of the normal flow of credit and toward trade recovery. The principal amount of the foreign currency obligations of the Brazilian Government and its subdivisions is in excess of \$1,000,000,000, of which \$380,000,000 have been placed in the United States, it was observed. About \$180,000,000 of the loans floated here have been in default during the last two years. "Compared with the plan proposed last November," Mr. Stevens explained, "the allocation of exchange to grade 7 has been almost doubled. The plan is a temporary arrangement covering four years, after which it is to be reviewed in the hope that further steps toward resumption of service can then be taken."

PEACEFUL settlement of a century-old boundary dispute between Peru and Ecuador is foreshadowed in an appeal by both countries for the aid of President Roosevelt in settling the question. The area in dispute is a vast territory around the headwaters of the Amazon River, lying between the Morona, Marañon, Napo and Pilcomayo Rivers. Previous attempts to arbitrate the matter were unsuccessful, and in 1924 the Castro-Ponce treaty was drawn up, providing for direct negotiations under the auspices of the President of the United States. The two countries concerned failed to act under this agreement until last month, when reports indicated that permission to send negotiating commissions to Washington was being sought. President Roosevelt confirmed this intelligence on Tuesday, and he indicated at the same time that the requests had been granted. In an official statement, the President pointed out that the treaty provided for direct negotiations to fix a boundary. If such attempts are unsuccessful, the negotiators are required to determine the precise area not in dispute, while the remaining zone is to be submitted to the arbitral decision of the President of the United States. In announcing that delegations are to be sent to Washington by Peru and Ecuador, Mr. Roosevelt expressed keen satisfaction regarding their "convincing and encouraging evidence of a determination to settle their long-standing boundary controversy through friendly discussion and in accordance with the most enlightened principles of international practice." It would be a cause of the greatest rejoicing, the President added, significantly, if the armed conflict between Bolivia and Paraguay over the boundaries in the Gran Chaco area would likewise yield to peaceful methods of adjustment.

THE Bank of France on Thursday (Feb. 8) raised its discount rate from 2½% to 3%. The 2½% rate having been in effect since Oct. 9 1931, when England went off the gold standard, the rate then having been raised from 2%. Present rates at the leading centers are shown in the table which follows:

DISCOUNT RATES OF FOREIGN CENTRAL BANKS.

Country.	Rate in Effect Feb. 9	Date Established.	Previous Rate.	Country.	Rate in Effect Feb. 9	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Austria	5	Mar. 23 1933	6	Hungary	4½	Oct. 17 1932	5
Belgium	3½	Jan. 13 1932	2½	India	3½	Feb. 16 1933	4
Bulgaria	7	Jan. 3 1934	8	Ireland	3	June 30 1932	3½
Chile	4½	Aug. 23 1932	5½	Italy	3	Dec. 11 1933	3½
Colombia	4	July 18 1933	5	Japan	3.65	July 3 1933	4.38
Czechoslovakia	3½	Jan. 25 1933	4½	Java	4½	Aug. 16 1933	5
Danzig	4	July 12 1932	5	Lithuania	6	Jan. 2 1934	7
Denmark	2½	Nov. 29 1933	3	Norway	3½	May 23 1933	4
England	2	June 30 1932	2½	Poland	5	Oct. 25 1933	6
Estonia	5½	Jan. 29 1932	6½	Portugal	5½	Dec. 8 1933	6
Finland	4½	Dec. 20 1933	5	Rumania	6	Apr. 7 1933	6
France	3%	Feb. 8 1934	2½	South Africa	4	Feb. 21 1933	7
Germany	4	Sept. 30 1932	5	Spain	6	Oct. 22 1932	5½
Greece	7	Oct. 13 1933	7½	Sweden	2½	Dec. 1 1933	3
Holland	2½	Sept. 18 1933	3	Switzerland	2	Jan. 22 1931	¼

In London open market discounts for short bills on Friday were 15-16@1%, as against 1% on Friday of last week and 1@1 1-16% for three months' bills, as against 1% on Friday of last week. Money on call in London yesterday was ¾%. At Paris the open market rate remains at 2¼% and in Switzerland at 1½%.

THE Bank of England statement for the week ended Feb. 7 shows a loss of £8,826 in gold holdings, which, together with an expansion of £1,523,000 in note circulation caused a decrease of £1,532,000 in reserves. The Bank now holds £191,787,025 of gold as compared with £127,934,341 a year ago. Public deposits fell off £7,882,000 and other deposits £823,302. The latter consists of bankers' accounts, which rose £846,948, and other accounts, which dropped off £1,670,250. The reserve ratio increased from 52.05% a week ago to 53.98%; a year ago it was only 30.99%. Loans on Government securities fell off £7,517,000 and those on other securities rose £368,471. The latter consists of discounts and advances and securities, which increased £239,118 and £129,353 respectively. No change was made in the discount rate. Below we give the figures with comparisons of previous years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1934. Feb. 7.	1933. Feb. 8.	1932. Feb. 10.	1931. Feb. 11.	1930. Feb. 12.
Circulation a	£ 368,184,000	£ 357,380,130	£ 346,519,212	£ 347,245,425	£ 348,003,176
Public deposits	17,272,000	13,501,583	16,435,197	13,502,637	17,937,246
Other deposits	137,577,251	133,466,227	99,725,131	91,615,357	94,565,390
Bankers' accounts	101,440,533	100,699,345	66,997,662	57,655,497	59,083,652
Other accounts	36,136,718	32,766,882	32,727,469	33,959,860	35,481,738
Government secur.	19,564,869	90,308,315	34,625,906	36,419,952	44,711,563
Other securities	8,417,442	12,146,508	13,007,628	32,830,014	22,476,568
Disct. & advances	11,447,435	17,124,897	36,910,421	23,232,922	14,513,308
Securities	83,612,000	45,554,211	49,774,736	54,001,734	63,496,043
Reserve notes & coin	191,787,025	127,934,341	121,293,948	141,247,159	151,499,219
Coin and bullion					
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	53.98%	30.99%	42.84%	51.37%	56.43%
Bank rate	2%	2%	6%	3%	4½%

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

THE weekly statement of the Bank of France dated Feb. 2 reveals a decline in gold holdings of 194,534,608 francs. The total of gold is now 76,860,453,361 francs in comparison with 81,893,916,973 francs last year and 72,563,082,971 francs the previous year. Credit balances abroad, French commercial bills discounted and creditor current accounts record decreases of 3,000,000 francs, 349,000,000 francs and 1,999,000,000 francs respectively. Notes in circulation show a constriction of 1,585,000,000 francs, reducing the total of notes outstanding to

81,058,709,500 francs. Circulation a year ago aggregated 84,561,690,325 francs and the year before 84,438,199,480 francs. Bills bought abroad rose 1,000,000 francs and advances against securities 123,000,000 francs. The proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities stands this week at 79.10%, and compares with 77.82% a year ago. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for three years:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Feb. 2 1934.	Feb. 3 1933.	Feb. 5 1932.
Gold holdings	Francs. -194,534,608	Francs. 76,860,453,361	Francs. 81,893,916,973	Francs. 72,563,082,971
Credit bals. abroad	-3,000,000	12,771,494	2,930,764,772	8,176,369,079
a French commercial bills discounted	-349,000,000	4,138,415,466	2,561,581,620	5,123,708,663
b Bills bought abrd	+1,000,000	1,115,354,868	1,494,876,104	9,073,285,483
Adv. against secur.	+123,000,000	3,017,619,779	2,623,779,351	2,824,812,850
Note circulation	+1,585,000,000	81,058,709,500	84,561,690,325	84,438,199,480
Cred. curr. acct.	-1,999,000,000	16,107,191,327	20,670,257,379	26,770,369,780
Proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities	+0.13%	79.10%	77.82%	65.25%

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

THE Bank of Germany in its statement for the first quarter of February shows a loss in gold and bullion of 21,697,000 marks. The total of gold which is now 354,483,000 marks compares with 822,288,000 marks last year and 928,341,000 marks the previous year. An increase appears in reserve in foreign currency of 2,257,000 marks, in silver and other coin of 18,381,000 marks, in notes on other German banks of 4,064,000 marks, in investments of 12,460,000 marks, in other daily maturing obligations of 30,469,000 marks and in other liabilities of 19,347,000 marks. Notes in circulation reveal a decline of 126,252,000 marks reducing the total of the item to 3,322,000 marks. The total of circulation a year ago was 3,242,218,000 marks and two years ago 4,276,132,000 marks. Bills of exchange and checks, advances and other assets register decreases of 63,015,000 marks, 9,234,000 marks and 19,652,000 marks respectively. The proportion of gold and foreign currency to note circulation is now 10.9% as against 28.4% a year ago. A comparison of the various items for three years appears below:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Feb. 7 1934.	Feb. 7 1933.	Feb. 6 1932.
Assets—	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Gold and bullion	-21,697,000	354,483,000	822,288,000	928,341,000
Of which depos. abroad	No change.	30,633,000	38,116,000	55,456,000
Reserve in foreign curr	+2,257,000	9,154,000	97,907,000	146,750,000
Bills of exch. and checks	-63,015,000	2,829,595,000	2,410,837,000	3,483,816,000
Silver and other coin	+18,381,000	268,715,000	260,163,000	140,474,000
Notes on other Ger. bks.	+4,064,000	7,792,000	8,353,000	6,030,000
Advances	-9,234,000	71,588,000	79,396,000	129,038,000
Investments	+12,460,000	632,008,000	400,810,000	160,564,000
Other assets	-19,652,000	569,616,000	815,499,000	971,184,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation	-126,252,000	3,322,160,000	3,242,218,000	4,276,132,000
Other daily matur. oblig.	+30,469,000	528,097,000	315,557,000	332,941,000
Other liabilities	+19,347,000	259,552,000	770,052,000	869,893,000
Propor. of gold & foreign curr. to note circ'n.	-0.2%	10.9%	28.4%	25.1%

DEALINGS in the New York money market have been quiet this week, and rates for all classes of accommodation have remained unchanged from previous levels. Call loans on the New York Stock Exchange were 1% for all transactions, whether renewals or new loans, but in the street market small concessions were quoted every day from the official rate. The street rate on call loans was ⅞% Monday, ¾% Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and ⅞% yesterday. No changes were recorded in time loans. Brokers loans increased \$8,000,000 in the week to Wednesday night, according to the report of the New York Federal Reserve Bank. Gold shipments in heavy volume began to reach this market from Europe this week, and the credit base was thus

widened additionally. The United States Treasury awarded, on Monday, two issues of discount bills, maturing respectively in 91 and 182 days. The \$125,000,000 of 91-day bills were awarded at an average discount of 0.66%, while \$50,000,000 of 182-day bills were awarded at an average discount of 0.94%. In line with the reductions announced last week in the rediscount rates of the New York and Cleveland Federal Reserve banks, rates were cut this week by five additional regional banks, the reduction in every case being 1/2%. Rates established are: Boston, 2%; St. Louis, 2 1/2%; Dallas, Richmond and Kansas City, 3%.

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on Feb. 9.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	2	Feb. 8 1934	2 1/2
New York.....	1 1/2	Feb. 2 1934	2
Philadelphia.....	2 1/2	Nov. 16 1933	3
Cleveland.....	3	Feb. 3 1934	2 1/2
Richmond.....	3	Feb. 9 1934	3 1/2
Atlanta.....	3 1/2	Nov. 14 1931	3
Chicago.....	2 1/2	Oct. 21 1933	3
St. Louis.....	2 1/2	Feb. 8 1934	3
Minneapolis.....	3 1/2	Sept. 12 1930	4
Kansas City.....	3	Feb. 9 1934	3 1/2
Dallas.....	3	Feb. 8 1934	3 1/2
San Francisco.....	2 1/2	Nov. 3 1933	3

DEALING in detail with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, 1% remained the ruling quotation all through the week for both new loans and renewals. The market for time money has shown no change this week, the only business reported being a few renewals of 60 and 90 days. Rates are nominal at 3/4@1% for 60 days, 1@1 1/4% for 90 days, 1 1/4@1 1/2% for four months and 1 1/2@1 3/4% for five and six months. The demand for commercial paper has been excellent this week, but the supply of paper is again short. Rates are 1 1/4% for extra choice names running from four to six months and 1 1/2% for names less known.

THE market for prime bankers' acceptances has been spotty this week with only a fair supply of paper. Rates are unchanged. Quotations of the American Acceptance Council for bills up to and including 90 days are 5/8% bid and 1/2% 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 1/2% for bills running from 1 to 90 days, and proportionately higher for longer maturities. The Federal Reserve banks' holdings of acceptances decreased during the week from \$111,397,000 to \$96,899,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents show a trifling increase from \$4,477,000 to \$4,478,000. 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	3/4	1	3/4	3/4	3/4
—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—		
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	
Prime eligible bills.....	3/4	1/2	3/4	1/2	3/4	1/2
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.						
Eligible member banks.....						1% bid
Eligible non-member banks.....						1% bid

ALTOGETHER seven of the Federal Reserve banks have lowered their rediscount rates, six of the Reserve banks having taken this action following that of the New York Reserve Bank, which reduced its rate, effective Feb. 2 from 2% to 1 1/2%; these are the Cleveland Reserve Bank which has lowered its rate from 2 1/2% to 2%, effective Feb. 3; the Boston Reserve Bank, which changed its rate from 2 1/2% to 2%, effective Feb. 8; the St. Louis Reserve Bank, which on Feb. 8 put into effect a rate of 2 1/2%, instead of 3%, as heretofore; the Dallas Reserve Bank lowered its rate, effective Feb. 8 from 3 1/2% to 3%, and the Richmond and Kansas City Reserve Banks, both made effective on Feb. 9 a 3% rate in place of that heretofore in force, viz.: 3 1/2%. The following is the schedule of rates now in effect for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve banks:

STERLING exchange and the entire foreign exchange market continues thoroughly demoralized. The market has not yet recovered from the effects of the President's proclamation devaluing the dollar to 59.06 cents, the establishment of a \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund, and the appropriation of the gold in the Federal Reserve Banks. The disturbances in Paris also have contributed to the confusion, making it impossible for foreign exchange operators to take a technical position in trading. The range for sterling this week has been between \$4.90 1/2 and \$5.03 1/4 for bankers' sight bills, compared with a range of between \$4.87 and \$5.03 1/4 last week. The range for cable transfers has been between \$4.90 7/8 and \$5.03 1/2, compared with a range of between \$4.87 3/8 and \$5.03 1/2 a week ago. The reduction in the Federal Reserve Bank's rate of rediscount from 2% to 1 1/2%, which became effective on Friday of last week, has been without effect on foreign exchange quotations. The market has had spurts of activity, but while the undertone of sterling is firmer than last week, the activity has been confined largely to the United States dollar. While there is every evidence that the London market continues to be favored by foreign funds, there has been a considerable demand for dollars from many parts of Europe, chiefly through the London market. This is due largely to bear covering, but there is also an undoubted flow of fugitive American funds from London to New York. There is also a demand for dollars in France, Switzerland and Holland due to the fact that money is being sent to this side by other nationals for investment in the New York security market. Sterling exchange continues to display an easier tone in terms of French francs, or gold. This is due, it would seem, largely to the fact that there is a strong demand in London as well as on the Continent for francs, with which to purchase gold at the Bank of France in order to take advantage of the high premium for the metal offered in the London open market and by the United States Treasury. The United States price for gold continues at \$35 per fine ounce, but the mad scramble for gold so evident in London last week seems to have abated considerably. While the dollar continues at the new value of 59.06 cents, nevertheless, despite the heavy purchases of gold for American account, both London and Paris set a higher figure, the rate fluctuating daily considerably from hour to hour during trading. In London on a percentage of the new parity the dollar-sterling rate and price for gold in London indicated a value for the dollar this week ranging at from 1 1/4% to 3 1/8% above the parity fixed by the United States of 59.06 cents. All other European markets show similar higher interpretations of the dollar value, with wide hourly fluctuations in the rate. The dollar-franc rate has shown the dollar to be estimated in Paris at from 4 1-16% to more than 7 1/4% above the new parity. Several times during the week the dollar was quoted in Paris fractionally in excess of 63 cents.

The following tables give the mean London check rate on Paris from day to day, the London open market gold price and the price paid on gold by the United States:

MEAN LONDON CHECK RATE ON PARIS.

Saturday Feb. 3	77.80	Wednesday Feb. 7	79.00
Monday Feb. 5	78.47	Thursday Feb. 8	78.03
Tuesday Feb. 6	79.09	Friday Feb. 9	77.81

LONDON OPEN MARKET GOLD PRICE.

Saturday Feb. 3	138s. 3d.	Wednesday Feb. 7	136s. 6d.
Monday Feb. 5	140s.	Thursday Feb. 8	136s. 9d.
Tuesday Feb. 6	139s. 3d.	Friday Feb. 9	137s. 4d.

PRICE PAID FOR GOLD BY THE UNITED STATES (FEDERAL RESERVE BANK).

Saturday Feb. 3	35.00	Wednesday Feb. 7	35.00
Monday Feb. 5	35.00	Thursday Feb. 8	35.00
Tuesday Feb. 6	35.00	Friday Feb. 9	35.00

The market is full of rumors of probable stabilization agreements as between the dollar, pound and franc, and the recent disturbing developments in Paris lend hope that such currency agreements may be effected at no distant date. However, nothing is vouchsafed from official quarters, either here or abroad, and it seems highly improbable that stabilization can be accomplished for some time. There can be no doubt that London and Paris are watching the heavy American gold purchases with anxiety and it would seem probable that measures will be adopted by the British and French authorities to bring these gold purchases within reasonable limits less disturbing to the general foreign exchange and European money market situation.

While money has undoubtedly been leaving London for New York, markets everywhere show great confidence in London as the chief financial center of the world, so that funds are in great abundance there. Money rates are extremely easy in Lombard Street, though they have firmed up fractionally this week, greatly to the encouragement of the discount market. Call money against bills is in demand at $\frac{7}{8}\%$ to $\frac{3}{4}\%$, whereas only a few weeks ago this accommodation could be had at $\frac{3}{4}\%$ to $\frac{1}{2}\%$. Bill rates are at 31-32% to 1% for two months; at 11-16% for three and four months, and at 11-16% to $1\frac{1}{8}\%$ for six months. Gold continues to flow to London from many parts of the world, attracted by the high premium for the metal. At present many of the shipments from the Far East, while landed in London, are destined for New York from the time they leave Bombay, Calcutta and Shanghai. Most of the gold taken from the open market is for American account, according to well-informed London sources, though this fact is frequently disguised in the phrase "taken for unknown destination." On Saturday last £960,000 of bar gold was available and taken for an "unknown destination." There was no premium on French francs, as the market price was fixed in accordance with supply and demand. On Monday £1,540,000 was similarly taken, the bulk believed to be for shipment to the United States and the London market reported that arrangements had been made for shipments of gold to the United States as far ahead as March 15. There was no premium. The gold was disposed of on the basis of supply and demand at the record high quotation of 140s. per fine ounce. On Tuesday there was apparently no gold disposed of in the open market, but the quoted price had dropped to 139s. 3d. On Wednesday £1,234,000 bar gold available in the open market was taken for the United States and the price moved down to 136s. 6d. On Thursday £1,460,000 disposed of is believed to have been taken for shipment

to the United States. On Friday there was £1,100,000 available, the bulk of which is believed to have been taken for shipment to the United States. Gold bars were quoted at 137s. 4d. The Bank of England statement for the week ended Feb. 7 shows a decrease in gold holdings of £8,826, the total standing at £191,787,025, which compares with £127,934,341 a year ago and with the minimum of £150,000,000 recommended by the Cunliffe Committee. The Bank's proportion of reserves to liabilities is at a most satisfactory figure, standing on Feb. 8 at 53.98%, compared with 52.05% on Jan. 31 and with 30.99% a year ago.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended Feb. 7, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$1,200,000 from Mexico. There were no gold exports. The Reserve Bank reported a decrease of \$5,117,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In addition to this the Reserve Bank reported a further decrease of \$39,589,000 in gold held under earmark for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended Feb. 7, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, FEB. 1-FEB. 7, INCLUSIVE

Imports.		Exports.
\$1,200,000 from Mexico.		None.

Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.
Decrease \$5,117,000.

A footnote to the Reserve Bank's weekly statement read: "In addition to the above transactions, gold held under earmark for foreign account was reduced \$39,589,000."

The above figures are for the week ended Wednesday evening. On Thursday there were no imports or exports of the metal, or change in gold held earmarked for foreign account. A foot note to the usual report however, said: "Imports of gold previously acquired and included in the monetary gold stock of the United States, \$5,259,600 from France on Feb. 5, \$5,301,300 from France on Feb. 8. On Friday \$15,376,900 of gold was received, \$6,858,600 from England, \$4,872,600 from Canada, \$2,520,300 from Mexico and \$1,125,400 from France. There were no exports, but gold held under earmark for foreign account decreased \$1,351,100. A note to the statement said that "\$22,153,900 of gold was released from earmark for foreign account in New York against gold delivered abroad which was previously acquired and included in the monetary gold stock of the United States." It might be added that the value of all these transactions are figured at \$35 per fine ounce instead of \$20.67.

Canadian exchange continues at a discount in terms of old dollar parity. On Saturday last Montreal funds were at a discount of $\frac{7}{8}\%$, on Monday at from $\frac{3}{4}\%$ to $\frac{7}{8}\%$, on Tuesday at $\frac{3}{4}\%$, on Wednesday at $\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $\frac{7}{8}\%$, on Thursday at from $\frac{5}{8}\%$ to $\frac{7}{8}\%$, and on Friday at $\frac{7}{8}\%$ discount.

Referring to day to day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was up strongly from Friday's break. Bankers' sight was \$4.90 $\frac{1}{2}$ @\$4.94 $\frac{1}{2}$; cable transfers \$4.90 $\frac{7}{8}$ @\$4.95. On Monday sterling was steady. The range was \$4.93 $\frac{1}{8}$ @\$4.94 $\frac{5}{8}$ for bankers' sight and \$4.93 $\frac{3}{8}$ @\$4.95 for cable transfers. On Tuesday the pound firmed up. Bankers' sight was \$4.95 $\frac{1}{2}$ @\$4.97 $\frac{1}{4}$; cable transfers \$4.96@\$4.97 $\frac{1}{2}$. On Wednesday sterling registered further advances. The range was \$4.98 $\frac{1}{8}$ @\$5.03 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight and

\$4.98 $\frac{3}{8}$ @\$5.03 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. On Thursday sterling was steady. Bankers' sight was \$5.00 $\frac{1}{2}$ @\$5.01 $\frac{7}{8}$; cable transfers \$5.00 $\frac{3}{4}$ @\$5.02 $\frac{1}{4}$. On Friday sterling was steady, the range was \$5.00 $\frac{1}{2}$ @\$5.02 for bankers' sight and \$5.01 $\frac{1}{2}$ @\$5.02 $\frac{7}{8}$ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were \$5.01 $\frac{3}{4}$ for demand and \$5.02 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at \$5.00 $\frac{3}{4}$; 60-day bills at \$5.00 $\frac{3}{4}$; 90-day bills at \$5.00 $\frac{3}{4}$; documents for payment (60 days) at \$5.00 $\frac{3}{4}$ and seven-day grain bills at \$5.01 $\frac{7}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at \$5.00 $\frac{3}{4}$.

EXCHANGE on the Continental countries is easier in terms of new dollar parity. The following table illustrates this condition.

	Old Dollar Parity.	New Dollar Parity.	Range This Week.
France (franc)-----	3.92	6.63	6.18 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 6.46
Belgium (belga)-----	13.90	23.54	21.98 to 22.80
Italy (lira)-----	5.26	8.91	8.29 to 8.58
Germany (mark)-----	23.82	40.33	37.32 to 38.65
Switzerland (franc)-----	19.30	32.67	30.50 to 31.75
Holland (guilder)-----	40.20	68.06	63.20 to 65.95

French francs are, of course, of paramount interest this week because of the political disturbances and the increase in the discount rate of the Bank of France which was announced on Thursday. All important announcements and comments relating to the French riots and the political situation will be found in our news and editorial columns. The Bank of France rate was raised from 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to 3%. The 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % rate had been in effect since Oct. 10 1931, when the rate was lifted from 2% following Great Britain's suspension of gold. It is noteworthy that the Bank of France announced the advance in its rate immediately upon what appears to be the establishment of a firmer government and ease in political tension. It was given out in Paris that the reason for advancing the rate was the desire to keep pace with the money market, which has been showing a tendency to greater hardness in the past several weeks. The firming up of money rates in Paris is due to a considerable degree to the continuous loss of gold by the Bank of France. Overnight money is 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ %. Private discount rate is 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to 3% and loans against National defense bonds command 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ %.

It is denied in Paris that the gold withdrawals have had any part in advancing the rate. At the time it is intimated that further hardening of money rates is expected, which will be followed by further marking up of the central bank rate. It is not to be doubted, however, that the gold withdrawals have had an important influence in the change in the discount rate, and if they continue the rate will undoubtedly again be marked up regardless of open market money rates. The French are prepared to lose a considerable amount of gold, but these withdrawals can be made more orderly if the bank advances its discount rate to an extent which will in no wise injure the domestic needs for rediscounting. It seems more than ever probable that France may be compelled, if not to abandon the gold standard, at least to place an embargo on shipments of the metal intended for American account and not based upon strictly industrial and commercial requirements. Gold has been sent from Paris to London by airplane almost every day during the past two weeks, the greater part of which is intended, according to reliable reports, for reshipment to the United States. No reliable estimates are at present available as

to the amount of gold being received here from London. Up to Saturday last approximately \$23,-000,000 of French gold was on the way to New York by way of London, all of which was consigned to New York banks. The operations of the American exchange stabilization fund are kept secret. The Bank of France statement for the week ended Feb. 2 showed a loss in gold holdings of 194,534,608 francs (about \$12,800,000). These withdrawals do not represent the full amount which was withdrawn for shipment both to London and New York, as just indicated. The next weekly statement will cover the period up to Friday, Feb. 9. Despite the current losses in gold, the Bank's reserves show an improvement, standing at 79.10% compared with 78.97% a week earlier. The improvement in the ratio is due to a decline in the Bank's sight liabilities. The Bank of France has lost approximately 5,000,000,000 francs in gold in the last year. Total gold holdings now stand at 76,860,453,361 francs, which compares with 81,893,916,973 francs a year ago. The Bank's legal reserve requirement is 35%.

German marks are easier in terms of the new dollar. Mark exchange is largely nominal owing to the strict control exercised by the Reichsbank. A recent special dispatch from Berlin to the "Wall Street Journal" relating to the dollar and the mark stated: "The recent dollar stabilization is not likely to exert a direct or immediate influence upon the German monetary policy or to modify the exchange regulations, but the question of protecting German exports against competition from countries with depreciated currencies remains open, since the blocked mark and scrip defense are inadequate and temporary. Some bankers believe that Germany will ultimately be forced either to devalue or to adopt a system of subsidizing exports, for instance, through special duty imports as practiced by Czechoslovakia." Important items relating to the German standstill agreement and to the registration of the German "scrip" will be found in the news columns.

The London check rate on Paris closed on Friday at 77.81, against 77.65 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French center finished on Friday at 6.43, against 6.23 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 6.44, against 6.23 $\frac{1}{2}$, and commercial sight bills at 6.40, against 6.22. Antwerp belgas finished at 22.69 for bankers' sight bills and at 22.70 for cable transfers, against 22.44 and 22.45. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 38.63 for bankers' sight bills and 38.64 for cable transfers, in comparison with 37.74 and 37.75. Italian lire closed at 8.56 $\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 8.57 for cable transfers, against 8.29 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 8.30. Austrian schillings closed at 18.60, against 18.25; exchange on Czechoslovakia at 4.85, against 4.71; on Bucharest at 0.99, against 0.96 $\frac{3}{4}$; on Poland at 18.46, against 17.95, and on Finland at 2.22, against 2.17. Greek exchange closed at 0.92 $\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 0.93 for cable transfers, against 0.89 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 0.90.

EXCHANGE on the countries neutral during the war is easier in terms of the new dollar. Holland guilders are also easier in terms of francs owing largely to the heavy demand in Europe for francs with which to buy gold at the Bank of France for transshipment to London and New York. Dollars are also in demand in Amsterdam as some Dutch funds are moving to New York for investment in the securities markets. The Bank of the Netherlands shows a

loss of 30,000,000 guilders of gold during the past week which follows upon a loss of approximately 300,000,000 a week earlier. Most of this gold was shipped to Paris and offsets in a measure the drain upon the holdings of the Bank of France. The Swiss franc is also ruling easier in terms of the new dollar and of the French franc and gold has been moving from Switzerland to France. The Scandinavian units, of course, move in sympathy with sterling to which these currencies are attached.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 65.74, against 63.74 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 65.75, against 63.75, and commercial sight bills at 65.65, against 63.65. Swiss francs closed at 31.64 for checks and at 31.65 for cable transfers, against 30.59 and 30.60. Copenhagen checks finished at 22.41 and cable transfers at 22.42, against 21.79 and 21.80. Checks on Sweden closed at 25.89 and cable transfers at 25.90, against 25.19 and 25.20; while checks on Norway finished at 25.29 and cable transfers at 25.30, against 24.51 and 24.52. Spanish pesetas closed at 13.26 for bankers' sight bills and at 13.27 for cable transfers, against 12.85 and 12.86.

EXCHANGE on the South American countries presents no new features of interest. As is well known more freedom has been allowed to the open, or "bootleg", market during the past several weeks by the exchange controls of both Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro. The official Argentine rate continues around 33 for the paper peso but the "unofficial" rate in New York fluctuated this week between 25.45 and 25.75. An important item relating to the new Brazilian debt service agreement, signed by President Vargas on Tuesday, will be found in our news columns.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday nominally at 33½ for bankers' sight bills, against 32¾ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 33¾, against 33. Brazilian milreis are nominally quoted 8.36 for bankers' sight bills and 8½ for cable transfers, against 8.30 and 8¾. Chilean exchange is nominally quoted at 10, against 9¾. Peru is nominal at 24.87½, against 23.02.

EXCHANGE on the Far Eastern countries followed the course of recent weeks. The Chinese units are fractionally firmer and steady, moving consistently with the silver market. The Indian rupee, of course, fluctuates with sterling to which it is attached at the fixed rate of one shilling and six pence per rupee. Japanese yen fluctuate rather widely and are firmer in tone. On Friday of last week the yen closed at 29 and has fluctuated this week between 29.01 and 29.85. The Japanese control, it would seem, endeavors to hold the yen close to the phases of sterling.

Closing quotation for yen checks yesterday were 29.85, against 29 on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 37⅞ @ 38 1-16, against 37 9-16 @ 37¾; Shanghai at 34¼ @ 34 5-16, against 33⅝ @ 33¼; Manila at 50, against 49⅞; Singapore at 59, against 57½; Bombay at 37⅞, against 36⅞, and Calcutta at 37⅞, against 36⅞.

PURSUANT to the requirements of Section 522 of the Tariff Act of 1922, the Federal Reserve Bank is now certifying daily to the Secretary of the Treasury the buying rate for cable transfers in the different countries of the world. We give below a record for the week just passed:

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. FEB. 3 1934 TO FEB. 9 1934, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Feb. 3.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.
EUROPE—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling-----	.181125	.179000	.182500	.182333	.183125	.184500
Belgium, belga-----	.223638	.220430	.224061	.224084	.227500	.227830
Bulgaria, lev-----	*.013333	*.013533	*.013150	*.012800	*.013175	*.013000*
Czechoslovakia, krona-----	.047425	.046775	.047637	.047590	.048306	.048437
Denmark, krone-----	.220200	.220200	.221916	.223400	.224020	.224081
England, pound-----	4.929750	4.932000	4.968833	4.996916	5.011500	5.017000
sterling-----						
Finland, markka-----	.022060	.021900	.022133	.022300	.022183	.022240
France, franc-----	.063098	.061927	.063281	.063185	.064251	.064481
Germany, reichsmark-----	.380345	.375009	.380842	.380081	.385375	.386828
Greece, drachma-----	.009066	.008945	.009020	.009090	.009212	.009195
Holland, guilder-----	.644400	.632545	.646400	.645400	.656283	.652621
Hungary, pengo-----	*.284666	*.279650	*.285333	*.285833	*.288500	*.289500*
Italy, lira-----	.084000	.083046	.084289	.084261	.085953	.086026
Norway, krone-----	.247550	.247675	.249455	.251341	.251972	.252136
Poland, zloty-----	.180500	.179180	.182200	.182400	.184240	.184440
Portugal, escudo-----	.045260	.045410	.045412	.046212	.046329	.046312
Rumania, leu-----	.009720	.009600	.009683	.009750	.009853	.009950
Spain, peseta-----	.129814	.127823	.130215	.130285	.132242	.132742
Sweden, krona-----	.254340	.254233	.256100	.257711	.258441	.258477
Switzerland, franc-----	.310275	.305200	.311271	.310950	.315407	.316366
Yugoslavia, dinar-----	.021800	.021780	.022200	.022200	.022450	.022500
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo (yuan) dol'r-----	.332500	.334166	.335416	.336666	.337083	.339166
Hankow (yuan) dol'r-----	.332500	.334166	.335416	.336666	.337083	.339166
Shanghai (yuan) dol'r-----	.332500	.333593	.335156	.336406	.336406	.338906
Tientsin (yuan) dol'r-----	.332500	.334166	.335416	.336666	.337083	.339166
Hongkong, dollar-----	.370937	.371250	.370312	.374062	.373437	.375000
India, rupee-----	.370950	.371425	.373400	.375050	.376100	.376850
Japan, yen-----	.292656	.293437	.294200	.295687	.296400	.296502
Singapore (S.S.) dol'r-----	.574375	.576250	.580000	.583750	.588125	.588625
AUSTRALIA—						
Australia, pound-----	3.919166	3.926875	3.956666	3.980833	3.990833	3.995416
New Zealand, pound-----	3.929583	3.937291	3.966666	3.990833	4.001041	4.008833
AFRICA—						
South Africa, pound-----	4.873750	4.874375	4.909375	4.939375	4.954062	4.959062
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar-----	.989114	.990781	.991a62	.991510	.991145	.991197
Cuba, peso-----	.999550	.999550	.999550	.999550	.999550	.999550
Mexico, peso (silver)-----	.277320	.277160	.277160	.277260	.277260	.277860
Newfoundland, dollar-----	.987000	.988375	.989062	.989125	.988625	.988593
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso-----	*.328150	*.329100	*.331100	*.333166	*.334066	*.334500*
Brazil, milreis-----	*.084537	*.083620	*.083560	*.084100	*.084281	*.084262*
Chile, peso-----	*.094500	*.094500	*.094500	*.095000	*.094900	*.095100*
Uruguay, peso-----	*.767500	*.756866	*.769166	*.772866	*.782000	*.785333*
Venezuela, peso-----	*.694500	*.692100	*.687300	*.687300	*.684900	*.684900*

* Nominal rates; firm rates not available.

THE following table indicates the amount of gold bullion in the principal European banks as of Feb. 8 1934, together with comparisons as of the corresponding dates in the previous four years:

Banks of—	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
England...	£ 191,787,025	£ 127,934,341	£ 121,293,948	£ 141,247,159	£ 151,463,219
France...	614,883,627	655,151,335	580,504,663	445,056,591	343,448,325
Germany...	16,192,500	39,208,600	42,223,450	101,822,800	108,807,650
Spain...	90,462,000	90,349,000	89,932,000	96,604,000	102,695,000
Italy...	76,666,000	63,095,000	60,854,000	57,297,000	56,133,000
Netherlands...	76,603,000	86,045,000	72,728,000	36,341,000	36,628,000
Nat. Belg'm...	78,433,000	74,427,000	72,408,000	39,321,000	33,621,000
Switzerland...	67,518,000	88,965,000	95,098,000	95,748,000	123,569,000
Sweden...	14,545,000	11,439,000	11,436,000	13,365,000	13,569,000
Denmark...	7,398,000	7,297,000	8,160,000	9,552,000	9,674,000
Norway...	6,574,000	8,015,000	6,569,000	8,134,000	8,146,000
Total week 1	2,41,062,152	1,252,026,276	1,128,097,061	974,488,550	886,474,194
Prev. week 1	2,43,527,934	1,253,595,438	1,120,749,670	973,515,224	885,201,259

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 £1,531,650.

The Outlook for Republicanism in France.

It is the expected rather than the unexpected that has been happening in France during the past week. The Daladier Ministry, as had been predicted, did not long survive its first meeting with the Chamber of Deputies on Tuesday, and on Wednesday it resigned. The resignation came, however under extraordinary conditions. Three successive votes of confidence, each showing a substantial majority, had been given in response to Premier Daladier's indication of his program, and as far as technical procedure went the new Ministry had been approved. Within the Chamber, on the other hand, the proceedings were a pandemonium, while outside a riotous mob was battling police and mounted guards in a determined but unsuccessful attempt to reach the building in which the Deputies were meeting, and Paris was given over to mob terrorism such as it had not seen for many a day. In the melee a few persons were killed and several hundred injured, an especially long list of casualties being recorded for the police and mounted troops. In the face of the popular anger which the killing and wounding of citizens had aroused, it was made clear to Premier

Daladier that his Government, which had shown itself unable to control the situation, had already been repudiated notwithstanding the votes of confidence, and after some hesitation the resignation of the short-lived Ministry was handed to President Lebrun and the search for another Premier began.

The affair presents features so alien to American political experience as to make it difficult to understand either the causes or the course of the outbreak or the determining reasons for the Ministry's resignation. Paris dispatches are agreed that the action of the police and troops in firing on the mob stirred a popular resentment which promised still more serious violence, and special emphasis has been placed upon the fact that some of the victims were World War veterans. The spectacle, it is said, was presented of men who had served their country in war being shot down in the streets by defenders of a Government which had been repudiated. The foreign editor of the Paris newspaper "Le Soir," in a special cable to the New York "Times" on Wednesday, referred to the events as "not without a certain moral beauty," and pictured "columns of demonstrators without weapons of any kind defying death to overcome a hated regime," and "those thousands of honest and brave citizens, believers in law and order, who were induced to assail the police to bring back a clean and stable rule in the Republic." It is difficult to see any "moral beauty" in the acts of a mob which, egged on by young royalists and Communists who have long openly denounced the Republic, and reinforced by hoodlums and looters, tore up pavements to build barricades, hurled stones and iron tree railings at the police, cut the saddle girths of horses and pulled mounted guards from their seats, set fire to the Ministry of Marine, overturned and burned automobiles, busses and newspaper kiosks, and raided about the boulevards and squares in complete and vindictive lawlessness. It seems a curious sentimentality, rather than patriotic sentiment, which can applaud the participation of ex-soldiers in such lawlessness, or denounce the police for firing upon a mob so heterogeneous that its various elements could by no possibility be distinguished.

The causes of the outbreak, and of the political situation in which it is set, are to be found in part in the history of France, in part in some incidents of the moment, and in part in the attitude of political parties and their leaders. France has a tradition of mob violence as a method of protesting grievances and forcing changes in ministries or their policies. The Paris mob has been well described as an institution, and against its outbreaks, stirred up by agitators and supported by the criminal and lawless classes, every Government has had constantly to be on guard. The weakness of the Chautemps and Daladier Governments appeared in their inability to cope with violence, once it had broken out, until the lawlessness had become extremely dangerous. In the present instance, however, the mob appears to have been peculiarly variegated. Joining in the lawlessness were Communists, members of a small but aggressive political party bent upon overthrowing the existing capitalist and political order, and royalists, another small but militant group with a well-developed organization whose younger supporters, the Camelots du Roi, rival the hoodlums in their lawlessness, and with a daily newspaper, the "Action Francaise," whose editors, Charles Maurras and Leon Daudet, are among the most brilliant as

well as bitter journalists in France. To these factions were added the war veterans, openly dissatisfied with the Government and incensed at threatened reductions of their pensions, trade unionists stirred to revolt by the depression in industry and the growing unemployment, organized civil servants in rebellion against salary cuts, and spectators ready to take a hand in the excitement. There is no evidence of common purpose or recognized leadership in this motley aggregation of the revolutionary and dissatisfied elements, but for violence of an extreme kind they were obviously ready.

Neither the wide spread of dissatisfaction, however, nor the revolutionary efforts of Communists and royalists are sufficient to account completely for such a display of violence as Paris has witnessed or for the similar though less serious manifestations that have occurred elsewhere in France. There is no evidence that France desires to embrace Communism, and the royalist movement, although noisy and aggressive, is numerically weak. The proclamation which the Duke of Guise, the chief of the two pretenders to the throne, issued on Thursday through the royalist organ at Paris, declaring that the recent bloodshed is "where sixty years of the Republic, of party government, has taken you by rapid strides," and announcing that "this is the hour for you to rally to the monarchical principles on which France's greatness was built during centuries, and which alone can assure peace, order and justice and a continuity of policy in its acts," is not likely to win any considerable number of converts to monarchy. The Stavisky scandal, too, the outstanding provocation of the moment, is hardly the kind of rock on which the Republic is likely to founder. The basic difficulty of France is with its parties and their leaders.

Ever since 1924 France has been governed in the Chamber of Deputies by a working union of Left parties, commonly referred to as the Cartel des Gauches, made up principally of Radicals, Radical Socialists and Socialists, and supported, more or less consistently, by members of a number of small groups with Leftist tendencies. The union, however, has been a peculiar one. The Socialists, led by Leon Blum, a lawyer of ability and a politician with some statesmanlike qualities, have refused to take office in any of the numerous Ministries on the ground that they could not consistently share in a Government which they could not control, but they have nevertheless given their support, unofficially but effectively, to Governments of Radical Socialists and various Left combinations. The Radical Socialists, the party to which M. Daladier and former Premier Herriot belong, while they have been strong enough to serve as the core of a Ministry, do not possess a majority in the Chamber of Deputies and have been dependent upon Socialist support as well as upon the support of other Left parties. The result has been an unstable political equilibrium, with each Ministry sensitive to differences of opinion among its followers and compelled to trim its course in order to remain in power. As neither Radical Socialists, Radicals nor Socialists have shown any marked increase of strength in the country, what was virtually a party impasse seemed destined to continue indefinitely.

Partly as a result of this situation, and as a natural consequence of opportunity and ambition, the loosely-knit parties of the Right have lost no

chance to embarrass whatever Left Government has been in power. The most conspicuous leader of the Right has been Andre Tardieu, a former Premier who was long the right-hand man of Clemenceau and a persistent seeker of office and popular applause. At bottom an opportunist in politics, M. Tardieu has lately attacked the existing parliamentary and party system as outgrown, and has advocated changes which have been widely interpreted as suggesting some kind of dictatorship. Thanks to the attacks of the Right and the precarious position and shifting policies of the Left, there has been of late an unmistakable swing away from radicalism of every kind and toward a conservative regime. The radicals have denounced the movement as reactionary and endeavored to connect it with fascism or dictatorship, but the Fascist element is difficult to discern. It is rather the natural revolt against the control of policy by a union of parties which are themselves in no really fundamental agreement, and a demand for a Government which will put the interests of the country above those of the parties which for the time being support it. The foreign editor of "Le Soir" put the matter accurately when he wrote, in the dispatch to the New York "Times," from which we have quoted, that "on the other side of the barricade" which the rioters had thrown up was "a Parliament taken up entirely with its own affairs."

It is this widespread demand for a Government of really national character which explains, in large part, the enthusiasm with which former President Doumergue has been hailed as a prospective Premier. M. Doumergue has the qualities of ability, integrity, good nature and firmness that endear a political leader to the French people. No one doubts that his Government, if it receives the support which he has stipulated and which has been informally promised by various party leaders, will deal fearlessly with the Stavisky incident and institute the budgetary and other reforms which the country needs. The new Ministry, whose composition was announced yesterday, comprises several former Premiers and represents all important parties in the Chamber except the Socialists, who persist in holding aloof. It would be idle to minimize the difficulties of the task. M. Doumergue is conservative and the majority of the Deputies distinctly radical. With the possible exception of Leon Blum, there is not a party leader of whom it could with confidence be said that he can keep his followers in line in the face of a strong conservative program. For the moment, however, the leaders, at least, appear to have recognized the futility of the kind of politics from which France has been suffering, and to have agreed to unite in support of a firm and constructive policy. If this attitude corresponds to that of the party rank and file in the Chamber and to political opinion in the country, the country may hope that disorder and disaffection will be allayed and the pressing problems of national welfare seriously attacked.

Business and Finance Coming Out of the Trenches Surviving Unusual Ordeal.

Business and finance are beginning to come out of the trenches. They have long been the target of shrapnel, of bombs dropped from the air and have even been made apprehensive of mine explosions. There is one qualification the American business

man and banker have never lacked and that is fortitude and they are showing it now.

Among industries steel has long been regarded as a leader and to-day it is found in the vanguard of the army of recovery. One reason for this is that the steel industry is one of the best organized; it has long been well captained, and is ever ready quickly to take advantage of any indications pointing towards general improvement. Steel also is an industry which is close to other large enterprises which are great consumers of its products and for this reason its managers are well able to discern any signs of encouragement.

Therefore when the public is informed that reports to the American Iron and Steel Institute indicate that steel production has appreciated to the extent of 37½% of capacity, reaching the highest rate since weekly tabulations began on Oct. 23 last, there is strong support to the belief that business generally is not only improving but the change for the better bids fair to be well sustained. The rate indicated, 37½%, is 12.3% above the low mark established last November.

With the improvement in steel production already noted there was first a general increase in railroad car loadings, always a good sign, and that is now followed by reports of increasing earnings by the carriers. As a consequence of reviving traffic the railroad managers are seeing their way clear to make improvements long delayed and to place orders for new equipment which also had been deferred. In turn a demand for materials which will further stimulate industry will arise and that also will stimulate the movement of freight. Once in motion revival becomes an endless chain constantly revolving, the movement of each link pulling for general benefit.

Industry and traffic are two foundation stones upon which better times are built owing to the immense multitude of employees favorably affected. They cover a wide scope, beneficially affecting each State, whether it be a producer of raw materials, a manufacturer of finished products or a consumer of parts required for construction.

Prosperity is contagious, affecting the mental attitude and it thus begets and spreads increasingly better times. When the ball is started rolling it gathers momentum and breadth. The spirit of the American people is like that of a restrained steed champing at the bits, and anxious to be in the race.

Strengthening also the favorable change in public sentiment is the resumption of dividend payments by numerous corporations which had temporarily suspended disbursements, the declaration of extra dividends or the restoration of dividend rates which had been lowered during the trying ordeal of the past few years.

It may be well also to observe that defaults in the payment of interest upon bonds issued by large corporations have been comparatively few and by preserving solvency the costly process of reorganizations has been largely avoided much to the advantage of both stockholders and owners of bonds.

Without customary aid of the banks business would be handicapped as credit is the life of trade. It is much to the honor of the larger banking institutions, especially in the East, that during the prolonged and drastic depression they were able and manifested a disposition to take care of their customers and by remarkable ability and good judgment

were instrumental in lessening the unfavorable effects of the trying period. Gradually the banks have been strengthening their position so that they will be able to function as usual when reviving business shall present requirements for additional credit.

Considering the severity of the ordeal presented during the past few years industry, merchandising and banking are now in remarkably good condition to help along recovery if they receive encouragement from Federal and State authorities.

Less of theory and more of practical common sense are needed by those in public authority throughout the country to hasten the return of prosperity and assure its continuance, once it has been well established.

The Course of the Bond Market.

Bonds followed stocks in a moderate decline on Wednesday. Thursday saw some recovery in price, while on Friday price changes were mixed. This hesitancy may be due to the fact that Congress is now working on the long-awaited bill to regulate the stock exchanges of the country, and may reflect uncertainty in the minds of traders as to the nature of restrictions which it is certain Congress will impose. Bond prices remain at high levels, approximately where they were in the Spring of 1931, according to Moody's averages for 120 bonds.

On Saturday and Monday, U. S. Government bonds sold at new high levels since Jan. 1, and have receded only slightly since Monday. The Federal Government's new issues totaling \$1,000,000,000 were taken very generally by the banks of the country. Weekly reporting member banks showed an increase of \$541,000,000 in holdings of Government securities for the week ended Jan. 31 and a large increase in loans on securities. At the same time reserves were of course reduced. New York City member banks reduced their excess reserves to \$33,000,000 as of Jan. 31, but there was an increase to \$40,000,000 on Feb. 7. Short-term interest rates have eased somewhat, averaging slightly over 1% for all kinds of such rates in New York City.

High grade railroad bonds held firm or advanced, some issues to levels higher than the highest recorded since 1931. Among the latter were Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe gen. 4s, 1995 which advanced from 97 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 98 $\frac{1}{2}$ and Norfolk & Western 4s, 1996 which advanced from 100 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 102 $\frac{1}{2}$ for the week. Baltimore & Ohio 4s, 1948 gained over a point, from 93 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 94 $\frac{1}{2}$. Union Pacific 4s, 1947 lost about one point, to 101 $\frac{3}{8}$, and Pennsylvania 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1960 half a point, to 104 $\frac{1}{2}$. In the lower-priced groups losses predominated, Southern Pacific 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1969 from 69 to 68 $\frac{1}{2}$, New York Chicago & St. Louis 6s, 1935 from 71 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 68 $\frac{1}{2}$, Chicago Great Western 4s, 1959 from 48 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 47 $\frac{3}{4}$ and Louisiana & Arkansas 5s, 1969 from 65 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 63 $\frac{1}{2}$. Erratic price movements occurred in the low-priced and more speculative issues. For example Western Pacific 5s, 1946 sold as high as 46 $\frac{3}{4}$ and as low as 39 $\frac{5}{8}$ during the week.

The sharp advance of previous weeks in utility bonds was continued on Monday of the current week, carrying many issues to new high levels for the move. On Tuesday the trend was mixed, but on Wednesday profit-taking was markedly in evidence, a majority of bonds losing from fractions of a point to 6 points. This was of short duration, for on Thursday buying was again in evidence. American Water Works & Electric Collateral Trust 5s, 1934 were the most spectacular issue of the week, showing a large advance with huge volume, particularly upon announcement of re-funding plans. Net changes for the week include a gain of $\frac{1}{2}$ to 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ for Delaware Electric Power 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1959 and a loss of $\frac{1}{4}$ to 69 for National Power & Light 5s, 2030. Central States Electric 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1954 were unchanged at 43.

Industrial issues pushed into new high ground for the advance, and though receding from the top prices, scored a gain as a group. Steels held most of their gains, Inland

Steel 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1981, for example, gaining 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 94. National Steel 5s, 1956, remained around their high, up $\frac{1}{4}$ to 97 $\frac{1}{4}$. There was strength in the rubber group with Goodyear Tire & Rubber 5s, 1957, up $\frac{1}{4}$ to 94 $\frac{1}{2}$. U. S. Rubber 5s, 1947, were unchanged at 79 $\frac{1}{2}$ and Goodrich 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1947, unchanged at par. Oils displayed a firm trend, registering fractional gains or losses mainly. Set-backs from earlier advances were seen here and there, Childs 5s, 1943, dropping to 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ from 58. Cuban Sugars were strong on the President's sugar message to Congress. Francisco Sugar 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1942 gained 8 points to 40 and Eastern Cuba Sugar 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1937, were up 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 19 $\frac{1}{4}$.

The foreign bond market was rather irregular this week. Most South American and European issues gave evidence of weakness, particularly Argentine, Chile, Brazilian and a number of German issues. Australians moved up fractionally, while Danish and Norwegian bonds held their ground fairly well. Polish 7s were practically unchanged, but both the 6s and the 8s declined substantially. There was little change in Japanese bond quotations. Gold currency bonds moved mostly up.

The following is the list of bonds included in bond yield averages classified according to current ratings by Moody's Investors' Service:

RAILROADS.

Aaa	A
Atch. Top. & Santa Fe gen. 4s, 1995	Atlantic Coast Line 4s, 1952
Chesapeake & Ohio 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1992	Central RR. of New Jersey 5s, 1987
Chicago Union Station 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1963	Central Pacific 4s, 1949
Cincinnati Union Terminal 5s, 2020	Chic. Milwaukee & St. Paul 4s, 1989
New York Central 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1997	Chicago & North Western 5s, 1987
New York Connec. RR. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1953	Erie prior lien 4s, 1996
Norfolk & Western 4s, 1996	Great Northern 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1961
Oregon-Wash. RR. & Nav. 4s, 1961	Louisville & Nashville 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 2003
Pennsylvania 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1960	Pennsylvania 5s, 1964
Union Pacific 4s, 2008	Reading A 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1997
Aa	Baa
Baltimore & Ohio 4s, 1948	B. & O.—S. W. Div. 5s, 1950
Chesapeake & Ohio 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1995	Boston & Maine 5s, 1967
Chic. Burlington & Quincy 4s, 1958	Chic. Rock Island & Pacific 4s, 1988
Chicago & West Ind. 4s, 1952	Cleve. Cin. Chi. & St. L. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1977
Delaware & Hudson 4s, 1943	Erie gen. 4s, 1996
Kansas City Southern 3s, 1950	Missouri Kansas-Texas 5s, 1962
New York Central L. S. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1998	N. Y. N. H. & Hartford 6s, 1948
So. Pac. San Fran. Term., 4s, 1950	New York Ont. & Western 4s, 1992
Union Pacific 4s, 1968	Southern Pacific 4s, 1955
Virginian Ry. 5s, 1962	Western Maryland 4s, 1952

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Aaa	A
Cincinnati Gas & El. 4s, 1968	Appalachian El. Power 5s, 1956
Consumers Power 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1958	Georgia Power 5s, 1967
Con. Gas, E. L. & P., Balt. 4s, 1981	Houston Lt. & Pwr. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1981
Duquesne Light 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1957	Indianapolis Pwr. & Lt. 5s, 1957
Kansas City P. & L. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1961	Jersey Central Pwr. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1981
New England Tel. & Tel. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1961	Louisiana Pwr. & Lt. 5s, 1957
N. Y. Gas, El. Lt. & Pwr. 4s, 1949	Ohio Edison 5s, 1960
Philadelphia Electric 4s, 1971	Peoples Gas, Lt. & Coke 4s, 1981
Public Service El. & Gas 4s, 1971	Potomac Edison 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1961
West Penn Power 4s, 1961	Texas Power & Light 5s, 1956
Aa	Baa
American Tel. & Tel. 5s, 1965	Carolina Pwr. & Lt. 5s, 1956
Consolidated Gas of N. Y. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1951	Central Ill. Public Serv. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1981
Louisville Gas & Electric 5s, 1952	Delaware Elec. Pwr. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1959
Niagara Lockpt. & Ont. 5s, 1955	Florida Power & Light 5s, 1954
Northern States Power 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1961	Gulf States Utilities 5s, 1956
Ohio Power 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1956	Illinois Power & Light 5s, 1956
Pacific Gas & Electric 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1957	Iowa-Nebraska Lt. & Pwr. B 5s, 1961
Penn. Water & Pwr. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1968	New Orleans Pub. Serv. 5s, 1955
Rochester Gas & Elec. 5s, 1962	Penn Central Lt. & Pwr. 5s, 1979
So. Calif. Edison 5s, 1951	West. United Gas & Elec. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1955

INDUSTRIALS.

Aaa	A
American Radiator 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1947	Amer. Smelt. & Ref. 5s, 1947
Bethlehem Steel 6s, 1998	Cudahy Packing 5s, 1946
General Electric 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1942	Gulf Oil of Pennsylvania 5s, 1947
General Petroleum 5s, 1940	Lehigh Coal & Nav. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1954
Illinois Steel 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1940	Lorillard (P.) Co. 7s, 1944
Liggett & Myers 5s, 1951	Sun Oil 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1939
Standard Oil of N. J. 5s, 1946	Texas Corp. 5s, 1944
Standard Oil of N. Y. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1951	Tobacco Products 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1022
Tenn. Coal, Iron RR. 6s, 1951	Union Oil of Calif. 6s, 1942
	Western Electric 5s, 1944
Aa	Baa
Baldwin Locomotive 5s, 1940	Abraham & Straus 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1943
Jones & Laughlin Steel 5s, 1939	Aluminum Co. of Am. 5s, 1952
Sauda Falls 5s, 1955	Amer. I. G. Chemical 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1949
Swift & Co. 5s, 1944	Goodyear Tire & Rub. 5s, 1957
Union Gulf Corp. 5s, 1950	Inland Steel 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1978
	Lorillard (P.) Co. 5s, 1951
	National Dairy Prod. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1948
	National Steel 5s, 1956
	Pillsbury Flour Mills 6s, 1943
	Wilson & Co. 6s, 1941

FOREIGN

A	Ba
Belgium 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1949	Italy 7s, 1951
Belgium 7s, 1956	Norway 5s, 1963
Denmark 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1962	Norway 6s, 1952
Denmark 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1955	Oslo 6s, 1955
Framericam Ind. Dev. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1942	Oslo Gas & Elec. 5s, 1963
Baa	Ba
Antwerp 5s, 1958	Austria 7s, 1957
Australia 5s, 1957	Cuba 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1953
Austria 7s, 1943	Gt. Cons. Elec. Pwr. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1950
Copenhagen 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1953	Poland 6s, 1940
Finland 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1958	Ruhr Gas 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1953
Germany 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1965	Sao Paulo 7s, 1940
Japan 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1965	Tokyo Elec. Lt. 6s, 1953
Poland 7s, 1947	Uji-gawa Electric 7s, 1945
Rome 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1952	Un. El. Serv. (Italy) 7s, 1956
Tokio 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1961	Warsaw 7s, 1958

Note: Because of the limited number of suitable issues, the Industrial Aaa group is now temporarily limited to nine and the Industrial Aa group to five, while the Foreign Aa group is omitted entirely. Because of proper adjustments, however, the averages remain comparable throughout. Where, in the remaining Foreign groups, a country or city is represented more than once, the weighting of each bond in the average is correspondingly reduced. Averages for all other groups are unweighted.

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

bonds of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation. At the present time these bonds are guaranteed as to interest payments by the United States Government and it is proposed to extend the guarantee to apply to the principal also.

Classification of Expenditures.

How is the money to be spent? A partial answer to this question is afforded by the following table showing the emergency expenditures for 1934 by broad classifications. This table is exclusive of the supplementary \$1,166,000,000 asked for by the President, the purposes of which were not itemized:

Emergency Expenditures—Fiscal Year 1934.

Public Works Administration.....	\$1,677,000,000
Agricultural Adjustment Administration.....	103,000,000
Farm Credit Administration.....	40,000,000
Emergency Conservation Work.....	342,000,000
Reconstruction Finance Corporation.....	3,970,000,000
Tennessee Valley Authority.....	19,000,000
Federal Land Banks.....	52,000,000
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.....	150,000,000
National Industrial Recovery Administration.....	4,000,000
Total.....	\$6,357,000,000

It will be observed that the appropriation for the RFC covers 62% of the emergency expenditures, and that RFC and public works combined account for 89% of the total. The other items are self-explanatory. In view, however, of the importance assigned to the RFC, a breakdown of this agency's figures is desirable.

Proposed RFC Expenditures for 1934 Net After Estimated Repayments.

Loans to banks and trust companies.....	\$280,000,000
Loans to railroads.....	93,000,000
Loans to mortgage loan companies.....	180,000,000
Loans to Federal Land Banks.....	171,000,000
Purchase of bank preferred stock, capital notes, &c.....	1,350,000,000
Grants to States for relief purposes.....	462,000,000
Loans for drainage, levee and irrigation districts.....	50,000,000
Loans for self-liquidating construction projects.....	93,000,000
Loans for foreign sale of agricultural surpluses.....	100,000,000
Loans for domestic storage and marketing of agricultural commodities.....	498,000,000
Loans to joint stock land banks.....	81,000,000
Direct loans to farmers under Emergency Farm Mortgage Act.....	200,000,000
Purchase of Home Loan Bank Corporation stock.....	82,000,000
Purchase of Home Owners' Loan Corporation stock.....	199,000,000
Other expenditures.....	131,000,000
Total net expenditures.....	\$3,970,000,000

Extenuating Circumstances of Current Debt Increase.

It will be clear from an examination of the foregoing figures that the contemplated increase of debt will have certain extenuating features that are entitled to consideration. A substantial portion of the increase will be offset by the acquisition of assets having a recoverable value. In his budget message, the President said that the Government held collateral or other assets valued at \$3,559,000,000 against outstanding advances, and it is estimated that, if the borrowing program for the next year and a half is carried through, the Treasury in 1935 will hold assets of something like \$5,462,000,000 face value against a public debt of \$31,834,000,000. To the extent that these assets pay out, the proceeds will reimburse the Treasury and provide for debt retirement without burden upon the taxpayer. Some of these assets unquestionably are of a high grade. The investments by the RFC in the preferred stock and capital notes of banks are clearly of this class. Certain of the assets, of course, will have to be written down, but even so there should be considerable salvage value in the totals which would be increased with an improvement in business. The RFC has not been known as an easy lender, at least so far as its loans to banks, railroads, insurance companies and the like are concerned. It is noteworthy that out of \$2,749,000,000 loaned and disbursed by the RFC from the date of its

organization in February 1932, to Dec. 31 1933, \$1,031,000,000, or 37% has been repaid already.

Even in cases where the Government has made direct outlays, as for example for public works, the sums that are spent for useful and necessary projects should add to the wealth and productive power of the country. To the extent that the Government expenditures represent the acquisition of realizable assets or the furthering of projects having some economic utility, the increase of debt is evidently in a different category from that which occurs during a war when capital and wealth are being destroyed.

The Test of Success.

The real test of the spending program will not be in the ability of the Treasury to dispose of a given amount of securities, or even in a favorable showing for trade while the spending is in progress, but in the ability of the Government to stop spending when it wants to without bringing on a corresponding slump in business.

New Jersey Bankers' Association Reiterates Stand on Taxation—Urges Consolidation of Municipal Governments and Municipal Functions—Also Calls for Debt Limit Laws—Not in Favor of New Taxes at This Time—Would Extend Temporary Insurance Fund One Year from Present Date of Termination.

Following a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Bankers' Association held for the purpose of giving further study to the current fiscal position of the State and its political subdivisions, Carl K. Withers, President of the Association, announces that the Association's stand on taxation as presented Aug. 24 1933 at a meeting of the Joint Committee of the Legislature on Taxation was again reiterated. The recommendations made at that time were:

1. That there be brought about a general consolidation of municipal governments and numerous municipal functions.
2. That there be immediately enacted debt limit laws that limit in fact.
3. That there be positive and effective regulation and control of spending by State and municipal authorities.

As regards new taxes, Mr. Withers' announcement states that while the Association feels that a more equitable system of tax levy must be worked out in this State and that the sales tax is a step in this direction, until expenditures have been further drastically reduced, both for current and long-term needs, the question of new or additional taxes should not be considered. When, however, expenditures, local and State, have been reduced to a fair basis, then, and not until then, will the Bankers' Association wholeheartedly consider and co-operate in any plan to raise additional funds. Experience has shown that every new tax is an additional tax. The Bankers' Association insists that no new taxes be levied until the cost of government, both State and local, has been brought within the reach of present expected income. It is further announced:

In addition to the foregoing, the Executive Committee has gone on record as favoring the extension of the Temporary Federal Deposit Insurance Fund for a period of one year from the present date fixed for termination thereof on July 1 1934, and that the time fixed by the Banking Act of 1933 for the permanent organization of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, including the subscription of the capital stock by the banks effected be likewise extended for one year.

The New Capital Flotations in the United States During the Month of January

The new capital issues brought out during the opening month of the new year again proved extremely light and call for no comment beyond noting the fact itself. The grand total of new issues floated footed up no more than \$90,242,665 and this included a \$28,000,000 Federal Intermediate Credit banks issue of 2½% collateral trust debentures almost entirely for refunding. The corporate issues aggregated no more than \$7,483,407; these comprising with one exception nothing but brewery issues of one kind or another. The awards of State and municipal issues reached \$54,759,258 and would have fallen far below that amount except that a few large issues served to swell the amount, the list including \$15,000,000 of 5½% refunding bonds by the City of Chicago, \$8,453,000 of Massachusetts 3s and 3½s, \$6,806,000 of Allegheny County 4% bonds, \$3,800,000 of St. Louis, Mo., 3¾s and 4s, and \$2,000,000 of Syracuse N. Y., 4.10% bonds.

Of course, conditions for bringing out private issues of securities still continue unfavorable, especially in the case of corporate issues, banking and investment houses being reluctant to take the risk involved in floating new obligations in view of the provisions of the Security Act of 1933.

Aside from this, much of the financing formerly done in the ordinary way is now being done by the United States through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and other Government agencies. Particularly is this true with reference to the borrowing by States and municipalities and as a matter of fact, new financing by the United States now represents larger new debt creations than all other sources

of new capital issues combined. As it happens, too, during January new financing by the U. S. Government proved of unusual proportions, it including not only several issues of bills on a discount basis, but a piece of major financing in excess of a billion dollars in the shape of Treasury notes and certificates. In view of the importance and magnitude of this Government financing, we bring together the details of the same below, in other words furnish a summary of the United States issues of all kinds floated during the month.

Treasury Financing During the Month of January 1934.

On Jan. 23 Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. announced a combined offering of Treasury notes and Treasury certificates of indebtedness to the total amount of \$1,000,000,000 or thereabouts. The first (Series C-1935) consisted of 2½% Treasury notes dated Jan. 29 1934 and due March 15 1935; the other (Series TS-1934) of 1½% Treasury certificates of indebtedness dated Jan. 29 1934 and due Sept. 15 1934. Each offering was for the amount of \$500,000,000 or thereabouts. The offering met with a quick response and closing of the subscription books was announced the same day they were opened. Subscriptions amounted to \$4,784,776,700, of which \$3,424,212,200 was for the 2½% notes and \$1,360,564,500 for the 1½% certificates of indebtedness. The amount allotted on the 2½% Treasury notes was \$528,101,600, while on the 1½% certificates of indebtedness the amount allocated was \$524,748,500, making the aggregate \$1,052,850,100. Both series were offered at par. The entire amount allotted on

the two issues, viz. \$1,052,850,100, represents an addition to the public debt. The notes and certificates, in addition to being exempt from the normal taxes, are also exempt from the surtaxes.

Mr. Morgenthau on Dec. 26 had announced an offering of \$100,000,000 or thereabouts of 91-day Treasury bills. The bills, however, were dated Jan. 3 1934 and mature on April 4 1934, and hence comprise part of the Government's financing for the month of January. Tenders for the issue amounted to \$384,619,000, of which \$100,990,000 was accepted. The average price obtained was 99.843, equivalent to an interest rate of 0.62% on a bank discount basis. The proceeds were used to retire a similar amount of maturing bills.

On Jan. 3 Mr. Morgenthau invited tenders to a new offering of \$100,000,000 or thereabouts of 91-day Treasury bills. This issue was dated Jan. 10 and will mature April 11 1934. Applications for the bills amounted to \$252,825,000, of which \$100,050,000 was accepted. The average price on this issue was 99.843, the average rate on a bank discount basis being about 0.62%. The proceeds were used to retire \$75,020,000 of maturing bills, leaving \$25,030,000 as an addition to the public debt.

Another issue of 91-day Treasury bills was announced by Mr. Morgenthau on Jan. 10 in the amount of \$125,000,000 or thereabouts. The bills were dated Jan. 17 and will mature April 18 1934. Tenders to this offering amounted to \$289,397,000, of which \$125,340,000 were accepted. The average price realized by the Treasury on this issue was 99.831, the average rate on a bank discount basis being 0.67%. The offering was used in part to meet \$75,023,000 of maturing bills, leaving \$50,317,000 as an addition to the public debt.

A further offering of \$125,000,000 or thereabouts of 91-day Treasury bills was announced on Jan. 17 by Mr. Morgenthau. The bills were dated Jan. 24 and will mature April 25 1934. Subscriptions to the offering amounted to \$303,560,000, of which \$125,126,000 was accepted. The average price of this issue was 99.831 and the average rate about 0.67% per annum on a bank discount basis. The issue provided for \$80,034,000 of maturing bills, leaving \$45,092,000 of new Government debt.

On Jan. 24 Mr. Morgenthau gave notice of an additional issue of 91-day Treasury bills to the amount of \$150,000,000 or thereabouts. The bills were dated Jan. 31 and will mature May 2 1934. Tenders received amounted to \$381,422,000, of which \$150,320,000 was accepted. The accepted bids averaged 99.819, the average rate on a bank discount basis being 0.72%. Proceeds of the issue were used in part to retire \$60,180,000 of maturing bills, leaving \$90,140,000 as additional Government debt.

On Jan. 31 Mr. Morgenthau announced the offering of two series of Treasury bills dated Feb. 7, one running for a period of 91-days for the amount of \$125,000,000 or thereabouts, and the other for 182-days to the amount of \$50,000,000 or thereabouts. The 91-day bills mature May 9 and the 182-day bills on Aug. 8. In offering Treasury bills of 182 days' duration, it is noted that the Treasury departed from its customary 91-day to 93-days' maturity dates. The longest maturity on such financing has heretofore been 93 days, although the Treasury has the authority to issue bills up to a year's maturity. While the two series were announced in January, they bear the date of Feb. 7 and are therefore not included in our tables of Treasury financing for January shown below. Tenders to the 91-day issue of \$125,000,000 aggregated \$302,858,000, of which \$125,493,000 was accepted at an average price of 99.834, equivalent to a bank discount rate of 0.66%. Tenders to the 182-day issue of \$50,000,000 amounted to \$244,427,000, of which \$50,078,000 was accepted at an average price of 99.524, the yield on a bank discount basis being 0.94%. The rates on these offerings compare with 0.72% (bills dated Jan. 31); 0.67% (bills dated Jan. 24 and Jan. 17), and 0.62% (bills dated Jan. 10 and Jan. 3).

Proceeds of the two issues of bills dated Feb. 7 provided for the retirement of \$75,335,000 of maturing bills, leaving \$100,236,000 as an addition to the public debt.

In the table below we show the Treasury financing done during January. The result is found to be that the disposals (not counting the sale of the two Treasury bill issues announced Jan. 31 and bearing date of Feb. 7) aggregated \$1,654,676,100, of which \$390,257,990 was used to take up existing issues and \$1,263,429,100 represented new indebtedness.

UNITED STATES TREASURY FINANCING DURING JANUARY 1934.

Date Offered.	Dated.	Due.	Amount Applied for.	Amount Accepted.	Price.	Yield.
Dec. 26	Jan. 3	91 days	\$384,619,000	\$100,990,000	Average 99.843	*0.62%
Jan. 3	Jan. 10	91 days	252,825,000	100,050,000	Average 99.843	*0.62%
Jan. 10	Jan. 17	91 days	289,397,000	125,340,000	Average 99.831	*0.67%
Jan. 17	Jan. 24	91 days	303,560,000	125,126,000	Average 99.831	*0.67%
Jan. 23	Jan. 29	13½ mos.	3,424,212,200	528,101,600	100	2.50%
Jan. 23	Jan. 29	7½ mos.	1,360,564,500	524,748,500	100	1.50%
Jan. 24	Jan. 31	91 days	381,422,000	150,320,000	Average 99.819	*0.72%
				1,654,676,100		

* Average rate on a bank discount basis.

USE OF FUNDS.

Dated.	Type of Security.	Total Amount Accepted.	Refunding.	New Indebtedness.
Jan. 3	Treasury bills	\$100,990,000	\$100,990,000	
Jan. 10	Treasury bills	100,050,000	75,020,000	\$25,030,000
Jan. 17	Treasury bills	125,340,000	75,023,000	50,317,000
Jan. 24	Treasury bills	125,126,000	80,034,000	45,092,000
Jan. 29	2½% Treas. notes	528,101,600		528,101,600
Jan. 29	1½% Cfts. of Ind.	524,748,500		524,748,500
Jan. 31	Treasury bills	150,320,000	60,180,000	90,140,000
		\$1,654,676,100	\$391,247,000	\$1,263,429,100

Features of January Private Financing.

Referring again to the limited volume of corporate financing undertaken during January, we observe that there were only eight flotations for a total of no more, as already said, than \$7,483,407, all of which, needless to say, was domestic financing. This compares with 11 new offerings, totaling \$16,150,018, reported for December. The January financing comprised seven new stock emissions by breweries and distilleries for an aggregate of \$5,983,407 and \$1,500,000 Northwestern Telegraph Co. 1st mtge. 4½s, Jan. 1 1944, representing an extension of maturity.

The portion of the month's corporate financing raised for refunding purposes was \$1,500,000, or slightly over 20% of the total. In December the refunding portion was \$549,500, or about 3.4% of the total. In January 1933 the amount for refunding was \$42,360,000, or more than 65% of the month's total.

Included in the month's financing was an issue of \$28,000,000 Federal Intermediate Credit banks 2½% collateral trust debentures dated Jan. 15 1934, due in six months, offered at price on application.

As already stated, there were no foreign issues of any description marketed here during January.

None of the January corporate offerings contained convertible features nor carried rights to acquire stock on a basis of one kind or another.

Two new investment trusts of the fixed type were announced in January, viz.:

Group Securities, Inc., common stock, sponsored by Distributors Group, Inc., and Fenner & Beane, New York.

Metals Equities, Inc., capital stock, sponsored by National Associated Dealers, Inc.

The following is a complete summary of the new financing, corporate, State and city, foreign Government, as well as farm loan issues, for the month of January:

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

MONTH OF JANUARY 1934.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
Corporate—	\$	\$	\$
Domestic—			
Long-term bonds and notes	-----	1,500,000	-----
Short-term	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks	5,983,407	-----	5,983,407
Canadian—			
Long-term bonds and notes	-----	-----	-----
Short-term	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign—			
Long-term bonds and notes	-----	-----	-----
Short-term	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks	-----	-----	-----
Total corporate	5,983,407	1,500,000	7,483,407
Canadian Government	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign Government	-----	-----	-----
Farm loan issues	5,000,000	23,000,000	28,000,000
Municipal, States, cities, &c.	*36,791,912	*17,967,346	*54,759,258
United States Possessions	-----	-----	-----
Grand total	47,775,319	42,467,346	90,242,665

* Figures do not include \$140,024,280 of funds made available to States and municipalities by various agencies of the Federal Government during January 1934.

In the elaborate and comprehensive tables on the succeeding pages we compare the foregoing figures for 1934 with the corresponding figures for the four years preceding, thus affording a five-year comparison. We also furnish a detailed analysis for the five years of the corporate offerings, showing separately the amounts for all different classes of corporations.

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

DETAILS OF NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS DURING JANUARY 1934.

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

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue and by Whom Offered.
\$ 1,500,000	Public Utilities— Refunding	100	4.50	Northwestern Telegraph Co. 1st Mtge. 4½s, 1944. Offered to holders of company's 1st Mtge. 4½s, due Jan. 1 1934.

STOCKS.

Par or No. of Shares.	Purpose of Issue.	(a) Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue and by Whom Offered.
\$ 75,000 shs	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Alterations & add'ns to bldgs., &c.	\$ 300,000	4	---	Duluth (Minn.) Brewing & Malting Co., Common stock. Offered by Homer, Collins & Co., Duluth.
850,000	Construct distilleries	1,041,250	6½	---	Kentucky Products Co., capital stock. Offered by H. P. Hayden & Co. and McGowan, Cassidy & White, Inc., Chicago.
191,000	Acq. site; construct & equip plant.	382,000	2	---	Little Pepper Distilling Co., Inc., Class A stock. Offered by Harris, Ayers & Co., Inc., New York.
150,000	Plant & equip.; retire current debt.	1,162,500	7¼	---	Pleasant Valley Wine Co., capital stock. Offered by Tobey & Co., New York.
70,000	Improve plant and property	350,000	5	---	Porter (H.) Distilling Co. (Agawam, Mass.), Class B common stock. Offered by Teller & Co., Hartford, Conn.
81,497	Construct plant; new equipment	264,865	3¼	---	Tonowanda (N. Y.) Brewing Corp., capital stock. Offered by A. F. Hatch & Co., Inc and C. H. Berets & Co., Inc., New York.
1,241,396	Improvements; new equip., &c.	2,482,792	1 sh. cl. A and 1 sh. cl. B for \$2.	---	Walker (H. E.) Distillers & Brewers, Inc., Class A stock. Offered by Whitlock, Smith & Co., Detroit.
1,241,396	Improvements; new equip., &c.				Walker (H. E.) Distillers & Brewers, Inc., Class B stock. Offered by Whitlock, Smith & Co., Detroit.
		5,983,407			

FARM LOAN ISSUES.

Amount.	Issue and Purpose.	Price.	Yo Yield About.	Offered by.
\$ 28,000,000	Federal Intermediate Credit Banks 2½% coll. trust deb. dated Jan. 15 1934 and due in 6 months; refunding and provide funds for loan purposes		%	Price on applicat'n Charles R. Dunn, Fiscal Agent, New York.

* Shares of no par value.

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

Text of Report on Stock Exchange Regulation Transmitted to President Roosevelt by Secretary of Commerce Roper—Letter of Secretary Roper Summarizing Recommendations—Letter of President Roosevelt to Chairman of Senate Banking Committee.

An item bearing on the report presented to President Roosevelt by Secretary of Commerce Roper appears elsewhere in our issue to-day. The full text of the report is given herewith, together with the letter of President Roosevelt to the Chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, and the letter of Secretary Roper to the President.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, Jan. 25 1934.

Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher,
Chairman Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Senator Fletcher:

Early last spring at my request the Secretary of Commerce formed a committee for the study of the problem of Federal legislation looking to the regulation of the issuance and sale of securities in inter-State commerce. Out of this study grew my recommendation which later resulted in the enactment of the Securities Act of 1933.

The other division of the study relates to the regulation of stock exchanges. A committee under the direction of the Secretary has also been pursuing this study and this report is being transmitted to you herewith in the hope that it may be of some assistance to you and the other members of your Committee in developing legislation on this subject. I shall be glad at the proper time to confer with you and any other members of your Committee with regard to the policy or program that occurs to me in this connection. In the meantime I shall leave with you and your associates the matter of the construction of the legislation with the understanding, of course, that the departmental committee will be very glad to co-operate with you in every way it can.

I am sending a copy of the report also to the chairman of the House Committee with a similar letter.

Very sincerely yours,
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

LETTER OF SUBMITTAL.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Washington, Jan. 23 1934.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States,
The White House, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am transmitting herewith a report made to me by the committee which has been engaged in a study of the problem of stock-exchange regulations.

It will be observed that the Committee on Stock Exchange Regulation has not undertaken to prepare a draft of a bill carrying into effect its suggestions. Since we began our study of stock exchange regulation, the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate have been conducting an investigation along the same general lines, but more extensive in nature. Our Committee has, accordingly, endeavored to keep in touch with Senator Fletcher's committee in a fully co-operative manner. In view of this situation, it may be that you will desire to transmit the study of our Committee to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee for such use as its members may be able to make of it. Our Committee will be glad to co-operate with Senator Fletcher in any way that he may think we can assist in constructing any bill or bills which he may wish to present to the Senate on stock-exchange regulations.

The major points and recommendations covered in this study are:

1. To require that exchanges shall receive a Federal license as a condition permitting the use of the mails and of inter-State commerce instrumentalities for transmitting their quotations in all communications respecting sales and other transactions on such exchanges.

2. There should be established an administrative authority with broad discretionary powers to require the exchanges to adopt and enforce rules and regulations in a form satisfactory to the administrative agency and of such character as to establish a minimum standard of fair dealing on such exchanges.

3. The adoption of satisfactory rules and regulations which, in the event of violation, would give the Federal agency authority either to deprive such an exchange of its license or to suspend it or fine it, or to require a change in its governing personnel.

4. The study recommends that the form and content of stock-exchange rules governing such matters as pools, margin trading, specialists, short selling, listing requirements, retailing methods, reports, and accounting shall not be set forth in detail in the statute, but shall be left to be prescribed by the administrative agency in accordance with the broad standards of the statute and above a certain minimum requirement.

5. In relation to the recommendation set forth on the preceding point, it is therefore proposed to require the suggested administrative agency to engage in the full and adequate collection of statistics upon which to base its rules and regulations, with a flexible power to alter these from time to time as a fuller knowledge may require.

It is gratifying that the committee is unanimous in its recommendations, as indicated by the fact that all members have signed the report.

I am attaching with this letter a report on the regulation of commodity exchanges, which presents the conclusions of the Committee, stating that, while the problem of stock-market regulation and regulation of commodity exchanges involve many of the same abstract issues, they are nevertheless essentially different, both as to the concrete problems with which they deal and as to the groups and classes of persons whom they primarily affect.

The report of this Committee, relative to the Securities Act, with recommendations as to possible revisions and changes, will be ready for submittal to you not later than Jan. 26.

Very sincerely,
DANIEL C. ROPER, Secretary of Commerce.

REPORT TO SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
OF
COMMITTEE ON STOCK EXCHANGE
REGULATION.

INTRODUCTION.

Your Committee regards certain of the disclosures before the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency during the past year and a half as imposing an imperative obligation to devise constructive measures for the prevention of those practices which have shocked the conscience of the Nation. There has been revealed the spectacle of certain leaders in the world of finance who, while standing in a fiduciary relation to the stockholders as directors in corporations, have engaged in stock market transactions which could not but redound to the ultimate disadvantage of the shareholders. There has been uncovered the presence of some pool operations which have artificially influenced the price of shares to the disadvantage of the private shareholder and in the hope of speculative gains to the participants. There has been revealed, on the part of certain persons occupying high positions in the banking and financial world, an attitude toward the interests committed to their charge which is not in accordance with those high standards and ideals which the public had been led to expect of them. There has also been revealed on the part of the general public a tendency toward unintelligent and senseless speculation which, lending itself to exploitation by high pressure selling methods and through the medium of marginal trading and some of the other practices revealed in the investigation, has stimulated security values to unsound levels from which they have inevitably receded with disastrous consequences to the whole national economy.

Market fluctuations caused by the condition just outlined have repercussions which extend far beyond the stock exchanges and the circle of individuals who trade in securities. There is a relationship

between fluctuations in the stock market and unsettlement in business conditions, based on the fact that stock exchange movements are apt to be regarded by both business men and the general public as an indicator of underlying conditions. A violent fall in the stock market consequently may lead business men to curtail commitments and activities, thereby increasing unemployment, while on the other hand a sharp rise in the stock market may lead to expansion of business activity beyond the bounds of sound economics. Likewise, the stock market vitally affects credit, which in turn directly affects commercial conditions. In part this is due to the practice of banks in making loans upon stock market collateral. In part it is due to the fact that institutions such as savings banks and insurance companies hold as investments securities listed on the exchanges, and fluctuations in quotations affect the apparent financial soundness of these institutions. When these considerations of general economic welfare are united to practices and methods which are either unethical or unsound, or both, the country has seen the result in a succession of financial disasters whose consequences affect the whole Nation.

With this spectacle before it, your Committee believes that no single piece of legislation, however comprehensive, will be able to deal effectively with all aspects of the situation which may require governmental action. The problems lie in different fields of banking, corporation law, taxation, issue and sale of securities, and stock market regulation. In some of these fields, a beginning at dealing with the evils disclosed has been made in statutes already passed, such as the Glass-Steagall Banking Act and the Securities Act enacted at the last session of the Congress.

Your Committee realizes that, perhaps, the most effective way to deal with certain evils connected with manipulation of stock by directors and officers, issue of stock to insiders for inadequate consideration, incomplete publicity of corporate accounts and similar problems is by the requirement of Federal incorporation for corporations engaged in inter-State commerce. These particular problems can, however, to some extent, be dealt with through the regulation of stock exchanges and stock exchange operations. Since the terms of reference under which your Committee has been operating emphasized primarily the question of stock exchange regulation, this report will concern itself as to ways and means of controlling these and other evils by the method of regulating the exchanges.

Your Committee believes that under a realistic interpretation of the Constitution, stock exchange operations and transactions may be constitutionally regulated by the Federal Government through the use of the postal power and the power to regulate inter-State commerce and its incidents. On this assumption, a statute would, we believe, be valid which would provide that unless an exchange operated under a license issued by the Federal Government, no quotations of prices on such exchange, no offers to buy or sell, no contracts or communications relating to the transactions on such exchange, could be transmitted through the mails or by means of the instrumentalities of inter-State commerce. In the event of such requirement of a Federal license, there would be attached to the license as conditions of issue and continued enjoyment, compliance with the regulatory requirements outlined by the statute. This is analogous to the system of Federal regulation applied to grain exchanges by the Grain Futures Act, and held constitutional by the Supreme Court. (*Board of Trade vs. Olsen*, 262 U. S. 1.) Other possible sanctions are discussed below.

The question remains, assuming the constitutionality of such regulation, whether it should be imposed, what form it should take and what particular regulations should be included.

In attempting to deal by legislation with these questions, two considerations, your Committee believes, must be kept in mind. The first is that many practices can be turned to the abuses of greed and dishonesty which are not in themselves necessarily promotive of evil, but which, so long as a speculative market is permitted to exist, may serve ends appropriate thereto, and the abolition of which would cause inconvenience without preventing greed and dishonesty from resorting to other methods for accomplishing their objectives. The second consideration is that many of the practices through which greed and dishonesty operate are inseparable from the existence of a market in which securities may be readily bought and sold, and we are thus brought face to face with the question of whether this country at the present time desires, or could stand reforms so radical as to abolish such a market or curtail speculative practices which contribute to the liquidity of such a market. Certainly no good would be accomplished, for example, by leaving the door open to unlimited speculation on the upside of the market, while seeking to curtail speculation on the downside.

We feel that the general objectives of regulation of stock markets are three:

- (1) The specific practices of the market must be made reliable and clean, no matter what point of view is adopted with regard to the larger questions.
- (2) So far as possible, the aim should be to try to create a condition in which fluctuations in security values more nearly approximate fluctuations in the position of the enterprise itself and of general economic conditions—that is, tend to represent what is going on in the business and in our economic life rather than mere speculative or "technical" conditions in the market.
- (3) The steady accumulation over a period of time of information which will afford a better basis for determining whether as wide and as dangerous machinery as now exists is really necessary to secure liquidity of security values.

This last question involves the broad problem as to whether liquidity, through the mechanism of stock markets, should be encouraged or discouraged. Your Committee is not now in possession of information permitting determination of this broad question. From one point of view it is arguable that the attempt through exchanges to give liquidity to tremendous bodies of the national wealth is an element of fragility in the economic structure. Your Committee takes note of the fact that a relatively high degree of liquidity exists in the bond market apart from the existence, to anything like the same extent, of some of the practices of the stock market which are now the subject of criticism. Further, your Committee cannot but take note of the fact that the translation of an extremely large percentage of the national wealth into the form of liquid securities has widespread social effects.

Without passing upon any of these problems now, the conclusion has been reached that any regulatory mechanism should accumulate the necessary data to permit formulation of a national policy; and should likewise be implemented sufficiently so that a policy, when reached, can be carried into effect. It would, in the opinion of the Committee, be unwise to attempt at this time to reach final conclusions as to many of the features of such a policy, because the deeper questions involved have yet to be considered in the light of full data, and because the quantitative effect of many stock exchange practices are not yet fully disclosed.

1. METHODS AND MECHANISM OF REGULATION.

Your Committee believes that the major problem involved in any consideration of proposed stock exchange regulation relates to the methods and mechanism through which the proposed regulation is to be applied. Your Committee believes that the most practical solution

from a long-range viewpoint, assuming such legislation to be desirable, is to enact a measure which will provide a system embodying the minimum of specific regulatory provisions in the statute itself and the maximum of discretionary powers of regulation in an administrative agency.

Your Committee believes that at this time a mechanism ought to be set up which is—

- (a) Capable of collecting necessary information.
- (b) Capable of being used to carry out a policy as it shall be developed.
- (c) Flexible enough to permit meeting of situations, both specific and general, as they shall have been fully disclosed and developed.

This conclusion is based on the fact that while it is possible to outline legislation devised to correct known wrongs, it will be of little value to-morrow if it is not flexible enough to meet new conditions immediately as they arise and demand attention in the public interest. Stock exchanges raise essentially new problems in Federal regulation. They do not present a static situation susceptible to fixed standards. On the contrary, it is a highly dynamic, everchanging picture, subject to untold and unknown possibilities and combinations that are to-day unpredictable. The thing to be avoided is the placing of this complex and important mechanism in a strait jacket.

Your Committee has considered as an alternative suggestion that the proposed enactment cover in its detailed provisions all known unfair, inequitable, and unsocial practices by express provisions with a minimum discretionary power of regulation by the governmental body responsible for enforcement.

While it is possible to fix by law certain basic standards as a guide to conduct in the matter of regulation of exchanges, these must be limited to minimum requirements. The point specifically is that while certain provisions might be included in any regulations, such provisions should not be the only power of correction left open to an administrative agency, but it should have broad discretion to operate directly on various abuses as the future may prove them to exist. It is not proposed that the Government so dominate exchanges as to deprive these organizations of initiative and responsibility, but it is proposed to provide authority to move quickly and to the point when the necessity arises.

If the suggestion outlined above is sound, it follows that the agency entrusted with such responsibilities must be co-ordinated with certain functions which the United States Government has already assumed. The functions here outlined fall within the realm of the rapidly growing problem of corporations and corporate finance, with which the United States Government has had to occupy itself increasingly in recent years. At the same time, the problem of the stock exchanges cannot be divorced from the handling of bank credit, since the interrelation of bank credit with stock speculation has been a major characteristic of stock exchange development in the past two decades. Moreover, the work of such an agency should be correlated with the mechanism adopted to administer the Securities Act, and also it must interrelate with the machinery of the Federal Reserve banks in connection with short-term credit and credit extended against securities. At the same time, it must be recognized that a Government agency operating in this field, and endowed with wide powers to license or close exchanges, coupled with a reserve power to license individual brokers as more fully discussed hereafter, and to make rules and regulations concerning a delicate mechanism like the stock exchange must be in the highest degree effective, non-political, able to act rapidly, and at the same time so constituted as to place responsibility to the fullest extent possible on the private bodies now handling the work of security exchanges.

Your Committee believes that an effective solution would lie along the lines of establishing an administrative agency which will hereinafter be designated as the "Federal Stock Exchange Authority." It would be appropriate to unite in such an agency the regulation and supervision of stock exchanges and the administration of the present Federal Securities Act. This raises the question as to whether or not the existing Federal Trade Commission should be availed of for such a purpose or whether a new Federal Stock Exchange Authority should be created. If the Federal Trade Commission should be availed of, divisional organization within that Commission should be provided in such manner as would effectively centralize this work in a portion of the Commission and permit its administration apart from the other work entrusted to the Federal Trade Commission. Considerations pertinent to centralizing under one administrative head work of this character, already begun, and work generally concerning trade practices in industries, other than corporate finance, together with the work of collecting statistics on trade and finance, constitute an argument that may be advanced for such a method of procedure. On the other hand, technical specialization in financial matters of this character together with practical problems of administration might dictate as the wisest course the setting-up of a new and separate authority in which the administration of the Securities Act and the regulation of stock exchanges would be vested. The choice between these two devices of administration can only be wisely made in the light of a full consideration of what duties are to be entrusted to the proposed authority and of the efficiency and adaptability of the present Federal Trade Commission to perform the tasks that may be demanded of it.

In either case, the staff of the agency must be especially fitted for their tasks; and the commissioners charged with the work must be men of unusual qualifications who must hold the respect of the country; and such an agency should give continuous representations to the views both of the investing public and of the exchanges, in an endeavor to provide that no hasty or ill-advised regulations would be promulgated by inexperienced men.

Your Committee wishes to call specific attention to the proposal that a representative of the stock exchanges should be drawn into the administrative agency. It is believed desirable to provide for such representation, since the field covered is decidedly technical, and the technical view is a necessary contribution on this phase of regulation.

It should be required, however, whether a division of the Federal Trade Commission is adopted, or a new agency is set up, that the holder of any position in connection with the agency should be required to dissociate himself from all business connections, and should be prohibited from engaging, directly or indirectly, in any market transaction, much as the Secretary of the Treasury is obliged to dissociate himself from any private business.

Should a division of the Federal Trade Commission be selected, it would seem desirable to add at least two members to the Federal Trade Commission, and designate them, with one other member, Corporate Securities Division of the Federal Trade Commission, acting as a unit, independent of the remaining members of the Trade Commission. Should it be determined that a separate commission should be set up, such commission should be composed of at least three members, without regard to political affiliations, appointed for a term of at least 7 years. In either case it is suggested that one of the members of the commission or authority should be required by law to be a man thoroughly experienced in stock exchange practices.

Method of Enforcing Rules and Regulations.

Alternative methods by which the administrative agency might enforce such rules and regulations made by it under the statute are:

(a) To provide that unless an exchange received the sanction of approval; that is, a license issued by the proposed commission or division, no quotation of prices on such exchange, no offers to buy or sell, no contracts or communications relating to the transactions on such exchange, and no securities sold or to be sold on such exchange, should be transmitted through the mail or by means of the instrumentalities of inter-State commerce; or

(b) To provide that the administrative agency should require individual brokers, members of stock exchanges, to take out a Federal license as a condition of permitting the stock exchange to continue as a Federally licensed body.

Your Committee does not consider it desirable to require the licensing of individual brokers. There is a distinct danger that such a system would break down the controls already exercised by the stock exchanges through their business-conduct rules, which operate or can be made to operate with summary speed and effectiveness. If brokers were licensed, it would inevitably come to be thought that the proper method of disciplining a broker would be the revocation of his license by the governmental authority. An exchange might well hesitate to deny its privileges to a broker whose license was still in full force and effect. Inevitably, however, the process of revoking a license would be much less summary than the action of a business conduct committee of the exchange. The proceeding would take place at Washington and not locally. To some extent it would have to follow more or less protracted forms of judicial procedure and would have to be subject to review in the courts. All these factors, while cutting the ground from under the effectiveness of the exchange's own disciplinary procedure, would substitute a procedure slower and less certain of accomplishing results. It seems distinctly better, in the opinion of your Committee, to stimulate the exchange to further disciplinary activity by holding it to a high degree of accountability for the conduct of members.

On the other hand, there is a danger in relying exclusively, as a sanction, on the power of the Federal Stock Exchange Authority to revoke the license of an exchange and thereby close to it access to the mails and to inter-State commerce. The consequences of closing an exchange are so far reaching so many innocent persons would inevitably be injured by such a step, that it might well be that the Stock Exchange Authority would be so reluctant to deprive an exchange of its license that the regulations and orders of the authority might come to be disregarded. This could in part be obviated by providing that in addition to the extreme penalty of revoking the license, the authority might impose upon the exchange the minor penalty of a fine. The authority might also be given power to require an exchange which had violated a condition of its license to change any or all of its officers and (or) the membership of all or any of its governing boards or committees.

It might well come to pass, however, that the application of any of these measures, short of the final and extreme one of closing the exchange, would prove ineffective to prevent practices on the exchange which were violative of the terms of its license. If an exchange, through weakness of its organization or through recalcitrancy, proved unable or unwilling to enforce the rules and regulations required by the Federal Authority as a condition of its license, there would seem no other recourse than to bring the power of the Authority to bear directly upon the individual members of the exchange by placing them under license conditioned upon observing the practices in question. In other words, it is suggested that the statute provide that when the Federal Stock Exchange Authority had found, after due notice and hearing, that an exchange had violated a condition of its license by failing to take proper disciplinary action to enforce the rules and regulations required by the license, then and in such event the Stock Exchange Authority might require that no broker trading upon the exchange should continue to do so or should enjoy the facilities of the mails and of inter-State commerce in connection with such trading, unless he received a license from the Stock Exchange Authority. In issuing such licenses, the Authority could refuse to do so to the particular brokers who had violated the proper regulations of the exchange and whom the exchange had failed to discipline. The Stock Exchange Authority, upon satisfying itself that the particular exchange in question would henceforth properly abide by the terms of its license, might thereafter withdraw the requirement that the individual brokers on that exchange should be licensed, and might reinstate the exchange.

Your Committee has considered as an alternative the suggestion of Federal incorporation of exchanges. Your Committee has found no advantage in the incorporation of stock exchanges, whether it be directed toward correcting the situation as regards either the conduct of members or of those using the facilities of exchanges or the listing or unlisting of securities, which cannot be more simply and effectively remedied by the licensing provisions herein proposed. Furthermore, your Committee has reached the conclusion that the incorporation of exchanges presents disadvantages over the licensing method sufficient to warrant the conclusion that the incorporation plan is unfitted to meet the needs of the situation.

For example, at the present time most exchanges as unincorporated associations provide in their constitution that elected members must pledge themselves to abide by the decision of the governing board as final arbitrator of charges of infringement of rules and regulations. The penalties that may be inflicted by this board for violation of any exchange rule or regulation by members range from temporary suspension to permanent expulsion. Usually, after charges are made against a member for infringement of rules or of improper conduct to the governing board by one of its committees, and the charges against the accused member provided him in writing, a trial is speedily held and a verdict reached by a majority of governors. The whole proceedings, including the infliction of penalties, are disposed of in a very short time, depending upon the evidence and the seriousness of the charge, judicial review being limited in general to the fairness of the trial, and not reopening the case on its merits.

It has been pointed out by your Committee throughout this report that correction of abuses in exchange practices is a matter that must be carried out speedily, since delay, once a decision has been arrived at, may be disastrous. It is this very point that constitutes the strongest argument against the incorporation of exchanges under the normal statutory methods for incorporating exchanges. Were exchange incorporation to be introduced it would allow members to have their cases adjudicated in the first instance in a court of law rather than, as at present, by exchange tribunals. This would mean that every violator of exchange rules and regulations would be automatically provided with a lengthy opportunity to indulge in improper practices, since formal judicial review would probably require many months before actual trial, with the possibility that delays through technicalities might greatly protract the proceeding. In the meantime, the public might suffer greatly since the complained-of condition might involve the question of

the member's solvency, and by the time insolvency could be formally proven in the courts, assets might be depleted almost entirely.

Still another disadvantage to formal legal procedure against members for exchange violations is that under the present system charges against members may be based not on specific rules and regulations, but upon what is sometimes referred to as conduct "inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade." In such instances, while the evidence may be of a less formal nature than that required as legal evidence, still to a board of governors or committee composed of exchange members intimately acquainted with a complicated mechanism the evidence may be so conclusive as to warrant immediate disciplinary action. In such instances lengthy acquaintance with the party or parties involved and their previous conduct and possibly past violations might be factors which only those possessed of special equipment of judgment would fully appraise in proper relation to the improper conduct charged.

DIVISION OF POWERS AND CO-ORDINATION WITH FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

In one important respect the work of the proposed administrative agency interacts with a quite different agency so closely as to seem to require special treatment. Since no regulation of stock exchange practices can avoid the subject of margin requirements, the administrative agency is brought fairly in contact with the question of short-term credit. The lending of money to brokers or upon securities in connection with margin transactions is one of the great problems in the banking structure. Under the terms of the Glass-Steagall Act (act of June 16 1933, Chapter 88, Section 3A, U.S.C.A., vol. XII, Section 301), the Federal Reserve banks in each district are now charged with the duty of "ascertaining whether undue use is being made of bank credit for the speculative carrying of or trading in securities," but their sole power is to report the facts to the Federal Reserve Board, and the Board may then, in an extreme case, suspend any member bank from the use of the credit facilities of the Federal Reserve System.

It would seem proper to give to the Federal Reserve banks of their districts power, in consultation with the proposed Stock Exchange Authority to meet situations directly, rather than indirectly; and your Committee accordingly would suggest that the Federal Reserve Bank of any district, together with the proposed agency, should be empowered to prescribe margin requirements; and the Federal Reserve Bank of the district should be permitted to warn or suspend from the credit facilities of the Federal Reserve System, any bank which might make loans to brokers who violate such requirements.

In other words, in this regard it is believed that joint action by the Federal Reserve Bank of a district and the proposed Stock Exchange Authority should be required, so that the action of the agency would be cross-checked in the credit field by the principal agencies handling short-term credit; and that the Federal Reserve banks of each district should be implemented with added power, in conjunction with the proposed agency. An incidental advantage might be that the Reserve banks in each district could thus steer credit out of the stock market when desirable and toward commercial business more effectively than can now be done. As an added advantage, this brings the proposed Stock Exchange Authority into close relationship with the Federal Reserve banks, who are nearer the practical problem than a Washington agency might be, acting alone.

Regulatory Requirements.

In the event a Federal license should be required of all exchanges as above proposed there would be attached to the license as a condition of issue and continued enjoyment the following requirement, viz.: That all exchanges desiring a Federal license must adopt and submit to the proposed Stock Exchange Authority for its approval, rules designed to comply with the regulatory requirements outlined by the proposed statute and with such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the proposed Stock Exchange Authority thereunder. Furthermore, as a condition of retaining a license an exchange would be required to abide by and enforce such regulatory requirements and such rules and regulations. Any exchange would be permitted to adopt any other or additional rules and regulations not inconsistent with the regulatory requirements outlined by the statute or the rules and regulations promulgated by such proposed Stock Exchange Authority.

At the present time there is a wide disparity in the standard of accountability of members of exchanges to their governing boards. It might be said that there are almost as many degrees of strictness and conformity to desirable standards as there are operating exchange institutions. The same might be said of the requirements demanded of corporations listing their securities upon exchanges—the requirements of some being increasingly praiseworthy and setting the standard for the rest, although not yet completely satisfactory, while others are so lax as to provide but little protection to the public in the way of adequate and official information from listors.

It is the suggestion of this Committee that the proposed Stock Exchange Authority shall be authorized by the statute to develop and establish by its rules and regulations standards for all exchanges, their members and security listors, which shall surpass those now required by any exchange in order to protect those using the facilities of exchanges from the improper practices which have been revealed or which may, at a later date, be found detrimental by the Government administrative authorities.

The suggested procedure is as follows: In order to entitle itself to a license, an exchange must submit its rules to the Stock Exchange Authority, above described. These rules must contain provisions embodying as a minimum at least the regulatory requirements suggested hereinafter and must be in a form which satisfies the Authority that they are at least as stringent as the standard set out in the statute, although they may be more so. If at any time, on complaint or otherwise, the agency is satisfied that a particular licensed exchange is not vigilantly or effectively enforcing any of the rules in question by expulsion, suspension, fine or otherwise of its members, such exchange, after a hearing, if found guilty, shall be deprived of its license, or suspended, or required to pay a heavy fine, or to change all or any of its officers or governing boards or committees.

Should the Stock Exchange Authority feel it too dangerous to compel action by an exchange through depriving it of its license, the reserve power to license brokers, as above outlined, could, if necessary, be invoked. It is hoped, however, that co-operation with exchanges would work out to a point which would make this unnecessary. Your Committee is of opinion that the non-legal, quick acting, non-reviewable disciplinary measures which an exchange can take, can never be adequately replaced by the slower moving processes of an administrative agency or the courts, and the objective should be to preserve and utilize these private mechanisms to the fullest degree possible.

Appropriate procedure for appealing to the courts from the orders of the Stock Exchange Authority must, of course, be devised. The appeal should lie directly to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the circuit in which the exchange is situated. The review should be limited

primarily to questions of law, findings of fact of the Stock Exchange Authority being treated as final, so far as this may constitutionally be permitted. Also some procedure should be devised for enforcing through the courts the orders of the Stock Exchange Authority in a manner analogous to that by which the "cease and desist orders" of the Federal Trade Commission are enforced.

II. SUBSTANTIVE REGULATION.

The considerations which have led your Committee to recommend a method of stock exchange regulation by broad discretionary authority vested in an administrative agency rather than through detailed and specific statutory prohibition and requirement of particular practices will, your Committee believes, be made abundantly clear when we turn to consider the actual problems raised by the different types of exchange practices in connection with which abuses have been disclosed. So many considerations turn out to be involved in these practices, depending upon the purposes for which, and circumstances under which, they are employed, that an attempt to establish hard and fast rules would raise the possibility not only that unforeseen interference with business operations might result, but actually the consequence might be to originate new and unforeseen evils. Certain of these specific problems will now be taken up.

1. *Pools.*—Many of the abuses which have been disclosed have occurred in connection with so-called "pool operations." In attempting to propose regulations which would eliminate the evils of such operations, the difficulty is at once encountered that pools are of different kinds and are conducted for different purposes and with different results. The speculative pool, which is operated for the purpose of "rigging" the market to the detriment of the public and unduly enhancing the price of a security in order that the members of the pool may profit by selling the security at the enhanced price, or which operates to depress a security in order that the insiders may buy at the lower price and then resell at a profit, constitutes the chief evil for which a remedy is demanded. It is true, however, that certain joint accounts or syndicate operations in the market are conducted for purposes which are considered by many experts to be indispensable to accomplish certain ends which are legitimate under established methods of doing business in this country. This is the case, for example, with the so-called "distribution pool or syndicate," which, when honestly conducted, creates an orderly market for securities during the period of the distribution of a new issue.

For example, let us suppose that a corporation has to meet a maturing obligation of \$5,000,000. It decides to issue securities. It must know definitely that it will have the money before the due date. It, therefore, enters into a firm commitment to sell \$5,000,000 of new securities to underwriters at 97, who offer them at 100 to the public. Naturally, if all the securities were at once thrown back on the market by the purchasers, the price would sag. And if the quoted price sags the underwriters cannot dispose of the securities off of the exchange at 100. So the underwriters support the market by trading in the securities on the exchange until the distribution is completed. This has been criticized on the ground that the public could have bought at a lower level if the underwriters did not support the market. If the security is properly priced, however, this transaction is not properly subject to criticism, since otherwise no underwriter could distribute at the public offering price, and if he could not, he could not have afforded to enter into a firm commitment to pay to the corporation the money and the latter, if it had no underwriting and had not completed its sales of securities before its maturity, might default. Naturally, such transactions may be perverted from their normal uses by "rigged" quotations on the exchange so that when the syndicate stops trading, that is "pulls the plug," the price sags and the public has a security which is selling several points below the public offering price. Such a sag in price, however, may in some cases be due to poor distribution of the security, *o. e.*, it was sold to too many market traders rather than investors, so that the sales exceed the demand rather than to any intrinsic defect in the security.

The foregoing considerations, which may be advanced in justification of the so-called "distribution pool," rest, of course, on an assumption that the practice of corporations in obtaining money by selling a block of securities at a firm commitment to underwriters or wholesalers who will then redistribute to the public is a sound practice. Of course, it might be urged that the corporation could market its securities directly to the public or through brokers on a commission basis. Even, however, should it be felt desirable to enforce the substitution of the latter method of financing for the one now prevailing, substantially the same difficulty in distributing the securities without supporting the market during the period of distribution would still have to be confronted if the corporation was to be assured of a definite sum resulting from the sale. Suppose, for example, the corporation undertook directly to market an issue of 10,000 shares of \$100 per preferred stock at par. On the first day it sold 1,000 shares. Suppose some of these shares came into the possession of market traders who resold them in the market on the following day at 98. The corporation would obviously be unable to continue to sell any shares at 100 unless it went into the market with an offer to buy at 100 and thus brought the price up to that figure.

Just as arguments may thus be advanced for the so-called "distribution pool," there may be a similar argument for the operation of a syndicate to aid in the orderly liquidation of a block of securities which, if thrown upon the market without support, would demoralize the market and depress prices to the disadvantage of the investors in the securities in question. It has been said that such a syndicate is not necessary, in that such securities could be fed out slowly. This is true if there is no demand for sudden liquidation by creditors, banks, &c., or in order to settle an estate. If there is such a demand, a syndicate may perform a useful function.

The problem of the regulation of pool operations lies in the necessity of distinguishing between the legitimate and the illegitimate. There can be no question that there are certain types of pool operations which not only do not serve any legitimate function, but which are in fact a definite social menace. As has already been indicated the difficulty comes in defining a legitimate and an illegitimate pool. Similarly, the question of the proper method of dealing with illegitimate pool operations raises difficulties. If, for example, the method of publicity is chosen, there is a danger that the publicizing of the fact that a pool is operating in a security may act as a stimulant to lure speculators into the market and thus increase the very evils of excessive speculation, which it is hoped to remedy. Furthermore, many pools of an illegitimate speculative character are conducted off the regular exchanges and therefore in drafting any regulations great care must be taken to see that the regulations are not of such a sweeping character as simply to drive pools from the exchanges, where they can be regulated, into the unorganized markets where they are largely beyond the reach of regulation.

Your Committee therefore believes that careful consideration should be given by the proposed Stock Exchange Authority to the question of what type of regulation can be effectively adopted to prevent illegitimate

speculative pools. It should also require, in the case of all pools or syndicates, that a copy of the syndicate or pool agreement, together with the names of the participants and the amounts of their participations, should be filed with the exchange and made available for inspection. The exchanges should furthermore be required to observe carefully the operation of all pools and syndicates so that they may be properly controlled.

The Stock Exchange Authority should give consideration to whether or not it should establish a rule that all public quotations of securities in which a syndicate or pool is operating should be marked with some appropriate symbol to designate that fact. Of course, the mere publication of quotations with such a symbol may prove of little use or may even be misleading insofar as other essential information, such as the size and scope of the pool, the extent of its operations, and its general objectives, cannot be made available to the public by means of such a marked quotation.

2. *"Wash Sales" and "Matched Orders."*—An accompaniment of speculative pool operations is the use of so-called "wash sales" and "matched orders." The effect of this method of using the exchange machinery is most distasteful to the public for it creates the semblance of legitimate activity in securities which does not in fact exist. It is a maxim with speculative pool operators that the best way to advertise a stock to gain a speculative public following is to show increasing turnover in volume of sales with increasing prices. Through the use of "wash sales" and "matched orders" such fictitious market situations are created as to warrant the absolute prohibition of this practice. That this form of manipulation should be abolished has been recognized by some exchanges since they have promulgated rules to this effect.

3. *Margin Trading.*—No attempt to deal with the abuses of stock exchange operations can omit the subject of margin trading. The principal evil connected with stock exchange operations is undoubtedly, in the opinion of your Committee, excessive speculation, that is to say, speculation beyond the point where it promotes and facilitates trade, but where, on the contrary, it stimulates and exaggerates the normal swing of economic tendencies. So long as excessive speculation prevails, efforts to protect the buying public who trade in securities are bound to be unavailing. The remedy must be to curtail the excessive elements. Persons who seek to profit by entering an excessively speculative market and who are not adequately equipped to protect themselves, cannot be protected from loss by governmental action.

It must always be recognized that the average man has an inherent instinct for gambling in some form or other. It has been recognized as a social evil, always inveighed against since early times. No method of combatting it has ever been completely successful. If abolished in one form it seems always to crop up in another. In America the man of average income has perhaps turned to the stock exchange because of the prohibition of various forms of gambling. If the speculative tendencies of our people could be turned into other channels, this instinct might be satisfied without the far reaching economic consequences which come from widespread public speculation in the stock market. The real evil in this situation is that the resulting speculations affect the national economy. This evil also brings in its train the losses to investors against which so much complaint is made. If, as your Committee believes, it is desirable to curb excessive speculation, one of the principal points of attack must be the restriction within sound limits of margin trading.

From the information at hand, it would seem desirable that accounts should not be carried on margin unless the customer's equity was at least a minimum amount at inception in order to prevent the risking of savings by individuals who are unable to cope with the hazards of the market. Further, margins of at least a stated percentage of the purchase price of each security purchased might be required; and the requirements might further be enforced by requiring that banks confine their loans to brokers who observe these requirements.

To some extent margin requirements may impair liquidity of securities on exchanges; but the social cost of liquidity has yet to be explored, and should be explored by the proposed Stock Exchange Authority. Further, liquidity as affected by margin requirements, changes in importance from time to time, and it seems hardly desirable to freeze requirements in the provisions of a statute. Powers, accordingly, should be given to the Stock Exchange Authority to devise rules and regulations on this subject from time to time after appropriate studies. If it be said that such powers are too broad for a governmental agency to have, we may merely point out that such powers are possessed now by the purely private boards of governors of the various exchanges, and indeed, that substantially similar requirements could be imposed (did they desire to do so) by the clearing-house banks of the financial centers. Provided that the Stock Exchange Authority acts in conjunction with the Federal Reserve Bank of the district, it would seem certain that any regulation imposed would be informed by experienced judgment, having in mind the significance of the decision both with respect to securities and security levels, and with respect to short-term credit and the banking situation.

4. *Specialists.*—Your Committee has considered the functions of the specialist as known on the modern stock exchange. The specialist apparently performs a useful and necessary service in the functioning of the security marketing activity of the exchanges in executing other than market orders. There have, however, been revealed abuses by such specialists of their highly confidential position such as revealing the position of their book to the detriment of their principals; buying or selling for their own account when more advantageous prices might have been obtained for or from others; and participation in pools operating to "rig" the market in a particular security.

In view of such abuses, it seems necessary to empower the proposed Stock Exchange Authority to deal with a number of problems relating to the specialist by appropriate rules and regulations. Among these are—

- (1) His power to trade for his own account, and if so, on what terms.
- (2) Whether the information in his confidential book shall ever be disclosed, and if so on what terms.
- (3) Whether the activities of a specialist might not be entrusted to a clerk of the exchange whose activities should be confined purely to executing orders.

As to these, your Committee does not feel that it has adequate evidence to suggest specific legislation; but feels that they are proper subjects for rules and regulations by the proposed Stock Exchange Authority.

On the other hand, there are certain practices by specialists which it seems clear should be prohibited. Your Committee, therefore, suggests that among the rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Stock Exchange Authority should be a rule forbidding any specialist, or any firm of which a specialist is a member, to participate directly or indirectly in any pool, joint account, or syndicate, trading in a security in which he is a specialist; and also a rule requiring that a specialist, whenever stating a bid or offered price, shall indicate whether it is his own or another's order.

5. *Short Selling.*—One of the things most criticized in connection with stock market operations is the practice of short selling, and many people have advocated that it should be abolished.

No satisfactory studies are available on the results of short selling, as to whether it accelerates the decline or whether "short covering" acts as a stabilizing influence on the downside of the market. It seems clear that odd-lot operators could not continue to function apart from short selling. Whether the abuses of the practice outweigh its merits is still a matter of opinion. Your Committee, therefore, recommends that no curb be placed on short selling as such, but that the Stock Exchange Authority be given power to require exchanges by appropriate rules and regulations to prevent abuses of short selling of such a character as to demoralize the market. Furthermore, the Stock Exchange Authority should have power in times of grave temporary emergency, acting in conjunction with the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, to suspend short selling on any exchange or exchanges for a limited period. The Stock Exchange Authority should also require that each exchange shall collect and publish with as great promptness as possible at regular intervals statistics with respect to short selling, including, if possible, short sales made and covered on the same day, in order that the effect of short selling from time to time may be observed and studied.

6. *Corporate Accounting and Practices.*—Your Committee believes that each licensed stock exchange should be required to adopt listing requirements for the various classes of issues listed on the exchange which will give to the public full, complete, and pertinent information with respect to such securities, both at the time the securities are admitted to trading and periodically thereafter. As a minimum it believes that balance sheets and income accounts on both a corporate and consolidated basis should be required at the time of listing certified by independent certified public accountants and that furthermore, each corporation whose securities are listed should be required, subject to appropriate rules and regulations of each exchange approved by the Stock Exchange Authority, to observe the following:

(a) To have its accounts examined annually by independent certified public accountants, wherever feasible, and to file copies of such balance sheets and income accounts with the stock exchange and to transmit copies thereof to its known security holders. Except that corporations, whose accounts are subject to control by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, may, in lieu of certification by an accountant, state that the accounts filed and transmitted are the same as those which have been filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission and are in conformity with its rules. And except that banks, whose accounts are subject to control by the Comptroller of the Currency or the Federal Reserve Board, may include in lieu of certification by an accountant a statement that such accounts are the same as those which have been filed with the Comptroller of the Currency or the Federal Reserve Board, as the case may be.

(b) To file with the stock exchange and to release for publication at quarterly intervals, unless the exchange, subject to rules and regulations of the Stock Exchange Authority, shall permit longer intervals, statements of its condition and income for the preceding quarter, and in the case of corporations subject to regulations by the Inter-State Commerce Commission such statements shall be the same as those filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission, or in conformity with statements so filed.

(c) To notify the stock exchange and release for publication any purchase or acquisition of its own securities and that it will not reissue such securities without due notice to the stock exchange.

(d) Not to participate in, or finance directly or indirectly, any pool organized for the purpose of trading in its own securities, except in connection with the original distribution of such securities, in which event full publicity shall be required.

(e) To require each director and officer, under penalty of not being eligible for re-election, not to reveal, knowingly, to any pool (except a pool organized in connection with an original distribution of the company's own securities) any information not available to the public without at the same time releasing such information to the public.

(f) To require every director and officer, under penalty of not being eligible for re-election, not to participate directly or indirectly in any pool designed to "rig" the market or to artificially raise or lower the price of such securities, with a view to selling at such artificially enhanced prices or buying at such artificially depressed prices for personal profit.

(g) To require each director or officer to file with the secretary of the corporation within 15 days after the close of each quarter-yearly period a statement of his transactions in the securities of the company, which statements shall be open to inspection by any security holder.

(h) To report to the stock exchange within 48 hours after the granting thereof of any option given upon its stock, together with a copy of such option, which shall be open to inspection by the public and not to permit any stock to be taken down under such option until 24 hours after it has been filed with the stock exchange.

(i) To report to the stock exchange within 48 hours of the granting thereof or within the same time after it has acquired knowledge thereof, any agreement to which it is a party or of which it has knowledge which has been entered into for the purpose of "pegging" the price of any of its securities or which has been entered into for the purpose of artificially raising or lowering the market prices of its securities.

(j) To abide by such other rules as the stock exchange may promulgate from time to time in connection with the listing of securities, preparation, and publication of corporate accounts, &c.

Failure to observe any such requirement shall permit the exchange to strike from the list. It is considered fundamental that disciplinary power over the members and over security issues shall be left primarily to each exchange, each exchange to be responsible to the Stock Exchange Authority for the enforcement of its regulations. If this is not done the morale of the exchange may be destroyed and the Stock Exchange Authority overwhelmed with the policing of the alleged violations on all of the exchanges of the country.

7. *Publicity, Customers' Men, &c.*—Inasmuch as your Committee believes that the main evil to be corrected is excessive speculation and the resultant unsound price levels and the menace to our economic life resulting therefrom, it believes that adequate provision should be made by each exchange for the control of all publicity, advertising, market letters, soliciting of accounts, and other promotional activities by the members of each exchange. Inasmuch as a large number of institutions which are non-members of the exchanges also avail themselves of the ticker or quotation service of the exchanges, it seems also desirable to require that each exchange include in its contract for the furnishing of such ticker or quotation service that the recipient thereof agree to be bound by such appropriate rules as to margin accounts, publicity, customers' men, soliciting of business, peddling of securities, &c., as such exchange may deem desirable subject to the supervision and approval of the Stock Exchange Authority and that violation of such rules will give to each exchange the right to cancel such ticker or quotation service.

The activities of customers' men in recommending the purchase or sale of certain securities with the idea of increasing the commissions of the firm by which they are employed without regard to the welfare of

the customer, has received a considerable amount of deserved criticism. Your Committee would recommend that the proposed Stock Exchange Authority require rules by all exchanges which will govern the activities of customers' men. Certainly the following should be included among such rules:

(a) All customers' men to be employed for fixed terms on fixed salaries and that any compensation paid them on the basis of business originated by them be absolutely prohibited.

(b) No customer's man to be permitted to participate in a pool or to recommend to any customer the purchase or sale of any securities on which he or his firm holds an option without full disclosure of such facts.

(c) No customer's man to be permitted to recommend the purchase or sale of any security in which he or the firm for which he is employed has an interest, without stating that fact to the customer.

8. *Segregation of Brokerage and Other Forms of Business.*—Your Committee has given careful consideration to various proposals that the business of underwriting and retailing securities should be completely divorced; that those who underwrite securities and who are members of a stock exchange should not be permitted to carry margin accounts for customers; and that those engaged in the retailing of securities should not be permitted to be members of any stock exchange.

The various activities in which the members of the stock exchange engage, such as underwriting, acting as broker, carrying margins, &c. are all closely intertwined in our financial structure. Any such proposed segregation should not be accomplished before we are in a position to calculate its cost and to foresee its repercussions. As an abstract matter, the segregation of these various activities has much to commend it. Such an important decision as this can hardly be left to the discretion of an administrative authority. Segregation, if it is to be accomplished, must be accomplished by legislative fiat. Your Committee finds that there is not yet available sufficient information to enable it to recommend such a far-reaching decision. It recommends, therefore, that the Stock Exchange Authority be charged with the task of assembling information to permit such a decision to be made intelligently and with assurance by a later Congress.

9. *Examination of Books, and Requirement of Periodical Reports by Members.*—Each exchange, as a condition of being licensed, should be required to make proper provision in its rules for the right of an exchange to have access at all times to the books of the firms trading upon such exchange, and should also include in its rules a requirement for periodical reports to the exchange by firms trading upon it as to their financial position, as well as necessary information concerning their transactions on the exchange. For the purpose of collecting the necessary information for the formulation of a proper regulatory policy, as well as for enforcement purposes, it should also be provided by the statute that, as a condition of being licensed, an exchange must include in its rules a provision giving to the proposed Federal Stock Exchange Authority a right, in the event it cannot obtain information through the exchange, to require such information directly from the individual brokers, with the reserved right to examine their books for such purpose.

10. *Unorganized or "Over-the-Counter" Markets.*—No study of regulation of organized stock exchanges would be complete without giving consideration to the problem of the unorganized or "over-the-counter" markets. Because of their importance, and because of the fact that certain transactions and practices could still be engaged in on the "over-the-counter" markets which, under the proposed regulation, would be prohibited on the organized exchanges, your Committee has considered whether and to what extent it would be possible to regulate such "over-the-counter" markets. On the basis of the consideration which it has been able to give to this subject, your Committee has come to the conclusion that the problem of the "over-the-counter" markets cannot be satisfactorily dealt with by Federal Governmental action. It has not yet found any method of controlling such markets which it considers feasible or which could be applied without building up a Federal policing agency on such a scale as to be impracticable. It is, therefore, not prepared to recommend any Federal legislation for the regulation of such markets, but, if a further study on this subject should be considered desirable, your Committee will undertake to proceed therewith.

CONCLUSION.

This report represents the composite views of the several members of the Committee, the individual members having endeavored to subordinate their personal viewpoints in order to arrive at unanimity. While some of the members have certain reservations on some of the points discussed, all the members unite in the recommendations herein contained and are in general accord with the views herein expressed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DICKINSON, *Chairman*
A. A. BERLE
Per JOHN DICKINSON (see below)
ARTHUR H. DEAN
J. M. LANDIS
HENRY J. RICHARDSON

The changes in the foregoing report made after it had been read by Mr. Berle were read over the telephone to him and approved by him and he authorized me by telegraph to append his signature, as follows:

Hon. John Dickinson, *Asst. Secretary of Commerce, Department of Commerce:*
Referring to text to proposed report recommending legislation regulating stock exchanges, kindly affix my signature. I will sign original when in Washington next week. Regards,

A. A. BERLE, JR.

New York, N. Y.

Jan. 23 1934.

Memorandum to Secretary Roper

From: The Committee on Stock Exchange Regulation

Subject: Report No. 11. Regulation of Commodity Exchanges.

Your Committee has been requested to look into the question of regulation of commodity exchanges. As this is a question which primarily concerns and is at the present time under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture, your Committee made contact with Secretary Wallace, who suggested that the Committee meet with Dr. J. W. T. Duvel, Chief of the Grain Futures Administration, and Dr. Nils A. Olsen, Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Your Committee finds that both Dr. Duvel and Dr. Olsen have prepared and are ready to submit bills amending and extending the existing legislation with regard to commodity exchanges.

The bill submitted by Dr. Duvel has two principal objects. First, to extend the present Grain Futures Act and make it the vehicle for the control of all commodity exchanges. While the bill proposes to add only one commodity (cotton) to the seven commodities (wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, flax and grain sorghum) now covered by the Act, it is so written as to apply to any other commodity which may be brought within its terms by subsequent legislation. The second object of the bill is to strengthen the provisions of the present Act. The bill proposes to place under Federal license all commission merchants who operate on the exchanges and handle orders for customers.

Dr. Nils A. Olsen, Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, which is at present in charge of the administration of the Cotton Futures Act, submits a bill designed to strengthen that Act and dealing exclusively with cotton. Dr. Olsen also presents a bill dealing with other agricultural commodities, except cotton and grain. Dr. Olsen's arguments in favor of separate bills covering cotton and other agricultural commodities are:

1. Separate bills would divide the opposition which the legislation attempts at regulation of trading in commodity futures will encounter; and, 2. The character of the various exchanges and the services which they render differ considerably with different commodities.

Dr. Olsen proposes a scheme of regulation which requires Federal licensing for both the exchanges and their members.

The Olsen bill would preserve the independence of the present agency administering the Cotton Futures Act and also the independence of the other and different agency administering the Grain Futures Act. Dr. Duvel's bill, by bringing cotton within the scope of the Grain Futures Act, would make the existing Cotton Futures Act unnecessary.

Your Committee has reached the following conclusions:

1. That before either or both of the proposals submitted by Dr. Olsen and Dr. Duvel, respectively, are introduced in Congress, they should be harmonized so that two inconsistent proposals will not be placed before Congress at the same time.

2. That the problems of stock market regulation and the regulation of commodity exchanges, while both involving many of the same abstract issues, are, nevertheless, essentially different both as to the concrete problems with which they deal and as to the groups and classes of persons whom they primarily affect, and, therefore, that any attempt to include regulation of commodity exchanges with regulation of stock exchanges in the same legislation or under the same administrative supervision would not be regarded by your Committee as desirable.

3. Your Committee recommends that the problem of working out a harmonious solution between the proposals of Dr. Olsen and Dr. Duvel, being primarily a matter of agricultural concern, would be most effectively left to the Department of Agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,

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Margining of Stock Ruled as Lending by Montreal Bankruptcy Court—Finds it Same as Giving Actual Cash—Action Taken Under War Revenue Act.

From the Toronto "Globe" we take the following (Canadian Press) from Montreal, Jan. 23:

Laying down the principle that it is actually lending money for a stockbroker to carry stocks on margin for customers, Mr. Justice Louis Boyer, in Bankruptcy Court here, to-day, gave judgment in favor of the Department of National Revenue that will have the effect of ranking the department as an ordinary creditor of the brokerage firm of McDougall and Cowans in respect of \$95,749, allegedly due in taxes for marginal advances.

Action was taken by the counsel for the department under the special War Revenue Act, which stipulates a tax of two cents per \$50 for firms or individuals, excluding banks, who loan money. The respondents were McDougall and Cowans Holdings, Limited, and the partners in the former McDougall and Cowans brokerage firm, Percy P. Cowans, Purvis McDougall, Alexander E. Christmas, Russell Cowans, Harold L. Conyers and Richard J. Dawes.

"It is established beyond doubt that the bankrupts charged the said tax to their clients in conformity with the statute," his Lordship said in his judgment. "They kept in their books a special account for the tax and they collected under this heading \$141,828, of which \$46,079 was reimbursed by them to institutions that had paid it to the Government, leaving an unpaid balance of \$95,749."

Report on Stock Exchange Regulation Transmitted to President Roosevelt by Secretary of Commerce Roper—Recommendations Would Require Exchanges to Obtain Federal License—Also Call for Establishment of Administrative Authority for Enforcement of Regulations—Rules of Administrative Agency Would Govern Pools, Margin Trading, &c.—Report Also Proposes Division of Stock Exchange Powers and Co-Ordination with Federal Reserve Banks—Views Regarding Commodity Exchange Regulation.

There has been made public this week the report prepared at the instance of President Roosevelt, embodying recommendations incident to Federal legislation for the regulation of Stock Exchanges. As we noted in our issue of Jan. 27, page 599, the report was transmitted to President Roosevelt by Secretary of Commerce Roper on Jan. 23, and on Jan. 26 the President forwarded the same to the respective chairman of the Senate and House Committees on Banking and currency—viz. Senator Fletcher and Representative Steagall. The report was prepared by a Committee, to whom the study of the problem of stock exchange regulations was delegated by Secretary Roper. This Committee consisted of John Dickinson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Chairman; A. A. Berle Jr., one of the Roosevelt "brain trust"; Commissioner Arthur H. Dean, New York lawyer; James M. Landis, Federal Trade Commissioner and Henry J. Richardson, a Washington lawyer.

Along with the report on Stock Exchanges another report on communications was transmitted on Jan. 26 by President Roosevelt to the Senate and House Committees on Inter-State Commerce; reference to this was made in our issue of Jan. 27, page 599. A White House statement on Jan. 26 was issued as follows on the transmission of the documents:

The President to-day transmitted to the Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher, Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate, and to the Hon. Henry B. Steagall, Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House, the reports recently given him by the Secretary of Commerce, as Chairman of an interdepartmental committee created to study the problem of Federal legislation looking to the regulation of the issuance and sales of securities in interstate commerce.

The reports presented by Secretary Roper, as head of the interdepartmental committee organized to study communications, also were transmitted by the President to Senator Clarence C. Dill, Chairman of the Inter-State Commerce Committee of the Senate, and to Congressman Sam Rayburn, Chairman of the Inter-State and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House.

In transmitting these reports to the committees, the President called especial attention to the fact that the reports were submitted for the information and consideration of the committees and were not intended as recommendations either to the committees or to the Congress.

Secretary Roper also gave the President a statement on communications prepared by Mr. David Sarnoff, President of the Radio Corporation of America. The Secretary requested that Mr. Sarnoff's statement be transmitted as an appendix to the report on the same subject, prepared by the interdepartmental committee. The Sarnoff report was forwarded to the committees in accordance with Secretary Roper's request.

In a letter to President Roosevelt in which he transmitted the report on Stock Exchanges Secretary Roper pointed out that the Committee "has not undertaken to prepare a draft of a bill carrying into its effect its suggestions." Secretary Roper also stated that since the study of stock exchange regulation had begun, the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate has been conducting an investigation along the same general lines and Secretary Roper's Committee had endeavored to keep in touch with Senator Fletcher's Committee in a co-operative manner.

The major points and recommendations covered in the study of Secretary Roper's Committee are 5; they would (1) require that the Exchanges receive a Federal license; (2) that there be established an administrative authority with broad discretionary powers to require the adop-

tion and enforcement of rules by the Exchange so as "to establish a minimum standard of fair dealing"; (3) "the adoption of satisfactory rules and regulations which, in the event of violation, will give the Federal Agency authority either to deprive an exchange of its license or to suspend it or fine it"; (4) that the form of Stock Exchange rules governing "pools, margin trading, specialists, short selling, &c., shall not be set forth in detail in the statute, but shall be left to be prescribed by the Administrative Agency and (5) that the suggested administrative agency be required to engage in the collection of statistics upon which to base its rules and regulations.

Among other things the report treats of the Division of Powers and Co-ordination with Federal Reserve Banks, as to which it says in part:

It would seem proper to give to the Federal Reserve banks of their districts power, in consultation with the proposed stock exchange authority to meet situations directly, rather than indirectly, and your Committee accordingly could suggest that the Federal Reserve Bank of any district, together with the proposed agency, should be empowered to prescribe margin requirements; and the Federal Reserve Bank of the district should be permitted to warn or suspend from the credit facilities of the Federal Reserve System, any bank which might make loans to brokers who violate such requirements.

While we are giving the report in full under a separate head in this issue of our paper we quote as follows some of its essential features as noted in the Washington dispatch, Jan. 28 to the New York "Times":

Refers to Disclosures.

The Committee made definite suggestions as to the form rules should take in an effort to put an end to practices which it felt to be questionable and which, as disclosed by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee investigations, "have shocked the conscience of the nation."

"There has been revealed," the report said, "the spectacle of certain leaders in the world of finance who, while standing in a fiduciary relation to the stockholders as directors in corporations, have engaged in stock market transactions which could not but redound to the ultimate disadvantage of the shareholders."

Dealing with short selling, the Committee held that while there should be no complete curb on such operations, the Federal supervisory agency should have such powers as were necessary to prevent abuses.

It also recommended that specialists in stocks should be prohibited from sharing in any pool or joint account or syndicate trading in a security in which the specialist figured.

As a check in dealing with "certain evils" such as the manipulation of stocks by directors and officers and the issue of stock to insiders for inadequate consideration, the report suggested, as the most effective course, "Federal incorporation for corporations engaged in inter-state commerce."

It did not, however, directly recommend such a revolutionary step, rather leaving that to the determination of the Senate Committee in framing legislation.

Would Restrict Margin Trading.

Denial of the use of the mails and other inter-state instrumentalities of communication to exchanges which failed to qualify for Federal licenses the committee held to be constitutional.

As to another controversial question, margin trading, the committee held that accounts should not be carried on margin unless a sufficient sum was required to protect from loss individuals who are "unable to cope with the hazards of the market." It would have banks confine their loans to brokers who observed rules accepted by the Federal supervisory agency.

For Federal Reserve Check.

The recommendation was made that the Federal Reserve banks receive authority to suspend from the credit facilities of the system any bank violating margin requirements set up in the rules and regulations. The committee held that perhaps no single piece of legislation could

deal with all such aspects of the situation and the inference was that changes in the Banking Act of 1933, which was described as a "beginning in the right direction," might be necessary.

Suggesting steps for a control that would make market practices under the old mechanism "reliable and clean," the committee advised a study to determine whether "as wide and as dangerous machinery" as now exists is necessary to secure liquidity of security values. One of the arguments of the Stock Exchange has been that severe restrictions would hamper liquidity.

The committee, while admitting that it did not have sufficient information, even after its exhaustive inquiry, on which to base an accurate opinion, indicated the belief that many of the practices which are now the subject of criticism could be outlawed without adverse effect.

For Curbing Stock Flurries.

Emphasizing the need for a curb on speculative activities, which it held to be responsible in no small part for the last great boom and collapse in the market, the Committee advocated that in carrying out reforms, safeguards should be set up to create a condition in which fluctuations in security values would more nearly represent the change in the position of an industry rather than a speculative mania.

In the establishment of a Federal governing body, the Committee recommended that a representative of the stock exchanges should be a member.

Pool Operations Attacked.

In its report the special Committee said:

"Your committee regards certain of the disclosures before the sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency during the past year and a half as imposing an imperative obligation to devise constructive measures for the prevention of those practices which have shocked the conscience of the Nation. There has been revealed the spectacle of certain leaders in the world of finance who, while standing in a fiduciary relation to the stockholders as directors in corporations, have engaged in stock market transactions which could not but redound to the ultimate disadvantage of the shareholders."

Attacking some of the pool operations without naming them, the report said the general public had "a tendency toward unintelligent and senseless speculation." The stock market boom receded with "disastrous consequences to the whole national economy."

The Committee maintained that no single piece of legislation is able to deal effectively with all aspects requiring government action. The Glass-Steagall Bank Act was described as a beginning in the right direction.

"Your Committee realizes that, perhaps, the most effective way to deal with certain evils connected with manipulation of stocks by directors and officers, issue of stock to insiders for inadequate consideration, incomplete publicity of corporate accounts and similar problems is by the requirement of Federal incorporation for corporations engaged in inter-State commerce," said the report.

Con-cluding, it held that some measure of control was possible through regulation of the exchanges, and that "under a realistic interpretation of the Constitution" stock exchange operations can be constitutionally regulated by the Federal Government through use of postal power and the power to regulate inter-State commerce.

Restriction by Licensing.

"On this assumption a statute would, we believe, be valid which would provide that unless an exchange operated under a license issued by the Federal Government, no quotations of prices on such exchange, no offers to buy or sell, no contracts or communications relating to the transactions on such exchange, could be transmitted through the mails or by means of the instrumentalities of inter-State commerce."

Compliance with regulatory requirements would be necessary, to acquiring a license, the report went on. This is similar to the system of Federal regulation applied to grain exchange by the Grain Futures Act, held constitutional by the Supreme Court.

The general objectives of regulation were set forth as follows:

1. The specific practices of the market must be made reliable and clear no matter what point of view is adopted with regard to the larger question.

2. So far as possible, the aim should be to try to create a condition in which fluctuation in security values more nearly approximates fluctuation in the position of the enterprise itself and of general economic conditions—that is, tend to represent what is going on in the business and in our economic life rather than mere speculative or "technical" conditions in the market.

3. The steady accumulation over a period of time of information which will afford a better basis for determining whether as wide and as dangerous machinery as now exists is really necessary to secure liquidity of security values.

Question of Liquidity.

"This last question involves a broad problem as to whether liquidity, through the mechanism of stock markets, should be encouraged or discouraged," the report continued. "Your Committee is not now in possession of information permitting the termination of this broad question. From one point of view it is arguable that the attempt through exchanges to give liquidity to tremendous bodies of the national wealth is an element of fragility in the economic structure.

"Your Committee takes note of the fact that a relatively high degree of liquidity exists in the bond market apart from the existence to anything like the same extent of some of the practices of the stock market which are now the subject of criticism. Further, your Committee cannot but take note of the fact that the translation of an extremely large percentage of the national wealth into the form of liquid securities has widespread social effects."

Curb on Specialists.

The Committee advocated that a specialist and his firm should be prohibited from sharing directly or indirectly in any pool, joint account or syndicate trading in a security in which he is a specialist, and that a specialist, whenever stating a bid or offered price, should indicate whether it is his own or another's order.

There should be "no curb placed on short selling as such," but the Stock Exchange Authority should have power to require the exchange to prevent abuses "of such a character as to demoralize the market." In times of emergency, short selling might be suspended by the Exchange Authority.

Control of all publicity, advertising, &c., by members of an exchange was advocated.

As a substitute for the plan advanced, the Committee considered Federal incorporation of exchanges, but saw no advantage in this and decided the licensing method to be best.

Margin Trading Criticized.

Criticizing trading in margins, the Committee said

It would seem desirable that accounts should not be carried on margin unless the question of equity was at least a minimum amount at inception in order to prevent the risking of savings by individuals who are unable to

cope with the hazards of the market. Further margins of at least a stated percentage of the purchase price of each security purchased might be required and the requirements might be further enforced by requiring that banks confine their loans to brokers who observe these requirements."

The report recommended that Federal Reserve banks in their districts have power, in consultation with the Stock Exchange Authority, to prescribe margin requirements and that the Federal Reserve banks be permitted to warn or suspend from the credit facilities of the Reserve System any bank making loans to brokers who violated margin requirements.

The proposed Federal license should require that all exchanges adopt and submit to the Authority rules designed to comply with regulatory requirements. Exchanges should be required to enforce such regulations. The Authority should establish rules and regulations for all exchanges. A "reserve power to license brokers" was suggested.

The Exchange Authority should study the question of pools and possible regulation and should require in case of pools or syndicates that a copy of pool agreements, with the names of the participants, be filed.

Commodity Exchanges.

Regarding commodity exchanges, the Committee advised that Dr. J. W. T. Duvel, Chief of the Grain Futures Administration, and Dr. Nils A. Olsen, Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, had prepared bills approaching the regulation of commodity exchanges from two angles and said:

"Your Committee has reached the following conclusions:

1. That before either or both of the proposals submitted by Dr. Olsen and Dr. Duvel, respectively, are introduced in Congress, they should be harmonized so that two inconsistent proposals will not be placed before Congress at the same time.

2. That the problems of stock market regulation and the regulation of commodity exchanges, while both involving many of the same abstract issues, are nevertheless essentially different, both as to the concrete problems with which they deal and as to the groups and classes of persons whom they primarily affect, and, therefore, that any attempts to include regulation of commodity exchanges with regulation of Stock Exchanges in the same legislation or under the same administrative supervision would not be regarded by your committee as desirable.

3. Your committee recommends that the problem of working out a harmonious solution between the proposals of Dr. Olsen and Dr. Duvel, being primarily a matter of agricultural concern, would be most effectively left to the Department of Agriculture.

The Committee, named by the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Roper, at President Roosevelt's direction, also submitted the views of two experts on regulation of commodity exchanges.

In this field the Committee recommended that these views be harmonized before submission to Congress.

In his letter Secretary Roper advised the report be transmitted to the Senate Committee for its use in framing legislation, but did not mention the House Banking and Currency Committee. President Roosevelt, however, dispatched the report to both Committees. This led to a revival of the jealousy which has been manifested lately between the two Committees over the framing of legislation.

Committees at Odds Again.

This morning Chairman Fletcher of the Senate Committee released the Roper letter for publication, but announced that the report itself would be withheld until Monday (Jan. 29). As soon as Chairman Steagall of the House Committee heard of this he made the full report available to the newspapers.

Sentiment in Congress in favor of Stock Exchange regulation was never more prevalent, with all indications pointing to adoption of the outstanding recommendations of the special committee. Chairman Fletcher announced that study of the report would start almost immediately. Legislation, however, will probably await a full report of the Pecora investigation.

Secretary Roper informed the President that the Committee's report on the Securities Act would be sent to the White House not later than Jan. 26. At the White House it was stated that no such report had been received up to this time.

President Roosevelt Sends Special Message to Congress Recommending Stringent Governmental Regulation of Stock Exchanges—Measure Introduced in Senate After Message from President—Places Exchanges Under Control of Federal Trade Commission—Specifies 60% Minimum Margin—Many Other Practices Proscribed Including Wash Sales and Price Pegging—Pools Would Be Curbed.

President Roosevelt, in a special message to Congress yesterday (Feb. 9) recommended "a broad policy of national regulation" of "exchanges for dealing in securities and commodities." It should be the purpose of the Federal Government, the President said, "to restrict, as far as possible, the use of these exchanges for purely speculative operations." His suggestions were made to Congress, he added, "for the protection of investors, for the safeguarding of values, and, so far as it may be possible, for the elimination of unnecessary, unwise and destructive speculation."

Immediately after the President's message was read in the Senate, a bill providing for stringent regulation of the New York Stock Exchange and other stock exchanges throughout the country was introduced by Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. The House was not in session yesterday afternoon at the time the President's message was delivered to Congress, but it was expected that Representative Rayburn, Chairman of the House Inter-State Commerce Committee, would introduce a bill identical with that of Senator Fletcher to-day (Feb. 10).

It was said at the White House yesterday that Mr. Roosevelt had not seen nor approved nor disapproved any bills prepared for introduction in Congress. Senator Fletcher, in introducing his bill in the Senate, said that it was designed "to make stock exchanges market places for investors and not places of resort for those who would speculate or gamble." He admitted that the measure was likely to injure "the insider who has relied upon his ability to take advantage of the

unprivileged outsider." The bill was drafted, he added, "on the theory that the interests of the general public are paramount and that an end must be put to any muleting of the general public for the benefit of a few insiders."

The bill would require all exchanges to be registered with the Federal Trade Commission, which would have wide powers to promulgate rules and regulations for their operation. It would become effective, if passed by Congress in its present form, on Oct. 1 1934. Among the various regulations and prohibitions specified in the measure are the following, as reported in Associated Press Washington advices Feb. 9:

A 60% minimum marginal regulation by prohibiting brokers to extend credit on a security of more than 40% of its current market price.

Severe restriction on borrowing by exchange members and their use of customers' securities, including a requirements that loans on registered securities must be made from Federal Reserve banks.

Prohibition against manipulations of security prices by making any of the following a criminal offense:

1. Wash sales.
2. Matched orders.
3. Any combination of purchases and sales for the purpose of raising or depressing the price of the security or creating a false impression to the market of such security.
4. Spreading of rumors that prices will change in accordance with activities of manipulators.
5. Disseminating misleading information regarding a security.
6. Paying for the dissemination of information in aid of the operations of manipulators.
7. Pegging the price of a security without informing the commission as to all the details of the operation.
8. Cornering the supply of a security.
9. The use of options and trading against options.

Prohibition against short sales or stop-loss orders except in compliance with regulations adopted by the commission.

A limitation preventing brokers from underwriting security issues and prohibiting exchange members from acting as specialists unless registered as such.

A requirement for registration with the commission and the exchange of securities admitted to trading on exchanges, disclosing such details of the company's financial position as the commission may require.

Exclusion from the mails of proxies for registered securities unless information on the proxies is filed with the commission.

Outlawry of over the counter security markets except in compliance with commission regulations.

Compulsory disclosure of holdings and dealings of directors, officers and principal stockholders in the securities of a corporation and a prohibition against speculation or short selling of the securities by such persons.

Requirement for keeping detailed records of all transactions by brokers open to inspection by the commission.

In general, the law would make persons engaging in any of these outlawed practices subject to liabilities for losses sustained through them by others, in addition, it would impose maximum penalties of a \$25,000 fine or ten years' imprisonment for violations.

Exchanges violating the law would be subject to a fine of \$500,000.

The bill follows the general lines of the new securities act in proposing to make officers and directors of companies civilly liable for false or misleading information filed with the commission.

The trade commission, in addition to making regulations for the exchanges would have power to conduct investigations of exchange operations and the condition of companies with registered securities.

One provision of the bill, designed to prevent persons from doing things through dummy corporations or members of their families that they were forbidden to do themselves.

The text of President's Roosevelt's message to Congress on the regulation of stock exchanges follows:

To the Congress:

In my message to you last March proposing legislation for Federal supervision of national traffic in investment securities I said:

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Feb. 9 1934.

There was a further increase in general business during the week and the rate of activity is gradually approaching the 1931 level. The usual spring seasonal increase in business which was absent during the past three years because of the depression is now again making its appearance. There was a further advance in the various basic lines of industry, with steel and automobile industries leading the field. In some cases production figures were the largest since last fall. Steel operations increased 9% to 37½% of capacity, the highest rate since October and the gain in carloadings brought the total nearly up to the 1932 level. Electricity production exceeds that of last week and is 12.5% above last year's figure. Production of bituminous coal also shows a gain. Sales of lumber exceeded production. The automobile industry was very active and manufacturers were experiencing difficulties in making deliveries of new models, but this failed to check the buying enthusiasm of the public. Orders received by dealers, it is reported, are at the rate of between 35 and 40% ahead of last year. Operations were slightly double those of last year.

"This is but one step in our broad purpose of protecting investors and depositors. It should be followed by legislation relating to the better supervision of the purchase and sale of all property dealt with on exchanges."

This Congress has performed a useful service in regulating the investment business on the part of financial houses and in protecting the investing public in its acquisition of securities.

There remains the fact, however, that outside the field of legitimate investment, naked speculation has been made far too alluring and far too easy for those who could and for those who could not afford to gamble.

Such speculation has run the scale from the individual who has risked his pay envelope or his meager savings on a margin transaction involving stocks with whose true value he was wholly unfamiliar, to the pool of individuals or corporations with large resources, often not their own, which sought by manipulation to raise or depress market quotations far out of line with reason, all of this resulting in loss to the average investor, who is of necessity personally misinformed.

The exchanges in many parts of the country which deal in securities and commodities conduct, of course, a national business because their customers live in every part of the country. The managers of these exchanges have, it is true, often taken steps to correct certain obvious abuses. We must be certain that abuses are eliminated and to this end a broad policy of national regulation is required.

It is my belief that exchanges for dealing in securities and commodities are necessary and of definite value to our commercial and agricultural life. Nevertheless, it should be our national policy to restrict, as far as possible, the use of these exchanges for purely speculative operators.

I therefore recommend to the Congress the enactment of legislation providing for the regulation by the Federal Government of the operations of exchanges dealing in securities and commodities for the protection of investors, for the safeguarding of values, and, so far as it may be possible, for the elimination of unnecessary, unwise and destructive speculation.

Bill to Create Stock Exchange and Security Commission Introduced by Senator King—Would Regulate Transactions on Stock Exchanges.

On Feb. 6 a bill to create a Stock Exchange and Security Commission to regulate transactions on Stock Exchanges was introduced in the Senate by Senator King (Democrat) of Utah. In a Washington dispatch, Feb. 6, to the New York "Journal of Commerce" it was stated that the measure was drafted along the lines of the recommendations in the report of the Roper Committee recently made to the House and Senate Banking and Currency Committees. No indication was given by Chairman Fletcher of the Senate Banking Committee as to when the matter would be taken up for consideration, said the dispatch, which added:

United States Would License Exchanges.

Under its terms the bill creates a Commission of three members appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate which would have authority to license the operation of the Stock Exchanges. Without such a license no Exchange would be allowed to transmit through the mails or otherwise any quotations of securities prices; offer to buy or sell any security on the Exchange or enter into a contract to buy or sell securities.

The licenses issued would contain the following terms and conditions:

1. That the Exchange will adopt, with the approval of the Commission, rules with respect to transactions on the Exchange designed to comply with and enforce the regulatory requirements prescribed.
2. That the Exchange will make such reports and such changes in its rules with respect to transactions on the Exchange as the Commission may from time to time require.
3. That the Commission may modify or alter the terms and conditions of the license at any time if in the opinion of the Commission such modification or alteration is necessary in the public interest.
4. That the Exchange shall take such disciplinary measures as may be necessary to properly enforce the requirements imposed upon it by its license and the rules and regulations of the Commission.
5. That the Commission, in conjunction with the Federal Reserve Bank of the Federal Reserve District in which the Stock Exchange is located, shall have authority to prescribe margin requirements to be observed by the members of the Exchange in their dealings in securities on such Exchange.

Retail buying continued unabated. There was a general feeling that some natural recession would take place in February, but the recent cold weather tended to stimulate demand, especially for heavy wearing apparel. Sales continued heavy of furniture, draperies, rugs, hosiery, yard goods and men's overcoats. A gratifying feature in the retail trade was the reduction in stocks which appeared to be rather burdensome last fall. Wholesale markets were active and great interest was being shown at the numerous trade shows and special openings. The greatest improvement was made in industrial operations during the week. Orders for shoes, textiles and clothing were on such a large scale that factory, schedules have had to be widened. Clothing manufacturers are booked solid until Easter, and manufacturers of rayon have sold up their March production. Packers of foodstuffs did a good business. Fertilizers sold more readily. Commodities were more active and higher owing to the improved business outlook and a broader outside public demand. Cotton and sugar led the rise. Speculation in cotton was very active and reports that the President was in favor of the Bankhead bill which provides for compulsory control of production brought in a flood of buying orders which lifted

prices sharply. Foodstuffs were strong. Coffee was higher on good trade buying. Trading in sugar futures was on a larger scale and prices advanced on reports that an announcement was imminent from Washington.

After the close on the 8th inst. the President in a special message asked Congress for legislation that would mean a curtailment in domestic production in favor of Cuba and the Philippine Islands. Butter was in somewhat better demand and firmer. Receipts were moderate. The grain markets displayed considerable strength early in the week on a better demand stimulated by bullish trade news, continued dry weather in the winter wheat belt and a further sharp decrease in domestic visible supplies. Reactions occurred from time to time under profit taking sales and other selling and late in the week good rains were reported over parts of the Southwest. Cotton goods were more active and firmer. The movement of gray goods was larger and shipments of wide goods exceeded those of a week ago. Silk futures were higher with the statistical position strong.

The cold wave which swept the country last week and lost its intensity somewhat at the close of that week, renewed its vigor the early part of the week, the thermometer dropping steadily day by day and breaking February low temperatures and reached its climax on Friday when the mercury in New York City dropped to 14.3 degrees below zero, establishing a new all time low record for any day in any year since the establishment of the Weather Bureau here in New York 64 years ago. The frigid spell extended over the entire Eastern part of the country and Canada where temperatures went to 50 degrees below zero. The extreme cold tied up river traffic by ice jams. A number of persons died from the cold and many suffered frost bitten ears and hands. No early relief from the cold is said to be in sight. To-day the range in New York City was between 14.3 degrees below zero to 5 degrees above. Overnight at Boston it was 18 degrees below to 10 degrees above; Baltimore, 6 below to 22 above; Pittsburgh, Pa. 12 below to 12 above; Portland, Me., 18 below to 4 above; Chicago, 2 below to 12 above; Cincinnati, 6 below to 18 above; Cleveland, 12 below to 2 above; Detroit, 16 below to 2 above; Charleston, 44 to 56; Milwaukee, 4 to 14; Dallas, 48 to 56; Savannah, 48 to 68; Kansas City, Mo., 18 to 34; Springfield, Mo., 20 to 36; St. Louis, 12 to 34; Oklahoma City, 32 to 50; Denver, 34 to 56; Salt Lake City, 32 to 54; Los Angeles, 48 to 66; San Francisco, 48 to 62; Seattle, 42 to 52; Montreal, 22 below to 18 below, and Winnipeg, 4 below to 6 above.

Large Advance in Wholesale Commodity Prices During Week of Feb. 3 Reported by National Fertilizer Association.

For the week ended Feb. 3 wholesale commodity prices, as measured by the index of the National Fertilizer Association, showed the largest gain in many weeks. During the week this index advanced seven points, carrying the index number to 70.2, the highest level since May 1931. A week ago the index stood at 69.5, a month ago at 68.6 and a year ago at 56.0. (The three-year average 1926-1928 equals 100.) During the preceding week the index was unchanged, but two weeks ago the index advanced four points. Under date of Feb. 5 the Association also said:

During the latest week nine groups advanced, one declined slightly and four showed no change. During the preceding week two groups declined, three advanced and the remaining nine showed no change. Two weeks ago nine of the 14 groups in the index advanced. The largest gains during the latest week were in grains, feeds and livestock, textiles, and fats and oils.

Forty-two commodities, the largest number in many weeks, advanced during the most recent week, while nine commodities showed lower prices. During the preceding week there were 21 declines and 16 advances. Important commodities that advanced during the latest week were cotton, wheat, cattle, hogs, sheep, lard, butter, cheese, flour, potatoes, burlap, silk, silver, gasoline, hides and rubber. Notable gains were shown in cotton, lard, butter, grains and livestock. The declining commodities included eggs, apples, peanuts, heavy melting steel, copper and tin.

The index numbers and comparative weights for each of the 14 groups listed in the index are shown in the table below.

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

Per Cent Each Group Bears to the Total Index.	Group.	Latest Week Feb. 3 1934.	Preceding Week.	Month Ago.	Year Ago.
23.2	Foods	71.6	71.4	69.6	54.0
16.0	Fuel	68.0	67.8	68.4	53.3
12.8	Grains, feeds and livestock	53.6	51.1	50.0	36.6
10.1	Textiles	70.3	69.5	67.8	41.8
8.5	Miscellaneous commodities	68.6	68.2	67.2	60.3
6.7	Automobiles	84.9	84.9	84.9	86.9
6.6	Building materials	79.0	78.9	79.0	71.4
6.2	Metals	78.7	79.0	79.1	66.8
4.0	House furnishing goods	85.2	85.2	85.2	77.3
3.8	Fats and oils	50.4	45.2	41.5	38.3
1.0	Chemicals and drugs	93.0	93.0	88.2	87.3
.4	Fertilizer materials	67.4	67.0	66.6	60.6
.4	Mixed fertilizer	74.5	74.0	72.8	65.3
.3	Agricultural implements	92.3	92.3	90.8	91.7
100.0	All groups combined	70.2	69.5	68.6	56.0

Loadings of Revenue Freight Continues Higher Than in Corresponding Period Last Year.

Loadings of revenue freight for the week ended Feb. 3 1934 amounted to 564,098 cars, an increase of 2,532 cars or 0.5% over the preceding week and 78,039 cars, or 16.0%, over the corresponding period last year. It was, however, a decrease of 9,825 cars, or 1.7%, over the comparable period in 1932. Total loadings for the week ended Jan. 27 1934 were 18.1% in excess of those for the week ended Jan. 28 1933.

The first 15 major railroads to report for the week ended Feb. 3 1934 loaded 241,178 cars of revenue freight on their own lines, compared with 238,967 cars in the preceding week and 210,070 cars in the week ended Feb. 4 1933. All of these carriers showed gains over the totals for the same period a year ago. Comparative statistics follows:

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

Weeks Ended—	Loaded on Lines.			Rec'd from Connections.		
	Feb. 3 1934.	Jan. 27 1934.	Feb. 4 1933.	Feb. 3 1934.	Jan. 27 1934.	Feb. 4 1933.
Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.	16,439	17,672	15,985	4,164	3,949	3,373
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.	19,571	19,573	17,240	6,149	6,364	5,148
Chic. Burlington & Quincy RR.	14,794	14,964	12,164	5,578	5,294	4,372
Chic. Milw. St. Paul & Pacific Ry.	16,889	16,239	13,906	5,895	5,807	4,497
Chicago & North Western Ry.	14,136	14,160	11,632	8,502	8,278	6,711
Gulf Coast Lines & subsidiaries	2,554	2,398	2,204	1,243	1,227	955
International Great Northern RR	2,489	2,506	2,408	1,810	1,649	1,706
Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines	4,491	4,510	4,158	2,633	2,685	1,970
Missouri Pacific RR.	13,557	13,278	12,147	7,097	7,239	5,784
New York Central Lines	40,511	38,523	34,613	56,058	54,151	44,732
Norfolk & Western Ry.	16,165	16,989	13,400	3,557	3,401	3,067
Pennsylvania RR. System	52,557	51,018	46,389	29,531	30,794	26,544
Pere Marquette Ry.	4,806	4,548	4,789	x	x	x
Southern Pacific System	17,180	17,745	14,246	x	x	x
Wabash Ry.	5,039	4,844	4,789	7,239	7,107	5,917
Total	241,178	238,967	210,070	139,756	137,945	114,176

x Not available.

TOTAL LOADINGS AND RECEIPTS FROM CONNECTIONS.

(Number of Cars)

Weeks Ended—	Feb. 3 1934.	Jan. 27 1934.	Feb. 4 1933.
Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.	19,407	20,002	17,056
Illinois Central System	26,117	25,685	22,742
St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.	12,373	12,493	10,559
Total	57,897	58,180	50,357

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Jan. 27 1934 totaled 561,566 cars, the American Railway Association announced on Feb. 2. This was an increase of 1,136 cars above the preceding week, 86,274 cars above the same week in 1933, and 1,223 cars above the corresponding week in 1932. Details for the Jan. 27 1934 week follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of Jan. 27 totaled 193,251 cars, an increase of 2,540 cars above the preceding week, 39,220 cars above the corresponding week in 1933, and 10,234 cars above the corresponding week in 1932.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 161,840 cars, an increase of 1,341 cars above the preceding week, and 1,083 cars above the corresponding week in 1933, but 26,134 cars below the same week in 1932.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 31,694 cars, a decrease of 472 cars below the preceding week, but 6,370 cars above the corresponding week in 1933. It was, however, 1,287 cars below the same week in 1932. In the Western Districts alone, grain and grain products loading for the week ended Jan. 27 totaled 21,100 cars an increase of 5,217 cars above the same week in 1933.

Forest products loading totaled 20,615 cars, an increase of 968 cars above the preceding week, 6,176 cars above the same week in 1933, and 1,651 cars above the same week in 1932.

Ore loading amounted to 3,192 cars, a decrease of ten cars below the preceding week, but increases of 1,666 cars above the corresponding week in 1933 and 376 cars above the corresponding week in 1932.

Coal loading amounted to 124,758 cars, a decrease of 3,048 cars below the preceding week but increases of 27,404 cars above the corresponding week in 1933 and 16,597 cars above the same week in 1932.

Coke loading amounted to 7,696 cars, a decrease of 651 cars below the preceding week, but 3,236 cars above the same week in 1933 and 2,491 cars above the same week in 1932.

Live stock loading amounted to 18,520 cars, an increase of 468 cars above the preceding week, and 1,119 cars above the same week in 1933, but 2,705 cars below the same week in 1932. In the Western Districts alone, loading of live stock for the week ended Jan. 27 totaled 14,431 cars, an increase of 664 cars above the same week in 1933.

All districts reported increases for the week of Jan. 27 compared with the corresponding week in 1933. The Eastern, Pocahontas, Southern and Southwestern districts reported increases compared with the corresponding week in 1932, but the other districts reported small reductions.

Loading of revenue freight in 1934 compared with the two previous years follows:

	1934.	1933.	1932.
Week ended Jan. 6	499,939	439,469	571,678
Week ended Jan. 13	555,627	509,893	572,649
Week ended Jan. 20	560,430	499,554	562,101
Week ended Jan. 27	561,566	475,292	560,343
Total	2,177,562	1,924,208	2,266,771

In the following table we undertake to show also the loadings for the separate roads and systems for the week ended Jan. 27 1934. During this period only 18 roads showed decreases as compared with the corresponding week last year. Among the larger carriers showing increases as com-

pared with the same week in 1933 were the Pennsylvania System, the Baltimore & Ohio RR., the New York Central RR., the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., the Southern Ry. System, the Illinois Central System, the Louisville & Nashville RR.,

the Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific Ry., the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe System, the Norfolk & Western Ry., the Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR., the Missouri Pacific RR., the Chicago & North Western Ry. and the Reading Co.

REVENUE FREIGHT LOADED AND RECEIVED FROM CONNECTIONS (NUMBER OF CARS)—WEEK ENDED JAN. 27.

Railroads	Total Revenue Freight Loaded.			Total Loads Received from Connections.		Railroads	Total Revenue Freight Loaded.			Total Loads Received from Connections.	
	1934.	1933.	1932.	1934.	1933.		1934.	1933.	1932.	1934.	1933.
Eastern District.						Group B—					
Group A—						Alabama Tenn. & Northern					
Bangor & Aroostook	2,193	1,350	1,955	217	216	183	162	198	172	157	
Boston & Albany	3,054	2,624	3,105	4,405	3,840	663	592	625	742	560	
Boston & Maine	7,505	6,525	7,833	9,740	7,705	691	776	622	987	750	
Central Vermont	877	493	688	2,142	1,792	3,418	2,729	3,083	2,391	1,952	
Maine Central	2,824	2,379	2,515	2,617	1,765	215	156	210	320	117	
New York, N. H. & Hartford	10,206	9,103	10,744	10,591	9,103	991	1,055	875	693	512	
Rutland	548	475	534	957	757	938	919	750	1,300	1,106	
Total	27,207	22,949	27,374	30,669	25,178	352	247	310	397	322	
Group B—						Gulf Mobile & Northern					
Delaware & Hudson	5,570	3,569	4,190	6,152	5,038	1,196	1,094	1,408	684	596	
Delaware Lackawanna & West.	8,000	6,981	8,079	5,507	4,319	17,645	15,926	18,202	8,593	7,062	
Erle	11,465	10,011	11,261	12,392	10,417	17,145	13,897	15,274	3,741	3,106	
Lehigh & Hudson River	122	115	152	1,719	1,501	132	139	78	450	425	
Lehigh & New England	1,477	921	1,372	989	702	148	142	104	185	174	
Lehigh Valley	7,595	6,649	6,705	6,095	5,486	1,728	1,617	1,881	1,463	1,081	
Montour	1,280	1,195	1,710	29	29	2,818	2,372	2,513	2,260	1,825	
New York Central	18,485	15,895	19,368	25,920	20,180	369	339	469	658	619	
New York Ontario & Western	2,120	1,888	1,662	1,878	1,562	Total					
Pittsburgh & Shawmut	412	302	358	23	22	48,632	41,962	46,602	25,036	20,364	
Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern	401	244	367	242	171	Grand total Southern District					
Total	56,927	47,770	55,164	60,946	49,427	88,148	76,911	86,471	53,454	44,531	
Group C—						Northwestern District.					
Ann Arbor	498	371	550	964	862	Belt Ry. of Chicago					
Chicago Ind. & Louisville	1,274	1,167	1,587	1,473	1,367	715	435	1,129	1,407	896	
Cleve. Cin. Chic. & St. Louis	7,112	6,901	8,552	11,214	8,663	14,160	11,573	14,052	8,278	6,278	
Central Indiana	38	17	60	55	34	2,342	1,996	2,377	1,978	1,638	
Detroit & Mackinac	178	208	243	85	72	16,239	14,499	17,473	5,807	5,046	
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line	191	227	250	2,732	2,185	3,610	2,723	3,198	2,436	1,690	
Detroit Toledo & Ironton	1,891	907	1,119	1,264	922	501	314	480	223	51	
Grand Trunk Western	2,913	2,988	3,081	6,245	5,302	424	360	397	390	370	
Michigan Central	6,376	5,142	6,561	8,718	7,254	3,238	2,539	3,236	3,775	3,301	
Monongahela	3,825	2,628	3,403	132	112	281	224	271	116	125	
New York Chicago & St. Louis	3,734	3,124	4,155	8,148	6,486	7,872	6,700	7,106	1,687	1,155	
Pere Marquette	4,548	3,780	4,004	4,305	3,905	511	422	515	312	257	
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	3,414	2,288	3,227	3,688	3,097	271	275	b	99	65	
Pittsburgh & West Virginia	971	716	879	666	488	1,635	1,458	1,917	1,169	1,018	
Wabash	4,844	4,471	5,517	7,107	5,996	4,369	3,966	4,497	1,974	1,470	
Wheeling & Lake Erie	2,772	2,566	2,445	2,567	1,433	7,423	6,293	7,427	1,856	1,386	
Total	44,582	37,501	45,573	59,363	48,178	75	89	b	168	109	
Grand total Eastern District						Spokane & International					
128,716	108,220	123,111	150,978	122,783	1,053	596	747	1,016	783	783	
Allegheny District.						Total					
Akron Canton & Youngstown	364	278	b	453	473	64,719	54,462	64,822	32,691	25,638	
Baltimore & Ohio	25,470	20,677	25,298	12,319	10,283	Central Western District.					
Bessemer & Lake Erie	1,360	623	768	1,107	489	Atch. Top. & Santa Fe System					
Buffalo Creek & Gauley	255	216	137	6	4	17,672	15,663	18,867	3,949	3,352	
Central RR. of New Jersey	4,564	4,065	5,852	10,096	8,546	2,436	2,610	3,036	1,726	1,285	
Cornwall	3	1	245	40	46	154	166	155	24	32	
Cumberland & Pennsylvania	370	253	282	15	14	14,964	11,914	16,077	5,294	4,498	
Ligonier Valley	173	162	196	13	10	1,642	1,186	b	759	567	
Long Island	712	884	1,159	2,557	1,967	11,184	9,985	13,208	5,746	4,836	
c Penn-Read Seashore Lines	1,074	964	c	1,471	1,272	2,819	2,064	2,736	1,725	1,650	
Pennsylvania System	51,018	45,813	57,503	30,794	25,735	814	744	1,492	760	644	
Reading Co.	12,553	9,335	12,214	13,468	12,123	2,358	2,001	2,529	1,479	1,151	
Union (Pittsburgh)	5,390	2,659	4,837	1,049	611	254	262	484	11	10	
West Virginia Northern	108	70	45	5,008	3,018	1,150	1,146	1,887	852	826	
Western Maryland	3,070	2,402	2,905	5,008	3,018	1,821	1,578	b	1,025	709	
Total	106,484	88,402	111,441	78,396	64,591	501	286	461	286	169	
Pocahontas District.						Peoria & Pekin Union					
Chesapeake & Ohio	19,572	16,992	16,985	6,364	4,982	72	125	116	42	31	
Norfolk & Western	16,989	13,171	13,404	3,401	2,992	12,308	9,335	12,405	3,344	2,495	
Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line	1,086	773	688	1,025	842	325	223	280	346	227	
Virginian	3,469	2,618	2,958	715	448	360	234	252	325	615	
Total	41,117	33,554	34,035	11,505	9,264	12,338	9,625	12,261	5,301	4,233	
Southern District.						Union Pacific System					
Group A—						Utah					
Atlantic Coast Line	9,086	7,793	9,023	4,748	3,950	417	741	865	7	5	
Clinchfield	1,204	743	985	1,394	1,163	1,044	776	1,209	1,155	1,029	
Charleston & Western Carolina	369	312	342	933	707	Southwestern District.					
Durham & Southern	147	131	156	384	256	Alton & Southern					
Gainesville & Midland	55	45	54	89	74	101	96	123	3,369	2,314	
Norfolk Southern	1,138	1,305	1,491	1,298	849	146	138	170	316	410	
Piedmont & Northern	444	464	539	805	657	211	238	243	154	207	
Richmond Frederic. & Potom.	322	272	389	2,999	3,510	2,398	2,391	a2,542	1,227	1,052	
Seaboard Air Line	7,014	6,656	7,219	3,703	2,919	2,506	2,229	1,584	1,649	1,868	
Southern System	19,613	17,048	19,500	11,526	9,457	231	136	185	932	729	
Winston-Salem Southbound	124	180	171	539	625	1,460	1,313	1,642	1,216	1,273	
Total	39,516	34,949	39,869	28,418	24,167	1,290	1,226	1,005	851	807	

a Estimated. b Not available. c Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines include the new consolidated lines of the West Jersey & Seashore RR., formerly part of Pennsylvania RR., and Atlantic City RR., formerly part of Reading Co.; 1932 figures included in Pennsylvania System and Reading Co. * Previous week's figures

Expectation that Trend of Business Would Be Upward in First Quarter of This Year Strengthened During Past Month, Says National City Bank of New York—Public Expenditures Upon Trade Regarded as Temporary Stimulus.

Commenting on general business conditions in its February "Letter," the National City Bank of New York observes that "the opinion generally expressed at the year-end, that the trend of business during the first quarter or half of 1934 would be upward, has been strengthened during the past month." The bank finds that "more active buying in commodities, merchandise and securities, at advancing prices, gives evidence of a rising spirit of optimism. Wholesale trade particularly," it notes, "has increased, with the number of buyers in the chief centers the largest at this season in several years; and this buying reflects the judgment of merchants as to the state of purchasing power and trade prospects in their territories, and as to price trends gen-

erally. Likewise," says the bank, "it shows that inventories accumulated last summer have been satisfactorily reduced."

According to the bank, "the factor of outstanding importance in the trade outlook at present is outside the normal range of business news." In part, the bank continues:

It is to be found in the disbursement of Government funds, which is proceeding at a rate never equalled except at the war-time peak. The deficit of expenditures over receipts of the Federal Treasury in the first 26 days of the month was \$682,000,000. These expenditures, going in part directly to individuals through the Civil Works and Agricultural Adjustment Administrations, and also indirectly through many other channels, are distributing purchasing power widely. Moreover, the budget message has put the country upon notice that in the second half of the fiscal year, ending June 30, it is intended to incur a deficit nearly six times as large as that of the first half, ended last December.

Moody's Investors' Service has made a classification of the distribution of the proposed disbursements in the current fiscal year, showing that \$1,883,000,000, of which \$500,000,000 has already been paid, will go to farmers in loans and benefit payments; \$1,229,000,000 for building; \$1,205,000,000 in direct relief, including the CWA and conservation work; and \$457,000,000 to mortgage institutions and home owners. As these sums reach consumers, and are spent in trade, they start a flow of buying power

around the circle. Likewise, the Government funds used to free closed bank deposits and to add to the banking capital represent large present and future additions to purchasing power.

Of course, the effect of public expenditures upon trade can only be in the nature of a temporary stimulus or stopgap. When the time comes, as it must, to discontinue them, the trade situation will depend once more upon the purchasing power created by the production and exchange of goods; and the important question then will be whether sound economic adjustments have been made, and price relationships that will promote production and exchange restored. But while they last the expenditures will help to make up for the deficiency in natural buying power, and will give effective support to trade.

Money and Price Relationship.

Probably the new monetary measures, which are discussed subsequently in this "Letter," have also had a stimulating effect on prices, although the connection is chiefly one of sentiment. Business men generally recognize that the revaluation of the monetary gold will add enormously to the credit base, and the possibilities in the way of potential credit expansion may have led to forward buying in some measure. The movement of funds into this country from abroad, as indicated in the foreign exchanges, evidently has been encouraged by setting the limits within which it is expected ultimately to revalue the dollar, and these incoming funds help prices in the markets in which they are invested. They have been a factor in the rise in stocks and bonds.

Another reason for hopeful business sentiment is that the rise in commodity prices has been chiefly in the farm group, where it was most needed.

To be sure, most business men recognize that the situation, even in respect to the stimulating influences mentioned, is not unqualifiedly favorable. They realize that the dependence upon Government funds as a source of purchasing power will impose a time limit upon the recovery, unless the kind of purchasing power that comes from sound and equitable relationships within the economic system is built up before the expenditures end. They know that by all past standards farm prices and wages of farm labor are still distressingly low in relation to prices the farmer has to pay, and that the improvement which has occurred has been largely brought about by measures whose experimental nature is freely admitted.

Such considerations as these keep trade expectations within conservative limits, but it is plainly the general opinion that the balance is on the side of improvement.

Moody's Daily Index of Staple Commodity Prices Continues Advance Toward July Levels.

Prime commodity prices continued to advance for the seventh week in succession, Moody's Daily Index of Staple Commodity Prices closing at 139.6, a gain of 2.8 points for the week. It is now not very far from the 1932-33 high of 148.9 reached last July.

Seven of the fifteen commodities comprising the Index showed net gains, against four declines and four which were unchanged. Sharp advances in cotton, hogs, rubber and sugar featured the price movements of the week, the remaining advances in silver, coffee and cocoa being of a minor character. There were moderate declines in hides, wheat, corn, and silk, while steel scrap, copper, lead, and wool tops were unchanged.

The movement of the Index number during the week, with comparisons, is as follows:

Fri. Feb. 2	136.8	2 weeks ago, Jan. 26	133.5
Sat. Feb. 3	137.5	Month ago, Jan. 9	128.1
Mon. Feb. 5	137.3	Year ago, Feb. 9	81.3
Tues. Feb. 6	139.2	1933 High, July 18	148.9
Wed. Feb. 7	139.1	Low, Feb. 4	78.7
Thurs. Feb. 8	139.7	1934 High, Feb. 8	139.7
Fri. Feb. 9	139.6	Low, Jan. 2	126.0

"Annalist" Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices Rose One Point During Week of Feb. 6—Increase Reflects Higher Prices for Cotton, Hogs, Sugar, Butter and Gasoline—Weekly Foreign Indices.

A rise of 1.0 for the "Annalist" Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices during the week ended Feb. 6, reflected primarily higher prices for cotton, hogs, sugar, butter and gasoline. The index, the "Annalist" said, stood at 105.8 on Feb. 6, compared with 104.8 Jan. 30, and is now the highest since Oct. 3. Continuing, the "Annalist" said:

The rise was largely independent of the monetary situation, reflecting rather the independent gains of the separate commodities.

THE "ANNALIST" WEEKLY INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES.

(Unadjusted for seasonal variation) (1913=100.)

	Feb. 6 1934.	Jan. 30 1934.	Feb. 7 1933.
Farm products	91.4	90.3	63.1
Food products	105.7	104.0	85.8
Textile products	120.3	120.0	65.0
Fuels	141.2	140.8	105.8
Metals	105.0	105.2	93.8
Building materials	113.1	112.8	106.6
Chemicals	99.0	99.0	95.2
Miscellaneous	87.1	86.7	69.7
All commodities	105.8	104.8	81.1
z All commodities on gold basis	65.7	65.3	

* Preliminary. x Revised. z Based on exchange quotations for France, Switzerland, Holland and Belgium.

The dollar swung rather violently around 62½ cents, about which it has centred (when measured in terms of foreign currencies) since mid-January. It showed a net loss of 0.2 cents, for the week, the "Annalist" price index on a gold basis accordingly rising 0.4 points to 65.7. Although the pressure of returning capital may continue to keep the dollar for some time above the level to which it has been formally (if provisionally) devalued, it can be expected to move gradually toward the official 59.06 cent valuation. Since,

however, uncertainty about its value is now removed (for the time being, at least), the commodities as a whole will be less sensitive than in the past to its day-to-day oscillations, although the heavy import and export group—cotton, tin, rubber and the like—will doubtless continue to reflect its short-term movements.

DAILY SPOT PRICES.

	Cotton.	Wheat.	Corn.	Hogs.	Moody's Index.	
					U. S. Basis.	Gold Basis.
Jan. 30	11.70	1.09½	.66½	3.76	136.0	84.7
Jan. 31	11.75	1.08½	.66½	3.58	135.6	83.1
Feb. 1	11.75	1.08½	.66½	3.75	135.4	82.7
Feb. 2	11.80	1.08½	.65½	4.04	136.8	86.2
Feb. 3	11.95	1.09	.66½	---	137.5	85.3
Feb. 5	11.95	1.09½	.66½	3.93	137.3	87.3
Feb. 6	12.15	1.09½	.66½	4.17	139.2	86.4

Cotton—Middling upland, New York. Wheat—No. 2 red, new, c. i. f., domestic, New York. Corn—No. 2 yellow, New York. Hogs—Day's average, Chicago. Moody's index—Daily index of fifteen staple commodities, Dec. 31, 1931=100; March 1, 1933=80.

Foreign commodity prices tended to weaken in the third week of January, the German index dropping to 96.1 from 96.3, while the Italian was unchanged at 42.5, after having declined 0.1 point the week previous; the French index was not available. The British index, it is true, continued the advance that has been under way since November; its rise, however, reflects rather the depreciation of sterling, and on a gold basis would show an appreciable drop in the past month.

WEEKLY FOREIGN WHOLESALE PRICE INDICES.

	U. S. A.		*U. K.	*France	xGermany.	xItaly.
	U. S. \$	Gold \$				
Jan. 23 1934	104.2	65.0	66.0	---	96.1	42.5
Jan. 16	103.3	64.3	65.8	386	96.3	42.5
Jan. 9	102.8	65.9	65.4	359	96.4	42.6
Jan. 2	102.5	64.6	64.7	390	96.2	42.5
Dec. 26 1933	101.2	64.1	64.1	359	96.0	42.3
Dec. 19	100.7	63.9	64.2	387	96.2	42.4
Dec. 12	102.1	66.1	63.9	386	96.2	42.3
Dec. 5	102.2	64.6	63.6	385	96.1	42.2
Nov. 28	101.9	64.4	63.4	384	96.0	42.1
Nov. 21	102.8	61.8	63.3	382	96.3	42.1
Nov. 14	104.9	63.7	63.2	382	96.1	42.0
Nov. 6	103.0	66.3	63.5	383	95.9	42.1
Oct. 31	103.8	68.4	63.7	383	96.1	42.2
Jan. 24 1933	81.3	81.3	60.9	---	90.8	45.2
Base	1913	1913	1926	July '14	1913	1926

* Saturday following date shown. x Wednesday following date shown.

Indexes of Business Activity of Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

"General business activity appears to have shown further improvement during the first half of January, in continuation of the upward movement which developed in the previous month," states the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in presenting its monthly indexes of business activity in its "Monthly Review" of Feb. 1. The Bank continued:

The advancing tendency was reflected in this Bank's weekly index of the railroad movement of merchandise and miscellaneous freight, which is presented in the accompanying diagram, somewhat smoothed by the use of a four-week moving average to remove erratic fluctuations from week to week. The course of the index has been upward since the middle of November and the advance so far recorded has been larger than any previous increase in several years, with the exception of the rapid rise of March to July last year.

Increases, after seasonal adjustment, were rather general in December in the various indexes representing distribution and general business activity. Advances occurred in this Bank's indexes of railroad freight traffic, foreign trade, department store and chain store sales, and check payments outside New York City. In addition, business failures were less numerous than in November, although failures usually increase at the year end.

(Adjusted for seasonal variations, for usual year to year growth, and where necessary for price changes.)

	Dec. 1932.	Oct. 1933.	Nov. 1933.	Dec. 1933.
Primary Distribution—				
Car loadings, merchandise and miscellaneous	53	56	56	59
Car loadings, other	58	56	57	58
Exports	43	56	53	60p
Imports	57	64	59	63p
Waterways traffic	40	48	55	—
Wholesale trade	85	76	78	—
Distribution to Consumer—				
Department store sales, United States	70	71	65	69p
Chain grocery sales, Second District	78r	74r	69r	72r
Other chain store sales	64	53	51	52
Mail order house sales	67	70	70	73
Advertising	61	64	63	61
Gasoline consumption	52	58	58	56
Passenger automobile registrations	71	71	72	—
28	51	49p	35p	
General Business Activity—				
Bank debits, outside of New York City	58	57	55	58p
Bank debits, New York City	53	46	43	42p
Velocity of demand deposits, outside of N. Y. City	70	77	72	72
Velocity of demand deposits, New York City	48	56	51	50
Shares sold on New York Stock Exchange	57	90	75	86
Employment in the United States	77	72	73	67
Business failures	62	76	74	73
Building contracts	102	56	59	47
New corporations formed in New York State	23	29	42	54
Real estate transfers	52	69	69	63
52	44	—	—	
General price level*	128	133	133p	132p
Composite index of wages*	174	177	178p	177p
Cost of living*	132	136	136	135

p Preliminary. r Revised. * 1913 average=100.

Fifth Consecutive Advance During Week of Jan. 27 Reported in Weekly Wholesale Commodity Price Index of United States Department of Labor.

"The wholesale commodity price index rose slightly the week ending Jan. 27 and reached a level equal to 72.4% of the 1926 average as compared with 72.3% for the week

retail trade circles was evident in January. Sales of Cleveland reporting stores in the first three weeks were 36.7% higher in dollar volume than in early 1933, and the number of transactions was up 28.7% in the same period.

In late December, operations in the iron and steel industry were expected to contract rather sharply in January, since much of the steel shipped prior to the year-end was thought to be for stock-piles. The falling-off, however, was slight and of short duration, for in mid-January operations in most steel centers of this district expanded and the industry was turning out steel at double the rate of January 1933. The expansion resulted from increased demand from automobile and allied industries and miscellaneous steel users. Work on railroad steel has encountered delays, but orders for structural material have improved slightly.

The automobile industry experienced more than the usual delays resulting from model changes. This adversely affected operations at parts, accessory and other allied plants in December, but in recent weeks a marked improvement in these lines became apparent as rush orders for materials were received. Tire production has expanded and glass output has increased.

In the building industry contracts awarded in December were valued at over \$30,000,000 in this district. This was about six times as large as a year ago, and was nearly double the November total. In the first half of January a further increase was recorded. By far the greater part of the contracts awarded was in the public works category and represented allotment of Federal funds.

The paint industry enjoyed a gain in sales in late December and the first half of January which was not seasonal. Production also was increased. Clothing factories in Mid-January were operating at capacity levels permitted by the code and the number of employees was much greater than a year ago. Advance sales of spring goods were reported to be much larger than in early 1933.

Electric power production in the Central Industrial region in the week ended Jan. 20 was 13% greater than in the corresponding period of 1932. Excluding the Rocky Mountain region, this was the largest gain reported in the entire country. For the last four weeks, gains in this section have exceeded 13%.

As to wholesale and retail trade conditions in the Cleveland District, the bank reports:

Retail.

The dollar value of December department store sales swelled the year's total so that a gain of 0.03% was shown in the entire period from 1932 at reporting units in the Fourth District. Although the higher price of many items was a factor contributing to the expansion, the year made a relatively good showing in view of the large declines reported in early 1933.

Compared with December 1932, a gain of 14.4% in dollar sales was reported in the closing month of 1933, and the increase from November was greater than seasonal. The daily average adjusted index in the latest month was 64.4% of the 1923-1925 monthly average, as against 63.9% in November and 53.8% a year ago. Increased pre-holiday sales were reported in all principal cities, the gains ranging from 10 to nearly 40% from the corresponding month of 1932.

In the individual departments for which figures are available, gains from a year ago were shown in every instance except in sales of domestics. Sales of electrical household appliances, housefurnishings, misses' dresses, woolen dress goods, and silverware were over 30% above a year ago.

The proportion of total sales bought on credit was approximately the same in December as a year ago, but there was relatively more installment buying and less purchasing on a 30-day credit basis than in December 1932. There was comparatively less buying on credit in December than in November.

The dollar value of stocks at department stores on Dec. 31 was 21.6% smaller than on Nov. 30, the reduction being slightly more than seasonal. The adjusted index of stocks was 62.3% of the 1923-25 monthly average, compared with 63.4 in November and 54 in December 1932.

Collections in December, as a per cent. of accounts receivable at the beginning of the month, were a trifle better than in November, and were up about 6.5% from December 1932.

At 44 reporting furniture stores in this District, sales in December were 37.9% larger than a year ago, and in the entire year a gain of 14.9% was shown from 1932. The increase in December compared with a 19.9% gain in sales in furniture departments of department stores.

Chain grocery sales in December were up 7.6% from the same month of 1932, and chain drug store sales increased 8.7% in the same period.

Wholesale.

The four reporting lines of wholesale trade in the Fourth District showed an increase in dollar sales in December from a year earlier, and, compared with November, a contrary-to-seasonal expansion was reported.

In contrast with December 1932, the largest gain in dollar sales occurred in the hardware trade, the increase being 49.8%. For the entire year, dollar hardware sales were up 10.8% from 1932.

Drug sales were 34% larger in December than in November, and 22% above December 1932. The gain, according to reports, was due to the sharp increase in liquor sales, both wholesale and retail, in the latest month. In the entire year sales were down 7.3%.

Dry goods sales were only slightly larger in December than a year earlier, and were down somewhat more than seasonally from November, but in the entire year a gain in sales of 11.5% was reported from 1932.

Wholesale grocery sales in the last month of 1933 were 7.4% above the preceding year, but for the 12-month period sales were down 1.8% from 1932.

The bank had the following to say in its "Review" regarding the tire and rubber industry in the Fourth District:

The manufacturers in this District reported an increase in production in January which would put it about 30% above the level of the last two months in 1933 and considerably ahead of January 1933. Output for the past few months has been somewhat in excess of shipments, but this is partly seasonal and sales have been larger than a year ago in every one of the last six months.

Inventories in hands of manufacturers on Dec. 1, however, were larger than since early 1932 and, at the rate of present consumption, represented 4.2 months' supply. The increase in stocks in recent months accompanied the sharp reduction in automobile production prior to the introduction of new models; this apparently was a contributing factor to the rise in stocks, but replacement tire demand also receded in the closing part of 1933. On Dec. 1 1933 tire stocks were 24% higher than a year earlier, according to the report of the Rubber Manufacturers' Association. This same report, covering November, indicates that output in that

period was 31.9% greater than in the corresponding month of 1932 and shipments were up 28%.

Rubber consumed in the United States in December 1933 amounted to 29,087 long tons, approximately the same as in November, but was 61.2% greater than in the closing month of 1932. In the entire year 405,689 tons of rubber were used in the United States, compared with 332,000 tons in 1932.

Rubber imports in December totaled 42,099 tons, somewhat in excess of consumption in the period, but this situation did not prevail in the earlier months of 1933, for stocks of rubber on hand at the year-end were estimated at 364,541 tons, compared with 388,229 tons at the close of 1932. Inventories had a much higher value, however, for crude rubber in early January was quoted at 9.8c. a pound, compared with less than 4c. in early 1932.

Employment at Ohio rubber factories in December averaged 1.6% less than in November, a slightly greater than seasonal decline. Compared with a year ago, however, the number employed was up 34%, and for the entire year 1933 averaged 13.7% above the year 1932.

Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Reports Continued Improvement in Business in Fifth District During December—Little Change in Employment—Statistics for 1933.

"In December," reports the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, in its "Monthly Review" of Jan. 31, "business in the Fifth (Richmond) District continued to show improvement in nearly all lines over the corresponding month of 1932. Department store sales in 31 stores averaged 7.4% above the sales in December 1932, and wholesale trade in four of five reporting lines also was better than trade a year earlier." Continuing, the bank says:

Most of the changes between Dec. 15 and Jan. 15 in the statements of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and regularly reporting member banks were seasonal, but a material increase in deposits in member banks was an interesting development. Debits to individual accounts figures in four weeks ended Jan. 10 1934 showed a seasonal increase over debits in the four preceding weeks, although the gain was somewhat smaller than in most years. Employment changed little during December.

The following table, comparing some of the annual statistics for 1933 with those for 1932, and which also contains figures for 1929, thus allowing comparison with the year immediately preceding the depression, was contained in the "Review":

Annual Summary.	1933.	1932.	1929.
Debits to individual accts. (23 cities)	\$9,163,539,000	\$10,495,604,000	\$16,673,842,000
No. of comm'l failures, 5th Dist.	1,515	1,936	1,420
Liabilities involved in failures, 5th Dist.	\$34,380,335	\$54,233,281	\$24,705,654
Cotton consumption, 5th Dist. mills (bales)	2,914,087	2,403,441	3,039,884
Cotton grown in 5th Dist. (bales)	1,470,000	1,410,000	1,625,000
Tobacco grown in 5th Dist. (lbs.)	717,765,000	417,130,000	725,109,000
Bldg. permits for all work (31 cities)	21,360	27,781	42,122
Value of—			
Permits for all work (31 cities)	\$20,728,673	\$35,613,841	\$131,888,967
Contracts awarded, 5th Dist.	\$102,465,338	\$157,483,234	\$385,963,047
Total sales—			
31 department stores, 5th Dist.	\$82,605,561	\$86,602,758	\$117,111,916
59 wholesale firms in five lines	\$46,842,579	\$41,089,711	\$63,287,820
Bit. coal production, U. S. (tons)	327,940,000	309,710,000	534,989,000

As to the annual statistics the bank said:

For the first time since 1929 several of the figures for last year show improvement over those for the preceding year. Cotton consumption in the Fifth Reserve District rose by 21% in 1933 in comparison with 1932, textile mills having been especially active during the summer months. Wholesale trade in five lines showed an increase in total sales amounting to 14% over last year, four of the five lines reporting increases. Dry goods sales rose 32.6% in 1933, shoes rose 20.8%, and hardware gained 31.1%. Coal production last year exceeded production in 1932 by 6%, increased industrial activity in many lines requiring larger supplies of fuel. In both number of failures and in liabilities involved, the Fifth District insolvency record for 1933 showed marked improvement over the record for the preceding year. In agriculture, 1933 was a much better year than 1932 in every way. Favorable weather during most of the year produced larger yields per acre in most crops, and higher prices brought the farmers many millions of dollars more than they received in 1932. Many of the indices for 1933 which failed to reach 1932 levels made better comparisons than figures alone indicate. Debits to individual accounts figures, which reflect the volume of business passing through banks, lacked 13% of equaling 1932 figures, but this was due in large part to the bank holiday last March and to the large sums which were frozen in closed banks after that date. Debits last year in nearly all cities in which no important banks closed came relatively near the 1932 figures, and in eight cities debits last year were higher than in the earlier year. Total department store sales for 1933 failed by 4.6% to equal 1932 sales, but sales in the last half of the year exceeded sales in the second half of 1932 by nearly 5%. The indices which showed the worst comparisons between 1933 and 1932 were those covering the construction industry. Building permits declined 23% in number and 42% in valuation in 1933 in comparison with the low figures reported in 1932, and contracts actually awarded last year fell approximately 35% below those for 1932.

Retail Trade in Atlanta Federal Reserve District in December at Highest Level in Two Years—Slight Decrease Noted in Wholesale Trade as Compared with November but Substantially Above Year Ago.

In summarizing conditions in the Sixth (Atlanta) District the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta states that "in December the volume of retail trade increased to the highest level in two years, wholesale trade was only slightly less than in November, but substantially larger than a year ago, bank debits increased over both of those comparative periods, and there were gains over the month in building permits

issued at 20 reporting cities, and in the production of pig iron in Alabama." The Bank, in its "Monthly Review" of Jan. 31, further reports:

Operations of cotton mills in the District declined from November to December, and building and construction contracts awarded in the District decreased from the unusually large total for November, but were very much larger than in December 1932.

Department store sales in December increased 60.3% over those in November, were 21% larger than in December 1932, and were larger than for any other month since December two years ago. For the year 1933, total sales by reporting department stores were only 0.8 of 1% less than in 1932, notwithstanding the large decreases shown for some of the early months of the year. The collection ratio for December was the highest since April 1931. Wholesale trade in December declined only 1.6% from November, and was 38.7% greater than in December a year ago, and for the year was 13.6% greater than in 1932. Bank debits increased 15.7% from November to December and on a daily average basis were 13.1% greater than in December a year earlier.

Between Dec. 13 and Jan. 10 outstanding bank credit, both at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and at weekly reporting member banks, declined somewhat, but in both instances was greater than on the corresponding report date last year. Daily average demand deposits of all member banks in the District were higher in December than in any other month since May 1932.

Building permits issued at 20 cities in the District more than doubled from November to December, but were 24.8% less in value than in December 1932, and for the year 1933 the total was 26.3% smaller than for 1932. Building and construction contract awards declined in December from the large November total, but were nearly three and one-half times as large as in December 1932, and for the year were 51.5% greater than in 1932. The decline in operations of cotton mills in this district was smaller than in the cotton-growing States as a whole. Production of pig iron in Alabama increased in December to the highest level for any month since July 1931, and for the year was 34.9% greater than in 1932.

Reviewing wholesale and retail trade conditions in the Sixth District the Bank said:

Retail Trade.

Department store sales in the Sixth District increased in December by more than the usual seasonal amount to the highest level in two years, collections improved, and stocks at the end of the month showed about the usual decline from November.

December sales reported by 39 firms increased by 60.3% over those in November, and were 21.0% greater than in December 1932. For individual cities the comparisons with December a year ago range from an increase 6.6% at New Orleans to a gain of 32.6% at Atlanta. In December cash sales accounted for 48.1% of the total, compared with 43.6% in November, and with 48.6% in December 1932. Total sales for the year 1933 showed a decline of only 0.8 of 1% compared with the total for 1932, notwithstanding the large percentage decreases reported for some of the early months of the year.

Stocks of merchandise on hand at the close of December were 20.2% smaller in dollar value than a month earlier, and were 5.0% greater than a year ago. Stock turnover for the month, and for the year, was somewhat greater than for corresponding periods a year earlier. Accounts receivable increased 13.0% over the month, and were 4.9% greater than for December 1932, and collections increased 2.7% over November and were 12.3% greater than in December a year ago.

The ratio of collections during December to accounts outstanding and due at the beginning of the month was 32.1%, the highest since April 1931, and compares with 31.0 for November, and with 29.2 for December 1932. For regular accounts the ratio for December was 34.3, for November 33.2 and for December last year 31.2, and for instalment accounts the ratio for December was 15.9, for November 14.9 and for December a year ago 15.7. Collection ratios for December for reporting cities were: Atlanta, 29.3; Birmingham, 26.7; Chattanooga, 29.6; Nashville, 29.7; New Orleans, 39.9, and other cities, 30.9.

All of these statistics are based upon reports in actual dollar amounts.

Wholesale Trade.

Total sales during the year 1933 by 102 reporting wholesale firms in the Sixth District were 13.6% greater than in 1932. From the low point in February sales reported by these firms increased each month through October, and declined slightly in November and December. The decrease from November to December was only 1.6%, and December sales were 38.7% greater than in December a year ago. Stocks on hand were somewhat larger in dollar value, accounts receivable smaller, and collections substantially larger than in December 1932.

Business Conditions in Tenth Federal Reserve District According to Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City—Review of 1933—Wholesale and Retail Trade in December Above Year Ago.

Reviewing conditions in Tenth (Kansas City) Federal Reserve District during 1933, the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, in its "Monthly Review" of Feb. 1, states that "the year was one of extremely short crops and sharply higher prices, culminating in a net gain of approximately 48% over 1932 in the Dec. 1 estimated farm value of all crops produced in the Tenth District, exclusive of Federal advancements under acreage reduction contracts. Unfavorable returns from livestock feeding operations," the Bank adds, "with prices not extensively affected as yet by Governmental livestock production, control programs, offset to a large measure the improved crop returns." The Bank's "Review" further notes:

Prices of all grains, although still substantially below pre-war prices and the highs of last July, practically doubled during the year, but prices of beef, butter, milk, eggs and poultry closed lower this year than last. Pork prices averaged somewhat better than the 35-year lows of 1932 and mutton, wool and hides were substantially higher.

Trade at both wholesale and retail improved after April, declined in September, and then recovered the final quarter of the year. Aggregate sales of five representative wholesale lines combined were 3.3% larger this year than last, and total dollar sales of 32 reporting department stores of the District were 1.9% smaller. The life insurance business exhibited similar characteristics but 1933 sales of new paid-for life insurance were 5%

below the 1932 volume. Sales of lumber at 156 retail yards located throughout the District increased 11.7% during the year.

Mills produced 4.4% less flour in 1933 than in 1932 and the total output was the smallest for any year since 1925. Crude oil production increased 16.5% but fell 7% short of the 10-year average. The output of bituminous coal was 7.1% less than a year ago and 38% below normal. Substantial advances in the prices of zinc ore and lead ore stimulated production and shipments doubled. Building activity was decidedly sluggish throughout the year, averaging but a small per cent. of normal.

Loans and discounts of reporting member banks declined 9.3% and investment holdings were enlarged 23.8% during the year. Net demand deposits increased but time deposits and savings deposits fell off. Business failures, both as to number and the amount of liabilities involved, were the lightest in years.

1933 marketings of wheat and kafir at 10th District Markets, 42.6 and 33.5% under a year ago, were the lightest in recent years, and receipts of corn, oats, rye, and barley, although considerably larger than in 1932, were below normal. Stocks of wheat, corn and oats on farms in the seven States of the District on Jan. 1 1934, were, respectively, 27, 25 and 36% lighter than one year earlier. The fall sown acreage of winter wheat in these States was reduced about 4%.

Receipts of cattle, calves, hogs, including Government and direct purchases by packers, and horses and mules at 10th District markets during 1933 were larger, and of sheep and lambs smaller, than a year ago. However, as compared to average marketings for the past 10 years, offerings of cattle and calves were light, and arrivals of sheep and lambs slightly below, and of horses and mules and hogs slightly above, the average. Operations at meat packing plants corresponded closely to livestock receipts. According to Department of Agriculture estimates, there were 8.56% less cattle and 13% less sheep and lambs on feed in the United States on Jan. 1 1934, than on Jan. 1 1933. Also, according to December breeding intentions, the 1934 spring pig crop, exclusive of adjustments, under the Government's corn-hog program, will be 8.4% smaller than last year.

"Aided by the distribution of public funds through civil works and crop advances, Tenth District department stores experienced a record seasonal increase in sales during December," the Bank continued. "Total sales for the month were 64.9% larger than in November and showed a gain of 17.9% over December 1932. Wholesale trade," the Bank said, "declined seasonally, but was 23.2% above a year ago. Life insurance sales, retail lumber sales and building operations also improved as compared to the corresponding month last year. Business insolvencies were comparatively light." Further reviewing wholesale and retail trade conditions, the Bank said as follows.

Retail trade, as indicated by the total dollar sales of 32 reporting department stores located in 10th District cities, was 1.9% smaller in 1933 than in 1932 and wholesale trade, based on the aggregate sales of five representative lines combined, was 3.3% larger. By individual lines, wholesalers' sales of dry goods, groceries and drugs were virtually the same this year as last, whereas, hardware and furniture dealers of the District reported gains for 1933 of 13.9 and 18%, respectively.

Aided by favorable weather, civil works employment, and Government crop loans and payments, December trade at the 32 department stores was 64.9% larger than in the previous month and 17.9% larger than a year ago. The increase over November is the largest ever recorded and compares with 49.2% reported last year. September, following an increase of 21.6% in August over August, 1932, was the only month since April in which sales failed to exceed those for the corresponding month last year. Inventories were reduced 21%, or about the usual ratio, in December and year-end stocks, although 1.4% heavier than a year ago, were otherwise the lightest for that date in recent years. Collection percentages of amounts outstanding at the end of the preceding month were 39.1 for December and 35.5 for November this year and 37.2 for December, 1932.

At wholesale establishments sales of dry goods declined 30%, groceries 11.3 and furniture 6.1%, and sales of hardware increased 3.7 and of drugs 20.8% in December as compared to November. By separate lines the following gains over December 1932, were reported: dry goods, 21.5; groceries, 1.1; hardware, 51.9; furniture, 54.9; drugs, 28.8%, and the five lines combined 23.2%.

Inventory changes reflect slight gains for the month and substantial gains for the year in hardware and furniture stocks, and declines for the month and slight increases for the year in holdings of dry goods and groceries. Drug stocks, as of Dec. 30, were 12.8% less than one month earlier and 5.7% less than a year ago.

Improvement in Trade Conditions in Eleventh District Reported by Dallas Federal Reserve Bank—Replacement Purchases Made by Retailers to Meet Demand.

"A stronger undertone of confidence and a noticeable expansion in the demand for merchandise were outstanding developments in the Eleventh (Dallas) District during the past month," stated the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in its "District Summary" contained in its Feb. 1 "Monthly Business Review" compiled Jan. 15. Continuing, the Bank said that "sales of department stores in principal cities reflected an increase of 63% over the previous month, which was considerably larger than seasonal, and exceeded those of the closing month of 1932 by 22%." In its "District Summary" the Bank added:

While wholesale distribution is usually quiet in December, sales in some lines were greater than in November, and in others the declines were less than seasonal. Sales in all reporting lines were substantially larger than a year ago. Due to the active consumer buying, many retailers had to make replacement purchases to meet the demand. Collections were well sustained during the month. Debits to individual accounts were 12% larger than in either the previous month or the corresponding month last year.

Reflecting the improved trade conditions, the number of commercial failures remained near the low November figure and the liabilities of defaulting firms were smaller than in any month since July 1927.

General rains over a large portion of this District since late in December have greatly benefited winter crops and livestock ranges. Nevertheless, there remains a deficiency in sub-soil moisture due to the fall drouth, and much additional rainfall is needed to overcome this shortage. Farmers

generally have made good progress with winter plowing. Ranges are still in poor condition over a large area, but livestock have held up fairly well.

Member bank deposits showed a further expansion in December. The daily average of combined net demand and time deposits amounted to \$680,863,000 as compared with \$654,145,000 in November, and \$613,028,000 in December 1932. This figure is the highest reported since late in 1931, and is \$100,000,000 above the low point reached in August 1933. Federal reserve bank loans to member banks totaled only \$440,000 on Jan. 15, as compared with \$1,003,000 a month earlier, and \$4,369,000 a year ago. Following the Christmas buying season there has been a substantial return flow of Federal reserve currency. The actual circulation on Jan. 15 totaled \$51,909,000 as compared with \$54,102,000 on Dec. 15, and \$37,515,000 at the middle of January last year.

Construction work showed some improvement during the month. The valuation of building permits in December was 17% larger than the low November figure, but was still 29% below that a year earlier.

The Bank had the following to say as to wholesale and retail trade conditions:

Wholesale Trade.

Business at wholesale in this District during December made a generally favorable showing, and the underlying sentiment of confidence on the part of both retailers and consumers continued to be well in evidence. Increased sales over the preceding month were reported in the lines of farm implements and drugs, the latter being contrary to seasonal tendency. In two other lines the decreases occurring were of less than the usual seasonal amount. All lines continued to show a substantial expansion as compared with the same month a year ago, and in three cases the increase was larger than in November. Aggregate sales reported during the last six months of 1933 reflected gains over the same period in 1932 ranging from 4.4% in the case of drugs to 136.4% in the case of farm implements. Stocks on hand at the close of December were smaller than on Nov. 30 in every reporting line. A decline from the previous month was reflected in the total volume of collections during December, but the reduction was smaller than seasonal.

Reports from wholesale dry goods firms in this District indicate that business held up well during December. "While sales totaled 41.0% less than in the previous month, this reduction is somewhat smaller than usually occurs in this month. An expansion of 42.5% over December 1932, was registered, whereas the like increase amounted in November to 27.0% and in October to only 8.5%. Inventories on Dec. 31, while slightly less than a month earlier, showed an increase of 78.3% over a year ago. A decline of only 1.4% as compared with November was reflected in the volume of collections during the month.

December witnessed a further contrary to seasonal increase of 0.9% in the demand for drugs at wholesale, and sales were in 4.3% greater volume than in the same month a year ago. Business was somewhat spotty, being appreciably better in some areas than in others. Inventories are being held at low levels, the total on Dec. 31 being less than a month earlier or a year ago. Collections were larger than in November.

The business of wholesale hardware firms in this District reflected a smaller than seasonal decrease of 2.1% as compared with November, and was on a scale 67.7% larger than in December 1932. Despite the further improvement, buying in certain scattered sections followed the downward trend which is generally to be expected at the year-end. A slight reduction in collections was reported.

While the demand for groceries at wholesale in December showed a seasonal recession of 10.8%, the comparison with a year ago continued to be favorable. The month's sales were 14.3% above those in the closing month of 1932, and the total volume between July 1 and Dec. 31 was 12.9% larger than in the same period in the earlier year. Collections declined seasonally in December by 7.8%.

Reflecting to some extent the effect of seasonal influences, the distribution of agricultural implements through wholesale channels during December was on a scale 8.2% larger than in the preceding month. As compared with the same month last year there was an increase of 312.9%. Total dollar sales during the latter half of 1933 showed an expansion of 136.4% over those in the corresponding period in the previous year. As is usual at this season, collections fell off appreciably during the month.

Retail Trade.

The active demand for merchandise, which has been in evidence during the past several months at department stores in principal cities of the Eleventh District, increased further in December. The total dollar volume of sales was 63.3% greater than in November, which was considerably larger than the average seasonal increase for that month, and was 22.1% above that in December 1932. It is significant to note that the increased buying during the last five months of 1933 was sufficient to more than offset the declines registered in the early months of the year, and as a result total distribution of merchandise during the entire year was 1% greater than in 1932. Due to the larger than seasonal increase in sales, this bank's seasonally adjusted index advanced from 66.3% of the 1923-25 average in November to 78.2% in December, which is the highest figure recorded since Dec. 1931.

Inventories held on Dec. 31 were 25.4% less than a month earlier, but they remained 8.3% greater than those on hand a year ago. The stock turnover of all reporting firms during 1933 was 2.97, as compared with 2.75 in 1932.

December collections reflected a seasonal increase over the previous month, and were proportionately greater in volume than in any month since November 1929. The ratio of collections during December to accounts outstanding on the first of the month was 36.8%, as against 35.0% in November, and 32.9% in December 1932.

Index of Far Western Business of Bank of America (California) for December at Highest Level in Past 20 Months.

Ending the most eventful year in a generation with a decided upturn, the Bank of America (California) Index of Far Western Business registered 64.7 (preliminary) in December, the highest point reached in the past 20 months. The Bank of America announced that the December index number represents an advance of 10.9 points over the record low of March, when the index mirrored conditions which accompanied the Nationwide moratorium by dipping to 53.8. A quick recovery was recorded with the figure of 56.5 in April, after which the index climbed steadily during the harvest season and closed the year with a vigorous upturn, reflecting a brighter outlook throughout the Pacific and Rocky Mountain States. Continuing the bank said:

Based on carloadings, bank debits and power production, the Bank of America Index is weighted and adjusted for seasonal fluctuations and trend. It covers California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Utah and Arizona.

A review of conditions in industries whose operations influence the factors which determine the index figures discloses a substantial improvement in business throughout the Western area. Virtually every section reports increases in the number of persons employed and a decided change in general business, with actual profits supplanting month-by-month deficits.

Bank deposits in the Twelfth (San Francisco) Federal Reserve District are making consistent increases over the corresponding periods of a year ago and higher agricultural and commodity prices are returning a fair degree of prosperity to individuals and entire communities. A revival in the gigantic California wine industry already has contributed importantly to the welfare of the West with a revenue of many million dollars over a few months' time. Similarly, the reopening of the breweries and the consequent development of widespread activity in barley and hops has aided the residents of the West.

Meanwhile the extensive and varied mining industry, the highly important petroleum industry, shipping, lumber, general construction and a score of other great industries are becoming stable and showing a new vigor that promises better times in 1934.

Failures Drop 55.3% From January 1933 Total.

Insolvencies in the United States in the month of January were the lowest in number for that month for many years. The records of Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., show 1,364 such defaults last month, compared with 1,132 for the preceding month and 2,919 in January a year ago. The change that has taken place during the past year in the matter of business failures has been very remarkable. The reduction in the number of such defaults from January 1933 to the present year was 1,555, a decline of 53.3%.

Some large failures last month increased the total of liabilities somewhat, although the amount was very much smaller than for January in a number of years past. The aggregate of indebtedness reported for defaults that occurred last month was \$32,905,428. These figures compare with \$27,200,432 of liabilities recorded for December last, and \$79,100,602 for January a year ago. The change for the better in respect to the report of business failures, especially during the closing months of 1933, has been fully maintained in January.

The monthly and quarterly failure figures, showing the number and the amount of liabilities, are contrasted below:

	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1934.	1933.	1932.	1934.	1933.	1932.
January.....	1,364	2,919	3,458	\$32,905,428	\$79,100,602	\$96,860,205
December.....	---	1,132	2,469	---	\$27,200,432	\$64,188,643
November.....	---	1,237	2,073	---	21,353,376	53,621,127
October.....	---	1,206	2,273	---	30,581,970	52,869,974
4th quarter....	---	3,575	6,815	---	\$83,135,778	\$170,679,744

FAILURES BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS FOR JANUARY.

Districts.	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1934.	1933.	1932.	1934.	1933.	1932.
1 Boston.....	154	289	308	\$3,615,890	\$6,560,018	\$6,067,674
2 New York....	407	691	827	12,952,915	23,670,938	21,799,474
3 Philadelphia..	62	172	215	1,320,187	3,816,081	12,201,411
4 Cleveland....	104	251	322	1,997,895	5,950,899	9,628,302
5 Richmond....	98	187	159	1,764,717	3,056,287	2,404,390
6 Atlanta.....	51	176	188	759,559	5,372,172	5,608,107
7 Chicago.....	175	426	495	4,802,422	19,178,728	18,699,822
8 St. Louis....	32	121	158	756,504	1,863,582	3,918,464
9 Minneapolis..	30	100	74	414,803	1,207,057	670,578
10 Kansas City..	48	114	157	403,280	1,842,215	5,691,600
11 Dallas.....	27	98	178	502,373	1,693,202	4,051,626
12 San Francisco	176	294	377	3,614,883	4,889,423	6,118,757
Total.....	1,364	2,919	3,458	\$32,905,428	\$79,100,602	\$96,860,205

Orders at Lumber Mills During First Five Weeks of 1934 Show 23% Gain Over Same Period of 1933.

Lumber production and new business received during the week ended Feb. 3 at the sawmills of the country were somewhat less than during the two preceding weeks; shipments were heavier than for any week of the year, according to telegraphic reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from regional associations covering the operations of leading hardwood and softwood mills. The reports were made by 1,207 American mills whose production was 142,810,000 feet; shipments 143,066,000 feet; orders 165,210,000 feet. Revised figures for the preceding week for 1,265 mills were production 152,019,000 feet; shipments 138,595,000 feet; orders 187,792,000 feet. Further reviewing activities in the lumber industry, the Association stated:

During the week ended Feb. 3, all softwood regions but California redwood and Northern hardwoods reported orders above production, total softwood orders being 16% above output; hardwood orders, 11% above hardwood production. All regions reported orders above those of corresponding week of 1933, total softwood orders being 26% above those of last year and hardwoods registering similar gain of 26%. Production during the week ended Feb. 3 1934 was 49% above that of a year ago and shipments were 26% above those of the same week of 1933.

During the five weeks of 1934 to date, identical mill reports show production 37% above that of the same period of 1933; shipments 11% above those of last year and orders received 23% above orders of the same 1933 period.

Production of Lumber During the Four Weeks Ended Jan. 27 1934 Exceeded Same Period Last Year by 37%—Shipments Were 8% Greater—Orders Received Increased 23%.

We give herewith data on identical mills for the four weeks ended Jan. 27 1934, as reported by the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association on Feb. 3:

An average of 613 mills reported as follows to the "National Lumber Trade Barometer" for the four weeks ended Jan. 27 1934:

	Production.		Shipments.		Orders.	
	1934.	1933.	1934.	1933.	1934.	1933.
Softwoods	432,439	327,262	400,329	363,597	481,581	389,061
Hardwoods	64,895	34,799	43,307	47,229	48,444	43,051
Total lumber	497,334	362,061	443,636	410,826	530,025	432,112

Production during the four weeks ended Jan. 27 1934 was 37% greater than during corresponding weeks of 1933, as reported by these mills, and 22% above the record of comparable mills during the same period of 1932. 1934 softwood cut was 32% above that of the same weeks of 1933 and hardwood cut was 86% greater than in 1933.

Shipments during the four weeks ended Jan. 27 1934 were 8% greater than those of corresponding weeks of 1933, softwoods showing gain of 10%; hardwoods, loss of 8%.

Orders received during the four weeks ended Jan. 27 1934 were 23% greater than those of corresponding weeks of 1933 and 22% less than those received during similar weeks of 1932. Softwoods showed gain of 24% as compared with similar period of 1933; hardwoods, gain of 13%.

On Jan. 27 1934 gross stocks as reported by 337 softwood mills were 2,528,974,000 feet, or the equivalent of 119 days' average production of reporting mills, as compared with 2,755,752,000 feet on Jan. 28 1933, the equivalent of 130 days' average production, the average being for the three years 1931, 1932, 1933.

On Jan. 27 1934 unfilled orders as reported by 572 mills, cutting hardwoods or softwoods or both, were 507,668,000 feet, or the equivalent of 21 days' average production, as compared with 461,816,000 feet on Jan. 28 1933, the equivalent of 19 days' average production.

Mid-West Distribution of Automobiles at Both Wholesale and Retail Decreased from November to December—Above December 1932—Decrease Noted from November in Orders Booked by Furniture Manufacturers.

In reviewing automobile production and distribution during December, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago states that "lack of new models accounted for the heavy recessions from November shown during December in mid-West distribution of automobiles." The Bank, in its Jan. 31 "Business Conditions Report," said that "sales at retail and wholesale moderately exceeded in aggregate number those of December 1932, but the number of used cars sold gained more markedly in the comparison." The Bank continued:

It will be noted in the table that both wholesale and retail distribution for the year as a whole were considerably in excess of the year 1932, while stocks carried averaged much lighter than in that year. December deferred payment sales of dealers reporting the item, amounted to 53% of their total sales for the month, representing a rather sharp rise from the 44% reported by the same dealers for November and comparing with only 47% for December of 1932.

MIDWEST DISTRIBUTION OF AUTOMOBILES.

	December 1933 Per Cent Change from		Cal. Year 1933 Change from Cal. Year 1932.	Companies Included		
	Nov. 1933.	Dec. 1932.		Nov. 1933.	Dec. 1932.	Year- 1932.
New Cars:						
Wholesale—						
Number sold	-24.9	+10.1	+51.8	16	11	11
Value	-25.7	+11.1	+23.1	16	11	11
Retail—						
Number sold	-52.4	+9.0	+37.3	57	36	36
Value	-48.0	-11.0	+19.0	57	36	36
On hand end of month—						
Number	-6.4	-41.6	*-24.5	57	36	36
Value	-8.9	-54.3	*-40.4	57	36	36
Used cars:						
Number sold	-26.7	+27.3	+10.6	57	36	36
Salable on hand—						
Number	-5.3	+23.8	*-6.6	57	36	36
Value	-11.1	+11.0	*-34.6	57	36	36

*Average end of month.

With regard to orders booked by furniture manufacturers in the Chicago District, the Bank said:

Although the 6% recession from November in December orders booked by furniture manufacturers reporting to this Bank continued a decline in the month-to-month comparison unbroken since July, the current volume, nevertheless, was greater than in December a year ago, the gain amounting to 23%. Shipments also were considerably in excess of those a year ago—by 37%—despite a drop of 14% from the preceding month. Unfilled orders outstanding on Dec. 30 amounted to 71% of current orders, a decline of seven points from the ratio of a month previous—recession in this item having been continuous beginning with September as shipments have exceeded each month current orders. The rate of operations during December averaged 47% of capacity, eight points under that of November, and five points above the December 1932 ratio. For the entire year 1933, orders booked showed an increase over 1932 of 19%, and shipments one of 13%. These gains were effected despite the continuance through April 1933 of the declining trend in the yearly comparison operative since November 1929. Beginning with May, with a single exception in the volume of orders booked, the comparison with a year previous has shown each month a marked gain. As compared with the six-year average, 1927-32, orders booked in 1933 were 61% and shipments 63% lower.

Employment and Payrolls in Chicago Federal Reserve District Increased from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15—Increase of 20% Noted in Employment During 1933.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, in reporting that "employment in the Seventh (Chicago) District at the close of 1933 was more than 20% larger than a year earlier, and in about the same volume as in December 1931," stated that "a rise of 3% over the preceding month was affected largely through the return to work in Michigan automobile factories of about 20,000 men laid off during November." In its "Business Conditions Report" of Jan. 31 the Bank further said:

Other manufacturing industries contributed to the rise in the monthly comparison, chemicals increasing employment 7½% and rubber goods industries 1½%. Among the non-manufacturing groups, merchandising and coal mining followed the usual seasonal movement for December, with gains of 8% and 7%, respectively, in their employment volumes. Practically no change in the number of workers was shown by metals, paper and printing, and in public utility concerns. The largest losses reported for the month—11% in construction and 15% in stone, clay, and glass industries—were of a seasonal character.

Aggregate payrolls in December exceeded those of November by 2½%; all groups that showed a rise in employment, except rubber products, contributed to this gain. Four—metals, foods, leather, and paper and printing—advanced wage payments without a corresponding gain in men employed, increases in wage rates as well as longer working hours being responsible for these advances. While total payrolls were more than 25% higher than in December 1932, they were below those of December 1931 by about 15%.

EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS—SEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

Industrial Group.	Week of Dec. 15 1933.			Per Cent Change from Nov. 15 1933.	
	No. of Reporting Firms.	Number of Wage Earners.	Earnings.	Wage Earners.	Earnings.
Metals and products.....a	831	167,580	\$3,142,000	-0.1	+1.9
Vehicles.....	187	187,008	3,789,000	+15.1	+10.5
Textiles and products.....	150	31,293	449,000	-4.0	-3.2
Food and products.....	413	77,780	1,581,000	-4.2	+1.0
Stone, clay and glass.....	150	7,393	133,000	-14.7	-10.3
Wood products.....	289	25,547	354,000	-7.8	-7.3
Chemical products.....	120	18,569	387,000	+7.5	+5.5
Leather products.....	82	18,322	298,000	-1.9	+1.0
Rubber products.....b	8	7,100	131,000	+1.7	-2.8
Paper and printing.....	339	52,445	1,112,000	-0.1	+0.9
Total mfg., 10 groups.....	2,569	593,127	\$11,376,000	+3.0	+3.4
Merchandising.....c	283	44,939	810,000	+8.2	+6.2
Public utilities.....	80	80,508	2,228,000	-0.0	-2.4
Coal mining.....	18	3,886	75,000	+7.2	+11.1
Construction.....	311	9,444	185,000	-11.2	-16.8
Total non-mfg., four groups..	692	138,777	3,298,000	+1.8	-1.1
Total 14 groups.....	3,261	731,904	\$14,674,000	+2.8	+2.3

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

Increase of 14% Noted in Department Store Sales During December as Compared with December 1932—Sales of Four of Five Commodities at Wholesale Higher.

"December trends in the merchandising of commodities, both at wholesale and retail, were decidedly favorable, gains over November in the various reporting groups of retail trade being heavier than usual for the month, while in wholesale lines declines were less than seasonal and increases greater than average for the period." The Jan. 31 "Business Conditions Report" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, from which the foregoing was taken, further noted:

In the wholesale grocery, hardware, and dry goods trades respective declines in December from the preceding month of 3, ¼, and 15% compared with recessions in the 1923-32 average of 7, 11, and 22%, respectively. Drug sales gained 17% in the monthly comparison, as against a seasonal expansion of only 1%; and electrical supply sales expanded 23½%, as compared with an average gain of 8%. Increases over December 1932 were much larger in hardware, dry goods, drugs, and electrical supplies than in the year-ago comparison for November; but the decrease shown in grocery sales totaled larger than a month previous, although the majority of firms reported heavier sales than a year ago. In the calendar year 1933, grocery sales failed to equal those of the preceding year by 5%, the months of July, August, and October alone recording a gain in the yearly comparison; and drug sales likewise totaled smaller, by 10%, with only four months of the year showing increases over 1932. Dry goods, hardware, and electrical supply sales, however, had aggregate gains for the year 1933 over 1932 of 2, 5, and 23%, respectively, as increases in the yearly comparison were recorded in every month subsequent to April. Stocks in all groups totaled larger at the end of 1933 than at the close of the preceding year.

WHOLESALE TRADE IN NOVEMBER 1933.

Commodity.	Per Cent Change From Same Month Last Year.				Ratio of Accounts Outstanding* to Net Sales.
	Net Sales.	Stocks.	Accounts Outstanding* g.	Col-lections.	
Groceries.....	-6.2	+17.8	-7.1	+1.2	120.8
Hardware.....	+53.0	+4.1	+7.6	+23.0	246.5
Dry goods.....	+14.0	+35.9	-5.5	+16.0	282.4
Drugs.....	+15.0	+1.6	-3.9	+2.0	199.7
Electrical supplies.....	+56.3	+15.8	+24.3	+24.2	157.0

The expansion in Seventh District department store trade for December over a month previous amounted to 62½% in 1933, representing with one exception (1931), the largest increase in December business on our records (from 1923) and comparing with a gain of 50% in the 1923-32 average for the month. Of the larger cities, Detroit showed the heaviest increase in this comparison—74%—Indianapolis trade gaining 70%, Chicago 62%, Milwaukee 45%, and the total for stores in smaller cities 60%. It will

be noted in the table that Chicago business alone recorded a gain for the year 1933 over 1932, but that December gains over the same month a year ago brought the yearly total for the District to within 1% of the 1932 volume. Although the rate of stock turnover in the last four months of the year was slightly slower than in the corresponding month a year previous, turnover for the year 1933 of 3.83 times compared with 3.63 times for 1932.

Retail shoe dealers and the shoe departments of department stores sold a dollar volume in December that was 47% in excess of November sales and 11% heavier than in the same month of 1932. The 1925-32 gain for December over November averaged 37%. With eight months of 1933 failing to show as large sales as in corresponding months a year previous, total sales for the year were 4% less than in 1932. Year-end stocks were 5% heavier than on Dec. 31 1931-32.

The retail furniture trade expanded considerably more than seasonally in December, sales of reporting dealers and department stores aggregating 30% larger than in the preceding month, as against an increase of but 18% in the 1927-32 average for December. Furthermore, a gain of 16% over December a year ago brought sales for the year to 2% above those for 1932. Stocks on Dec. 30 totaled 12% in excess of those held at the close of the preceding year.

Aggregate December sales of 14 reporting chains, operating 2,550 stores in the month, increased 60% over those of the preceding month and were 10% greater than for December a year previous. All groups, which included grocery, drug, five-and-ten-cent stores, cigar, musical instrument shoe, and men's clothing chains, shared in the gain over November, and all except grocery and cigar chains had heavier sales than a year ago. Sales for the calendar year 1933 totaled larger in drugs, musical instruments, and five-and-ten-cent stores than for 1932, but in other groups were less. Aggregate 1933 sales of the 14 chains exceeded those of 1932 by 1%, while average sales per store were 3% heavier.

DEPARTMENT STORE TRADE IN DECEMBER 1933.

Locality.	Per Cent Change December 1933 from December 1932.		% Change Year 1933 from Year 1932.	Ratio of December Collections to Accounts Outstanding End of November.	
	Net Sales.	Stocks End of Month.		1933.	1932.
Chicago.....	+15.8	+28.6	+5.2	28.6	25.0
Detroit.....	+8.5	-10.5	-13.5	38.0	29.6
Indianapolis.....	+10.9	+49.9	-1.0	42.0	40.8
Milwaukee.....	+10.5	+33.0	-3.5	36.2	33.0
Other cities.....	+21.0	+0.0	-1.9	30.9	27.6
Seventh District.....	+14.0	+17.7	-1.3	33.9	29.3

Improved Business Conditions in St. Louis Federal Reserve District — Reports on Wholesale and Retail Trade Most Favorable Since Last Summer.

"Continuing the trends noted during the similar period immediately preceding, general business and sentiment in the Eighth (St. Louis) District during the past 30 days developed quite decided improvement," states the Jan. 31 "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, compiled Jan. 22. The "Review" says that "reports relative to trade, both retail and wholesale, were on the whole the most favorable since last summer." We also take the following from the "Review" of the St. Louis Reserve Bank:

In industry seasonal influences making for curtailment of activities were less in evidence than a year and two years earlier, and in certain lines were conspicuously absent. Resumption of activities at numerous manufacturing establishments following the holiday and inventorying period was more rapid than is ordinarily the case. The considerable inventories acquired by merchants during the summer and early fall of 1933 were heavily reduced by the holiday trade and generally freer buying of a routine sort by the public. Since Jan. 1 there has been a well defined disposition to replenish, as reflected in orders placed with producers and the wholesale and jobbing interests. In all lines investigated by this bank except clothing, the volume of December business was in excess of that during the same period in 1932, and in a number of instances greater than in December 1931.

The movement of seasonal merchandise, which had been retarded by unusually mild weather in the fall and early winter, was greatly stimulated by the drop in temperatures during the last half of December. The holiday trade generally through the District, but more particularly in the South, was in considerably larger volume than a year ago. Sales of automobiles in December showed the usual decline from November, but were measurably larger than during the closing month of 1932. Consumption of electricity by industrial plants in the principal cities of the District in December was greater than for the same month during the preceding year. Activities in the iron and steel industry declined in less than the usual amount in December, and shipments of pig iron to District melters reached the highest total for that month since 1929. Production of bituminous coal in fields of the District declined slightly from November to December, and the output for the latter month was moderately smaller than a year earlier.

Weather conditions throughout the District were unusually favorable for agriculture during the fall and early winter. Late crops were harvested and housed with a minimum loss of quantity and quality. In all sections, but more particularly in cotton areas, plowing and preparations for spring crops are considerably in advance of the usual seasonal schedule. Markets for the 1933 tobacco crops opened in late December and early this month, with generally liberal offerings. Due to dissatisfaction of producers with prices, however, sales were temporarily suspended, and the crop is slow in moving into consumptive channels. The trend of cotton prices continued upward, and at the middle of January scored a new high on the present crop. Prices of wheat, corn and oats also advanced sharply in the third week of January, practically recovering the losses sustained during December. Cattle and hogs remained at or about the low levels which have obtained in recent months.

The volume of retail trade in December, as indicated by sales of department stores in the chief cities of the District, was 15.9% greater than for the same month in 1932, and 52.8% larger than the November 1933 total; cumulative total for the 12 months of 1933 was 4.1% smaller than in 1932. Combined December sales of all wholesaling and jobbing firms reporting to this bank were 31% smaller than in November, but 29% greater than in December 1932; cumulative sales of these firms in 1933 were larger by 18% than in 1932. The dollar value of permits issued for new construction

in the five largest cities of the District in December was 45.8% smaller than in November and 148.3% more than in December 1932; for the year, value of permits was larger by 88.9% than in 1932. Construction contracts let in the Eighth District in December exceeded those of the preceding month by 309% and the total was 106.5% larger than in December 1932; for the year, the total increased 5.4% over that of the preceding 12 months. Debts to checking accounts in December were 8.6% and 10.7% greater, respectively, than a month and a year earlier; total debts for 1933 were 11.2% smaller than the 1932 aggregate.

Freight traffic of railroads operating in this District, according to officials of the companies, declined in considerably less than the usual seasonal volume in late December. In some classifications the expected recession was entirely absent. As a result of the better than seasonal showing, total loadings for the year 1933 exceeded those of the preceding 12-month period by a slight margin, though the total was still considerably below those recorded in 1931, 1930 and 1929. Mild weather prevailing through the early winter tended to restrict the movement of seasonal commodities, notably fuels. For the country as a whole, loadings of revenue freight in 1933 totaled 19,446,718 cars, against 18,518,905 cars in 1932 and 24,583,757 cars in 1931. The St. Louis Terminal Railway Association, which handles interchanges for 28 connecting lines, interchanged 61,258 loads in December, which compares with 64,684 loads in November and 59,513 loads in December 1932. During the first nine days of January the interchange amounted to 17,881 loads, against 17,179 loads during the corresponding period in December and 15,208 loads during the first nine days of January 1933. In 1933 there were 828,320 loads interchanged against 816,732 loads in 1932. Passenger traffic of the reporting lines decreased 7% in December as compared with the same month in 1932. Estimated tonnage of the Federal Barge Line between St. Louis and New Orleans in December was 105,700 tons, against 97,457 tons in November and 93,766 tons in December 1932. Tonnage handled during 1933 totaled 1,205,916 tons, which compares with 1,292,983 tons in 1932 and 1,170,319 tons in 1931.

The steady improvement in collections, noted during the past several months, continued in December and the first half of January. Particularly favorable results were reported in the South, where higher cotton and rice prices have enabled producers of these commodities to considerably reduce their indebtedness to both merchants and banks. Delays in the marketing of tobacco, occasioned by unsatisfactory prices, unusually heavy rejections and temporary suspension of sales, have tended to restrict liquidation in sections where tobacco is the principal cash crop. January settlements with wholesalers in the main distributing centers were reported generally satisfactory, and measurably larger than a year ago.

Chile Sets Wheat Price—Creates Export Board to Avoid Shortage of Grain—Price of Bread Fixed.

From the New York "Herald Tribune" we take the following (United Press) from Santiago, Chile, Feb. 6:

A law to assure wheat producers a fair price and avoid a wheat shortage was promulgated by the Government to-day. The measure authorizes an agricultural export board to buy wheat in case of overproduction, and take charge of imports in case of a shortage.

The board will pay 60 pesos a quintal (currently \$1.60 a bushel), and may fine any one buying wheat at a lower price. Resources are provided by authorizing the Central Bank to discount promissory notes issued by the board to a maximum of 120,000,000 pesos (\$12,000,000).

The law fixes the price of bread at 1.40 pesos (14 cents) a kilogram, first class, and 1.30 pesos, popular class.

Sugar Production for 1933-34 Crop Year Will Be Higher, According to Estimates—Consumption in United States Increased During 1933.

According to Willett & Gray's first estimate of the sugar crops of the world for the campaign or crop year 1933-34, the grand total production of cane and beet sugar during this period will be 24,747,459 tons of 2,240 pounds each, as compared with 24,104,718 tons for 1932-33, or an increase of 642,741 tons. The American beet sugar crop was estimated at 1,450,000 tons, as against an actual output of 1,206,656 tons in 1932-33. Cuban production has been fixed by a decree by the Cuban President at 2,315,459 tons, as compared with 1,995,079 tons for the preceding year.

The total consumption of all sugar in the United States during the calendar year 1933 is estimated at 5,270,366 long tons, equal to 93.60 pounds per capita, and compares with 5,213,961 tons in 1932, or 93.29 pounds per capita, an increase of 56,405 tons. The average yearly increase in total consumption in the United States for 111 years was given as 4.841%.

The following statistics are taken from Willett & Gray's annual number of the "Weekly Statistical Sugar Trade Journal" dated Jan. 11 1934:

CONSUMPTION OF SUGAR IN THE UNITED STATES.

Refined and (or) Consumption Value. (In Tons of 2,240 lbs.)	Consumption of Sugar Manufactured by U. S.		
	1933.	1932.	1931.
<i>Cane Sugar Refiners—</i>			
Through U. S. Atlantic Ports of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore.....	2,088,649	2,175,044	2,319,239
Through Port of New Orleans.....	425,309	487,560	539,085
Through Savannah, Galveston and Texas City.....	234,369	214,354	272,562
Through San Francisco.....	606,024	568,820	700,851
Total.....	3,354,351	3,445,778	3,831,737
<i>Consumption of White and Raw Sugar Directly to Trade—</i>			
Insular and foreign white and raw sugar through all United States ports.....	776,180	668,044	522,649
Consumption of beet sugar manufactured by United States beet sugar factories.....	1,139,835	1,100,139	1,120,818
Total consumption of all sugar in the United States.....	5,270,366	5,213,961	5,475,204

Table with 3 columns: Year, Total Consumption, and Per Capita, Previous Year. Rows from 1933 to 1934 showing consumption trends.

Table with 3 columns: Category, 1933, 1932, 1931. Includes 'Recapitulation' and 'Apportionment Among the Various Producers'.

SUGAR CROPS OF THE WORLD (IN TONS).

Large table with 4 columns: Country/Region, Harvesting Period, 1933-34, 1932-33, 1931-32. Lists various countries and their sugar production.

39,729,778 barrels during the same period in the preceding year. The summary follows:

Table titled 'PRODUCTION OF FLOUR.' with columns for Region, 1934, 1933, and 7 Mos. End. Jan. 31.

Shipments of Raw Sugar to United States from Puerto Rico Decrease—Refined Shipments Higher During Period from Jan. 1 to Feb. 3.

Raw sugar shipments from Puerto Rico to the United States from Jan. 1 to Feb. 3 totaled 35,610 short tons—a decrease of 15.3% when compared with shipments of 42,028 tons during a similar period last year...

President Roosevelt in Message to Congress Proposes System of Sugar Quotas—Urges Amendment to AAA to Make Sugar Beets and Sugar Cane Basic Agricultural Commodities—Proceeds of Processing Tax to Compensate Farmers—Executive Possess Power to Reduce Tariff.

President Roosevelt, in a message to Congress on Feb. 8 proposed a system of sugar quotas, the application of which, he said "would immediately adjust market supplies to consumption, and would provide a basis for reduction of production to the needs of the United States market."

The President stated that "consumers have not benefited from the disorganized state of sugar production here and in the insular regions." He recommended that "the Agricultural Adjustment Act should be amended to make sugar beets and sugar cane basic agricultural commodities...

His [the President's] immediate purposes are to stabilize sugar prices in the United States, rehabilitate the industry and increase the purchasing power of Cuba for American products.

An opening wedge for eventually shifting sugar to the free list was seen in the message by many members of Congress.

A bill to make sugar beets and sugar cane basic commodities was immediately introduced by Senator Costigan, and a similar measure was being drafted for introduction in the House of Representative Jones of Texas.

Some opposition was expected from the Republican side and from members from the sugar-beet States due to limitations placed on the future production of beets. But Republicans and Democrats alike, it was argued, were generally gratified over the opportunity to remove sugar from the log-rolling common in tariff considerations.

The issuance of the President's message was preceded by White House Conference; on Feb. 2 regarding which Associated Press advices from Washington said in part:

A sugar program which includes making the sweet a basic agricultural commodity and a new stabilization pact to put the producing interests supplying the United States on a quota basis was drawn today at a White House conference. After the conference with the President, in which State Department and Farm Adjustment Administration officials participated, it was said that details were to be worked out in the next few days.

The idea of making sugar a basic agricultural commodity and the revival of the stabilization pact which failed last year is in accord with plans drawn by the Farm Administration's sugar section, headed by A. J. S. Weaver.

Weeks ago the White House gave tentative approval to the inclusion of sugar in the farm adjustment act and also to benefit payments contemplated to domestic producers. The quota arrangement was held in abeyance pending further study of the Cuban and Philippine situation by the President. It was understood that Mr. Roosevelt directed the Farm Administration to-day to proceed with its quota plans but that he would scan proposed figures carefully.

Officials, including those of the State Department, have frequently said that any stabilization arrangement must be predicated on the idea of a quota which would help that island toward economic rehabilitation.

Secretary Hull and Sumner Welles, head of the Latin-American division of the department, participated in the discussions with Mr. Roosevelt to-day, as did Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, and Mr. Weaver.

The President's message to Congress follows:

To the Congress: Steadily increasing sugar production in the continental United States and in insular regions has created a price and marketing situation prejudicial to virtually every one interested. Farmers in many areas are threatened with low prices for their beets and cane, and Cuban purchases of our goods have dwindled steadily as her shipments of sugar to this country have declined.

The annual gross value of the sugar crop to American beet and cane growers is approximately \$60,000,000. Those who believe in the free importation of sugar say that the 2 cents a pound tariff is levied mostly to pro-

Production of Flour Increased During January.

General Mills, Inc., in presenting its summary of flour-milling activities from figures representing 90% of all four mills in the principal flour-milling centres of the United States, reports that 5,565,063 barrels of flour were produced during the month of January 1934. This compares with a production of 5,176,231 barrels in the preceding month and 5,302,129 barrels in the corresponding period last year.

During the seven months ended Jan. 31 1934 flour output by the same mills amounted to 36,417,741 barrels as against

tect this \$60,000,000 crop and that it costs our consuming public every year more than \$200,000,000 to afford this protection.

I do not at this time recommend placing sugar on the free list. I feel that we ought first to try out a system of quotas with the three-fold object of keeping down the price of sugar to consumers, of providing for the retention of beet and cane farming within our continental limits, and also to provide against further expansion of this necessarily expensive industry.

Consumers have not benefited from the disorganized state of sugar production here and in the insular regions. Both the import tariff and cost of distribution, which together account for the major portion of the consumers' price for sugar, have remained relatively constant during the past three years.

This situation clearly calls for remedial action. I believe that we can increase the returns to our own farmers, contribute to the economic rehabilitation of Cuba, provide adequate quotas for the Philippines, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and at the same time prevent higher prices to our own consumers.

The problem is difficult, but can be solved if it is met squarely and if small temporary gains are sacrificed to ultimate general advantage.

Amendment to AAA.

The objective may be attained most readily through amendment of existing legislation. The Agricultural Adjustment Act should be amended to make sugar beets and sugar cane basic agricultural commodities. It then will be possible to collect a processing tax on sugar, the proceeds of which will be used to compensate farmers for holding their production to the quota level. A tax of less than one-half cent per pound would provide sufficient funds.

Consumers need not and should not bear this tax. It is already within the Executive power to reduce the sugar tariff by an amount equal to the tax. In order to make certain that American consumers shall not bear an increased price due to this tax, Congress should provide that the rate of the processing tax shall in no event exceed the amount by which the tariff on sugar is reduced below the present rate of import duty.

By further amendment to the Agricultural Adjustment Act, the Secretary of Agriculture should be given authority to license refiners, importers and handlers to buy and sell sugar from the various producing areas only in the proportion which recent marketings of such areas bear to total United States consumption.

The average marketings of the past three years provide on the whole an equitable base, but the base period should be flexible enough to allow slight adjustments as between certain producing areas.

The use of such a base would allow, approximately, the following preliminary and temporary quotas:

Item—	Short Tons.
Continental beets.....	1,450,000
Louisiana and Florida.....	260,000
Hawaii.....	935,000
Puerto Rico.....	821,000
Philippine Islands.....	1,037,000
Cuba.....	1,944,000
Virgin Islands.....	5,000
Total.....	6,452,000

The application of such quotas would immediately adjust market supplies to consumption, and would provide a basis for reduction of production to the needs of the United States market.

Furthermore, in the negotiations for a new treaty between the United States and Cuba to replace the existing commercial convention, which negotiations are to be resumed immediately, favorable consideration will be given to an increase in the existing preferential on Cuban sugars to an extent compatible with the joint interests of the two countries.

In addition to action made possible by such legislative and treaty changes, the Secretary of Agriculture already has authority to enter into codes and marketing agreements with manufacturers which would permit savings in manufacturing and distributing costs. If any agreements or codes are entered into, they should be in such form as to assure that producers and consumers share in the resulting savings.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.
The White House, Feb. 8 1934.

Cuba Reported Mildly Disappointed by Roosevelt Sugar Plan.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" we take the following (United Press) from Havana (Cuba), Feb. 8:

Cuban reaction to President Roosevelt's sugar marketing proposal to-day was one of mild disappointment. The suggested quota of 1,944,000 short tons for Cuba was less than some sugar circles had hoped for, by 56,000 short tons.

President Carlos Mendieta excused himself from comment, as he had no desire to embarrass President Roosevelt's plans in any way. Cuba had hoped for an allotment of about 2,000,000 long tons. The suggested quota, however, represents a 15% increase compared with last year's tentative agreement, or an additional 244,000 short tons.

Interest in sugar circles turned immediately to the proposition in the proposed quota between raw and refined sugar and also whether President Mendieta would leave undisturbed former President's Grau's decree setting 1934 production at 2,315,459 long tons.

[Editor's Note: No reference was made in the President's message to refined sugar.]

Conservative economic advisers are now urging President Mendieta to limit production to 2,000,000 long tons, since Cuba's maximum marketing prospects are unlikely to exceed 2,318,000 tons, and there is nearly 1,000,000 tons of manufactured sugar on hand. Under the Chadbourne plan, 260,000 tons of the latter must be released.

Javan Sugar Production Decreased.

Java has accomplished a reduction in sugar production of 46.3% during the present season according to information received Feb. 8, by B. W. Dyer & Co., sugar economists and brokers, from their correspondent in Semarang, Java. The correspondent states that the Javan production for the 1933-34 season is 1,379,186 long tons compared with 2,569,254 tons, during the previous season, a reduction of 1,190,068 tons. It is further stated:

The present season's crop represents a decrease of more than 1,500,000 long tons from the peak crop for Java produced in the 1928-29 season which amounted to 2,938,918 tons. The crop curtailment in Java is ex-

pected to be continued through the 1934-35 season. Present estimates of the crop for that season by B. W. Dyer & Co. place the probable production at 540,000 long tons.

Closing Date of Campaign for Signing of Cotton Acreage Adjustment Contracts Extended to Feb. 15—Limits of Minimum Lint Production Acreage Reduced from 100 to 75 Pounds.

The closing date of the sign-up campaign for 1934-35 cotton acreage adjustment contracts has been extended to Feb. 15, it was announced on Jan. 30 by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The Administration further said:

At the beginning of the campaign it was stated that contracts would be accepted until Jan. 31 1934. However, delay of necessary supplies in reaching field workers, and the fact that many county organizations were just finishing work in connection with pooling of cotton options and other sign-up campaigns, combined with a demand for lowering the minimum per acre poundage to 75 pounds by farmers who wished to co-operate but found themselves barred by the 100-pound limit, resulted in the decision that cotton reduction contracts offered to the Secretary of Agriculture would be received up to and including Feb. 15 1934.

The ruling announced to-day reduces the minimum lint production per acre requirement from 100 pounds to 75 pounds; thus making land which produced an average of over 75 pounds of lint per acre during the base period eligible for inclusion in a contract, if other conditions of eligibility have been fulfilled.

Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace made the following statement concerning the extension of time:

Because unavoidable delays have developed it has been decided, in order that all producers of cotton who desire to participate in the benefits of the 1934-35 acreage adjustment program may have adequate opportunity to submit their contracts, offers to rent cotton lands for the years 1934-35 will be received up to and including Feb. 15 1934.

Cully A. Cobb, Chief of the Cotton Section, expressed satisfaction with the manner in which the sign-up campaign was moving. He is quoted as follows:

Field forces have been so busily engaged in contacting producers, examining farms and in other necessary routine, that they have not had an opportunity to consolidate the results of the past months' campaign. However, from each of the 16 States in which farmers are signing contracts we have reports of splendid progress. For example, workers in Alabama believe they will have practically completed the sign-up by Wednesday [Jan. 31]. Arkansas State leaders anticipate finishing by Feb. 10. Georgia and Mississippi are near completion, while field workers in other States have indicated similar encouraging headway. In fact, nobody has asked for an extension beyond Feb. 15.

Unquestionably a great majority of cotton producers will be signed up before Feb. 15.

Wheat Adjustment Payments up to Feb. 2 Totaled \$43,716,794—Checks Sent by AAA to 519,644 Farmers in 35 States.

Payments in the wheat adjustment program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration have reached a total of \$43,716,794 made to 519,644 farmers in 35 States, it was announced Feb. 2. All except about 50 counties have submitted their contracts to the Administration, and these are expected soon. More than 1,700 counties have had contracts approved by the county acceptance unit, but many of these remain to be individually audited before payment. The Administration further announced:

The payments announced to-day are the first instalment of 20 cents a bushel on each farmer's allotment. The second payment of eight cents a bushel, from which the operating costs of each county production control association will be deducted, is scheduled to be made after wheat growers have shown that they have complied with the terms of the wheat contract.

Payments by States as represented by the county totals up to Jan. 30 are:

Arizona.....	\$11,622	Minnesota.....	\$516,361	Oregon.....	\$1,137,759
California.....	525,268	Missouri.....	928,124	Pennsylvania.....	144,815
Colorado.....	1,147,638	Montana.....	736,465	South Dakota.....	2,814,720
Delaware.....	56,751	Nebraska.....	3,410,789	Tennessee.....	77,277
Idaho.....	1,598,886	New Jersey.....	7,169	Texas.....	2,923,528
Illinois.....	1,480,590	New Mexico.....	320,697	Utah.....	410,051
Indiana.....	1,166,936	Nevada.....	25,978	Virginia.....	355,466
Iowa.....	255,801	New York.....	15,985	Washington.....	2,784,728
Kansas.....	14,529,322	North Carolina.....	31,561	West Virginia.....	15,481
Kentucky.....	159,227	North Dakota.....	720,887	Wisconsin.....	45,531
Maryland.....	518,042	Ohio.....	1,096,375	Wyoming.....	170,934
Michigan.....	513,731	Oklahoma.....	2,388,084		

Raw Silk Imports in January 1934 Off 25,138 Bales as Compared with Same Period Last Year—Deliveries to American Mills Increased Sharply Over Preceding Month—Inventories Declined During January.

According to the Federated Textile Industries, Inc., successor to the Silk Association of America, Inc., raw silk imports into the United States during January 1934 totaled 27,976 bales, 4,647 bales under December 1933 and 25,138 bales below January 1933. Deliveries to American mills during January 1934 were 40,942 bales, or 13,983 bales above the preceding month and 5,262 bales below the same period in 1933. Raw silk in storage in warehouses was 83,820 bales at Feb. 1 1934, as compared with 96,786 bales a month previous and 69,747 bales a year ago. Approximately 32,200 bales of Japan silk were in transit at the end of January 1934 as against 27,200 bales at Dec. 31 1933 and 25,700 bales at Jan. 31 1933. The statement of the Federated Textile Industries, Inc. follows:

RAW SILK IN STORAGE.

(As reported by the principal public warehouses in New York City and Hoboken.)
(Figures in Bales.)

	European.	Japan.	Al Other.	Total.
In storage Jan. 1 1934.....	5,226	87,048	4,512	96,786
Imports, month of January 1934.....	306	27,093	577	27,976
Total available during January 1934.....	5,532	114,141	5,089	124,762
z In storage, Feb. 1 1934.....	5,202	74,845	3,773	83,820
Approx. deliveries to American mills during Jan. 1934.....	330	39,296	1,316	40,942

SUMMARY.

	Imports During the Month.			In Storage at End of Month.		
	1934.	1933.	1932.	1934.	1933.	1932.
January.....	27,976	53,114	52,238	z83,820	69,747	62,905
February.....	23,377	53,574	53,574	60,459	70,570	70,570
March.....	22,289	38,866	38,866	43,814	62,675	62,675
April.....	41,134	30,953	30,953	43,038	57,849	57,849
May.....	44,238	34,233	34,233	40,125	59,159	59,159
June.....	47,435	31,355	31,355	33,933	53,048	53,048
July.....	62,348	36,055	36,055	51,684	50,721	50,721
August.....	46,683	61,412	61,412	55,515	52,228	52,228
September.....	49,470	56,859	56,859	73,800	49,393	49,393
October.....	48,346	58,775	58,775	93,625	54,465	54,465
November.....	32,819	47,422	47,422	91,122	57,932	57,932
December.....	32,623	45,453	45,453	96,786	62,837	62,837
Total.....	503,376	547,195	547,195	-----	-----	-----
Monthly average.....	41,948	45,600	45,600	-----	62,804	57,815

	Approximate Deliveries to American Mills. ^y			Approximate Amount of Japan Silk in Transit at Close of Month.		
	1934.	1933.	1932.	1934.	1933.	1932.
January.....	40,942	46,204	58,793	32,200	25,700	48,500
February.....	32,665	45,909	45,909	28,100	31,000	31,000
March.....	38,934	46,761	46,761	39,100	28,800	28,800
April.....	41,910	35,779	35,779	40,200	34,800	34,800
May.....	47,151	32,923	32,923	42,300	30,800	30,800
June.....	53,627	37,466	37,466	41,500	31,100	31,100
July.....	44,597	38,352	38,352	38,600	43,200	43,200
August.....	42,852	59,905	59,905	48,800	43,400	43,400
September.....	31,185	59,694	59,694	48,300	42,800	42,800
October.....	28,521	53,703	53,703	37,100	44,700	44,700
November.....	34,822	43,955	43,955	37,200	50,200	50,200
December.....	26,959	40,548	40,548	27,200	51,400	51,400
Total.....	469,427	553,818	553,818	-----	-----	-----
Monthly average.....	39,119	46,151	46,151	-----	37,842	40,058

x Covered by European Manifests Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive, Asiatic Manifests Nos. 1 to 18 inclusive. y Includes re-exports. Stocks at warehouses include Commodity Exchange, Inc. certified stocks 4,750 bales. z Includes 128 bales held at terminals.

United States Exports of Rayon Yarns During 1933 at Record Level—1,109,588 Pounds Exported as Compared with 653,258 Pounds in 1932, Previous High Year.

Exports of rayon yarns from the United States during 1933 totaled 1,109,588 pounds, valued at \$565,920, compared with 653,258 pounds, valued at \$428,713, for 1932, according to statistics compiled by the Textile Division, United States Department of Commerce. The year's exports of rayon yarn established a record for all time, being approximately double the amount exported during 1932, the previous record shipments, and five times the exports for 1929, statistics show. An announcement issued Jan. 26 by the Department of Commerce further said:

Practically all of this export trade in rayon yarn was with countries of Latin America. Mexico continued to be the chief export market, and accounted for 763,689 pounds, or approximately 70% of the total foreign shipments during 1933. Cuba retained second position, exports to that market totaling 203,747 pounds, an increase compared with 1932.

Colombia ranked in third position as an export outlet for American rayon yarns during 1933, with exports to that market totaling 98,877 pounds. Other important markets were Canada, 13,710 pounds; Venezuela, 10,644 pounds; Spain, 6,338 pounds; Chile, 5,816 pounds; Nicaragua, 2,084 pounds; and all others, 5,263 pounds.

Imports of rayon yarn and other synthetic textile fibers into the United States during 1933 totaled 1,202,746 pounds, compared with 164,446 pounds in 1932, an increase of 1,038,290 pounds, according to the statistics.

Imports, it was pointed out, were small in relation to the domestic products of 207,500,000 pounds of rayon yarn and to the imports during 1927 totaling 16,250,000 pounds.

Rayon yarns imported into the United States during 1933 originated largely in Italy. France, Germany and the Netherlands are shown as other important foreign sources of imports.

Waste imports during the year totaled 2,680,135 pounds, the largest quantity on record since June 1929, when receipts from foreign sources totaled 4,071,000 pounds. Italy, Germany, Japan and the Netherlands are shown as the chief sources of supply during the year.

Imports of staple fiber also reached record proportions during the year and totaled 3,362,977 pounds, it was stated.

Minor Changes Made in Rug Prices at Opening of Spring Offerings—Higher Prices Planned by March 1—Largest Attendance of Buyers at Opening Since Showing of Fall 1929.

The largest attendance of buyers at a seasonal opening since the fall showing of 1929 viewed the introduction to the trade of Spring carpet and rug lines on Feb. 5. Prices remained unchanged from the Fall quotations except for some minor price alterations, but announcements were made by some of the leading manufacturers that their prices would be advanced on or before March 1 and goods remaining undelivered on that date would be subject to the new levels. With regard to the price changes, and sales on the opening day, the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 6 said in part:

There was but one reduction of importance announced and that was on cut-order terms. Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., Inc., took the initiative, adopting terms of plus 25, less 15, against the general terms in the market of plus 30, less 10. The new price was met by most carpet manufacturers yesterday.

The standard 4 2-3 row axminster construction was reduced 50c. a rug by those manufacturers that formerly had an \$18 figure for the 9x12 size, leveling all makes off to the same figure. It is understood, however, that the price is only temporary and will be increased at least 75c. by March 1.

In wilton yard goods there were some minor adjustments, but they were not considered of any great importance, and impartial observers believed that the reductions might tend to stimulate some early sales on these types.

Although it is not usual for business to be booked the opening day, several buyers started to leave commitments in showrooms in the forenoon. And the indications of an advance in prices within four weeks is expected to result in the buying tempo being increased to-day instead of to-morrow as is usually the case at an opening.

Even buyers commented upon the activity, many claiming that there was less hesitancy within their ranks than they had seen since the boom period.

On Feb. 6, the second day of the Spring floor covering market, buyers were placing business, apparently satisfied that prices are firm and that they might be advanced very shortly. As to some further minor changes in prices the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 7 said:

Further minor adjustments in price lists were made yesterday by several mills in getting their quotations in line with the market. These changes, however, were not disturbing the strong tone of the market.

Reporting the market of Feb. 7, the paper previously quoted, in its issue of Feb. 8, said:

Buying in the market Feb. 7 was reported satisfactory by several offices and the general results of the current seasonal opening are considered satisfactory. Few buyers had left the market and many indicated that they would stay longer than usual.

There was some buying hesitancy reported, but it was not considered serious. The price tone was firm, despite some downward revisions on medium priced sheen types.

At the fourth day of the opening (Feb. 8) some wilton carpet offerings which were reduced on Feb. 5 were sent to higher levels and delivery at the new price was not extended beyond the close of the month.

Petroleum and Its Products—Differences over Marketing Agreements Seen Smoothed out—Ickes Proposes Two-Mills Tax on Oil to Finance Oil Administration—Revision of Code Made by Oil Administration—Texas Railroad Commission Boost's State Allowable Above Federal Allocation.

Developments in Washington continued to hold the center of the stage in the oil industry as representatives of the companies signatory to the marketing and gasoline stabilization pool agreements struggled to reconcile differences within the industry over some of the provisions of the agreement.

Earlier in the week, it was unofficially reported from the Capital City that several of the major companies had voiced dissatisfaction with some of the provisions of the marketing agreements and favored complete abandonment of the agreement. However, as the week closed, it was indicated the differences had been smoothed over and the conferring groups would reach a favorable decision in the immediate future.

A tax of 1-10 of a cent a barrel on oil at the well and another, 1-10 cent on oil when it reaches the refinery to finance the oil administration was suggested Monday to the House Ways and Means Committee by Harold L. Ickes, oil administrator. Mr. Ickes also suggested jumping the import tax on oil from 1/2 cent to 1 cent a gallon.

After the committee hearing, Mr. Ickes said that he did not discuss the question of "hot oil" a tax on which has been proposed in an amendment by Rep. McClintic (Dem., Okla.). The taxes that he proposed, however, he added, would aid that situation by reducing illegal production of oil through the closed check which would be afforded in Federal collection of the tax. The plan has the support of the Planning and Co-ordinating Committee, he said.

Another announcement emanating from the oil administration at the start of the week was the cancellation of one section of the oil code and the issuance of new regulations covering withdrawals. The changes were made, Mr. Ickes said, in order to assure adequate supplies of crude oil for small refiners, while preventing excessive withdrawals of crude oil from storage.

At the same time the oil administrator announced the appointment of J. H. Marshall, of the P. A. B., and R. G. Lowe, an attorney of the board, as his representatives on the board of governors, as an executive committee to supervise operation of the gasoline stabilization pool provided for in the recently approved purchase agreement submitted to the oil industry.

The addition of a paragraph to rule 25 of Article V of the code to require manufacturers of used or reclaimed oil to brand their products so as to clearly show that they were made from used oil was announced by the oil administrator.

Reclaimed oil products are made from oil previously used, such as that drained from crankcases, the impurities being removed by processing.

"I have cancelled section 3 of article IV of the oil code which permitted refiners without permission to withdraw crude oil from storage when supplies were not available with economic distances," the administrator stated. "That provision led to evasions of section 2 of article III, which requires withdrawals from storage to be approved by the planning and co-ordinating committee.

"Under section 3 of article IV refiners were not required to notify regional committees of the planning and co-ordinating committee representing the industry until after they had withdrawn the oil. Refiners frequently made excessive withdrawals, and reported them later.

"I consider it necessary that there shall be a closer supervision over such withdrawals from storage to prevent supplies obtained in this manner from upsetting the general program of balancing production with consumption demand, and I feel that this will be impossible without the elimination of section 3 of article IV.

"It is of paramount importance, however, that refiners have available at all times adequate supplies of crude, particularly the small independent refiners, to insure to these and other refiners ample working stores. I have issued regulations under Section 2 of Article III permitting withdrawals authorized by the planning and co-ordinating committee."

Under the McClintic amendment to the tax bill, payment of fees to informers divulging "bootleggers of hot oil" so that re-examination of income tax returns of such operators might be made by Federal authorities was proposed.

After representatives of the Texas Railroad Commission met with no success in their efforts in Washington to have the Oil Administration raise the State's allowable, the Commission Monday issued an order advancing the allowable oil total for the State 13,700 barrels daily, bringing the total to 896,750 barrels a day, compared with 884,000 barrels daily allowed Texas under the Federal allocation of oil production.

This is the first order of the Commission placing allowable output in Texas above the legal limit fixed by Oil Administrator Ickes. As the week closed, no answer had been made by the Oil Administration to this independent action, but oil men expect the Administration to take steps to regain control of the State's output.

While in Washington members of the Commission complained to Mr. Ickes about the comparatively large amount of gasoline being shipped from California to the East Coast and to Continental Europe. California ships approximately 34,000 barrels of gasoline daily to the East Coast and substantial shipments of gasoline to Europe. The Commissioners claimed that this market should be supplied from fields east of the Rockies and brought up the point of "regional markets." The Oil Administration made no comment on the situation.

Following Mr. Ickes' indignant denial that any official of the Oil Administration had suggested penalizing major units in the industry because of their use of advertising, H. K. McCann, President of McCann, Erickson, Inc., advertising agents, whose original statement making the charges brought forth Mr. Ickes' denial answered the Oil Administrator's statement denying the charge.

"I am delighted to find Secretary Ickes disavowing those who would set up a policy in behalf of the Government whereby advertising would be penalized. My information as to what happened in the oil-gasoline war in the District of Columbia is different from that now given by the Secretary. I was advised that Dr. Frey of the Petroleum Co-ordinating Committee did request that the non-advertised products be permitted to sell at a lesser price than the advertised grade of gasoline. If Dr. Frey was not speaking for the Government then I and others interested in advertising will be glad to accept the disavowal by the Secretary of the Interior in the interest of all advertisers."

Daily average crude oil production throughout the United States for the week ended Feb. 3 dipped 101,100 barrels from the previous week, totaling 2,121,650 barrels, compared with the February Federal allotment of 2,183,000 barrels daily, reports to the American Petroleum Institute disclosed.

A sharp decline in production in Oklahoma, where operators are in the habit of letting their wells run heavily during the early part of the month and then pinching them back sharply in the final half, was the major factor in bringing down production, the Oklahoma total dipping to nearly

84,000 barrels daily less than in the previous week. While output in Texas was off slightly on the week, at 890,300 barrels, it was still sharply above the Federal allowable of 884,000 barrels daily average. California brought down output for the week by some 8,000 barrels.

An appeal was made late in the week by the Central Pennsylvania Oil Producers' Association to Secretary Ickes asking him to secure an advance in the posted prices of crude oil.

The resolution said that "since Oct. 5 prices of refined products manufactured from Pennsylvania-grade crude oil have increased to such an extent that products of a barrel of Pennsylvania crude yield 55 to 60 cents more than on Oct. 5." The group also endorsed Mr. Ickes' plan for a tax of two mills a barrel at the refinery to help curb production of "hot oil."

Stocks of domestic and foreign crude oil last week were off 950,000 barrels from the previous week, totaling 341,476,000 barrels, against 342,417,000, Mr. Ickes announced. The dip, which followed an increase of 97,000 barrels in the previous week, comprised a drop of 1,088,000 barrels in domestic stocks and a jump of 138,000 in foreign stocks.

There were no price changes this week.

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

Bradford, Pa.	\$2.45	Eldorado, Ark., 40	\$1.00
Corning, Pa.	1.20	Rusk, Tex., 40 and over	1.03
Illinois	1.13	Dart Creek	.87
Western Kentucky	1.13	Midland District, Mich.	.90
Mid-Cont., Okla., 40 and above	1.08	Sunburst, Mont.	1.35
Hutchinson, Tex., 40 and over	1.03	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 40 and over	1.30
Spindletop, Tex., 40 and over	1.03	Huntington, Calif., 26	1.04
Winkler, Tex.	.75	Petrolia, Canada	1.82
Smackover, Ark., 24 and over	.70		

REFINED PRODUCTS—GASOLINE PRICE WAR SEEN ENDED—
ICKES INDICATES RETURN TO PRICE CONTROL PLAN IF
WAR CONTINUE—NEW YORK STANDARD RAISES GASOLINE PRICES.

A bitter price struggle which broke out in Washington, D. C., over last week-end and which, for a while, brought the possibility of Federal price control, again to the fore, was seen ended by Harold L. Ickes in the middle of the week after conferences with leaders in the industry.

The war, which started last Saturday when the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey reduced service station prices of gasoline $\frac{1}{2}$ cent a gallon, followed by an additional cut of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent a gallon on Monday, spread down into Memphis, Tenn., where the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana, subsidiary of Standard of New Jersey, reduced service station prices 2 cents a gallon. The revised schedule posted for the three grades of gasoline at $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents, 9 cents and 11 cents, respectively, in both Washington and Memphis, taxes excluded.

Mr. Ickes warned the industry that unless the war was stopped, the Oil Administration would be forced to return to the proposed Federal price control plan, which was dropped after its opponents in the industry had submitted substitute marketing and stabilization plans to Mr. Ickes which he had approved, with some revisions.

The war was due to unsettled conditions in Washington because of the much disputed differential between independent and major postings for gasoline. Pending a permanent solution to the situation, Mr. Ickes disclosed that the PAB planned a temporary differential, probably at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent a gallon. However, inasmuch as the price differential plan had not been worked out in full as yet by Oil Administration officials, Mr. Ickes did not discuss the situation in detail.

Following a conference Wednesday with Walter C. Teagle, president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, Mr. Ickes declared that the oil executive showed every disposition to work out a settlement, describing the conference as "very satisfactory in every respect." He also revealed that the "general principle" involved in the District of Columbia price war, the question of differentials between the major and independent postings on gasoline was discussed.

Abandonment of the Government's suit against the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey was also announced by Mr. Ickes following the conference. The suit charged the company with violation of marketing provisions of the petroleum code. Standard of New Jersey was holding a prize contest, which, Mr. Ickes held, violated the code. "The contest has been discontinued," said the oil administrator. "In view of this I feel that the suit should be discontinued."

Mr. Teagle issued a brief statement explaining that the company had inaugurated the contest in the belief that it did not violate the provisions of the code against giving away prizes or premiums. "The oil administration entertained and expressed a different opinion and the suit was

filed," he continued. "The oil company has concluded to meet the Government's wishes."

Further regulations issued by the oil administration this week struck at practices resorted to by some factors in an effort to get around the requirements assuring retailers of a definite margin between the price they pay and the retail price.

The new orders "cracking down" on price cutting rule that refiners, wholesalers, distributors and jobbers of petroleum products must establish a single price for all sales of each brand of their gasoline. Recently, tank wagon prices have been varied to discriminate against different classes of consumers and as a result a form of price war has resulted.

"Many refiners, wholesalers, distributors and jobbers of petroleum products," Mr. Ickes said, "by establishing so-called tank wagon prices at varying levels, have arbitrarily discriminated against retail dealers and between various forms of consumers. This is a clear evasion of Rule 3 of Article V of the oil code, which prohibits the giving of rebates, or other allowances and concessions." The tank wagon regulation will be effective until he approves a schedule for commercial discounts, now being compiled by the planning and co-ordinating committee, Mr. Ickes added.

The Oil Administrator also announced his approval of an interpretation of the oil code, which prohibits the issuance by companies of coupon books in payment of salaries to employees or the issuance of coupon books to others in payment of material. Mr. Ickes said that the planning and co-ordinating committee had informed him that some companies were resorting to this practice to evade labor and rebate provisions of the code.

The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana, subsidiary of Standard of New Jersey, advanced gasoline prices in New Orleans one cent a gallon Wednesday, effective Feb. 5. The new prices, which followed similar advances by major competitors, brought the price schedule to 11½ cents, 13 cents and 15 cents, respectively, for the three grades of gasoline, all prices exclusive of taxes.

Reductions of two cents a gallon on third-grade gasoline prices at service stations were posted by a few independents in San Francisco in mid-week, but the situation was not widespread and major companies are not expecting to enter the price war. San Francisco distributors characterized the scattered price cutting a protest of some independents against the California marketing agreement which provides dealers with a profit of four cents a gallon.

Friday morning (yesterday) brought the announcement of a one-half cent a gallon advance in tank car, tank wagon and service station prices of gasoline throughout New York and New England by the Standard Oil Co. of New York, marketing subsidiary of the Socony-Vacuum Corp. All major companies are expected to swing into line with the new price levels immediately.

The new service station schedules lists the regular grade gasoline at 17 cents while the new price in tank wagon lots is 16 cents, taxes included in both instances. Tank car prices moved up to 7 cents a gallon, f. o. b., taxes not included, for branded grades. The last general change in the company's gasoline prices was on Jan. 9, last, when prices were cut 1 cent per gallon in the same territory.

The improved outlook in the market following the announcement of Mr. Ickes approval of the marketing and stabilization pacts was credited with providing the stimulus for the advance at the present time in local oil circles. While current consumption of gasoline is held down by the extremely unfavorable weather affecting the Atlantic Seaboard during the past week, little difficulty in maintaining the new higher price list is anticipated. This, it was pointed out, is due to the fact that the advances are primarily price readjustments rather than advances with the seasonal rise in consumption expected to bring still higher levels, barring unforeseen developments in the industry.

Other local refined products were quiet, although the fuel oils, strengthened somewhat as the below-zero weather stimulated consumption. Grade C bunker fuel oil continued in strong demand at \$1.20 a barrel, refinery, with some factors anticipating an advance in this item in the near future, due to the short supplies. Diesel oil moved fairly well at \$1.95 a barrel, factory.

Total gasoline stocks at the end of last week were up 1,359,000 barrels over the preceding week, totaling 51,588,000 barrels, the American Petroleum Institute reported.

Increases in holdings at refineries and in bulk terminal and transit stocks accounted for practically all of the gain. Reporting refineries ran at 64.4% of capacity, compared with 66.4% in the previous week.

Price changes follow:

Saturday, Feb. 3.—The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey reduced service station gasoline prices ½-cent a gallon at Washington, D. C.

Monday, Feb. 5.—Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey made a further reduction of ½ cent a gallon in service station prices of gasoline at Washington, D. C. Standard Oil of Louisiana, a subsidiary, reduced prices in Memphis 2 cents a gallon, bringing the price list in line with Washington.

Tuesday, Feb. 6.—Scattered price cutting by a few independents in San Francisco brought service station prices of third-grade gasoline down 2 cents to 15 cents a gallon.

Wednesday, Feb. 7.—The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana, subsidiary of Standard of New Jersey, to-day advanced all grades of gasoline 1 cent a gallon at service stations, effective as of Feb. 5, at New Orleans.

Friday, Feb. 9.—Standard Oil of New York advanced tank car, tank wagon and service station prices of gasoline ½ cent a gallon throughout New York and New England, effective immediately. All major companies are expected to swing into line with the new schedule immediately.

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

New York.....\$1.15	Detroit.....\$.15	New Orleans.....\$.20
Atlanta......19	Houston......17	Philadelphia.....z.12
Boston......17	Jacksonville...19	San Francisco:
Buffalo......18	Los Angeles:	Third grade......15-17
Chicago......16	Third grade....165	Above 65 octane..19½
Cincinnati...205	Standard......19	Premium......21½
Cleveland....205	Premium......21	St. Louis......14
Denver......19	Minneapolis....15	z Less taxes.

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

New York:	Chicago.....\$.02¼-.03¼	New Orleans, ex.....\$.03¼
(Bayonne).....\$.05¼	Los Ang., ex...\$.04¼-.06	Tulsa......04¼-.03¼
North Texas......03		

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

N. Y. (Bayonne):	California 27 plus D	Gulf Coast C.....\$1.05
Bunker C.....\$1.20	Chicago 18-22 D..42¼-.50	Phila. Bunker C.1.15-1.20
Diesel 28-30 D...1.95	New Orleans C......80	

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

Y. (Bayonne):	Chicago:	Tulsa.....\$.01¼
8 plus G O...\$.03¼-.04	32-36 G O.....\$.01¼	

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

Y. (Bayonne):	N. Y. (Bayonne):	Chicago.....\$.05
Standard Oil N. J.:	Shell Eastern Pet.\$0.65	New Or., ex... .04 -.0¼
Motor, U. S...\$.06	New York:	Arkansas......04 -.04
62-63 octane...\$.05¼	Colonial-Beacon.. .06	California......05 -.07
vStand. Oil N. Y. .07	z Texas......06	Los Angeles, ex .04¼-.07
Tide Water Oil Co .06	Gulf ports......06½-.07	Tulsa......04
Richfield Oil(Cal.) .06¼	Republic Oil......06¼	Pennsylvania... .05
Warner-Quin. Co. .06¼	Sinclair Refining.. .06	
x Richfield "Golden."	z "Fire Chief," \$0.07.	v Long Island City.

Production of Crude Petroleum in December 1933 Substantially Higher Than in the Same Month in 1932—Inventories at End of the Year Lower Than at Nov. 30 1933, but Exceeded Those of a Year Before—Crude Petroleum Output During the Year 1933 Exceeded Preceding 12 Months by 113,715,000 Barrels.

According to reports received by the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the production of crude petroleum in the United States during December 1933 totaled 72,060,000 barrels. This represents a daily average output of 2,325,000 barrels, the same as in November, but substantially higher than the level of a year ago, when the East Texas field was shut down for half a month. Of the three leading producing States, Texas, Oklahoma and California, only Oklahoma showed a decline in output in December. The daily average output in Texas increased 20,000 barrels over November, while in California the increase was 11,000 barrels. These two increases were compensated by declines of 10,000 barrels in the daily output in both Kansas and Oklahoma, and small decreases in other States. The daily average output of the East Texas field showed a slight increase over November, being just under the 450,000-barrel mark. The Bureau's report continued as follows:

Total stocks of refinable crude declined 220,000 barrels during the month, or from 335,614,000 barrels on Nov. 30 to 335,394,000 barrels on Dec. 31. As in November, tank-farm stocks of East Texas crude declined substantially in December, this decrease being largely offset by increases in refinery stocks.

Daily average runs to stills continued to decline, although the decrease in December was relatively small. Daily average crude runs in December were 2,272,000 barrels, compared with 2,282,000 barrels in November, and 2,129,000 barrels in December 1932.

Due to a material increase in the production of unfinished gasoline, the yield of finished gasoline declined to 41.9%, the lowest point since January 1931. Because of the decrease in yield, and the small decline in crude runs, the daily average of motor fuel declined to 1,042,000 barrels from 1,102,000 barrels the previous month. The daily average indicated domestic demand for motor fuel was 929,000 barrels, which, compared with a year ago, represents an increase of 6%. Exports of gasoline showed a material decline and totaled only 1,649,000 barrels, the lowest monthly total since November 1923. Stocks of finished gasoline increased 1,808,000 barrels, and totaled 52,240,000 barrels on Dec. 31 1933; in addition 3,186,000 barrels of natural gasoline was in storage on that date.

Important changes in the statistics of the minor products were continued declines in stocks of practically all products, and a further increase in the domestic demand for kerosene.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the price index for petroleum products during December 1933 was 51.6, compared with 51.6 in November 1933 and 45.0 in December 1932.

The refinery data of this report were compiled from refineries with an aggregate daily recorded crude-oil capacity of 3,489,995 barrels. These refineries operated during December at 65% of their capacity, given above, which was the same ratio as that for November.

Sales of lead for January shipment, according to statistics circulating in the industry, totaled about 27,000 tons; sales for February shipment already stand at about 21,000 tons; those for March shipment have reached about 11,000 tons.

Zinc Moves Higher.

Inquiry for zinc has picked up a little, and, with the concentrate market moving upward, this time a step ahead of metal, sellers raised prices until the quotation for Prime Western was fully 10 points higher than a week ago. The concentrate market, according to those well posted on doings in the Tri-State, will probably advance to \$30 on Saturday. This news naturally imparted additional strength to the zinc market. Demand at the advance—4.40c. St. Louis—seemed to fall off sharply. The January statistics were disappointing, the increase in stocks being larger than anticipated.

The zinc statistics of the American Zinc Institute for December and January are summarized as follows, all figures in short tons:

	Dec.	Jan.
Production	32,004	32,954
Production, daily rate	1,032	1,063
Shipments	27,667	26,532
Stock at end	105,560	111,982
Unfilled orders	15,978	26,717

a Revised.

Tin Market Listless.

The domestic tin market was a dull affair last week, with trading at almost a standstill throughout the entire seven-day period. Until tin-plate interests resume buying, a continuation of the current *status quo* seems probable. The foreign market was steady last week, the moderate fluctuations in domestic prices resulting from similar changes in sterling exchange rates.

Chinese 99% tin was quoted as follows: Feb. 1st, 49.575c.; 2d, 48.550c.; 3d, 49.475c.; 5th, 49.275c.; 6th, 49.550c.; 7th, 49.875c.

The world's visible supply of tin at the end of January was 22,476 long tons against 23,812 tons a month previous, according to the Commodity Exchange. The visible supply at the end of January, 1933, was 44,223 tons.

Steel Operations Continue to Increase—Now at Approximately 38% of Capacity—Railroad and Automobile Buying Give Market Added Buoyancy—Prices Unchanged.

The rising tendency in steel output is becoming more pronounced this month, states the "Iron Age" of Feb. 8 in its review of iron and steel operations. Except for the decline at Pittsburgh, operations have moved upward or held their own, the national average now being 38% as against 35% a week ago. Chicago is up 5½ points to 36%; the Valleys, 7 points to 42%; Cleveland, 4 points to 58%; Buffalo, 6 points to 38%, and the Philadelphia district, 1 point to 24%.

Both pig iron and steel production were larger in January than in December, the rate of pig iron output gaining 2.8% and steel rising 1.6%. January pig iron production was 1,215,226 tons, or 39,201 tons daily, as compared with 1,182,079 tons, or 38,131 tons a day in December. On Feb. 1 there were 87 furnaces in blast, a gain of 12 in the month. The "Age" went on to say:

Mounting demand from the automobile industry and the railroads have given the iron and steel industry a buoyancy that it has not possessed since last summer. Business is still unevenly distributed, but this is due to the current preponderance of orders for light rolled products and has nothing to do with the disgruntled attitude of certain motor car builders toward the steel code. It is now clear that the real reason the automobile industry has been spreading its steel orders among a larger number of mills is that it wishes to guard against delays in delivery. Certain strip and sheet mills are already solidly booked for the quarter and others are rapidly reaching the same condition.

The continued inactivity in heavy rolled products, especially evident in Pittsburgh, where operations have receded from 21 to 20% of capacity, will soon be brought to an end with the placing of steel for the 12,725 freight cars, 159 passenger cars, 20 locomotives and 20 extra tenders just bought by the Van Sweringen lines. These equipment orders were sidely distributed geographically and the steel requirements for the freight cars alone are estimated at 175,000 tons.

The Pennsylvania has taken bids on about 25,000 tons of steel for freight cars which it will construct in its own shops.

Rail orders, despite reassuring advices from Washington, are still slow in materializing. The Southern Pacific has closed for 40,000 tons, but the Chicago & North Western, which had originally intended to buy 65,000 tons, may not place more than 25,000 tons. Chicago rail mills, heretofore idle, have gone into production, but on light schedules. Producers are commencing to fear that even if promised rail orders are finally placed there will not be enough remaining time to roll and ship them before the expiration date for the present price, which is June 30.

Makers of the heavier finished products continue to pin their hopes on public works projects, not unmindful of the fact that current delays may prove to their advantage by bringing them tonnage later in the year when their mill operations may be on a more economical basis. Structural steel awards of the week are light, amounting to only 9,850 tons compared with 18,800 tons a week ago.

The general upward trend in steel demand, and especially the increasingly tense situation in sheets and strip steel, have caused buyers generally to take renewed interest in the market. Concern about deliveries has caused some consumers to place protective orders, and others have been influenced to take such action by fear of labor difficulties in the steel industry. In fact, buyers have shown greater alarm over the President's order covering employee elections than steel producers themselves.

Fear of possible price advances has become a secondary consideration. But entirely aside from that fact, some producers are showing an increasing disinclination to raise prices lest the current buying movement might be checked. The attitude of the automobile industry may also account for a more cautious attitude on prices, despite the fact that current quotations on certain finishes of sheets and strips are unquestionably below the cost of production. But the complaints of motor car builders regarding steel prices are by no means accepted as justified. The increased cost of iron and steel per car, as compared with a year ago, does not exceed \$11, which compares with average advances of \$70 or more per car in retail prices.

While the week has brought out no general price revisions in iron and steel, hot rolled strip has been reduced to 1.80 cents a pound, Chicago, cutting the differential over the Pittsburgh base to only \$1 a ton.

Scrap is quiescent but has a stronger tone than a week ago, and the "Iron Age" composite price is unchanged at \$11.92 a gross ton. The pig iron and finished steel composites are also unaltered at \$16.90 a gross ton and 2.028 cents a pound respectively.

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.	
Feb. 6 1934, 2.025c. a Lb.			
One week ago	2.025c.		
One month ago	2.025c.		
One year ago	1.923c.		

	High.	Low.
1934	2.028c.	Jan. 2 2.028c.
1933	2.036c.	Oct. 3 1.867c.
1932	1.977c.	Oct. 4 1.926c.
1931	2.037c.	Jan. 13 1.945c.
1930	2.273c.	Jan. 7 2.018c.
1929	2.317c.	Apr. 2 2.273c.
1928	2.286c.	Dec. 11 2.217c.
1927	2.402c.	Jan. 4 2.212c.

Pig Iron.		Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace foundry irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley, and Birmingham.	
Feb 6 1934, \$16.90 a Gross Ton.			
One week ago	\$16.90		
One month ago	18.90		
One year ago	13.56		

	High.	Low.
1934	\$16.90	Jan. 2 \$16.90
1933	16.90	Dec. 5 13.56
1932	14.81	Jan. 5 13.56
1931	15.90	Jan. 6 14.79
1930	18.21	Jan. 7 15.90
1929	18.71	May 14 18.21
1928	18.59	Nov. 27 17.04
1927	19.71	Jan. 4 17.54

Steel Scrap.		Based on No. 1 heavy melting steel quotations at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Chicago.	
Feb 6 1934, \$11.92 a Gross Ton.			
One week ago	\$11.92		
One month ago	11.58		
One year ago	6.83		

	High.	Low.
1934	\$12.00	Jan. 23 \$11.33
1933	12.25	Aug. 8 6.75
1932	8.50	Jan. 12 6.42
1931	11.33	Jan. 6 8.50
1930	15.00	Feb. 18 11.25
1929	17.58	Jan. 29 14.08
1928	16.50	Dec. 31 13.08
1927	15.25	Jan. 11 13.08

The American Iron and Steel Institute on Feb. 5 1934 announced that telegraphic reports which it had received indicated that the operating rate of steel companies having 98.1% of the steel capacity of the industry would be 37.5% of the capacity for the current week, compared with 34.4% last week and 30.7% one month ago. This represents an increase of 9% over the estimate for the week of Jan. 29 1934. Current operations are at the highest rate since the Institute began to issue its weekly tabulation of production on Oct. 23 last. Weekly indicated rates of steel operations since the latter date follow:

1933.		1933.		1934.	
Oct. 23	31.6%	Nov. 27	26.8%	Jan. 1	29.3%
Oct. 30	26.1%	Dec. 4	28.3%	Jan. 8	30.7%
Nov. 6	25.2%	Dec. 11	31.5%	Jan. 15	34.2%
Nov. 13	27.1%	Dec. 18	34.2%	Jan. 22	32.5%
Nov. 20	26.9%	Dec. 25	31.6%	Jan. 29	34.4%
				Feb. 5	37.5%

"Steel" of Cleveland, in its summary of the iron and steel markets, on Feb. 5 stated:

With the largest railroad freight car awards in several years, heavier releases by the automobile industry, and improvement in purchasing extending into practically all lines of products, steel demand last week gave evidence of expanding more rapidly than production.

The Van Sweringen lines early this week were expected to make formal announcement of their allocation of 12,775 freight cars and 169 passenger coaches, which shortly will place orders for approximately 175,000 tons of rolled steel on mill books. Unofficial reports noted the distribution of 8,275 cars to three companies, while 20 locomotives and 20 extra tenders were placed with two builders.

These and other impending car and rail awards foreshadow an early gain in steelworks operations, the automobile industry last week supplying the chief impetus which lifted the rate 3 points to 36%.

Dispelling doubts concerning the rail program for this year, Washington officials state the steel industry can count upon orders for 845,000 tons of rails and some 200,000 tons of track fastenings, as originally planned, the bulk of this tonnage to be placed between March 1 and June 1. Rail production has been resumed at Chicago.

That steelmakers are preparing for a much higher rate of operations is indicated by a net gain of 12 active blast furnaces in January, all at steelworks, 86 operating at the close of the month, since which time three more steelworks stacks have been blown in.

Daily average pig iron production in January was 39,426 gross tons; and the total, 1,222,214 tons, both up 2.5% from December. In both instances, also, output was the largest since October last year, while it was the best record for January since 1931.

Shape awards for the week, 15,024 tons, show little change from the preceding week, public works projects developing slowly. The Pennsylvania railroad has resumed with its electrification program, and this week is expected to begin releasing material on its contracts for 40,000 tons, including 8,000 tons for yard poles. Illinois Central is taking bids on 3,800 tons for a bridge at Cairo, Ill.; and the government, on 8,785 tons of plates, shapes and bars for seven airplane carriers to be built in navy yards.

Scrap is strong, in a waiting market, with a bulge in purchasing anticipated as soon as some of the larger steel orders now pending reach mills. Purchase of 17,000 tons of No. 1 heavy melting steel by the leading interest at Pittsburgh at \$13.50 a ton, delivered, has firmed the market there. Improvement in foundry operations is fairly general. Another cargo, 4,700 tons, of Royal Dutch iron has arrived at Philadelphia.

Depreciation of the dollar evidently was an important element in American iron and steel exports advancing 17% to 184,585 gross tons in December, largest for any month since May 1930. Imports rose only 7% to 31,310 tons. For the year 1933 exports increased 126% to 1,350,692 tons, exceeding those for 1932 and 1931. Imports were up 9.3% to 414,790, arresting the yearly declines since 1928.

"Steel's" London cablegram states general improvement in Great Britain is substantiated by re-opening of iron mines long idle. Trade on the Con-

during the month of January 1934, as compared with 29,600,000 tons in the preceding month and 27,060,000 tons in the corresponding period last year. Anthracite production amounted to 6,127,000 net tons as against 4,424,000 tons in December 1933 and 3,807,000 tons in January 1933.

The average production per working day during the month of January 1934 was 1,267,000 tons of bituminous coal and 235,700 tons of anthracite, as compared with 1,184,000 tons of bituminous coal and 177,000 tons of anthracite per working day during the preceding month and 1,070,000 tons of bituminous coal and 152,300 tons of anthracite per working day during January 1933. The Bureau's statement follows:

	Total for Month. (Net Tons)	No. of Working Days.	Average per Working Day. (Net Tons)
<i>January 1934 (Preliminary)—</i>			
Bituminous coal.....	32,935,000	26	1,267,000
Anthracite.....	6,127,000	26	235,700
Beehive coke.....	97,500	27	3,611
<i>December 1933—</i>			
Bituminous coal.....	29,600,000	25	1,184,000
Anthracite.....	4,424,000	25	177,000
Beehive coke.....	89,500	25	3,580
<i>January 1933—</i>			
Bituminous coal.....	27,060,000	25.3	1,070,000
Anthracite.....	3,807,000	25	152,300
Beehive coke.....	81,900	26	3,150

Note.—All current estimates will later be adjusted to agree with the result of the complete canvass of production made at the end of the calendar year.

Stocks of Bituminous Coal in Hands of Consumers Declined 4% During Last Quarter of 1933, But Exceeded the Total on Jan. 1 1933 by 10.7%—Industrial Consumption in December at Approximately the Same Rate as in Preceding Month.

Stocks of bituminous coal in the hands of industrial consumers and retailers declined in the last quarter of 1933, and on Jan. 1 1934 stood at 32,714,000 tons. This is a decrease of 4% since Oct. 1, when the commercial reserves totaled 34,095,000 tons, reports the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce. Of the 1,381,000 tons withdrawn from commercial reserves during the three-month interval, 881,000 tons came from the stock piles of industrial consumers, while stocks in the yards of retail dealers show a reduction of 500,000 tons. The Bureau, in its announcement, further stated:

Although present stocks are somewhat less than at the beginning of the previous quarter, they are still substantially higher than on Jan. 1 1933, when the total industrial reserves stood at 29,561,000 tons. This, however, was obviously subnormal, being less than at the corresponding season of any year since 1920. Moreover, the increase that has occurred in the past year is accounted for entirely by larger reserves in the hands of industrial consumers. Retail stocks of bituminous coal are slightly below the level of a year ago.

In making comparisons of stocks on different dates it is necessary to take into consideration the highly variable factor of consumption. For this reason the best measure of reserves is to express them in terms of the number of days they would last at the current rate of consumption. At the rate of consumption prevailing in December, the total commercial stocks on Jan. 1 were sufficient to last 32 days. This compares with a supply equivalent to 46 days on Oct. 1 and 30 days on Jan. 1 1933. It is interesting to note in this connection that although the actual tonnage on hand on Jan. 1 1934 was only 4% less than on Oct. 1, in terms of days' supply, the stocks on Jan. 1 show a decrease of 30.4%.

In addition to the tonnage of bituminous coal in the hands of commercial consumers and retail dealers, there was 6,579,000 tons of soft coal in storage on the upper Lake docks on Jan. 1 and 1,533,000 tons standing in cars unbilled at the mines or in classification yards. A year ago the stocks in the hands of the dock operators amounted to 6,793,000 tons and the unbilled loads stood at 1,494,000 tons.

SUMMARY OF COMMERCIAL STOCKS OF BITUMINOUS COAL, INCLUDING STOCKS IN RETAIL YARDS.

	Jan. 1 1934. ^b	Dec. 1 1933. ^a	Oct. 1 1933. ^a	Jan. 1 1933.	Inc. or Dec.
					From Prev. Quar.
<i>Consumers' Stocks—c</i>					From Year Ago.
Industrial (tons).....	25,614,000	26,443,000	26,495,000	22,411,000	-3.3 +14.3
Retail dealers (tons).....	7,100,000	7,700,000	7,600,000	7,150,000	-6.6 -0.7
Total tons.....	32,714,000	34,143,000	34,095,000	29,561,000	-4.0 +10.7
Days' supply, total.....	32 days	36 days	46 days	30 days	-30.4 +6.7
<i>Coal in Transit—</i>					
Unbilled loads.....	1,533,000	1,476,000	1,207,000	1,494,000	+27.0 +2.6
On Lake docks.....	6,579,000	7,828,000	7,655,000	6,793,000	-14.1 -3.2

^a Revised. ^b Subject to revision. ^c Coal in the bins of householders is not included. Figures for industrial consumers from following table. Figures for retailers from sample data.

Industrial Stocks and Consumption.

With the exception of the railroads, all classes of industrial consumers drew on their reserves during December. The draft on stocks was heaviest at the general manufacturing plants, whose total reserves dropped from 8,344,000 tons on Dec. 1 to 7,585,000 tons on Jan. 1, a reduction of 759,000 tons, or 9.1%. A sharp decline was also reported by the steel works and rolling mills, but at the electric utilities, by-product coke ovens, coal-gas retorts and cement mills the draft on stock piles was comparatively moderate. Stocks of bituminous coal held by the Class I steam railroads advanced 3.3% during the month and on Jan. 1 stood at 5,096,000 tons.

Industrial consumption of bituminous coal in December remained at approximately the same level as in the previous month. The total consumption for the month was 21,644,000 tons, as against 21,018,000 tons in November, a gain of 3%. This increase, however, is entirely accounted for by the longer month and on an average daily basis the change is not significant. The outstanding feature of the December consumption statistics is the sharp increase in the requirements of the steel industry. Consumption at electric utilities, by-product coke ovens and coal-gas retorts increased, but these gains were largely counterbalanced by a slackened rate at other major groups.

INDUSTRIAL CONSUMPTION AND STOCKS OF BITUMINOUS COAL, EXCLUDING RETAIL YARDS (NET TONS).

[Determined jointly by F. G. Tryon, Coal Statistics Section, United States Bureau of Mines, and Thomas W. Harris, Jr., Chairman, Coal Committee, National Association of Purchasing Agents.]

	Dec. 1933 (Preliminary).	Nov. 1933 (Revised).	Percent of Change.
<i>Stocks, End of Month, at—</i>			
Electric power utilities, a.....	5,116,000	5,213,000	-1.9
By-product coke ovens, b.....	6,061,000	6,129,000	-1.1
Steel and rolling mills, b.....	1,025,000	1,085,000	-5.5
Coal-gas retorts, b.....	482,000	489,000	-1.4
Cement mills, b.....	249,000	250,000	-0.4
Other industrial, c.....	7,585,000	8,344,000	-9.1
Railroad fuel (Class I), d.....	5,096,000	4,933,000	+3.3
Total industrial stocks.....	25,614,000	26,443,000	-3.1
<i>Industrial Consumption by—</i>			
Electric power utilities, a.....	2,778,000	2,589,000	+7.3
By-product coke ovens, b.....	3,554,000	3,391,000	+4.8
Beehive coke ovens, b.....	140,000	145,000	-3.4
Steel and rolling mills, b.....	975,000	859,000	+13.5
Coal-gas retorts, b.....	210,000	195,000	+7.7
Cement mills, b.....	124,000	167,000	-25.7
Other industrial, c.....	7,339,000	7,193,000	+2.0
Railroad fuel (Class I), d.....	6,524,000	6,479,000	+0.7
Total industrial consumption.....	21,644,000	21,018,000	+3.0
<i>Additional Known Consumption—</i>			
Coal mine fuel.....	248,000	257,000	-3.5
Bunker fuel, foreign trade.....	102,000	156,000	-34.6
<i>Days' Supply on Hand at—</i>			
Electric power utilities.....	57 days	60 days	-5.0
By-product coke ovens.....	53 days	54 days	-1.9
Steel and rolling mills.....	33 days	38 days	-13.2
Coal-gas retorts.....	71 days	75 days	-5.3
Cement mills.....	62 days	45 days	+37.8
Other industrial.....	32 days	35 days	-8.6
Railroad fuel (Class I).....	24 days	23 days	+4.3
Total industrial.....	37 days	38 days	-2.6

^a Collected by the United States Geological Survey. ^b Collected by United States Bureau of Mines. ^c Estimates based on reports collected jointly by the National Association of Purchasing Agents and the United States Bureau of Mines from a selected list of 2,000 representative manufacturing plants. The concerns reporting are chiefly large consumers and afford a satisfactory basis for estimate. ^d Collected by the American Railway Association.

Domestic Anthracite and Coke.

Retail Anthracite.—A canvass of a representative group of coal dealers indicates that retail stocks of hard coal declined 8.7% between Oct. 1 1933 and Jan. 1 1934. At the rate householders were calling for anthracite during December the dealers reporting had a supply equivalent to 34 days' requirements at the beginning of the new year.

Anthracite in Producers' Yards.—Stocks of anthracite in producers' storage yards also declined during the last quarter of 1933, and on Jan. 1 were 12.7% less than at the beginning of the previous quarter.

Anthracite on Lake Docks.—The reserves of hard coal in the hands of the Lake dock operators on Jan. 1 1934 were unusually low for this season of the year, being 33.8% less than a year ago and 59.3% less than on the corresponding date of 1932.

SUMMARY OF STOCKS OF DOMESTIC ANTHRACITE AND COKE.

	Jan. 1 1934.	Dec. 1 1933.	Oct. 1 1933.	Jan. 1 1933.	Percent of Change.
					From Prev. Quar.
<i>Retailers' Stocks, Selected Dealers—</i>					From Year Ago.
Anthracite (net tons).....	453,237	500,555	496,519	a	-8.7 a
Anthracite (days' supply), b.....	34	38	63	a	-46.0 a
Coke (net tons).....	90,359	116,208	137,407	a	-34.2 a
Coke (days' supply), b.....	25	32	90	a	-72.2 a
<i>Anthracite in producers' yards.....</i>	1,106,085	1,293,081	1,267,225	1,732,216	-12.7 -36.1
Anthracite on Lake docks.....	257,439	300,375	294,960	389,024	-12.7 -33.8
By-product coke at mer- plants.....	1,406,617	1,665,986	1,657,479	1,872,188	-15.1 -24.9

^a Not available. ^b Calculated at current rate of deliveries to customers.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The daily average volume of Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding for the week ended February 7, as reported by the Federal Reserve banks, was \$2,606,000,000, a decrease of \$24,000,000 compared with the preceding week and an increase of \$547,000,000 compared with the corresponding week in 1933. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

On January 24 total reserve bank credit amounted to \$2,606,000,000, a decrease of \$24,000,000 for the week. This decrease corresponds with a decrease of \$157,000,000 in Government deposits with the Reserve banks offset in part by increases of \$25,000,000 in money in circulation, \$84,000,000 in member bank reserve balances and \$13,000,000 in nonmember deposits and other Federal Reserve accounts, and by changes in the cash holdings of the Treasury not accounted for by the increase in monetary gold stock.

The monetary gold stock shown below as \$7,036,000,000 represents the gold holdings of the United States Treasury valued at \$35 an ounce. United States gold coin previously reported in circulation (\$287,000,000

on Jan. 31 1934) has been deducted from the figures of monetary gold stock and money in circulation for last week and for Feb. 8 1933.

Bills discounted declined \$4,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and \$10,000,000 at all Federal Reserve banks. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market declined \$14,000,000 and of United States bonds \$2,000,000, while holdings of United States Treasury notes and of Treasury certificates and bills were practically unchanged.

The statement in full for the week ended Feb. 7, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages, namely, pages 1003 and 1004.

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 Sec. 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 ended Feb. 7 1934 were as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	Feb. 7 1934.	Jan. 31 1934.	Feb. 8 1933.
Bills discounted	\$ 73,000,000	\$ -10,000,000	\$ -180,000,000
Bills bought	97,000,000	-14,000,000	+66,000,000
United States Government securities	2,432,000,000	-2,000,000	+648,000,000
Other Reserve bank credit	4,000,000	+2,000,000	-13,000,000
TOTAL RESERVE BANK CREDIT	2,606,000,000	-24,000,000	+521,000,000
Monetary gold stock	7,036,000,000	+300,000,000	+2,788,000,000
Treasury & National bank currency	2,301,000,000	-1,000,000	+98,000,000
Money in circulation	5,317,000,000	+25,000,000	-101,000,000
Member bank reserve balances	2,736,000,000	+84,000,000	+317,000,000
Treasury cash and deposits with Federal Reserve banks	3,449,000,000	+285,300,000	+3,164,000,000
Nonmember deposits and other Federal Reserve accounts	441,000,000	+13,000,000	+28,000,000

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

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

Below is the statement for the New York City member banks and that for the Chicago member banks for the current week, as thus issued in advance for the full statement of the member banks, which latter will not be available until the coming Monday. The New York City statement, of course, also includes the brokers' loans of reporting member banks. The grand aggregate of brokers' loans the present week shows an increase of \$8,000,000, the total of these loans on Jan. 31 1934 standing at \$896,000,000, as compared with \$331,000,000 on July 27 1932, the low record for all time since these loans have been first compiled in 1917. Loans "for own account" increased from \$731,000,000 to \$741,000,000, while loans "for account of out-of-town banks" remained even at \$146,000,000 but loans "for account of others" decreased from \$11,000,000 to \$9,000,000.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York.		
	Feb. 7 1934.	Jan. 31 1934.	Feb. 8 1933.
Loans and investments—total	\$ 6,964,000,000	\$ 6,986,000,000	\$ 7,073,000,000
Loans—total	3,420,000,000	3,466,000,000	3,405,000,000
On securities	1,729,000,000	1,748,000,000	1,606,000,000
All other	1,691,000,000	1,718,000,000	1,799,000,000
Investments—total	3,544,000,000	3,520,000,000	3,668,000,000
U. S. Government securities	2,485,000,000	2,421,000,000	2,572,000,000
Other securities	1,059,000,000	1,099,000,000	1,096,000,000
Reserves with Federal Reserve Bank	754,000,000	749,000,000	924,000,000
Cash in vault	38,000,000	37,000,000	38,000,000
Net demand deposits	5,331,000,000	5,342,000,000	5,717,000,000
Time deposits	710,000,000	707,000,000	849,000,000
Government deposits	501,000,000	487,000,000	92,000,000
Due from banks	75,000,000	76,000,000	75,000,000
Due to banks	1,312,000,000	1,260,000,000	1,537,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank			
Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers:			
For own account	741,000,000	731,000,000	405,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks	146,000,000	146,000,000	11,000,000
For account of others	9,000,000	11,000,000	6,000,000
Total	896,000,000	888,000,000	422,000,000
On demand	616,000,000	607,000,000	242,000,000
On time	280,000,000	281,000,000	180,000,000

Chicago.

	Feb. 7 1934.	Jan. 31 1934.	Feb. 8 1933.
Loans and investments—total	\$ 1,328,000,000	\$ 1,349,000,000	\$ 1,051,000,000
Loans—total	577,000,000	574,000,000	640,000,000
On securities	277,000,000	281,000,000	343,000,000
All other	300,000,000	293,000,000	297,000,000
Investments—total	751,000,000	775,000,000	411,000,000
U. S. Government securities	471,000,000	490,000,000	213,000,000
Other securities	280,000,000	285,000,000	198,000,000
Reserves with Federal Reserve Bank	346,000,000	313,000,000	303,000,000
Cash in vault	41,000,000	41,000,000	18,000,000
Net demand deposits	1,131,000,000	1,120,000,000	923,000,000
Time deposits	328,000,000	330,000,000	317,000,000
Government deposits	65,000,000	65,000,000	9,000,000
Due from banks	186,000,000	188,000,000	275,000,000
Due to banks	313,000,000	294,000,000	287,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank			

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

The Federal Reserve Board resumed on May 15 1933 the publication of its weekly condition statement of reporting member banks in leading cities, which had been discontinued after the report issued on March 6, giving the figures for March 1. The present statement covers banks in 90 leading cities instead of 101 leading cities as formerly, and shows figures as of Wednesday, Jan. 31 1934, with comparison for Jan. 24 1934 and Feb. 1 1933.

As is known, the publication of the returns for the New York and Chicago member banks was never interrupted. These are given out on Thursday, simultaneously with the figures for the Reserve banks themselves, and cover the same week, instead of being held until the following Monday, before which time the statistics covering the entire body of reporting member banks in 90 cities cannot be got ready.

In the following will be found the comments of the Federal Reserve Board respecting the returns of the entire body of reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the week ended with close of business on Jan. 31:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in 90 leading cities on Jan. 31 shows increases for the week of \$138,000,000 in loans, \$541,000,000 in United States Government securities, \$46,000,000 in other securities and \$605,000,000 in Government deposits, and a decrease of \$176,000,000 in reserve balances with Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on securities increased \$113,000,000 at reporting member banks in the New York district and \$111,000,000 at all reporting banks. "All other" loans increased \$49,000,000 in the New York district and \$27,000,000 at all reporting banks, and declined \$8,000,000 in the Boston district.

Holdings of United States Government securities, incident to the Treasury's recent financial operations, increased substantially in nearly all districts, the total increase being \$541,000,000. Holdings of other securities increased \$46,000,000 in the New York district and at all reporting banks.

Borrowings of weekly reporting member banks from Federal Reserve banks aggregated \$13,000,000 on Jan. 31, a decrease of \$7,000,000 for the week.

Licensed member banks formerly included in the condition statement of member banks in 101 leading cities, but not now included in the weekly statement, had total loans and investments of \$1,010,000,000 and net demand, time and Government deposits of \$1,031,000,000 on Jan. 31, compared with \$971,000,000 and \$993,000,000, respectively, on Jan. 24.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of the reporting member banks, in 90 leading cities, that are now included in the statement, together with changes for the week and the year ended Jan. 31 1934, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	Jan. 31 1934.	Jan. 24 1934.	Feb. 1 1933.
Loans and investments—total	\$ 17,121,000,000	\$ +725,000,000	\$ +365,000,000
Loans—total	8,349,000,000	+139,000,000	-433,000,000
On securities	3,609,000,000	+111,000,000	-142,000,000
All other	4,740,000,000	+27,000,000	-291,000,000
Investments—total	8,772,000,000	+587,000,000	+798,000,000
U. S. Government securities	5,786,000,000	+541,000,000	+815,000,000
Other securities	2,986,000,000	+46,000,000	-17,000,000
Reserve with F. R. banks	1,871,000,000	-176,000,000	-20,000,000
Cash in vault	217,000,000	-15,000,000	+49,000,000
Net demand deposits	11,118,000,000	-20,000,000	-115,000,000
Time deposits	4,367,000,000	-5,000,000	-244,000,000
Government deposits	975,000,000	+605,000,000	+710,000,000
Due from banks	1,304,000,000	-4,000,000	-412,000,000
Due to banks	2,968,000,000	-33,000,000	-410,000,000
Borrowings from F. R. banks	13,000,000	-7,000,000	-37,000,000

Canada to Ship Gold to United States—Will Sell There to Get Higher Price.

In Canadian Press advices from Ottawa Feb. 1 to the Montreal "Gazette" it was stated that the most important immediate effect upon Canada of President Roosevelt's new monetary policy which went into effect Jan. 31, will be that Canadian gold will now go to the United States, whereas it has for nearly a year, been shipped mainly to London. This was the only positive comment that could be secured here to-day. The advices continued:

What changes may be made in the Canadian monetary system as a result of happenings in the United States remains to be decided by the Government.

and no inkling of such plans can be secured from any official source. It would appear, however, that there will be no pressing need for Canadian authorities to act at once, and the policy will doubtless be one of watchful waiting on developments.

The Canadian Government has for a long time acted as the agent for Canadian mines in the marketing of gold. Export of the precious metal from Canada was made illegal by act of Parliament last April, except by license from the Department of Finance. Since then the department has bought all gold produced and sold it in the best market, passing along to the producers the benefit of any increase over the Canadian price of \$20.67 an ounce.

United States now offers the best market, with President Roosevelt prepared to buy all gold offered at \$35 an ounce. The Canadian Government policy of selling gold in the market that offers the best price consistent with handling costs, will direct the outward flow of the Canadian product to that country.

In the meantime the gold in the Canadian Treasury, about \$72,000,000 worth, held as a coverage for Dominion currency which was bought at the Canadian standard price of \$20.67 an ounce, shows a potential profit of the difference between that rate and the \$35 an ounce which could be secured in the United States.

United States currency was at a slight premium in Canada to-day, but the exchange rate, it is explained, is governed entirely by supply and demand.

Eventually the Roosevelt move will affect the exchange by virtue of gold movements which will follow, but no violent fluctuations are anticipated and it is anticipated that the United States dollar will be stabilized at about \$5 in terms of sterling pounds.

Since the President's announcement on Jan. 15, there has been a feeling that his proposal might result in a three-way stabilization of Canadian, United States and sterling currency, thus achieving the result looked for at the world economic conference when domestic conditions in the United States prevented that country entering into the proposed stabilization efforts.

Dollar's Fall Shuts International Management Institute at Geneva—Office Loses Support of the American Twentieth Century Fund.

From Geneva on Feb. 1 a wireless message to the New York "Times" said:

The International Management Institute announced to-day that it was suspending its activities in their present form because the American Twentieth Century Fund had discontinued its financial support, "due to inability to compensate for the fall in dollar exchange and other reasons."

The Institute's library and scientific records have been placed in the International Labor Office. The board of directors hopes to continue some of the work it started in 1927 in conformity with resolutions on rationalization adopted by the World Economic Conference in that year.

"Every year," says the Institute's board, "more industrial enterprises and individuals appreciate that only by the application of scientific knowledge and scientific methods can mankind solve the economic problems of the modern world. Only through international collaboration can that knowledge of these methods be fully developed."

American Capital to Amount of \$75,000,000 Sent Back from London—British Estimate Return Flow Since President's Message Jan. 15—\$375,000,000 Found Haven.

The movement of American capital back to the United States which set in three weeks ago, has not yet assumed anything like the total of its flight from home during the latter part of 1933, said wireless advices Feb. 5 from London to the New York "Times," which continued:

At the middle of last November, there were authoritative estimates in London that in the three months preceding that date, \$375,000,000 of timid American capital had found refuge in England through purchases of British securities and sterling. According to estimates by the same experts to-day, about \$75,000,000 of that capital has repatriated itself since President Roosevelt's message to Congress of Jan. 15 asking for authority to fix the value of the dollar at between 50 and 60 cents.

Homeward Movement Accelerated.

With the assurance contained in that message that there was no danger of uncontrolled, wholesale inflation in the United States, the flight of capital from that country to England ceased, and a reverse movement soon began. The latter has been gradually accelerating, and it is taken for granted here that most of the truant dollars eventually will go home. But so far, the return has not been on such a large scale as seems indicated by the exchange market.

The movement of exchange, so far as it can be traced and accounted for, is attributable, primarily, to covering by shorts who had sold forward dollars in a mistaken anticipation of further declines. London is the chief point at which this manoeuvring for cutting down prospective losses is being conducted.

The repatriation of dollars which already has been accomplished is due in part to the sending back of actual gold and in part to responses from investors to optimism in Wall Street. New York brokerage houses are sending to their London agents cheerful reports on the market outlook at home. As a result, some American capital which last fall was invested in British securities now is being withdrawn for reinvestment in the United States. But the volume of these transactions is not yet nearly so heavy as it is expected that they will be in the near future.

France Acts to Stem Gold Shipments—Rediscount Rate Increased from 2½ to 3%—Reported Negotiation With Great Britain to Provide Franc Equalization Fund.

In United Press advices Feb. 8 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" it was noted that France that day took steps to check the outflow of gold that has been gathering momentum since the United States devalued its dollar and threw franc parity below the dollar level. Continuing, the account also said:

The Bank of France raised its rediscount rate from 2½ to 3%, presumably in co-operation with the Federal Reserve system, in the hope it would prevent the exodus of gold and check French investment in Wall Street.

Seeks British Loan.

A second step toward keeping the franc up to stop gold shipments was reported in negotiation with Great Britain for a loan to provide a franc equalization fund. It was believed the French would obtain the loan through barter with Britain, in return restoring the cut quotas on British goods, thus terminating the Franco-British trade war due to have begun immediately.

Meantime gold continued to leave France by ship and airplane. The Bank of France weekly statement showed a decline of 194,534,608 francs (\$12,489,121) to 76,860,453,361 (\$4,934,441,082). Further losses were anticipated in the next statement and the losses were expected to continue until the franc reached 15.12 to the dollar above that level the gold flow might be reversed. The franc closed to-day at 15.57 to the dollar (6.423c. a franc), the firmer price brought on by the favorable reception to Doumergue's accession to the Premiership.

The President Harding sailed to-day from Havre carrying 175,000,000 francs (\$11,235,000) in gold for the United States. Airplanes took 80,000,000 francs (\$5,136,000) gold to London. Another 60,000,000 francs in gold arrived in London from Holland and Switzerland.

Seventeen liners carrying gold estimated at a billion francs (\$64,200,000) will sail for the United States in the next few days. On Friday the Deutschland will sail with 40,000,000 francs gold and the Paris with 8,000,000 francs gold. The Volendam, Leerdam and President Harding are taking consignments from Holland and Belgium. Meanwhile special airplanes and trains are rushing gold to London, since many traders desire an immediate profit on the gold which is obtained through deals on the London gold market.

In a wireless message the same date (Feb. 8) to the New York "Times" it was stated that those abroad who jump at the conclusion that France is making a last desperate stand against being forced to abandon the gold standard will certainly run the risk of being premature, to say the least, it was asserted in financial circles. From these advices we also quote:

The franc has strengthened against all other currencies, despite the critical internal situation.

It is now obvious to observers here that certain psychological developments are providing powerful support to the franc. There is, in fact, what may be called a psychological embargo on gold from the Bank of France. That does not mean that the Bank of France is not observing all the rules of a free gold standard. But there is a surprisingly small gold drain, despite the great profits which arbitrage transactions between Paris and New York have been bringing since Jan. 31.

Dealings Suspended.

The Bank's statement for the week ended Feb. 2, issued to-day, shows a loss of 194,500,000 francs, representing the difference between the amounts sent to New York and London and the amounts received from Amsterdam and Zurich. It is estimated that 500,000,000 were sent out and 300,000,000 received. Since Feb. 2, about 1,000,000,000 has been withdrawn and perhaps 400,000,000 received. This does not constitute a huge drain and the loss is showing signs of slackening.

Yesterday, following the bloody riots of Monday night when the Republican regime seemed in danger, one would normally have expected a gold run on banks, yet there were no dealings whatever in the Bourse between reputable brokers and bankers, who were the only ones who count. The Bank of France did not ask any one to refrain from buying gold. It would have been extremely bad policy and therefore bad business for any large bank to withdraw gold, it is pointed out. It is highly important for banks to be on good terms with the Bank of France, and American banks are no exception. The consequences to American banks of later facing the accusation that they had contributed to the downfall of the franc would be such that they might as well close up, it is observed.

Loans for Gold Buying Barred.

After President Roosevelt fixed the price of gold at \$35 the head of one of the largest American banks visited the Bank of France and announced that his bank would never embarrass the Bank of France by dealing in arbitrage transactions in gold. All such deals are going through the London market.

The French banks naturally have even greater reason not to embarrass the Bank of France. Furthermore, the bank will only lend francs for commercial purposes—that is to say, will not give credit just to have the borrower turn that credit into gold.

That greatly reduces the amount of francs available for gold purchases. This situation has naturally brought about an illicit quoted open market in gold with large premiums sometimes reaching 750 francs per kilogram.

These material and psychological obstacles plus such things as lack of available ships and violent fluctuations of the gold price in London and pound quotations explain why France has not the slightest fear now of an unrepeatable gold drain, bankers say. France fears only two things, they contend—an internal run on gold or abandonment of the gold standard by Holland and Switzerland.

In the "Times" of Feb. 6 it was stated the withdrawal of gold from France by American banks was slowed up on Feb. 5 by the imposition of new regulations by the Bank of France requiring 48 hours' advance notice of intention to ask for the delivery of gold. The "Times" further said in part:

In the light of the disturbed political conditions in France, many banks felt that this requirement, first imposed last Saturday, had greatly increased the risk of gold transactions.

With the gold flow, already choked by the scarcity of shipping facilities, further restricted in this fashion the pressure of funds seeking to escape from France fell heavily upon the foreign exchange market, driving the franc to a discount of 7.06% in terms of the dollar, a rate which was equal to a premium of 7.6% for the dollar.

As to the reported 48-hour notice the "Times" of Feb. 7 had the following to say:

As to the 48-Hour Gold Notice.

Reports from abroad quoting the Bank of France as denying that it required 48 hours' advance notice on large gold withdrawals were heavily discounted by local banks engaged in transfers of gold.

Three important institutions which have been active in arranging gold shipments insisted that such notice was required and that the change was put into effect late last week. Another bank said that it understood 25 hours' advance notice was considered satisfactory.

Only one important bank, and that a bank not at present importing any gold, cast doubt upon the matter. According to this institution, the Bank of France is merely seeking the co-operation of foreign banks by the

courtesy of advance advice as to intention to ask for gold. The banks which are actually carrying out the operations say that this amounts to a rule.

As to the French attitude toward the U. S. Monetary policies, the "Times" of Feb. 4 contained the following from Paris, Feb. 3:

Resentment against the American monetary policy is mounting fast in France. Despite official efforts to disguise this feeling, those who are following the situation closely here are convinced that there is not only great anxiety over the turn developments are taking, but also anger against what is being characterized as a deliberate effort to embarrass France. Even those authorities who are willing to credit the United States with no desire to create difficulties for the French contend that the policies being pursued across the Atlantic will cause such embarrassment nevertheless.

The French face what is being called a world-wide attack against the franc. Within the last two days in such widely separated cities as Shanghai, Milan and Zurich, without mentioning New York and London, there has been heavy selling of francs. The gold drain, while still moderate, is well under way.

American "Inaction" Criticized.

The French say that they do not resent that, because they have been at the receiving end the greater part of the last five years, and they express willingness to meet all legitimate demands within normal working of the gold standard. What they resent, they say, is the failure of the American stabilization fund to make any apparent effort to reduce the premium between the dollar quotation here and the American figure, which is making gold shipments so profitable. It is contended that the dollar could not possibly be brought down to 15.07 francs merely by such shipments as are possible under existing rules regarding insurance.

Instead of President Roosevelt's decree bringing virtual stabilization of the dollar, the French have seen their exchange market in a state of wild excitement, with the dollar and the pound gyrating uncontrollably. The French assert that this demonstrates either incompetence on the part of those directing the American policy or unwillingness to furnish enough dollars to meet the present heavy demand.

With regard to heavy gold shipments from abroad a week ago, a London cablegram, Feb. 4 to the New York "Journal of Commerce," said:

The Berengaria and the Bremen have just sailed for New York carrying almost \$35,000,000 gold, attracted by the new price of \$35 per ounce.

Ten liners to sail for the United States in the near future have booked cargoes of as much gold as the insurance companies will cover. Yesterday almost \$5,000,000 gold was sold in open market and placed in storage to be taken to New York on the first vessel available.

Gold Share Profits.

It is estimated here that the gold policy adopted by the United States has created profits of about \$25,000,000 to holders of gold mining shares during the past few days. Mining shares boomed as the price of gold in the open market was advanced Thursday and Friday. Yesterday the price was reduced from the high of 139s. 6d. to 138s. 3d. The drop in price corresponded to the decline in dollars as on the previous day the price had advanced with the growing premium on American currency. In the past the gold price had closely followed the movements of the franc.

It is considered likely that for the time being the price of gold will remain at a premium over the franc and at a discount to the dollar. This leads to the movement of French gold to the London market and from there to New York.

The Berengaria carried almost \$25,000,000 gold. Of this amount nearly \$5,000,000 had been sent by airplanes from Amsterdam which arrived at the British port just in time to catch the transatlantic vessel.

Noting that a pronounced rally for the franc developed on Feb. 6, despite evidences that the American Stabilization Fund at the present time is avoiding all possible risks in the support of foreign currencies and that it is not being used to support the franc, the "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 7 likewise said:

After reaching the low Monday afternoon of 6.15½ the recovery yesterday carried the franc to 6.34¼. The closing rate was 6.30½.

According to reports in informed quarters the Bank of France entered the market on a large scale, taking up offers of French exchange. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York announced the sale to itself of \$4,543,100 gold which had been earmarked in New York by foreign Central Banks. According to exchange traders the sale was made by the Bank of France and the proceeds immediately used to support the franc.

Exchange Control.

As far as could be learned the American Stabilization Fund thus far has not been used at all to maintain the maximum value of the dollar at 59.06 per cent of the old parity. It is felt that given the possibility of a large internal flight of capital from France, particularly, the fund might be called upon to purchase at a risk a huge volume of francs. On the other hands, foreign balances in France are extremely light.

It was definitely learned that purchases of dollars must be made under license and that the repatriation of capital is placed under restrictions similar to those placed on the flight of capital. Exchange transactions are allowed for commercial purposes, for traveling expenses and to meet old engagements. However, it was stated, the restrictions upon the return of funds allow for a great many loopholes, the simplest of which is to buy dollars or dollar securities in London.

Oversubscription Announced of New French Treasury Loan—3,000,000,000 Francs 5% Treasury Bonds Is First Portion of 10,000,000,000 Francs Total.

In Paris advices to the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 30, it was stated that according to an announcement by the French Ministry of Finance subscriptions in excess of 3,500,000,000 francs were received to the offering of 3,000,000,000 francs 5% Treasury bonds. This was the first portion of a total of 10,000,000,000 francs which the Treasury has been authorized to issue. From the same account we also quote in part as follows:

Seeing that the Stavisky scandal broke out immediately after the opening of the loan and that the consequent agitation continued thereafter without a pause, the results of the issue are considered as an extraordinary testimony to public faith in the national credit. But the subscriptions do not put the

Treasury completely out of danger in the coming months when income tax collections will be low.

Apart from the risk of having to meet demands for reimbursement of Treasury bills, of which there are some 10,000,000,000 francs outstanding, compared with an authorized maximum of 15,000,000,000 francs, it is estimated that the Treasury will require 6,000,000,000 francs as a working fund, over the first half of the year. The latest official statement of the public debt, apart from war debts, shows a total of 298,746,000,000 francs, an increase of 24,000,000,000 francs over May 1932.

The opening of the books on Jan. 3 for the initial installment of the 10,000,000,000 franc loan was noted in our issue of Jan. 6, page 43. From the London "Financial News" of Jan. 4 we quote the following regarding the offering:

Subscription to the first slice of the 10,000,000,000 francs 5% French Treasury Loan was opened yesterday morning with the issue price at 97½ francs.

Subscribers, says Reuter from Paris, have the choice of five-year bonds, repayable at par, 10-year bonds, repayable at 105 and 15-year bonds, repayable at 110.

The interest is payable in two equal parts half-yearly, as from Jan. 5.

The French Treasury, adds Reuter, has watched with interest the success of the British Government's conversion operations, and has long desired to bring about a similar reduction of interest rates in France.

Premier Chautemps' Statement.

M. Chautemps, the Premier, upon returning to Paris, from a holiday, according to the Exchange, said that the new loan was a logical outcome of the efforts of Parliament to balance the budget.

"The Government has shown its determination to bring about financial recovery, and with the renewal of confidence in our national credit the success of the loan is assured."

M. Bonnet, the French Minister of Finance, quoted by Reuter, claims that good results have already been achieved by the passing of the retrenchment budget.

In a Paris cablegram Feb. 8 to the New York "Times" it was stated:

The Ministry of Finance announced to-day that the subscriptions to the last loan totaled slightly more than 4,000,000,000 francs, greatly exceeding estimates and declared to be highly satisfactory.

Statement of Bank for International Settlements for January—Cash on Hand Jan. 31 Totaled 3,370,163, Swiss Gold Francs, as Compared with 2,685,610 Dec. 31.

The Jan. 31 statement of the Bank for International Settlements, made public at Basle, Switzerland, Feb. 4, shows that cash on hand on Jan. 31 was 3,370,163.11, Swiss gold francs, 684,552 francs above Dec. 31. The statement, as contained in Associated Press advices from Basle, Feb. 4, to the New York "Times" of Feb. 5, follows (figures in Swiss gold francs at par):

<i>Assets.</i>		
	<i>January.</i>	<i>December.</i>
I. Gold in bars	7,577,760.02	7,577,760.02
II. Cash on hand and on current account with banks	3,370,163.11	2,685,610.24
III. Sight funds at interest	18,689,906.85	19,680,175.41
IV. Rediscountable bills and acceptances:		
1. Commercial bills and bankers acceptances	165,273,233.84	181,891,323.45
2. Treasury bills	187,936,093.98	169,759,092.79
Total	353,209,327.82	351,650,416.24
V. Time funds at interest not exceeding 3 months	35,852,250.48	37,309,501.71
VI. Sundry bills and investments:		
1. Maturing within three months:		
(a) Treasury bills	23,591,051.19	31,527,756.87
(b) Sundry investments	33,736,968.19	33,816,959.45
2. Between three and six months:		
(a) Treasury bills	16,873,539.98	23,364,877.88
(b) Sundry investments	67,403,003.40	67,559,479.00
3. Over six months:		
(a) Treasury bills	47,986,996.35	34,574,783.28
(b) Sundry investments	37,981,610.34	38,000,792.14
Total	227,573,169.45	228,844,648.62
VII. Other assets	7,321,013.26	7,140,011.88
Total assets	653,593,590.99	654,888,124.12
<i>Liabilities.</i>		
I. Paid-up capital	125,000,000.00	125,000,000.00
II. Reserves:		
1. Legal reserve fund	2,021,691.48	2,021,691.48
2. Dividend reserve fund	3,894,823.45	3,894,823.45
3. General reserve fund	7,789,646.89	7,789,646.89
Total	13,706,161.82	13,706,161.82
III. Long-term deposits:		
1. Annuity trust account	154,200,000.00	154,481,250.00
2. German Government deposit	77,100,000.00	77,240,625.00
3. French Government guarantee fund	42,757,823.69	43,658,546.12
Total	274,057,823.69	275,380,421.12
IV. Short-term and sight deposits (various currencies):		
1. Central banks for their own accounts:		
(a) Not exceeding three months	106,519,814.78	107,305,977.79
(b) Sight	48,303,423.59	48,951,617.95
Total	154,823,238.37	156,257,595.74
2. Central banks for the account of others:		
Sight	11,563,650.02	11,839,465.96
3. Other depositors:		
Sight	922,883.89	782,679.24
Sight deposits (gold)	7,577,760.02	7,577,760.02
Miscellaneous items	65,942,073.18	64,344,040.22
Total liabilities	653,593,590.99	654,888,124.12

Maintenance of Gold Base is Promised by Premier Daladier of France.

The following (United Press) from Paris Feb. 6 is from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

Premier Edouard Daladier, in the ministerial declaration of his new Government to-day, affirmed his intention to safeguarding the franc and the gold standard. He was given three votes of confidence.

"We have decided to maintain our monetary standard," Premier Daladier said, "but the budget must be voted before March 31."

"Once the budget has been voted we must fight unemployment, revive the nation's economic activity and improve our commercial balance by realistic policy based on agreements of compensation and reciprocity."

Other points of the declaration were:
Thorough, pitiless investigation of the Stavisky banking scandal.
A foreign policy based on adherence to the League of Nations and to continued friendship with France's allies, and aimed at seeking peace and security.

Loan Adjustment Plan of 1933 of Buenos Aires to Remain in Force for Remainder of Three Years—Government Unable to Resume Full Payment of Interest and Amortization at End of First Year.

In a notice to holders of certain issues of external dollar bonds of the Province of Buenos Aires affected by the Loan Adjustment Plan of 1933, Carlos Indalecio Gomez, Minister of Finance, states that at the end of the first year of the three-year agreed period covered by the plan the Government finds itself unable to resume full payment of interest and amortization and the plan will accordingly remain in force for the remainder of the three years, subject to further review before the end of the second year. The issues covered by the plan are as follows:

External 7½% secured sinking fund gold bonds, dated Nov. 1 1925, due Nov. 1 1947.

External 7% secured sinking fund gold bonds, dated April 1 1926, due April 1 1952.

6% refunding external sinking fund gold bonds, dated March 1 1928, due March 1 1961.

6½% External Sinking fund gold bonds of 1930, dated Feb. 1 1930, due Aug. 1 1961.

Holders of approximately 92% of these bonds have assented to the plan. The notice states:

As agreed to in the plan the Government has done all in its power to reduce its expenditures and has affected numerous economies. Unfortunately, the yield of the taxes imposed by the Government, in spite of rigid enforcement of prompt payment, has fallen steadily during the period under review as a result of the continued depression to which the Province is subject. Although the Government's program will enable the budget of 1934 to be balanced, the Government could not maintain this balance if it were to resume the full interest and amortization of its external debt at the present juncture.

Debt Service Pact Signed by Brazil—Four-Year Agreement with United States—Expected to Permit Normal Terms to be Resumed—Interest Ranges from 7½ to 100% of Sums Due for First Year, Increasing Thereafter.

The signing on Feb. 6 by President Getulio Vargas of Brazil of the debt-service agreement negotiated by Valentin F. Boucas with J. Reuben Clark, representing American holders of Brazilian bonds, was reported in a cablegram on that date from Rio de Janeiro to the New York "Times" in which it was further stated:

The agreement, according to an official statement by Finance Minister Osvaldo Aranha to the press, reduces Brazil's payments over the next four years by £57,000,000.

The Finance Minister criticized the preceding administration for negotiating new loans to meet old ones instead of paying out of its resources. He expressed the view that the present agreement would permit a financial rehabilitation which would enable Brazil to resume normal debt service on its expiration.

Obligations covered by the new agreement are arranged in eight groups.

The first group includes Federal funded loans, on which full interest and amortization charges will be met.

On the second group, the coffee revalorization loans, full interest will be paid but only 5% on amortization.

In the third group of six Federal loans, including those to be funded after this year, interest payments will be graduated from 35 to 50% of the sums due.

The fourth group brackets several Federal loans with one of the Companhia Navagacao Lloyd Brasileiro. Interest payments will range from 7½ to 40%.

The Sao Paulo Coffee Institute loans in group five will draw from 22½ to 37½ of the interest due.

Group six, in which American holdings are the largest, totaling more than \$80,000,000, embraces loans of the States of Sao Paulo, Minas Geraes and Rio Grande do Sul and one municipal loan. Twenty per cent of the interest will be paid this year, 22½% next year and 35% for each of the two succeeding years.

Twenty-seven municipal loans fall within group seven. On these the interest payments will be 17½, 22½ and 32½%.

For the eighth group, which covers 28 loans of the Northern States, no terms of interest payment are set forth.

Raymond B. Stevens of Foreign Bondholders Protective Council Views with Satisfaction Brazilian Debt-Service Agreement.

In a statement issued Feb. 7, Raymond B. Stevens, President of the Foreign Bondholders Protective Council, indicated his gratification with the signing of the Brazilian debt service pact at Rio de Janeiro on Feb. 5, to which we refer in another item. As given in part in the New York "Times," Mr. Stevens said:

"The principal amount of the foreign currency obligations of the Brazilian Government, States and municipalities is substantially in excess of the equivalent of \$1,000,000,000. The principal amount of the issues placed in this market is over \$380,000,000, of which about \$180,000,000 have been in total default for about two years. The plan classifies the various loans into eight grades and allocates varying percentages of exchange to each of them except Grade 8, which represents almost entirely loans in default for many years.

"Compared with the plan proposed last November, the allocation of exchange to Grade 7 containing bonds of the provinces and municipalities, over half of which were issued in the American market, has been almost

doubled. The plan is a temporary arrangement covering four years, after which it is to be reviewed in the hope that further steps toward the resumption of service can then be taken.

"Obviously, under existing exchange conditions it was a difficult task for the Government to allocate the amounts available in a way satisfactory to all the bondholders affected, since there are about 100 separate Brazilian issues, with varying security pledged for their payment and expressed in four different currencies—dollars, sterling, francs and guilders. The Finance Minister gave most courteous consideration to the representations of the council, and it must be a cause for satisfaction to the holders of all such bonds that service is about to be resumed to the extent which the Brazilian Government considers possible."

Bill Creating Reserve Bank for India Passed by Legislative Assembly—To Be Organized on Lines of Other Central Banks.

With reference to the new Indian Reserve Bank,—the bill to establish which was passed by the Indian Legislative Assembly on Dec. 22,—the London "Financial News" of Jan. 3 said:

In order to provide for the successful working of the new constitution, a Reserve Bank of India, to control currency and exchange, is being created, and the necessary bill was passed recently by the Legislature. The Bill follows along the lines of the Reserve Bank Bill of 1928, save that owing to the changed circumstances the obligation to maintain the external value of the rupee will be discharged by the purchase and sale of sterling and not by that of gold or gold exchange.

An attempt to wreck the Bill on the question of a lower ratio for the rupee was defeated when it was realized that devaluation at the present time would not benefit the agriculturists. Gold stocks held in the gold standard reserve and the paper currency reserve will be taken over *in toto* by the bank as cover for the note issue, and the question of the profits arising from any revaluation of the gold holding to be transferred by the Government to the bank is left open for future discussion.

Banking opinion generally regards the present time as inopportune for the creation of a new reserve bank, if only for the reason that India's normal export surplus of Rs. 80 crores in merchandise is as yet far from being realized, but interest is largely centered in the question of the appointment of its first Governor. It is considered essential that, in view of the close co-operation that will be necessary between India and London in the first years of the bank's existence, the person chosen should command the confidence of the money markets in both India and London.

In reporting the passage on Dec. 22 of the legislation providing for the creation of the Bank, the same paper in its Dec. 23 issue stated:

The measure is regarded as a most important financial safeguard in connection with the future management of Indian credit and currency under the proposed new constitution.

The Bank is to be organized on similar lines to those of other central banks throughout the Empire, and is to be free from political influence. It will have a capital of 500 lakhs of rupees.

India and Burma are to be divided into five areas, with headquarters at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Madras and Rangoon, and the capital will be offered for subscription in these areas.

50% Note Cover.

The Governor will be appointed by the Governor-General in Council, and a cover of 50% for note issues is to be maintained.

The right to hold shares in the new bank is to be restricted to British subjects ordinarily resident in India.

The bank is to be exempted from income-tax both in India and England, but dividends will be taxed.

The conditions for the establishment of a Reserve bank were set out in August in a White Paper, embodying the report of the Committee which had been sitting in London.

The Bill, which closely followed the recommendations of the Committee, was referred to a special joint committee of both Houses of the Legislative Assembly, which had to report to a special session of the Assembly by Nov. 20. Sir George Schuster, Finance Member, was elected Chairman.

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One hundred and fifty amendments were tabled. The unofficial elected parties scored a success when a motion making the establishment of a branch of the Bank in London obligatory instead of optional was carried by 46 votes to 45. Unofficial speakers expressed the fear that otherwise the agency work of the Bank would be given to the Bank of England.

An amendment favoring State capital instead of shareholders was defeated by 76 votes to 33, and the motion sponsored by the leader of the Centre Party, providing that 75% of the shares should be held by Indian Nationals, was rejected by 52 votes to 30.

After weeks of debate, the final passage of the Bill was ensured by the defeat of the rupee ratio amendment. The last test came on Thursday [Dec. 21], when the Bill passed the Second Reading, with the addition of a new clause imposing an obligation upon the Bank to create a special agricultural credit department.

Gold Reserve Value.

There should be no difficulty in providing cover for the Reserve Bank's currency liabilities. Total liabilities involved in the note issue, Sir George Schuster said recently, amounted to £134,800,000 at the present rate of exchange. Thus on the basis of a 50% cover, £62,400,000 was required, of which £62,087,500 had already been accumulated.

In view of the fact that the gold reserve was valued at parity despite current prices, there existed a hidden reserve amounting to £6,500,000 at the present rate of exchange.

After reckoning the additional balance possessed by the Treasury, as well as the liability for the maturing loan, a further transfer of six millions sterling alone was required to fill the gap to provide a 50% cover for the Reserve Bank's currency liabilities.

Condition to Be Fulfilled.

The Bank will not start functioning in the near future. The conclusion of the Round Table Conference was that it should not be put into operation until (1) the Indian budget was balanced; (2) the short-term debt had been reduced to a convenient size; and (3) the export surplus had recovered to its normal dimensions. The first two conditions have been satisfied, but the visible export surplus, excluding "Treasure," is far from the normal.

Assembly Extended.

Sir R. K. Shanmukam Chetty, President of the Legislative Assembly, yesterday read to the Assembly the Viceroy's message extending the life of the Assembly till Dec. 31 1934.

Earlier reference to the bill appeared in our issue of Dec. 16, page 4276.

Germany Launches Drive to Become Agriculturally Self-Supporting—Plans to Develop Canning Industry to Preserve Surplus Foodstuffs.

A new drive to make the German nation agriculturally self-supporting was launched at Grune Woche (Green Week) Agricultural Fair, starting in Berlin on Saturday, Jan. 27. Advices in the matter state:

The purpose of the show, which is the largest yet held in Germany, is to indicate how Germany could become independent of foreign food supplied by the resettlement of peasants on the land and the development of her canning industries, according to word received by canning interests in London and cabled to this country.

An entire section of the exhibition, carrying the slogan "Germany, the Land of Preserved Foods," will be devoted to canning and preserving. Methods of manufacture, as well as the finished product, will be on view and demonstrations will be given.

Other home agricultural industries to be given prominence at the show are tobacco, flax, poultry, silk worm culture and apiculture, as well as dairying, growing corn and potatoes. Special emphasis is being laid on the importance to health and economy of a meat diet and demonstrations will be given indicating methods of preparing and preserving meat and meat products.

Marketing of Dairy Products in Germany Put Under Government Control.

The marketing of dairy products in Germany has been placed under strict Government control, according to a report from Consul L. L. Schnare, Hamburg, made public by the Commerce Department on Jan. 27. The Department says:

The decree authorizing this change, the report states, was intended to be effective on Jan. 1, but owing to administrative problems the effective date has been postponed.

The most important dairy product affected by the new policy is, of course, butter, although the decree is intended to include cheese, canned milk, casein, and other milk products.

Both foreign and domestic dairy products will, after the decree becomes effective, be sold only through the newly-organized Government Bureau of Dairy Products, Oils and Fats, which will have the power to fix prices. Importation of dairy products must have the approval of the Government Bureau.

The most important effect which the new decree is expected to have on the German market for dairy products, the report states, is to relieve it entirely from the influence of international market fluctuations, particularly with respect to butter. In recent years Germany has consumed about 500,000 metric tons of butter per annum, of which imports in 1933 represented about 10%. While butter imports are now significant in relation to domestic production, the low price at which it has been possible to sell imported butter in Germany has hampered the Government in its effort to maintain domestic prices at the desired levels. These difficulties will be eliminated under the Government control policy, it is believed.

Referring to the effect of the Government policy on American products, the report states that it appears that at the present time no important American commodity is affected. However, it is pointed out that it is possible that similar measures may be taken with respect to other products in which American exporters are deeply interested, particularly lard, which in Germany competes directly with butter.

"Scrip" Registration Statement Made Effective by Federal Trade Commission—Covers Part Payment of Interest Due on Certain German Dollar Bonds.

The Federal Trade Commission announced on Feb. 7 the effectiveness of the registration statement filed by Konversionskasse fur deutsche Auslandsschulden of Berlin, Germany, which covers "scrip" to be issued in the sum of approximately \$13,000,000 in part payment of interest due in America on certain German dollar bonds. In making this known the Commission on Feb. 7 said:

Statements have been made in the press, and in correspondence with bondholders, from which the conclusion might be drawn that the Federal Trade Commission has approved the scrip which it is proposed, together with a cash payment, to issue in this amount in satisfaction of the interest payments due on a part of the indebtedness of German obligors in this country. Statements also have been made which intimated that the Commission was preventing in an arbitrary manner the payment which the German obligors have proposed to make.

Because of these statements, all of which are incorrect, the Commission feels obliged to make a statement concerning the matter so that the public may be informed.

The proposed cash payment could have been made at any time without regard to registration or the distribution of the scrip. The matter of part payment by means of scrip was first brought to the attention of representatives of the Commission in July of last year. It was then stated by those representing the registrant that it would be impossible to comply with the requirements of the registration statement as to audits by independent certified or public accountants since no such accountants were to be found in Germany. A request was made that such a requirement be waived in cases of this kind. A general rule was adopted waiving such certification in cases of this kind. No filing of any nature was made at that time.

In October, counsel for the registrant again conferred with representatives of the Commission. On Dec. 15 a purported registration statement covering this scrip was filed by counsel for the registrant. The statement was admittedly inadequate, and the representative of the registrant stated that it was desired to file additional information before this statement became effective. Since that time several amendments to the statement have been filed, the last on Jan. 24 and 31 of this year.

Although a clearer picture is given of the actual transaction than was contained in the papers originally filed, the statement is still deficient in essential information. The registrant, or the fiscal agents representing the German obligors in this country, has not seen fit to give this pertinent information. Rather than prevent the American bondholder from having

the opportunity to accept the proposal if he so desires, the statement has been allowed to become effective.

So far as the Commission has knowledge, no one on behalf of the American bondholder has made a study of the transactions involved or is in a position to recommend to the bondholder their acceptance, nor has there been any authoritative announcement as to what effect the acceptance of the proposal may have upon substantial rights of the bondholder.

The American fiscal agents for the German obligors, who are largely identical with the houses which originally sold the bonds to the American public, and counsel for the registrant, who also acted as counsel for the bankers for many of the original issues, have been the sole parties purporting to represent the American bondholder in regard to the present transaction. None of these is apparently willing to make a definite recommendation that the present offer be accepted.

According to the registration statement, Germany reduced in principal amount her short-term indebtedness from the middle of 1930 to February 1933, by some 7,000,000,000 marks. These short-term obligations, comparatively closely held, are exempted from this scrip arrangement.

No information is given as to the foreign exchange and gold stocks of Germany; as to the foreign investments of Germany; as to the investments of Germany in America; and, particularly, as to the actual amounts of the respective issues outstanding after deduction of the amounts held in the treasuries of the respective obligors, though this particular information should be easily available and is very pertinent.

The becoming effective of the statement has no bearing on and is in no sense connected with any discussion with the German authorities in regard to these bonds.

The Commission desires to state that it has in no sense held up the effectiveness of this statement, and that the becoming effective of the statement is in no sense an approval by the Commission of the scrip to be issued or of the transaction. The Commission is without authority to pass upon the merits of such a security or transaction.

Stewart C. Pratt, Chairman of Committee Acting for Paying Agents of German Dollar Bonds Expects Distribution of Scrip to Be Made in 10 Days.

Following the announcement on Feb. 7 by the Federal Trade Commission that the Registration Statement filed with it by the Konversionskasse, the Conversion Office established in Berlin for the handling of German foreign debts, has become effective, Stewart C. Pratt, as Chairman of a committee acting for the fiscal and paying agents of practically all of the German dollar obligations involved, announced that it would probably be about 10 days before the distribution of the cash and scrip offered in satisfaction of interest payments maturing on these obligations between July 1 and Dec. 31 1933, could be begun. It was pointed out that this delay was unavoidable, as the prospectus and other documents could not be printed or distributed nor various other arrangements made incident to payment procedure until the Registration Statement became effective. It is added:

More than 100 separate issues of corporate, municipal and other obligors are affected. The aggregate face amount of these issues is in excess of \$800,000,000.

Coupon holders who desire to accept payment of interest due on these dollar obligations, in accordance with the terms of the German offer of 50% in cash and 50% in scrip, must first receive a copy of the prospectus required by the Securities Act, which outlines in full the German plan, and forward their coupons to the paying agents. Coupons will not be paid unless accompanied by a Letter of Transmittal.

It is anticipated, according to Mr. Pratt, that approximately a million copies of the prospectus and letter of transmittal will be distributed to banks and investment dealers in this country and Europe, through which sources they will be made available to individual bondholders.

John Foster Dulles and Laird Bell Return from Berlin Conference on Germany's Long-Term Debts.

In a joint statement, John Foster Dulles and Laird Bell, who returned on Feb. 8 on the S. S. Bremen from the long-term debt conference in Berlin, expressed themselves as well satisfied that material progress had been made. This is noted in the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 9, from which we also quote:

"Results were far better than we had anticipated," they declared. Mr. Dulles represented American issuing houses and Mr. Bell the Foreign Bondholders Protective Council.

"Aside from getting Germany to increase the amount of payments to American bondholders, the greatest accomplishment from the American standpoint was Germany's agreement to the principle of uniform treatment of all creditors as a basis for the meeting called in Berlin in April, at which time Germany proposes to ask a general reduction in interest rates.

"We were impressed by the very effective support given us by our Government. Furthermore, while the British might have demanded preference, they maintained a solid front with us throughout the entire negotiations."

The delegates said that the German officials who were confronted with real difficulties showed the best of good will in meeting the American and British viewpoint. This included Dr. Schacht and the other German officials who were connected with, or participated in, the meeting. The presence of a representative of a semi-public body materially contributed to the results, they said, pointing out that it was the first time the Foreign Bondholders Protective Council had actively participated in an international debt conference.

In addition to the pressure for better treatment of bondholders from creditor governments, with Great Britain leading in threats of reprisal, the more or less antagonistic sentiment aroused in this country over the debt question probably had an influence on Germany's decision, they said.

Confronted with the Anglo-British bloc on one side and the European bloc on the other, Germany apparently placed a high value on American sentiment and decided to placate it rather than give further preference to European creditors, they said.

The conference was referred to in our issue of Feb. 3, page 775.

Germany Rejects Austrian Complaints of Nazi Interference in Internal Affairs—Says Difficulties Are Solely of Domestic Political Origin—Warns Austria Not to Take Cause to League of Nations.

Complaints by the Austrian Government that Germany was spreading Nazi propaganda in Austria and was interfering in the internal affairs of another Nation were denied in a note, of which the summary was made public by the Reich on Feb. 2. This note was in reply to a protest which had been made by the Austrian Foreign Office through Stefan Tauschnitz, the Austrian Minister in Berlin, on Jan. 16. The German reply asserted that the Austrian Government had no right to assume that the German Government should observe an attitude of toleration toward a regime that openly outlaws and seeks to suppress all that "animates the German people with fresh courage and confidence." Denying that it had interfered in Austrian affairs, the memorandum said that the German Government could "only express astonishment at the fact that on repeated occasions the Austrian Government has cast suspicion on the German Government as if it threatened Austrian independence."

The note added that in the view of the German Government, Austrian difficulties result solely from a domestic political conflict within the country, and it warned the Austrian Government that if it contemplated submitting its complaints to the League of Nations it must assume entire responsibility for such action. The complete text of the original Austrian complaint, and of the German memorandum covering the reply, are given below, as contained in dispatches to the New York "Times" from Vienna and Berlin, Feb. 2:

The Austrian Government has been informed that the Austrian Nazis, encouraged by their German comrades, are planning for the next few days an extremely active terroristic campaign against the Austrian Government.

There is no doubt that the Austrian Nazis are supported by German Nazi circles as the Austrian police have repeatedly seized tremendous amounts of explosives and propaganda material undoubtedly of German origin.

Besides this fact, the meetings between German diplomatic functionaries and other prominent representatives of the German Nazi party with Austrian Nazi leaders leave no doubt regarding the close co-operation between certain German Nazi circles and the leaders of the Austrian Nazi party.

The Austrian Legion is still along the Austro-German border—at Freilassing in Bavaria, a few miles from Salzburg—despite the promises given by the German Government to dissolve this camp and send the Austrian Nazi refugees to inner Germany.

German official assurances that the members of this legion are harmless emigres are denied by trustworthy information that these legionaries are armed and militarily trained.

The Austrian Government has hitherto always attempted to solve conflicts between the two German States by direct negotiations between Berlin and Vienna. This attitude of the Austrian Government has not at all been appreciated by the German Nazis.

Under these circumstances the Austrian Government is forced to change its attitude and has decided to submit the matter to the League of Nations if the terroristic campaign carried on by the Austrian Nazis and supported by German explosives and propaganda material is not stopped immediately and if the German Government will not give sufficient assurances that it will support this demand of the Austrian Government.

You will communicate this immediately to Baron von Neurath (the German Foreign Minister) and show him all the supporting material you have in hand. You will ask the German Government to answer as soon as possible.

Should the German Government use the argument that it cannot act against the German Nazi party, you will recall the fact that the German Foreign Office some time ago successfully intervened in the matter of the Nazi air raids against Austria. You will explain that the Austrian Government is convinced the German Government could also stop the present campaign if it really wanted to do so.

You will inform Baron von Neurath that we are notifying the great powers of this demarche.

The German Governments' published summary of the text of its note to Austria replying to charges of Nazi plotting in that country was contained as follows in a Berlin account Feb. 2 to the "Times":

The Austrian Government, in a communique on the Cabinet meeting of Feb. 2, states that the answering note of the German Government in no way meets the complaints raised by the Austrian Government and confines itself simply to denying the several points of complaint. For that reason, it says, the Austrian Cabinet unanimously declared the German response unsatisfactory.

In view of the stand thus taken by the Austrian Government, the German Government deems it appropriate to make known the German reply herewith.

The note delivered on Jan. 17 by the Austrian Minister contains a one-sided account of certain events in Austria and connects therewith the reproach that they are chargeable to inadmissible interferences from the German side in the domestic affairs of Austria. The note speaks of a conflict between the two German States and represents the whole complex of issues in such a way as to put it from the first under a false point of view.

Before discussing the several events, the German Government deems it necessary to correct that erroneous viewpoint.

Interference Denied.

The Austrian Government cannot expect to have the German Government observe an attitude of indifference toward a governmental system that outlaws and suppresses everything that animates the German people with fresh courage and confidence. It is inevitable that the grave domestic political conflict within Austria should have sympathetic repercussions on the relations of the Reich with Austria. Nevertheless, the German Govern-

ment has most meticulously abstained from mixing in domestic political conditions in Austria.

The German Government has repeatedly declared that any forcible intervention or any violation of treaty obligations was far from its thought. It can, therefore, only express great astonishment at the fact that on repeated occasions the Austrian Government has cast suspicion on the German Government as if it threatened Austrian independence.

In view of this fundamental orientation of the German Government, it goes without saying—in direct contrast with the Austrian representations—that the German Government could have nothing but welcome for an understanding between the Austrian Government and the National Socialist party in Austria if such could at last be reached. Nor has anything ever been done by the National Socialist quarters in Germany to impede reaching such an understanding.

Austrian Nazis Upheld.

Further, the National Socialist party of Austria itself has never, as far as is known here, declined its collaboration in solving the domestic political problems of Austria.

The Austrian Government knows very well that a meeting arranged through the mediation of the German Government between the Austrian Chancellor Dollfuss and Herr Habicht (former German Nazi "Inspector-General" for Austria, who was expelled from the country)—on the basis of the demarche of the Austrian Minister to Berlin on Jan. 1—was called off at the last moment without any valid reason by the Austrian Government but not by the National Socialists.

That the German Government has been constantly mindful of avoiding any exacerbation of the situation the Austrian Government can discern, for instance, from the restraint with which Germany treated the Schumacher affair. Although that involved the shooting of a Reichswehr soldier in German territory by regular Austrian frontier guards and although the combined investigations settled exclusive responsibility on the Austrians, the German Government did its utmost to facilitate the quickest possible settlement of that grave incident.

Nevertheless, the Austrian Government has thus far failed to bring about the legal punishment, assurance of which had been given. The German Government must insist now on at last receiving the then promised information that the miscreants have been punished.

Complaints Answered.

Following these considerations the German Government would take up in more particular detail the complaints raised by the Austrian Government.

The German Government has repeatedly designated as untrue the allegations made by the Austrian Government that the so-called Austrian legion was planning a forcible invasion of Austrian territory. In particular it refers to its note of Sept. 21 last, in which these charges were disproved in detail.

The Austrian Government is well aware that the camp at Lechfeld has been completely dissolved and its Austrian refugee inmates have been transferred to points considerably distant from the Austrian frontier.

Concentrations along the Austrian boundary are therefore wholly out of the question.

The unanimous declarations to the foreign office by alleged Austrian nationals who claimed to have belonged to the legion plainly carry the stamp of incredibility and have been proved wholly untrustworthy by investigations completed by the German Government.

With reference to the charge made by Austria that propaganda material and explosives have been shipped out of Germany into Austria, the German note says that in view of the gravity of these charges the German Government has undertaken a scrupulous investigation of them.

Restrictions on Traffic.

To begin with, the German Government desires to direct attention to the rigid restrictions applying to the traffic in explosives in Germany, which wholly preclude the possibility that such large quantities of such commodities could have found their way out of Germany into Austria. Attention is also directed to the rigid frontier control exercised by the German authorities.

Nevertheless, it is not precluded that in view of the difficult tracing and length of the boundary line, single instances of smuggling explosives may have occurred and may have escaped detection by both the German and Austrian officials.

The investigations concluded, however, furnish no basis that such illicit transport actually occurred, and it is wholly excluded that German officials or party members have either participated in such smuggling or abetted it.

The note then takes up the charge of inflammatory agitation by the German press. With reference to the complaint of incentive agitation by the press, it is admitted that solitary instances of attacks on the Austrian Government have occurred. They are, however, only the reaction to the malicious agitation by the Austrian press against the new Germany.

Official Participation Seen.

These attacks have been neither forbidden nor punished by the Austrian authorities. Despite the protest of the German Legation in Vienna, which cited 200 such cases, they have manifestly been allowed to continue and multiply with the toleration and even actual participation of official Austrian circles.

The German reply to the charge of broadcast propaganda is as follows: The allegation of the Austrian Government that the German official radio is broadcasting inflammatory propaganda is not true. The broadcast programs are addressed to German nationals and are designed to inform them of developments in Austria. The regulations laid down in international radio agreements are strictly adhered to.

On the other hand, the German Government has repeatedly established that intensified agitation against the new Germany is being carried on from the Austrian side, headed by the official press service, which does not refrain from indulging in spiteful vilification.

Regarding the alleged furtherance of "the militant ring of German Austrians within the Reich," the German Government replies that this is a free association of Austrians living in Germany who desire to organize themselves on a National Socialist basis. Any kind of furtherance or support on the part of the German authorities has never taken place. On the other hand, the activity of this association has thus far given no cause for the German authorities to interfere.

The Waldeck-Pyrmont Affair.

The trip of Prince Waldeck-Pyrmont to Vienna is cited by the Austrian Government as proof of a conspiracy against the Austrian Government. Following are the facts:

The counselor of the Legation, Prince Waldeck-Pyrmont, was supposed some time ago to accompany Herr Habicht, with the knowledge and consent of the Austrian Government, to a meeting with the Austrian Chancellor.

After the surprising cancellation of this meeting by the Austrian Legation, Counselor Waldeck-Pyrmont went to Vienna on official business to inform himself about the situation at the Austrian Legation. On this occasion he also visited Herr Frauenfeld (the Vienna Nazi leader), whom he had known for many years, at the latter's home, and met there Count Alberti as well.

How this visit can be represented as a conspiracy against the Austrian State is all the less explicable to the Reich Government because Count Alberti was the leader of the Lower Austrian Heimwehr and is a member of a Government party. (Count Alberti, who was arrested when the meeting was raided, was subsequently ousted from his Heimwehr post.)

Summarizing, the German Government can only express its regret that the Austrian Government has found it advisable to raise serious reproaches, although it could have ascertained their incorrectness from information supplied to it by the German Government on previous occasions.

The action of the Austrian Government has astonished the German Government all the more because the Austrian Government, without awaiting the results of German investigations, has simultaneously with its step in Berlin, engaged other governments in this affair.

If, beyond that, the Austrian Government declares that it must seriously consider turning to the League of Nations, then it must assume the responsibility for such a step. The German Government at any rate is not of the opinion that the problem in hand, the roots of which in the last analysis lie in a purely domestic conflict in Austria, could be the subject of international treatment or could be solved in this manner.

Holland Adheres to Gold Standard.

From The Hague, Feb. 8 the New York "Times" reported the following:

In the upper house to-day Premier Colijn again rejected any form of inflation. The government, he said, intends to adhere to the gold standard and would not even consider legal devaluation of the currency.

In rejecting all monetary experiments the government is convinced it has chosen the right course, officials say, though it is fully alive to the difficulties both the government and trade will have to overcome in reconciling prices to paper currencies of foreign countries.

"Financial and Economic Review" of Amsterdamsche Bank, N. V., of Amsterdam, Holland.

The Amsterdamsche Bank, N. V., of Amsterdam, Holland, recently issued the 38th issue of its "Financial and Economic Review." The "Review," which is issued quarterly by the statistical department of the bank, contains a detailed report on all circumstances that have been of influence on the financial and economic conditions of Holland during the fourth quarter of the year 1933. It is, moreover, usually preceded by an article written by some authority on the subject dealt with. This time an article has been inserted written by Dr. F. E. Posthuma, ex-Minister of Agriculture, Trade and Industry; Chairman of the Dutch National Committee of the International Dairy Union; ex-Chairman of the General Dairy Association of Holland (F.N.Z.), entitled, "The Dairy Industry of Holland."

Two Bond Issues of Dutch Colonial Government to Be Converted into New Guilder 4% Bonds by Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Announcement was made on Feb. 7 by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, that it has received permission from the Dutch Colonial Government to accept for conversion into the new Guilder 4% Bonds, the 40-Year 6% Bonds due March 1 1962, and the 30-Year 5½% Bonds due March 1, 1953, without the March 1 1934 coupon being affixed to the bonds; in other words, with the Sept. 1 1934 and subsequent coupons attached. This is for the convenience of those bondholders who wish to convert by depositing their bonds with the Trust Company as Agent for the Government, on or before Feb. 14, and who have already sent abroad the March 1 coupons for purchase by the Government in Amsterdam at the stated rate of 2.45 guilders to the dollar.

Japan's Curb on Copper Reported Ended by Arms Demands.

Canadian Press advices from Tokio, Jan. 22, to the New York "Times," said:

The Suiyokai, or Japan Copper Producers Association, has decided to abandon the output curtailment agreement that has been in force. The manufacture of war supplies has resulted in constant withdrawals of copper from storage.

At the same time it is revealed that if the plans of the Japan Manchukuo Manufacturing Co. are realized, Japan will soon be self-supplying in magnesium.

"My company has decided to utilize a new manufacturing process, combining the South Manchuria Railway Co.'s process with that of the Japan Chemical Research Institute," stated Elryo Imal, executive director.

Issuance of Share Capital of New Zealand Reserve Bank—Leslie Lefeaux Named as First Governor of Reserve Bank.

Under date of Jan. 31, Canadian Press advices from Wellington, N. Z., said:

The New Zealand Federal Reserve Bank to-day issued a prospectus providing for share capital of £500,000 in shares of £5 each. The lists will be closed on or before Feb. 15 and individual applications are limited to 500 shares. The Federal Reserve Bank will have the sole right from Aug. 1 next to issue notes.

In the London "Financial News" of Jan. 9, it was stated that Leslie Lefeaux, Assistant to the Governor of the Bank of England, has been appointed Governor of the New Zealand Reserve Bank, according to a Reuter message from Wellington. The "Financial News" also said:

Mr. Lefeaux was formerly Deputy-Chief Cashier of the Bank of England. The act setting up the New Zealand Reserve Bank was passed by the New Zealand Houses of Parliament in November. Mr. Coates, the Minister of Finance, defined the objects of the act as to control the Government's monetary policy, to strengthen and co-ordinate the existing banking systems, to provide cheaper credit for the community and to effect savings for the State.

An item regarding the enactment of legislation creating the New Zealand Reserve Bank appeared in our issue of Dec. 16, page 4276.

Market Value of Listed Stocks on New York Stock Exchange Feb. 1, \$37,364,990,391, Compared With \$33,094,751,244 Jan. 1—Classification of Listed Stocks.

As of Feb. 1 1934, there were 1,206 stock issues aggregating 1,292,789,736 shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange, with a total market value of \$37,364,990,391. This compares with 1,209 stock issues, aggregating 1,293,299,931 shares, listed on the Exchange Jan. 1, with a total market value of \$33,094,751,244, and with 1,211 stocks issues aggregating 1,295,027,915 shares with a total market value of \$32,542,456,452 on Dec. 1. In making public the Feb. 1 figures on Feb. 6, the Exchange said:

As of Feb. 1 1934, New York Stock Exchange member total net borrowings on collateral amounted to \$903,074,507. The ratio of these member total borrowings to the market value of all listed stocks, on this date, was therefore 2.42%. Member borrowings are not broken down to separate those only on listed share collateral from those on other collateral; thus these ratios usually will exceed the true relationship between borrowings on all listed shares and their market value.

As of Jan. 1 1934, New York Stock Exchange member borrowings on security collateral amounted to \$845,132,524. The ratio of security loans to market values of listed stocks on that date was therefore 2.55%.

In the following table, listed stocks are classified by leading industrial groups, with the aggregate market value and average price for each:

	Feb. 1 1934.		January 1 1934.	
	Market Value.	Aver. Price.	Market Value.	Aver. Price.
Autos and accessories	2,826,119,613	26.76	2,497,815,580	23.65
Financial	988,459,720	17.84	823,432,138	14.77
Chemicals	3,838,756,912	53.69	3,615,566,312	50.50
Building	337,006,285	21.60	278,426,859	17.84
Electrical equipment manufacturing	926,819,125	22.67	796,225,838	19.48
Foods	2,464,047,916	33.27	2,243,550,784	30.30
Rubber and tires	309,537,784	30.60	269,185,506	26.81
Farm machinery	449,203,812	36.49	400,238,291	32.61
Amusements	157,109,911	11.24	134,321,857	9.71
Land and realty	47,693,190	9.60	38,320,586	7.71
Machinery and metals	1,168,322,639	24.35	1,021,043,599	21.28
Mining (excluding iron)	1,187,888,039	21.65	1,135,844,899	20.70
Petroleum	4,301,743,499	23.50	3,940,079,727	21.52
Paper and publishing	225,178,446	13.40	171,638,727	10.21
Retail merchandising	1,899,353,493	31.29	1,617,241,273	26.64
Railways and equipments	4,406,082,029	38.23	3,704,770,998	32.16
Steel, iron and coke	1,695,436,370	43.04	1,450,707,794	35.86
Textiles	249,454,395	22.25	210,308,873	18.76
Gas and electric (operating)	1,945,474,009	28.02	1,677,502,845	24.17
Gas and electric (holding)	1,272,426,676	13.21	982,540,141	10.20
Communications (cable, tel. & radio)	2,655,652,109	70.63	2,488,543,499	66.19
Miscellaneous utilities	161,820,944	15.95	150,315,179	14.81
Aviation	297,976,457	28.03	256,183,258	24.10
Business and office equipment	14,306,089	6.83	9,097,385	4.35
Shipping services	37,155,530	11.01	27,024,903	8.01
Ship operating and building	78,338,705	13.68	71,342,174	13.68
Miscellaneous business	266,868,525	41.82	227,508,087	33.02
Leather and boots	1,406,841,882	54.29	1,317,665,704	50.83
Tobacco	21,037,706	16.20	15,799,891	12.15
Garments	698,216,028	20.75	627,690,796	18.66
U. S. companies operating abroad	759,352,288	20.42	707,129,233	18.99
Foreign companies (incl. Cuba & Can.)				
All listed stocks	37,364,990,391	28.90	33,094,751,244	25.59

United States Supreme Court Upholds Constitutionality of New York Martin Act with Regard to Subpoena Power of State Attorney-General in Demanding Accounts of Brokerage Houses.

The power of the Attorney-General of the State of New York to subpoena the accounts of brokerage houses was upheld on Feb. 5 by the United States Supreme Court, which denied an appeal to Scully C. Pecot, a partner of Fenner & Beane of New York City, who was convicted under the Martin Act and fined \$1,000 in 1933 for refusing to comply with a subpoena issued by Attorney-General John J. Bennett, Jr. According to the brief filed by attorneys for the brokerage firm, the subpoena asked for the accounts of Fenner & Beane, particularly in regard to the common stocks of the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. and the Chesapeake & Ohio RR. Mr. Pecot questioned the authority of the Attorney-General.

The New York "Herald Tribune" of Feb. 6 notes the Court's decision as follows:

Bouvier & Beale, attorneys for Fenner & Beane, had filed a petition asking for a writ of certiorari in order that the highest court might review Mr. Pecot's conviction. Their brief declared that the Attorney General, having been granted the power of subpoena, "is exercising a judicial function" and "to permit the Attorney General to issue a dragnet subpoena for all of the transactions of the defendant in listed securities on the New York Stock Exchange is equivalent to search and seizure of the property

of the defendant without due process of law, which are forbidden both in National and State constitutions."

The State, which was represented by Henry Epstein, Solicitor General, defended the constitutionality on the basis of a Supreme Court decision of 1926 in the case of *Dunham vs. Ottinger*. Previously, Mr. Bennett and Assistant Attorneys General Ambrose V. McCall and Harry Greenwald had successfully defended the conviction through the Appellate Division and the New York Court of Appeals.

Originally, the case grew out of a complaint by Effie May Meyers, a customer, over her marginal account. The customer complained to the business conduct committee of the Stock Exchange, of which Fenner & Beane are members. The committee found no cause for redress. The inquiry of the Attorney General found no evidence for proceeding, so that the case was a pure test of the subpoena provision of the law.

The case attracted particular attention because the use of subpoenas by the Bureau of Securities is usually the focal point in the Attorney General's method of inquiring into stock trading.

Landlords Whose Tenants Enter Bankruptcy Have No Valid Claim for Rents Under Leases, According to United States Supreme Court Decision.

The United States Supreme Court, in an opinion handed down Feb. 5 and written by Justice Roberts, decided that property owners whose tenants go into bankruptcy do not have a valid claim as creditors for the difference between the amount due under a lease and the amount likely to be obtained from re-renting the property. The decision involved two cases, one of which concerned a lease by Manhattan Properties, Inc., against the Irving Trust Co. as trustee in bankruptcy, and Oliver A. Olsen Co. of New York City, where a future loss of \$33,000 was claimed. The other case concerned Samuel R. Brown of Omaha, Neb., against the Irving Trust Co. as trustee in bankruptcy for the United Cigar Stores Co., involving a claim of \$140,615 for future rents. A Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" said that the Court's ruling was regarded as of great importance in view of large chain store setups which have entered bankruptcy while tenant of many buildings. The dispatch quoted from the decision as follows:

"While there is some color for the claim that bankruptcy is an anticipatory breach of the lease contract, entailing a damage claim against the estate, this cannot be true as respects these independent covenants of indemnity," Justice Roberts said, "for here the landlord does not rely upon the destruction of his contract by the bankruptcy; he initiates a new contract of indemnity by the affirmative step of re-entry. And this new contract comes into being not by virtue of the bankruptcy proceeding, but by force of the act of re-entry, which must occur at a date subsequent to the filing of the petition.

"Obviously this contract of indemnity is not breached by bankruptcy, and cannot be breached until the duty of indemnifying the landlord arises. That obligation cannot be complete until the expiration of the original term. There can be no debt provable in bankruptcy arising out of a contract which becomes effective only at the claimant's option and after the inception of the proceedings, the fulfillment of which is contingent on what may happen from month to month or up to the end of the original term.

"Such a covenant is not, as petitioners contend, the equivalent of an agreement that bankruptcy shall be a breach of the lease and the consequent damages to the lessor be measured by the difference between the present value of the remainder of the term and the total rent to fall due in the future. The covenants appearing in the leases in question cannot be made the basis of a proof of debt against the estate."

Senate Committee Inquiry into Stock Market Trading— Investigation into Affairs of Wayne First National Bank of Detroit, Unit of Detroit Bankers' Co.— Loans to 43 Judges of \$639,631 Reported—Collapse of Bank Ascribed in Part to Alleged Refusal of RFC to Make Substantial Loan and Attitude of Ford Co.—Probe into Detroit Trust Co.

Incident into the inquiry by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee into the affairs of the Wayne Detroit Bank, of Detroit, described as the major unit of the Detroit Bankers' Co., it is stated that loans to 43 Judges totaling \$639,631 were on the books of the bank on Dec. 11 1933, the date of the most recent check-up, according to a Receiver's statement supplied on Feb. 1 to the Committee. A Washington dispatch on that date to the New York "Times," from which we quote, further reported, in part:

The Judges, most of whom are residents of Detroit, were listed among the so-called "policy loans," it was said.

Edward D. Stair, publisher of the Detroit "Free Press," who was President of the Detroit Bankers' Co. in the year preceding the crash in February 1933, and who was a director of the First National, expressed amazement when the exhibit was produced by Ferdinand Pecora, Committee counsel.

"It seems almost inconceivable," Mr. Stair said. He added that he did not know that there were that many Judges in the community.

"Are any Judges among your stockholders?" asked Mr. Pecora.

Witness Pleads Faulty Memory.

"I don't know," replied Mr. Stair, "and if there are I don't know who they are. I know one who was a stockholder. I refer to Judge Tuttle of the United States Court. I know of no other Judge who was a stockholder."

Arthur J. Tuttle is the Senior Judge for the Federal District of Michigan. It was also brought out in evidence from the files of the Comptroller of the Currency that as of June 1932 dividends declared by the First National exceeded the net earnings for the previous five years by nearly \$15,000,000, while in November 1932 loans to directors totaled \$9,262,465, of which \$6,588,192 were direct and \$2,674,273 indirect loans.

The fast approaching collapse was pictured by the national examiners in graphic fashion. The reports teemed with charges of "deplorable con-

ditions," of failure to correct past managerial errors, of the continuance in office of incompetent officials who were described as "fair weather bankers," the declaration of unwarranted dividends, loss of morale, and the making of loans to directors, officers, employees and outsiders which were beyond the pale of good banking.

"Memory Slipping," Says Mr. Stair.

Mr. Stair pleaded ignorance of most of the conditions brought to his attention. He was, he explained, 75 years old and his "memory was slipping."

Mr. Stair was asked if he was familiar with the confidential report made in May 1932 by Joseph V. Verhelle, then Comptroller of the Bankers' Co., in which Mr. Verhelle criticized certain officers, among them Donald V. Sweeney, President, and John R. Bodde, Vice-Chairman of the Board, for their alleged connection with various loaning transactions on the books of the First National. Mr. Stair said he was present at a meeting of the Board when the report was read. A Committee was appointed to investigate the charges, he added, and Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Bodde were exonerated. The Chairman of the Committee was James O. Murfin, and Truman H. Newberry was another member, said Mr. Stair.

In a Feb. 2 dispatch from Washington to the "Times," it was stated that the collapse of the Wayne First National Bank of Detroit, commonly known as the First National, was blamed by the former Chairman of its Board of Directors on the following factors:

1. Refusal of Henry Ford to "play ball."
2. Refusal of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to lend a substantial sum to the bank.
3. An alleged statement of the Chief National Bank Examiner in the Detroit area that the bank had undesirable assets to the amount of \$200,000,000.

The dispatch continued:

These charges were made before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee by Wilson W. Mills, who was Chairman of the Board of the bank when the Michigan banking structure collapsed in February 1933.

"The First National," Mr. Mills testified, "would have opened on Tuesday, Feb. 14 1933, and conducted its business, had it not been for the attitude of the Ford Motor Co., which then stated that if the Guardian (Union Guardian Trust Co.) were not permitted to open, the Ford Motor Co. would withdraw its own and its controlled deposits, amounting to about \$20,000,000, from the First National the first thing Tuesday morning."

Mr. Mills, who was in the witness chair all day, insisted that the bank was solvent at the time it was closed. It was weathering the storm, he declared, when, without warning, the Ford Co. assumed a defiant attitude.

Dawes Bank Aid Cited.

Under cross-examination by Ferdinand Pecora, Committee counsel, Mr. Mills remembered that Henry Ford had given him at least one reason for his attitude, which was that the Government had gone to the aid of "the Dawes bank in Chicago," and there was no reason, in Mr. Ford's opinion, why it should not also come to the rescue of the Detroit institution.

"In spite of all this," Mr. Mills said, "the First National would have re-opened a few days after the holiday, probably on a restricted basis, if it had received aid from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and if the Chief National Bank Examiner (Alfred H. Leyburn) had not said on the first day of the Michigan holiday to some of the depositors of the bank that the First National had so many undesirable assets, when for the first time he listed those undesirable assets as approximating \$200,000,000, even going so far as to list every mortgage, over 50,000 of them, owned by the bank, as among these assets."

Mr. Mills further charged that the Chief National Bank Examiner had approved dividends, which was evidence in his mind that the bank was, in the opinion of the Examiner, solvent.

Bills Payable Issue Raised.

Switching to the statements of the First National in 1932, Mr. Pecora asked Mr. Mills to explain why the bank on June 29 1932 listed bills payable as amounting to \$19,000,000; on June 30, the following day, having entirely eliminated them, and on July 1, the next day, having listed them as \$20,650,000.

"It shows," Mr. Mills replied, "that the bank borrowed about \$20,000,000 on June 29, used it the next day, and the day following that borrowed again."

"In other words, there was a bank call by the Comptroller of the Currency," remarked Senator Couzens.

"It so happens there was a bank call at that time," Mr. Mills replied.

He said it was true that the bank had anticipated a call by the Comptroller and that the bank did not desire to show any bills payable. The money, he said, was the bank's own money and no outside assistance was received, he testified.

On Jan. 31, when the inquiry into the affairs of the Detroit Trust Co. was nearing completion, McPherson Browning, President of the reorganized trust company, was questioned about a \$2,500,000 deposit of the Ford Motor Co. As to this, we quote as follows from the Washington account, Jan. 31, to the "Times":

This deposit figured in December 1932 and January 1933 in an interesting shuttle movement involving the trust company and the Wayne First National Bank, its major unit. Ferdinand Pecora, Committee counsel, asked Mr. Browning who was Chairman of the Board of the reorganized institution.

"Harry J. Fox; he was elected Chairman, I think, in December—that is, a few weeks ago," replied Mr. Browning.

"Did you know," asked Mr. Pecora, "that Harry J. Fox was on the books of the First National as owing \$280,937, of which \$191,144 was charged off, leaving the uncharged-off debt at \$89,793?"

"This is the first knowledge I had of it," replied Mr. Browning.

"You were a director of the First National, and as such did you not know of these loans to officers and directors?" Mr. Pecora asked.

Mr. Browning replied that as a Board member he had little knowledge of transactions involving officers and directors.

Criticized by Examiners.

Resuming the examination this morning of Ralph Stone, Vice-Chairman of the Board of the trust company, the Committee had produced reports of the Michigan Banking Department on the condition of the trust company as of various dates in 1931.

The Examiners had reported the reserves too low and recommended that dividends be deferred until financial conditions improved. Mr. Stone declared every effort was made to meet the criticisms of the Banking Department.

Four certificates of deposit for a total of \$2,500,000 credited to and made payable on demand for the Ford Motor Co. were the subject of prolonged questioning. The Ford Co. presented the certificates for payment on Dec. 29 1932, and, according to the books, redeposited the money on Jan. 3, five days later.

At the same time a deposit of the same amount was made in the First National, which in turn deposited a like amount in the trust company. Mr. Stone admitted that he could not explain the transaction.

"If you had not obtained \$2,500,000 from the First National you would have been practically stripped?" said Senator Couzens.

"Yes, sir," replied William T. Thomas, Treasurer of the trust company, who was seated next to Mr. Stone at the time.

Mortgage Operations Studied.

It was also disclosed that the certificates of deposit made on Jan. 3 were dated back to Dec. 29 1932. Neither Mr. Stone nor Mr. Thomas could satisfactorily explain why this was done. Subsequently, Mr. Browning said it might have been in line with Ford policies not to show too great amounts of cash on hand in statements of that company. This was just a suggestion on his part, he said.

The Committee also delved at some length into the mortgage operations of the trust company, the mortgages held by the company prior to the crash being about 25,000 in number. One item was a \$25,000,000 participation certificate transaction, of which \$5,585,000 was sold to trust accounts.

Mr. Thomas said there was virtually no market value for large numbers of these certificates at this time. The company hopes, he added, to get some aid from the Home Owners' Loan Corporation in the liquidating of these trust obligations.

The "reciprocal deposit" transactions involving units within the Detroit Bankers' Co. were studied at length by the Committee, the Detroit Trust Co. having been the principal trust unit of the Bankers' Co., which, along with its units, collapsed last February.

Mr. Stone did not think these transactions were reciprocal in nature. The Committee was of the opposite opinion, and so was the Michigan Bank Department, as shown by reports of its Examiners read into evidence by Mr. Pecora.

Senate Inquiry into Stock Market Trading—Control of Five Detroit Banks by Detroit Bankers' Co. Reported to Have Been Acquired on Investment of \$1,200—Loan by Chase National Bank.

How the Detroit Bankers' Co., a holding organization, in a little more than three years acquired control of 60% of all the banking resources of Detroit on a total investment of \$1,200 was revealed to the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, on Jan. 24, according to a Washington account on that date to the New York "Times," in which it was further stated:

The Committee heard how 12 men built up one of the greatest banking chains in the history of the Middle West, a chain which snapped in February of last year.

This chain had as its principal link the First National Bank of Detroit, the other major links being the People's Wayne County Bank, the Detroit Security & Trust Co., the Bank of Michigan, and the Peninsula State Bank, all in the Detroit area.

Their branches in the metropolitan district numbered more than 250, while the depositors were in excess of 900,000. At one time the resources of the company were estimated in excess of \$800,000,000.

The man who told the story to-day was John Ballentyne, who was a founder of the Detroit Bankers' Co. and in 1931 and 1932 the Chairman of its Board of Directors. At times he was not a well-informed witness. He could give no reason for the promise of a 17% dividend by the holding company more than two months before it came into legal existence.

Also, he was unable to explain to the Committee why the 12 organizers vested in themselves, for a period of five years, "exclusive voting power in the election and in the removal of directors."

While refusing to testify, he did suggest that this "exclusive provision" may have been adopted to perpetuate the founders of the holding company in office.

\$1,200 in "Trustee" Shares.

The articles of association fixed the capital of the holding company at \$50,000,000, divided into 2,500,000 shares of common stock, in addition to 120 shares at \$10 each. These latter were the "trustee" or controlling shares for the five years following the incorporation of the holding company on Jan. 8 1930.

He testified that the 12 organizers, all prominent in the Michigan banking picture, were the late Julius H. Haass, John R. Bodde, Emory W. Clark, D. Dwight Douglas, Ralph Stone, McPherson Browning, T. W. P. Livingstone, H. L. Chittenden, Fred J. Fisher, William T. Barbour, Wesson Seyborn and himself.

"Now these are the persons who acquired the 120 so-called trustee shares?" asked Ferdinand Pecora, Committee counsel.

"Yes, sir."

Q.—And paying for those shares \$10 apiece, or \$120 per person involved?"

A.—Yes.

Q.—And that was the sole capital with which the Detroit Bankers' Co. commenced business, was it?"

A.—Yes, sir; I believe so.

Witness Hazy on Voting Power.

It was then that Mr. Ballentyne was questioned as to the benefits attached to the absolute voting power vested in the founders of the holding company, and replied he did not see any reason unless it was "to perpetuate themselves in office."

The witness identified a circular letter which was sent to stockholders of the five banks subsequently merged to form the Detroit Bankers' Co., in which the directors of those banks recommended to stockholders that they exchange their stock for stock of the holding corporation to be organized.

It said the holding company proposed to pay 17% dividends annually. Senator Couzens took up the questioning, saying:

"I would like to ask you if you think it was a well-considered policy to put \$725,000,000 in resources and \$90,000,000 of capital in the hands of 12 men for five years on an investment of \$1,200."

"I thought at the time it was. I do not know whether I do to-day or not," Mr. Ballentyne replied.

When Mr. Pecora asked "by what process of reasoning, calculation or otherwise" the founders of the Detroit Bankers' Co., three months before the company came into legal existence, fixed the dividend rate at 17%, payable quarterly, the witness replied:

"I would like to answer, but I cannot."

Q.—Again, what were the factors that induced you, as one of the 12 founders, to agree in advance on a 17% dividend rate?

A.—At that time we were in a very desperate depression. Who knew how long it would last? Certainly we got no counsel from headquarters.

"What headquarters?" interrupted Senator Couzens.

"Washington. Prosperity was just around the corner. We did not know how long it would last," was the reply.

Senator Couzens and Mr. Pecora remarked that the bank collapse and stock market crash had not taken place on Oct. 5 1929, the date of the circular.

Depression "Around Corner."

"On Oct. 5 depression was just around the corner, but nobody knew it; is that it?" asked Mr. Pecora.

"Yes; I guess that is true," was the answer.

At the afternoon session most of the time was used up tracing the \$7,000,000 debt the Detroit Bankers' Co. inherited when it absorbed the First National Co., an investment affiliate of the First National Bank. On Dec. 31 1930 the records showed that the debt had been transferred, \$3,000,000 to the Detroit Trust Co. and \$4,000,000 to the Chase National Bank in New York.

The Chase loan was paid off in the next year.

In the New York "Herald Tribune" of Jan. 25 it was stated:

Loan Repaid Two Years Ago.

At the office of the Chase National Bank last night it was said that the \$4,000,000 loan to the Detroit Bankers' Co., referred to in testimony before the Senate investigators, was repaid in full nearly two years ago, according to the Associated Press.

Detroit Trust's Status Altered—Now Independent, Harry J. Fox Points Out.

The following is from the Detroit "Free Press" of Feb. 1:

Independence of the Detroit Trust Co. of any bank, investment or holding company was emphasized anew by Harry J. Fox, Chairman of the Board, in a statement Wednesday.

Mr. Fox also declared that the operations of the company during the past two months, since its reorganization was effected on Dec. 1, "have been very satisfactory, showing a substantial gain in business and fine operating profits. Prospects for the future are very bright."

Mr. Fox was placed at the head of the new Detroit Trust following the recent reorganization. He had previously been conservator. He declined to comment on the testimony Tuesday of Ralph Stone, Chairman of the former Detroit Co. and now Vice-Chairman of the reorganized institution, before the Senate Banking Committee.

Mr. Fox's statement follows:

"The Detroit Trust Co. is an independent trust company. It sells no securities, has no banking business, accepts no deposits. It operates strictly as a trust company, unassociated with any banks, investment companies or holding companies. We are entirely independent of anybody.

"We have no bond department.

"The Detroit Trust Co. concentrates all of its activities on the management of properties under trust or fiduciary agreements, on the business administration and settlement of estates under appointment as executor, administrator, guardian and trustee under wills.

"If we go into the market, we buy where we can get the cheapest. We have no affiliation with anybody, just as the company was in the days before banking mergers in Detroit."

George V. McLaughlin Regards United States as One-Third of Way Out of Depression—Before New York State Bankers Association Says Chief Cause of Anxiety Is Heavy Deficit of Federal Government and Prospect of Enlargement of Public Debt—Finds Recovery in Other Lines Has Not Helped Earnings of Banks.

Addressing as President, the New York State Bankers' Association, at its mid-winter meeting in New York City on Feb. 5, George V. McLaughlin, President of the Brooklyn Trust Company, made the statement that, "the only real threat to our National solvency lies in the possibility that President Roosevelt will be prevented [by Congressional opposition] from applying the brakes to Government spending when the proper time comes." Mr. McLaughlin regards as "the chief cause of anxiety now—the heavy deficit of the Federal Government and the prospect of enlargement of the public debt to about 32 billion dollars by the middle of 1935." He observed in his address that, "thus far the recovery which is so apparent in other lines, has not helped the earnings of banks," which he says were "poorer in 1933 than in 1932." This he ascribes to two principal causes—"a scarcity of good credit risks and the handling of much unprofitable business by the banks." He added that "an improved demand for legitimate credit will naturally follow a few months behind in an improvement in general business and prices. Some evidence of this may already be seen in the increased volume of commercial paper and acceptances outstanding." The following is Mr. McLaughlin's address in full:

The Association is holding its mid-winter meeting a little later than usual this year, in order that we might view with a somewhat better perspective the important financial history which has been in the making during the past few weeks. Not for several years, perhaps, will we be able to look back on the present time and render a true appraisal of the

significance of recent developments in the light of their ultimate consequences. But the fog is lifting, and our vision seems to be improving. Some see red lights ahead, but who can say that they will not be "green" by the time we reach them?

In the seven months since our last meeting at Lake George, there has been a noticeable improvement in our state of mind—in our psychology, as some say. The business curve was shooting upward last June, but most of us said, "this is temporary; it can't last." We were worried, then, about impending disasters which later proved to be wholly imaginary. Now we have seen the business curve dip down from July to November only to rise anew in December and January, and our blind fears of a bottomless abyss ahead are beginning to dissolve.

The action of President Roosevelt last week in fixing a definite gold value for the dollar and restoring the country to a modified gold standard has been a powerful stimulant to reviving confidence. It has gone far toward removing the fear of wild inflation on the one hand, and of financial panic on the other.

If, as some claim, the revaluation of the dollar is inflation, then it is the least harmful form of inflation that we could have. As against the warnings of the prophets who said that dollar devaluation would adversely affect bond prices, we need only look at any recognized index to see that average values have reached the highest level since 1931.

To sum up the general situation, it would seem to be a fair estimate to say that we are one-third of the way out of the great depression, provided that we accept the averages of 1926 as a normal. Though we may not realize it, average market values of industrial common stocks, when adjusted for split-ups and stock dividends, are almost back to the 1926 level, and are higher than at any time before the so-called "Coolidge Market" began in 1924. Bond prices, which are a matter of great importance to the banking community, have recovered more than half of their loss between 1930 and last March.

The physical volume of industrial production has recovered one-third of its loss between 1926 and 1932. Average wholesale commodity prices have recovered 31% of the decline between 1926 and last March. Factory employment likewise has recovered one-third of the shrinkage between 1926 and last March. It is estimated that at least 3 million of the 13 million persons who were unemployed a year ago have gone back to work. Electric power consumption has resumed its old rate of expansion of 10% per annum, and railroad traffic has made up about one-fifth of its loss between 1926 and 1932.

Foreign trade, in terms of dollar value, has recovered to about the average 1931 level. Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment has helped business and improved the Government's revenue. Real estate and building construction have shown the least recovery, but even in that field there are signs of improvement.

The chief cause of anxiety now seems to be the heavy deficit of the Federal Government and the prospect of enlargement of the public debt to about 32 billion dollars by the middle of 1935. It is not so much the size of the prospective debt, but rather the possible difficulty of controlling it that is the real source of danger. We need only to remember that if the World War had lasted a year longer than it actually did we would have had a debt of at least 32 billion dollars in 1920, and possibly more, without the offsetting assets which the Government surely will own in 1935.

The only real threat to our National solvency lies in the possibility that President Roosevelt will be prevented from applying the brakes to Government spending when the proper time comes. Personally, I have no doubt that the President will have the courage to call a halt, but he may face strong Congressional opposition at that time.

It is true that thus far the recovery which is so apparent in other lines has not helped the earnings of banks, which were, on the whole, poorer in 1933 than in 1932. We believe that this is due to two principal causes—a scarcity of good credit risks and the handling of much unprofitable business by the banks. An improved demand for legitimate credit will naturally follow a few months behind an improvement in general business and prices. Some evidence of this may already be seen in the increased volume of commercial paper and acceptances outstanding.

The problem of the elimination of unprofitable business has been a matter of much concern to the Association, and its N. R. A. Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Payne has co-operated whole-heartedly with the American Bankers Association and the National Recovery Administration in attempting to bring about adoption of uniform schedules of service charges as authorized in the Bankers Code of Fair Competition, of which Mr. Payne will tell later in the afternoon.

In order that I may not infringe upon the time of others on the program, I shall not attempt to tell you about the numerous other activities of the Association, concerning such matters as legislation, bank costs, agriculture, etc., but instead shall let the experts speak for themselves.

I do, however, want to express my personal thanks to the members present, who, according to Mr. Brown, have made this the biggest meeting from the standpoint of attendance that we have had in several years. It is gratifying, too, to note that our Association is growing, at a time when very few things in the banking business are showing plus signs. The number of our members has increased from 849 last June to 879 at present, a net increase of 30. This, to my mind, can signify but one thing—namely, that the spirit of intelligent co-operation in banking is reviving, and I think we can all agree it augurs well for our future.

Withholding of Credit by Banks May Result in Government Supplanting Banking Institutions According to Jesse H. Jones of Reconstruction Finance Corporation—Congress He Says May Yield to Demand that RFC Make Direct Loans to Borrowers—Preferred Stock and Capital Notes in 6,000 Banks Held by RFC.

In a speech in which he said, "there is no thought of dictating management or of coercion as to bank policies or bank investments," Jesse H. Jones, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation added that he would "be less than frank" if he did not say that "the President would be greatly disappointed if the banks do not assume their full share in the recovery program by performing all the functions that banks are intended to perform, and that of course includes providing credit where credit is needed." Mr. Jones who spoke at the banquet of the New York State

Bankers' Association, at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City on Feb. 5 declared that "the common cry almost everywhere is that the banks are not lending. Your representatives in Congress continually get it," he said, "and there is a persistent demand upon them to authorize the R. F. C. to make direct loans. Unless deserving borrowers can get credit at the banks," he added, "you need not be surprised if Congress yields to this pressure." Earlier in his remarks Chairman Jones said, "as I see it, if the banker fails to grasp his opportunity, and to meet his responsibility, there can be but one alternative—Government lending. The question therefore follows," he went on to say, "will our banking be continued in private hands, or of necessity be supplanted by the Government? The answer is with you—the banker." Mr. Jones in his address stated that "much has been accomplished in rehabilitating our banking system." "To date," he said, "the R. F. C. has acquired preferred stock and capital notes in approximately 6,000 banks, representing an investment of a billion dollars. It is our purpose," said Mr. Jones, "to continue the preferred stock program until every bank in the United States has had an opportunity to increase its capital." Referring to deposit insurance he asserted that for people of small and moderate means it is highly desirable, "and as applied to this class of depositors, should never be repealed." The banquet at which Mr. Jones spoke was held incident to the mid-winter meeting of the New York State Bankers' Association. In full Mr. Jones' address follows:

I feel very much honored in being afforded an opportunity to address this important body and wish to express due appreciation to your President, Mr. George McLaughlin, for extending me the invitation.

I am fully aware that many of you—most of you in fact—know a great deal more about banking than I do, but because of the rather intimate relationship that I have had with banks throughout the country during the past two years, I probably know more about banks than most of you, and these remarks are intended for all banks and bankers. Also I speak as a banker as well as Chairman of the R. F. C.

The economic breakdown made it necessary that we all take more than ordinary interest in our banks. The strain has been severe and many banks were forced to suspend, and while in some instances suspensions were due to poor management, generally speaking it was the result of conditions.

Happily all of this is now behind us, but as in the case of any other great catastrophe, there is much re-adjusting, rebuilding and reconstructing to be done before society can settle down to a normal state—and the banker must take the lead.

In the very nature of our economic system, the banker is the leader in practically all phases of business for the reason that he holds the credit purse strings. The activity of business and industry depends in large degree upon the measure of actually available current credit. Current bank lines and bank credit are necessary to all business. A few of the more important industries may be able to finance themselves without borrowing from banks, but the volume of their business will be curtailed, if the average person is unable to borrow on character, or on the kind of security that the average person possesses. Only a small percentage of people in business can have Stock Exchange collateral, Government bonds, or a credit rating that provides the ideal bank loan.

Because the banker has the power to extend or withhold credit, he has greater responsibility in the recovery program and in maintaining that recovery than any, save President Roosevelt himself. I appreciate that our bankers have been through a terrific ordeal and have felt their responsibility to depositors, but if we continue waiting on the side-lines for complete recovery and assured values, readily marketable, naturally there can be no recovery.

I should like especially to call your attention to the example President Roosevelt has set for us, and is setting every day—the example of courage, confidence, neighborliness and action. I doubt if there is a parallel in the history of the world, and by that very courage and confidence, action and determination, he is succeeding. There is no ally that he needs quite so much to achieve and maintain recovery, as the banker. In fact, as I see it, if the banker fails to grasp his opportunity and to meet his responsibility, there can be but one alternative—Government lending. The question therefore follows, will our banking be continued in private hands, or of necessity be supplanted by the Government? The answer is with you—the banker.

I would be the last man in the world to advise loose credits or unsound banking, but am of the opinion that too little credit and too severe terms at this time would be worse than too much credit. No one must be allowed to suffer for a lack of food or clothing or shelter; or become mendicants for the lack of credit for agriculture, business and industry, small as well as large, and including those instances that carry a little more than the average business risk.

Our standard of living has advanced to the point—and very properly so—where everyone can and should enjoy some of the luxuries of life as well as its necessities. None of us would have it otherwise.

I am fully aware that much of our trouble came from too easy credits, but there is a happy medium if we bankers have the wisdom to know it. Banking should be conducted more in a spirit of public service than purely for profit; it should be more a profession than a business involved with speculation.

The calling of the banker should be little less sacred than that of the minister. Normally we think first of our souls and our families, and next of our money. It is the minister's job to help us save our souls and keep us out of the pitfalls of sin. It should be the banker's job to help us save our money and keep us out of the pitfalls of speculation and unsound investments.

In theory we all agree that the banker should be scrupulous in his trusteeship of the depositor's money, and of the investor's money when he is called upon to act in this capacity. In practice he should be no less scrupulous.

Banks are public agencies, subject very properly, to strict State or National supervision. We frequently hear complaints about too much bank

supervision, but in the light of what we have just gone through, it is not easy to substantiate that charge.

I appreciate that bank examiners, both National and State, frequently criticize or condemn perfectly sound items, but my observation has been that these same examiners fail to find as many items that could very properly be criticized; and that upon the average bank supervision has been too lax rather than too severe.

I should like to add that when a man chooses banking as his life work, especially banking where deposits are accepted, he should turn his back on any expectation of ever accumulating a large private fortune.

Those are not entirely hindsight observations, but principles to which everyone can subscribe. The epitaph "A good banker" is worthy the highest aspirations of any of us.

In the experience from which we are just recovering, some of our bankers went too far in one direction and some in the other. The policy of ruthlessly forcing collections, broke many hearts and useful citizens, and in many instances unnecessarily destroyed the savings of a life time.

On the other side was too easy credit, and in that case the depositor was forced to contribute. It is an open question as to which was the worst policy.

But that is history, and we must now concentrate on a single purpose—economic recovery. With deposit insurance in effect, there is no longer any occasion for extreme bank liquidity. Deposit insurance for people of small and moderate means is highly desirable, and as applied to this class of depositors, should never be repealed. It makes bank runs improbable, if not actually impossible, and is worth whatever it costs.

The R. F. C. made it possible for a great many banks to have their deposits insured and I am glad to say that we had the co-operation of the great New York City banks in our preferred stock program; a little tardy, a little hesitant, but when it was made clear to them that they could render a public service and incidentally one that in all probability would redound to their own good, they became patriotic and joined the program, many not actually needing the capital. I regret to say, however, that there are some bankers of the critical type especially in the cities, who place their own selfish interests and profit above the public good and refuse to participate.

Some of these top bankers (meaning the big city banker) are too superior. They arrive at their exalted positions usually by reason of long service sometimes by ability. After they arrive, they too often lose the common touch and are disposed to frown upon the things that helped them along. If I were called upon to make a suggestion to this type of banker I should say that he should daily strive for the greatest of all human traits—humility. We should make up our minds that there is to be no millenium in banking.

Government's Attitude Toward Banking.

It has been suggested that I say something about the Government's attitude toward banking. Insofar as the R. F. C. is concerned, and President Roosevelt, the Government has, and has had, only two objects in view in its preferred stock program. One to strengthen banks in the interests of depositors, and the other to place banks in such a strong capital position as to enable them to assist in the recovery program by providing legitimate credit for agriculture, business and industry.

There is no thought of dictating management or of coercion as to bank policies or bank investments. I would be less than frank, however, if I did not say that the President would be greatly disappointed if the banks do not assume their full share in the recovery program by performing all of the functions that banks are intended to perform, and that of course includes providing credit where credit is needed and can be extended with reasonable safety. Too strict credit rules and too short maturities will greatly hinder recovery.

There is never a day that the R. F. C. does not have applications for individual and industrial loans that are perfectly sound. They are not loans that normally would be liquidated within a few months, but many of them could be made by the local banker and could be liquidated, if the borrower is given reasonable time and notice.

Demand on R. F. C. to Make Direct Loans to Borrowers.

The common cry almost everywhere is that the banks are not lending. We get it on every side. Your representatives in Congress continually get it, and there is a persistent demand upon them to authorize the R. F. C. to make direct loans. Unless deserving borrowers can get credit at the banks, you need not be surprised if Congress yields to this pressure.

Unfortunately many who want to borrow cannot offer proper security and certainly in such cases banks should not grant the loans, but if we will go back to first principles of banking, where every banker takes care of his own customers and his own locality, lending at home, supporting and developing the farmers, merchants and industries of his own neighborhood, the credit situation will, to a very large extent be relieved, and employment provided for millions of people. It should be remembered that it is the money borrower, the man upon whom most of you look askance when he comes into your bank, who employs people, buys materials, and makes for better business. I wonder how many bankers are taking a real interest in their customers to the extent of inquiring of them as to whether or not they could use some money. I make this observation for the reason that it is so commonly understood that banks are not lending that many who would like to borrow and could give acceptable security, do not apply to the bank because they do not want to be refused.

By reason of the fact that there has been such complete stagnation in business and industry during the last few years, much plant modernization and some building could very properly be carried on if the money was available on fair terms with which to pay for it. Some of this probably should be long time financing but much of it could be provided by the banks.

I wonder if the trouble is not in part that we are still suffering from shell shock—still afraid? Of what, I am unable to divine. If property, and that takes in every scope of investment, has no value upon which to lend, then our money can have no value. But this is not open to question. Our property, has value and our money has value. It will always be so in America. Furthermore, the depression is over and we are assuredly on the upgrade.

You probably think by this time that I am of the impression that banks are not extending enough new credit, and you are entirely right. Up until a few days ago we justified our course with one excuse or another. But now that the President and Congress have acted on our money, there is no longer any valid reason for hesitation, and the Government should not be forced to become the banker for every deserving borrower in the United States. Let's also quit worrying about the dollar—it's the best money in the world.

Much has been accomplished in rehabilitating our banking system, but there are corrections yet to be made. To date the R. F. C. has acquired

preferred stock and capital notes in approximately 6,000 banks, representing an investment of a billion dollars. It is our purpose to continue the preferred stock program until every bank in the United States has had an opportunity to increase its capital. We must have a strong banking system—strong in capital as well as liquidity—and this applies to all banks. Furthermore no form of Governmental assistance will be more helpful or more lasting than this added bank capital, which really means working capital for business and industry far in excess of the Government's investment.

Regardless of how liquid a bank may be, a proper ratio must be maintained between sound capital, and deposits. A bank with more than seven or eight times as much deposits as it has sound capital, subjects both its stockholders and depositors to unnecessary hazards for the reason that if a proper proportion of the deposits are employed, the margin of safety becomes too small. If the deposits are not employed, business and trade is denied that amount of available credit, and to that extent the bank becomes merely a depository.

There is another point I should like to mention and that is the unwillingness of banks to show borrowed money. It is their business to borrow as well as to lend, and they should be no more reluctant to do the former than the latter.

We have a Federal Reserve System—the best banking system in the world—entirely owned by its member banks, and they should not hesitate to make use of all its facilities. It was designed to mobilize the entire banking resources of the country so that excess cash in one locality would serve the credit requirements of another. The Federal Reserve prevented a complete breakdown in the finances of our country during the World War. In fact it made it possible for us to fight and win the war. We now seem to make very little use of it except that it serves as a nation-wide clearing house and at times is useful in open market operations, as an investor in Government bonds, etcetera.

When the Federal Reserve Act was passed and for some years afterward, we had commercial paper especially intended for eligibility in the Federal. The portfolios of our banks now contain a very small percentage of such paper. To meet this changed condition, the law has been liberalized to make it possible, in certain situations, for banks to borrow from the Federal on any kind of collateral acceptable to the Federal Reserve Bank management. Failure to apply and use these more liberal conditions has denied much helpful credit to trade and industry.

To serve business, industry and agriculture, a well-managed bank should borrow or rediscount at least seasonally. We country bankers are too prone to follow the lead of the city banker, both in the fear of borrowing, and the desire to show very strong liquid positions. For this reason the city banker has a greater responsibility.

Public Debt.

Some of the more conservative of our people are concerned about the size of our National debt, and to my way of thinking, unnecessarily. The public debt is now approximately 25 billion dollars, with offsetting and earning assets due the R. F. C. and Public Works sufficient to reduce this amount to less than 22 billion dollars. Adding 10 billion included in the President's extraordinary budget, will bring the total indebtedness to not more than 32 billion dollars. The interest on this at 3% is slightly less than a billion dollars a year, and if it was necessary to amortize the entire amount in say 35 years, the added annual cost would be \$320,000,000, or a yearly outlay of approximately \$1,300,000,000.

When it is considered that in 1929 the income of the American people was 89 billion dollars and in 1932—the low year—40 billion dollars, this National debt is not a serious problem. It is fair to assume that with recovery already assured, the Nation's income may safely be calculated at 65 billions, 2% of which would completely extinguish the National debt in 35 years.

I have tried to discuss the banking situation and credit needs of the country as it appears from my point of view, and to appeal to bankers for constructive leadership in the President's program of recovery and to help hold every inch of ground gained, as we gain it. It seems to me that the time has come when we can with confidence, take a broad view of the whole situation and follow the President's lead. The banker must be the leader, the morale builder and the one who really decides most of our business problems.

And let us not forget as we go about our daily lives now, the debt of gratitude that we owe to the man in the White House—to his wisdom, his courage, and his determination to end human suffering and give us in fact, a New Deal.

We are living in a new world this February compared with last February and if we support the President as we should, and follow his leadership, there need never be a repetition of the distressing conditions through which we have just passed.

Part of 1933 Bank Act Repealed by Senate—Relieves Officials from Ownership of Stock.

The following Associated Press advices from Washington, Feb. 6, are taken from the New York "Herald Tribune":

The Senate to-day passed and sent to the House the Fletcher bill repealing that part of the 1933 Banking Act requiring directors, trustees and members of the governing boards of Federal Reserve member banks to own stock in their banks in amounts varying with capitalizations.

It would leave in force a law requiring the directors to own at least \$1,000 of such stock in banks with a capital of \$25,000 or more, or \$500 if the capital is less than \$25,000.

The provisions repealed required ownership of \$2,500 if the capital was more than \$50,000; \$1,500 if less than \$50,000 and more than \$25,000, and \$1,000 if less than \$25,000.

Eightieth Anniversary Celebrated by James Talcott, Inc. Feb. 8—Organization Was Formed in 1854—Is Now One of Leading Factory Concerns in United States.

James Talcott, Inc., one of New York's oldest and largest textile factoring firms, celebrated its 80th anniversary on Feb. 8. The business was founded in 1854 by the late James Talcott, and was incorporated in 1915. J. Frederick Talcott, son of the founder, is President and Chairman of the board of directors. A summary of the career of the organization follows:

The history of the firm virtually parallels that covering the development of the textile industry in America in regard to the financing of mill production and distribution. James Talcott, the founder of the business, was but 19 years of age at its inception, having come to New York from Hartford, Conn. to sell the product of a small knitting mill in which he and his older brother were interested. His success was so marked that within a few years he was handling the entire output of many other mills, both in this country and abroad. As a logical outgrowth he was increasingly concerned with supplying working capital to meet the expanding volume of business enjoyed by these mills. In time the supervising of credits and the cashing of sales came to be the principal business of his firm, a policy which has been followed in the enlarged sphere of present conditions by James Talcott, Inc.

For nearly 50 years James Talcott occupied the five-story building at 108-110 Frankling Street. Since 1911 the firm has been located at 225 Fourth Avenue, with annexes in various industrial centers. It is to-day handling the credit-financing of several hundred mills and reports the largest and most profitable volume of business in its 80 years of history.

New York City Bank Stocks Recovered During January in Sharpest Rally Since August 1932.

Staging their sharpest rally in any month since August 1932, New York City bank stocks outstripped the general market in the January recovery, Hoit, Rose & Troster report. The firm said that its weighted average of 17 leading issues opened Jan. 2 at 39.69 and closed Jan. 31 at 50.64 for a net gain on the month of 10.95 points, or 27.6%. This compares with net gains of 6.8%, 21.5% and 16.6%, respectively, for the Dow-Jones industrials, rails and utilities. Compared with their 1933 low of Dec. 26 New York City bank stocks show a net advance of 44.4%. The firm continued:

Chase National featured the month's advance, showing a net gain of 48.7%. Other issues to show gains above the average were: Public National, 39.2%; Manufacturers Trust, 38.7%; Brooklyn Trust, 37.3% Empire Trust, 35.0%; National City, 34.5%; Chemical, 31.1%; Irving Trust, 29.7%, and Guaranty Trust, 29.5%.

Based on closing bid prices, the range for January 1934 was as follows:

BANK STOCK RANGE—JANUARY 1934.

	Open and Low Jan. 2.	Close and High Jan. 31.	Open and Low Jan. 2.	Close and High Jan. 31.
Bankers Trust.....	50¾	63¾	15	20¼
Brooklyn Trust.....	67	92	1185	1430
Central Hanover.....	109 ½	125 ½	251	325
Chase.....	19 ½	29	13 ½	18
Continental.....	11 ¾	14 ½	23 ½	29 ¾
Chemical.....	29 ¾	39	14 ¾	20 ¾
City.....	21 ¾	28 ¾	75 ¾	90 ½
Commercial Nat'l.....	115	140	19 ¾	27 ½
Corn Exchange.....	41	50 ¾		
			Weighted average.	39.69
				50.64

1933 RANGE.		1932 RANGE.	
High, Jan. 10.....	62.19	High, Sept. 7.....	70.76
Low, Dec. 26.....	35.06	Bear market low, May 31.....	31.34

Attitude of Committee of New York State Bankers Association Toward Amendments to State Banking Law Recommended by Superintendent of Banking.

At the mid-winter meeting of the New York State Bankers' Association in New York City on Feb. 5 a report of the Association's Committee on State Legislation was presented, embodying the Committee's views on amendments to the State Banking Law recommended by State Superintendent Broderick. The Committee's report follows:

Your Committee has addressed itself to the consideration of the recommendations for amending the Banking Law contained in the annual report of Superintendent Broderick for the year 1933. In this report he makes 17 specific recommendations and we give below our comments on each of them.

Your attention is called to the fact that specific bills embodying these recommendations of the Superintendent were not available to your Committee when it met, and members of the Association are urged to ask their Assemblymen to furnish them with copies of these bills and any other measures which amend the Banking Law. You are urged to study them and make known your views on them to your representatives in the Legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMENDING BANKING LAW.

1. Branch Banking.

The Superintendent renews his recommendation of last year that the banks be permitted to establish branches in their own and adjoining counties, and that banks having capital and surplus of \$25,000,000 or more be permitted to establish branches anywhere in the State, provided that no branches be permitted in towns where a bank already exists, except through the process of taking over the existing bank. In all cases the Superintendent would require the approval of himself and the Banking Board before permitting the establishment of a branch.

Your Committee is opposed to the extension of the branch banking privilege in the State of New York beyond the territorial limits now permitted until and unless the over-establishment of branch banks, either State or National, is properly guarded against. In our judgment, existing laws do not furnish this safeguard, nor is it within the power of the State Legislature to provide this safeguard until Congress has taken further action.

The only limitation imposed by the Banking Act of 1933 on the Comptroller of the Currency in the establishment of National bank branches is a territorial limitation. If the State of New York permits State-wide, trade-area or county-wide branch banking, then the Comptroller may establish as many National bank branches within such territorial limits as he shall see fit, without regard to any other limitations or restrictions which might be imposed by the State, and without the consent or approval of any State authority. In other words, when we permit the establishment of State branches within any territorial limits, then that territory is wide open for the unrestricted establishment of National bank branches.

Your Committee favors the establishment by Federal and State law of some definite limitation upon the authorization of banks or branches thereof, in both Federal and State systems, based upon population, wealth and (or) business activity in the particular community involved.

We favor some such limitation as is set forth in the annual report of the Superintendent of Banks for the year 1932, wherein he states, "in our opinion, neither State or National branch banks should be established, except on the concurrence of the State, National and Federal Reserve authorities," or as is suggested in the resolution adopted by the State Banking Board under date of March 23 1933.

We urge Congress to amend the Banking Act of 1933, in such manner as will effectually prevent the over-establishment of banks or branches thereof in any community, and that State legislation along similar lines follow thereafter.

2. Affiliated Securities Corporations.

The Superintendent recommends that the law be amended to prevent affiliation between banks and corporations engaged primarily in the business of buying and selling securities by the following means:

- (a) Limiting loans to such corporations to the same extent as provided for by the Banking Act of 1933 for members of the Federal Reserve System.
- (b) Prohibiting the issuance of stock certificates which represent an interest in the capital stock of such a corporation.
- (c) Prohibiting an officer of a bank from serving as an officer of such a corporation.

Your Committee believes these recommendations are sound and they have its approval.

3. Reduction of the Number of Directors.

The Superintendent recommends that the maximum number of directors be reduced to the number permitted by the Banking Act of 1933; namely 25 directors.

Your Committee believes this is a move in the right direction and approves the recommendation.

4. Removal of Officers and Directors.

The Superintendent recommends that he be empowered to remove officers, directors and trustees with the approval of two-thirds of the members of the State Banking Board, after a hearing before the Board, if such officers, directors and trustees, are found to be guilty of persistent violations of the Banking Law, or responsible for the continuation of unsound practices.

Such power is granted to the Federal Reserve Board by the Banking Act of 1933, and your Committee agrees that the State Banking Board should have this means of enforcing its regulations. The recommendation is approved.

5. Investments in Stocks of Corporations.

The Superintendent recommends that banks and trust companies be prohibited from investing in stocks of corporations, with certain exceptions, such as the stock of the Federal Reserve Bank and Safe deposit companies.

Such a provision in the State Law would bring it into conformity with the Federal Law, and your Committee approves this recommendation. However, we suggest that the bill embodying this recommendation include a provision preserving the right of trustees to invest trust funds in stocks, where the documents establishing the trust relationship permit it.

6. Authorization for Membership in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The Superintendent recommends that the law be amended to authorize banks, trust companies, savings banks and industrial banking companies to hold the stock of and become members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

While we approve this recommendation, we call the attention of our Legislature to the fact that the Permanent Insurance Fund provided for in the Banking Act of 1933 represents a serious threat to the soundness of all the banks in this State, in that it permits unlimited assessments against sound well managed banks to pay the losses of any bank which may become insolvent in any State in the Union.

The members of this Association at their Convention last June passed a resolution opposing the unlimited assessment provision of the law which reads as follows:

"Resolved, That the New York State Bankers Association record its opposition to that portion of the Glass-Steagall Bill which permits of the unlimited assessment by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation against the capital funds of banks and that the officers of the Association be instructed to make suggestions and recommendations to the proper authorities for the amendment of this portion of the bill so that the maximum amount of liability of any one bank for any year will be fixed."

7. Authorization for Membership in the Federal Reserve System.

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the law be amended to authorize savings banks and industrial banking companies to hold stock of and become members of a Federal Reserve bank. Your Committee approves this recommendation.

8. Loans to Officers.

The Superintendent recommends that loans to its own officers by a bank or trust company be prohibited and that executive officers be required to report to the Chairman of the Board of their institution any indebtedness to any person or corporation.

All members of your Committee approve this recommendation except Messrs. Perry Wurst and George Merrill, who favor the proposed amendment so far as it relates to salaried officers in every day charge of the management of banks and trust companies, but, do not believe it should be made to apply to the many Presidents and Vice-Presidents of small town banks who are not salaried, who are men successfully engaged in other business in which they come in close contact with the people in their community and whose banking activity consists in attending a weekly committee meeting and monthly directors' meeting.

Messrs. Wurst and Merrill believe such officers should not be prohibited from borrowing for their seasonal requirements, but should be required to furnish approved collateral. If the Superintendent is empowered to remove officers and directors as recommended, this power should aid the Department to control the situation without working a hardship on many small banks through either losing inactive officers valuable for their influence and knowledge or through losing the accounts of such officers.

9. Investments in Banking Buildings.

Mr. Broderick recommends that the investment in bank buildings be limited to the amount of a bank's capital, which is the limitation contained in the Banking Act of 1933.

While your Committee agrees that the law should contain some limitation, it believes that the Superintendent's recommendation would prove unworkable in some cases. We suggest that the law be amended to provide that no bank without the approval of the Superintendent may invest more than one-half of its capital and surplus in its building.

10. Double Liability on Bank Stocks.

The State Banking Board has passed a resolution urging the Governor and the Legislature to take immediate steps to bring about the repeal of the clause of our State Constitution which requires double liability for the stock of State banks and trust companies.

Your Committee approves the position taken by the Banking Board in its resolution.

11. Authority to Issue Preferred Stock.

The Banking Board has also passed a resolution stating that in its opinion the law should be amended to permit banks and trust companies to issue preferred stock.

Your Committee agrees that the law should be so amended.

12. Inter-Bank Deposits.

The Superintendent recommends that the present restriction as to the amount of deposits which a bank or trust company may carry with another such institution be liberalized.

Your Committee approves this recommendation and suggests that the law be amended to permit a bank or trust company to carry up to 50% of its capital and surplus with a reserve depository, and that the Superintendent be empowered to authorize a larger percentage when he deems it to be in accordance with sound banking.

13. Borrowing Directors.

The Superintendent recommends that a director who borrows from his own institution be required to keep a statement of his financial condition on file with it.

A bill embodying this recommendation has been introduced in the Legislature. It provides, however, that no statement need be filed if a director furnishes collateral.

All members of your committee approve this bill except Judge Overocker who believes that the law should not permit any exceptions.

14. Branch Officers for Savings Banks.

The Superintendent recommends that savings banks be permitted to maintain deposit and withdrawal stations within county limits and branches in their own and adjoining counties if and when similar power is given to banks and trust companies.

Your Committee has stated its views fully on the subject of branch banking and makes no comment on this recommendation.

15. Re-incorporation of Finance Companies.

The Superintendent recommends that finance companies which now operate under the Investment Article of the Banking Law be permitted to re-incorporate under the Stock Corporation Law.

Your Committee approves this recommendation.

16. Guaranty Fund of Savings and Loan Associations.

Your Committee approves the recommendation that Savings and Loan Associations be required to maintain larger guaranty funds than heretofore.

17. Examination of Savings and Loan Associations.

Your Committee also approves the recommendation that the boards of directors of Savings and Loan Associations be required to examine their institutions periodically.

In addition to the bills embodying the recommendations of Mr. Broderick, various other measures affecting banks have been introduced in the Legislature and they will be considered by the Committee. Among them, are several which would prohibit a bank from acting as receiver or trustee in bankruptcy. The Committee is opposed to bills of this character which seek to restrict unnecessarily the charter powers of the banks and trust companies of the State.

Committee on State Legislation.

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Federal Legislative Committee of New York State Bankers' Association Urges that Adoption of Permanent Plan of Deposit Insurance Be Deferred and that Temporary Fund Be Continued for Three Years—Commends Manner in Which Provisions of Banking Act Have Been Administered.

In a report presented at the mid-winter meeting of the New York State Bankers' Association, held in New York City Feb. 5, the Association's Committee on Federal Legislation, while indicating that it "is opposed in principle to deposit guaranty," "recognizes that the banking system of the country is still in a period of convalescence from the shock of recent crises. The Committee records its opinion that deposit insurance on a nation-wide scale is experimental in nature, and should be given an adequate trial under varying conditions before being made a permanent part of the American banking system." It recommends that the permanent plan of deposit insurance, which will become operative under the law on July 1 1934, be deferred, and that the life of the temporary fund be extended for a period of three years from July 1 1934.

The Committee's recommendations follow:

1. That the life of the temporary fund now in operation be extended for a period of three years from July 1 1934, on which date it will come to an end under the law as it stands.

2. That the so-called permanent plan of deposit insurance, which will become operative on July 1 1934, under the existing law, be deferred as long as the temporary fund continues in operation.

The Committee recommends that the following changes be made with respect to certain other Sections of the Banking Act of 1933:

"Section 2. The term 'affiliate' should be re-defined and clarified so as to exclude organizations which obviously have no direct connection with a member bank or the business thereof.

"Section 22. The exemption from double liability of National bank stock issued after the date of enactment of the Act should be extended to apply to all National bank stock issued both before and after such enactment.

"Experience has shown that the double liability of bank stockholders affords no appreciable protection to bank depositors in event of insolvency, and the Committee believes that the continuance of such liability tends to discourage the investment of capital in bank shares.

"Section 31. The provision requiring every director of a bank, after July 16 1934, to own not less than \$2,500 par value of the stock thereof when the bank's capital exceeds \$50,000, and not less than \$1,500 of the par value of the stock thereof when the bank's capital exceeds \$25,000 but does not exceed \$50,000, should be amended to require the director to own not less than \$1,000 par value of the stock of the bank of which he is a director. The Committee believes, on the basis of evidence brought to its attention, that many able and desirable directors of banks would be forced to resign if called upon to make additional subscriptions or purchases of stock at this time."

The remainder of the Banking Act of 1933 contains much that is obviously in the interest of sound banking practice, and the Committee is not recommending other changes at this time.

Regarding its attitude toward the Banking Act, the Committee says:

Your Committee was appointed pursuant to a resolution adopted at the last annual convention of this Association, which directed it to study the operation of the Banking Act of 1933 and the regulations promulgated thereunder, and to make such suggestions and recommendations as it might deem wise.

Inasmuch as this Act represented the most important Federal banking legislation enacted in many years, and with the probability that any further banking legislation considered by the current session of Congress will be more or less closely related thereto, it was deemed advisable for the Committee to assume the title as well as the functions of the standing Committee on Federal Legislation.

In our study of this legislation and the administration thereof during the seven months that have elapsed since our last annual convention, we have been impressed by the fairness and efficiency with which the instrumentalities of the Federal Government have moved in the execution of their various functions relating to banking. The Committee, therefore, has nothing but praise for the manner in which the Banking Act provisions thus far effective have been administered. We are frank to confess that many of our earlier fears have proved groundless.

The following is the membership of the Committee on Federal Legislation:

George V. McLaughlin, Chairman, President Brooklyn Trust Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.

George C. Cutler, Vice-President Guaranty Trust Co., New York City.

E. C. Donovan, President Auburn Trust Co., Auburn, N. Y.

Mark M. Holmes, President Exchange National Bank, Olean, N. Y.

George Overocker, President Poughkeepsie Trust Co., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Horace C. Flanigan, Vice-President Manufacturers' Trust Co., New York City.

W. W. Schneckenburger, Vice-President Marine Trust Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Interest on Savings Deposits to Be Reduced to 2½% Under Ruling Adopted by Milwaukee Clearing House Association—Rate Heretofore 3%.

Interest on savings deposits will be paid at the rate of 2½% compounded semi-annually, effective March 15 1934 under a ruling adopted Feb. 1 by the Milwaukee Clearing House Association. It is anticipated that all banks in Milwaukee County will comply with this new rule. The present rate is 3%. Charles J. Kuhnmuensch, President of the Association, in announcing the rate adjustment said:

This action is made necessary by the prevailing slack demand for business loans and by the low yield on Government and other securities. The revision is in line with similar adjustments which have already been made by clearing-house associations in many leading cities.

It is pointed out that Chicago and Minneapolis banks reduced their interest rates to 2½% more than a year ago. The announcement in behalf of the Milwaukee Clearing House also says:

Within the past six months some New York banks have adjusted rate to 2½% and others to 2%. In Wisconsin, banks of the Fox River Valley, as well as banks in Madison and other cities, have likewise reduced their interest rates to 2½%.

Milwaukee banks have consistently endeavored to continue payment of the 3% rate, hoping for an increase in the demand for money by commerce and industry sufficient to eliminate the necessity of a rate revision.

Stressing the importance of interest rates in relation to sound bank operation, Mr. Kuhnmuensch pointed out that "reserves and surpluses must be maintained in order to assure the continued strength and stability of the banking structure in any community."

President Roosevelt Makes Known Plans for Formation of Export Bank Through Funds to Be Supplied By RFC—Designed to Facilitate Foreign Trade Particularly With Soviet Russia, South America and Balkan States.

The creation of an export bank, through funds to be supplied by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation were announced at Washington during the past week. At his press conference on that day President Roosevelt made known the plans, and Jesse H. Jones, Chairman of the RFC, also explained what was planned. The proposed bank is designed for the financing in part of exports, particularly to Soviet Russia, South America and the Balkan States, although, said a Washington dispatch on that date to the New York "Times" President Roosevelt made it clear that the project, as originally planned, related chiefly to Russia.

Mr. Jones said that the bank also might finance some imports from the Soviet Republic. The "Times" dispatch continued:

While no official would estimate the amount of capital that might be put into such a bank, \$300,000,000 was a figure reely mentioned in well-informed quarters.

The President emphasized that there is no idea of granting straight credits to Russia or of financing exports completely. Exporters will be required to take some of the risk, and commitments will be made to them as American business firms rather than to foreign Governments, whether the Soviet or others.

Jones Explains Plan.

Mr. Jones told newspaper correspondents that credits of three to five years for exporters are contemplated. This accounted for a decision, made public by the President, to incorporate the bank under the laws of the District of Columbia instead of under the Edge Act, the usual vehicle for incorporating such banks, which would limit the term of commercial credits.

"We are trying to find a way to finance both exports and possibly imports to Russia and to some other countries," Mr. Jones said. "Whether it will all be done through one corporation or whether we shall have separate corporations for different countries has not been decided. It may take the form of a sort of trading bank, a bank that could extend credit to our exporters and importers, guarantee bills in a limited way, and in general share the credit risk with the exporter and when necessary provide a part of the financing.

"In all probability, it will take on the form of the Commodity Credit Corporation, to be operated within the RFC, but with a special management. It is contemplated that the Government will own all of the stock; the amount of stock will be flexible, depending on the need and what can be used to advantage. It could not be an enormous amount.

No Additional Funds.

"We do not contemplate asking any additional funds from Congress or from the President. We think that it can be handled with the resources of the RFC and those requested under the President's budget message.

"As regards the amount of the Government risk, we will trade with the exporters to the amount that they need in order to be able to carry through their commitments, but what the Government agrees to take will be without recourse on the exporter himself.

"In our plan the exporter will deal with the customer in making the sale and putting his goods in these foreign markets, and will deal with this bank of ours regarding the credit.

"The RFC will pass on the credits supplied, but in this case perhaps only on the extension of the capital and the funds needed."

The proposed bank was commended to-night by John Abbink of the Business Publishers International Corp. and Chairman of a Committee of Export interests.

On Feb. 1 President Roosevelt, it is stated, called into conference Chairman Jones to discuss the creation of the proposed agency. Advices to this effect were contained in a Washington dispatch Feb. 1 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" which also said in part:

William C. Bullitt, American Ambassador to Soviet Russia, and John Wiley, counsellor of the Embassy at Moscow, also participated in the conference, giving rise to the belief that the export expansion program would be concentrated upon trade with the Soviet Government.

Ambassador Bullitt indicated keen interest in the proposal, which definitely shapes the projected trade expansion with Soviet Russia. He said he did not take a large part in the discussions but "listened to Mr. Jones explain the arrangement."

The Ambassador is scheduled to return to Moscow about February 15, and it is thought the proposed agency will be in operation by that time.

Cotton Sale Unconfirmed.

Inquiry in informed quarters here and in Washington yesterday failed to bring confirmation of reports originating here that arrangements had been made for the financing of the sale of 500,000 bales of raw cotton to the Soviet Government through private banking organizations in New York.

Any further trading with the Soviet is very likely to be done with the aid and probably under the supervision of some division of the Federal Government, it was learned authoritatively. This view is shared by officials both of the Soviet Government and by executives of Amtorg Trading Corp., which is the Soviet's agency for commercial transactions in the United States, as well as by informed industrialists and Federal officials who have interested themselves in the possibilities for trade which were opened up by Soviet recognition.

New Legislation Ready.

For some months it has been apparent that in order to achieve any substantial trade with Russia or other foreign countries some agency under Government auspices and Government financing must be set up. This will require new legislation. A number of Senators and Congressmen are in favor of such legislation and are understood to be ready with the necessary proposals.

RFC Exchange Guarantee Considered for Exports.

From the New York "Time" of Feb. 4 we take the following:

Government guarantees covering 100% of the exchange risk assumed by exporters in selling goods abroad are under consideration in Washington in connection with the foreign trade-financing plan announced there Friday, it was learned yesterday. Those who worked closely with the Government in developing the export-financing plan which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will carry out have been informed that Federal officials will guarantee as much of the commercial credit risks as possible, but are determined to lift the burden of exchange hazards from the exporters' shoulders.

Upward of \$350,000,000 in commercial credits, extended by American companies, according to recent estimates, are tied up abroad through exchange restrictions of one kind and another. The heavy drain which this sum puts on exporters' resources would be lifted by the reported Federal plan.

Marked Improvement in Earnings of Corporations for 1933 Over 1932 Seen by National City Bank of New York.

Pointing out in its February letter that "earnings reports of corporations for 1933 thus far published indicate in most cases a marked improvement over 1932" the National City Bank of New York adds:

A preliminary tabulation of some 350 industrial companies, engaged in various lines of manufacturing and trade and having an aggregate net worth of \$6,534,000,000, shows combined net profits, less deficits, of approximately

\$163,000,000 in 1933 as compared with a deficit of \$41,000,000 in 1932 for the same companies. The 1933 profits represented an average rate of return upon net worth of 2.5%. The proportion of concerns operating at a profit rose from 43% of the total in 1932 to 62% in 1933. Many representative companies went into the black last year for the first time since 1929 or before, while many others still operating in the red reduced the amount of their deficit.

Judging from the early reports, the industries that enjoyed the best earnings last year were those engaged in producing articles for immediate consumption, including cotton goods and other textiles, shoes, meat packing and miscellaneous food products, also automobiles, paper and petroleum. Results in wholesale and retail trade were better. The heavy industries, such as steel, building materials, electrical and other machinery, railway equipment, &c., continue to lag; nevertheless many companies have shown some improvement, either by cutting their losses or by turning in small profits. An important factor in the gains last year was the rise that occurred in commodity prices, contrasting with the decline during 1929-1932 which necessitated heavy writing down of inventory valuations. The downward readjustment in capitalization and in fixed assets by many companies has enabled them to reduce operating and overhead charges sufficiently to show a profit on a much smaller volume of business than formerly.

Banking Situation Similar to 50 Years Ago, According to Rand, McNally, in Its 50th Anniversary Number.

In its 50th anniversary number "Rand McNally Bankers Monthly," Chicago, publishes a comparison of the bank situation in 1884 compared to 1934, and on these six points 1934 and 1884 are almost exactly similar:

- An abundance of capital.
- A scarcity of good loans.
- Excessive liquidity in banks.
- Low rates on loans.

Congress was considering monetary problem legislation in 1884 and has a monetary problem in 1934.

The 50-year review records events in banks and National Finance of interest to those who are working on the country's problems to-day.

"Rand McNally Bankers Monthly" points out that it has stood for the following principles during its 50 years of publication:

A sound but flexible National currency (1884-1934); the liberal use of bank checks for the transfer of credits (1887); liberal reserves for contingencies (1888); directors must give adequate attention to the directing of the bank's policies (1893); good practices must be promoted by the banks, rather than left to legislators who are not well equipped to write laws that will protect both banks and customers (1928); a compulsory system of deposit guaranty is not desirable (1908) (1932) (1933); Government savings banks are not desirable (1886); legislation should not curtail the effectiveness of State banks (1886); a National unity of the banking system is essential (1884-1934); State bankers associations should be promoted (1885); a central bank essential (1891); a study should be made of currency and banking (1891); departments of economics and finance should be encouraged in universities (1890); banks should not give too liberal a share of earnings to depositors as interest on savings (1928); service charges are essential to continuous bank earnings (1928); bank management should be studied systematically (1928).

In another article in this anniversary number, the magazine reports bright prospects for much better banking in the future.

General Johnson Said to Have Given Preliminary Approval to Definition of Service Charges Following Conference With Banking Code Committee—Fair Trade Rules Must Be Revised by the Groups Submitting Them.

Preliminary approval of a definition of service charges and a standard formula to be used in the analysis of checking accounts, submitted by the Banking Code Committee, has been given by General Johnson, said a Washington dispatch Jan. 31 to the New York "Times," which went on to say:

This is with the understanding that the fair trade practice provisions of the various schedules are to be returned for revision to the city and regional clearing house associations or other groups submitting them.

The announcement was made by the Recovery Administration to-day, after a series of conferences with the Banking Code Committee.

"The revision of these schedules is to be along the lines that are best suited to each locality and are to be fair and equitable to both the depositors and the banks according to their local conditions," said General Johnson.

"The revised schedules are to be resubmitted through the Banking Code Committee for my approval. When so submitted they will be given consideration by me, with an opportunity by any parties interested to present objections to the service charges as determined as to the standard formula, with a public hearing to be called if it is deemed necessary.

"The hearing tentatively set for Feb. 16 has been canceled."

"Service Charges" Defined.

The definition of the term "service charges" is as follows:

"The term 'service charges' is hereby construed to apply only to the determination of the method of compensating the banks on checking accounts, either in the form of adequate balances or charges.

"These 'service charges' are to be determined by the application of a uniform rule or formula.

"Any other charges or analysis factors which banks may wish to make or use for services not specifically provided for in the code and which are not set forth in this rule or formula shall be a matter of determination by individual banks, or by clearing house agreement and shall not be controlled by Code Authority."

Cost Factor Formula.

The standard formula for determining cost factors is as follows:

- "1. Accounts and results of operation shall be reviewed for the purpose of determining whether the bank is compensated for the service rendered to the customers.
2. The following factors shall be taken into account in the review:
 - "(a) The average daily ledger balance.

"(b) The actual amount of such balance as is available for loan or investment purpose after deduction of float and reserve.

"(c) The rate of income which shall reflect the earning value of these funds when invested, subject to adjustment to meet varying interest rates.

"(d) Expense of collecting checks and other items deposited, debiting items and other usual and special services.

"(e) Other expenses of the bank applicable to these accounts.

Customer Has Option.

"3. If the result indicates that the account is being carried by the bank at a loss the customer shall have the option of adequately increasing the balance carried or of paying a charge which will reasonably compensate the bank for the service rendered.

"4. To avoid the necessity of making detailed calculations with respect to each small account, banks may require a reasonable minimum balance to be carried by the depositor, and if such balance is not maintained shall make an equitable charge.

"5. A direct charge shall be made for all out-of-pocket expenses, such as exchange, collection and other charges arising out of specific transactions for specific customers and actually paid or credited by the bank on behalf of such customers."

Ronald Ransom, Chairman of the Banking Code Committee, said the clearing house and bank rules in effect prior to Dec. 29 1933, and not suspended by General Johnson's order of that date, were still effective, but did not bear the approval of the Administrator.

Increased Membership for Representatives of ABA on NRA Banking Code Committee—Action Pursuant to Order of Gen. Johnson.

Pursuant to an order of General Hugh S. Johnson, Administrator for Industrial Recovery, increasing from 15 to 25 the representatives of the American Bankers Association on the Banking Code Committee, President F. M. Law of the Association announced on Feb. 2 the following additional members:

Carl W. Allendoerfer, Vice-President First National Bank, Kansas City, Missouri.

E. J. Bowman, President Daly Bank and Trust Company, Anaconda, Montana.

Charles H. Deppe, Vice-President Fifth Third Union Trust Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Paul S. Dick, President United States National Bank, Portland, Oregon.

P. B. Doty, President First National Bank, Beaumont, Texas.

A. P. Giannini, Chairman of Board Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association, San Francisco, California.

W. C. Gordon, President Farmers Savings Bank, Marshall, Missouri.

W. A. Kennedy, President First National Bank, Pomona, California.

Charles E. Spencer, Jr., Vice-President First National Bank, Boston, Massachusetts.

William C. Tompkins, Auditor First National Bank, St. Louis, Missouri.

The 15 members of the committee originally appointed and who remain without change are as follows:

Ronald Ransom, Executive Vice-President Fulton National Bank, Atlanta, Georgia, Chairman.

Orval W. Adams, Vice-President Utah State National Bank, Salt Lake City, Utah.

L. A. Andrew, Vice-President First State Bank, Mapleton, Iowa. Address: Royal Union Life Insurance Company, Des Moines, Iowa.

Philip A. Benson, President Dime Savings Bank, Brooklyn, New York.

Benjamin J. Buttenwieser, Partner Kuhn, Loeb & Company, New York City.

John B. Byrne, President Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company, Hartford, Connecticut.

J. R. Geis, President Farmers National Bank, Salina, Kansas.

Robert M. Hanes, President Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

P. D. Houston, Chairman Board American National Bank, Nashville, Tennessee.

Percy H. Johnston, President Chemical Bank & Trust Company, New York City.

Thomas B. McAdams, President Union Trust Company, Baltimore, Md.

Abner J. Stilwell, Vice-President Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Ill.

Henry A. Theis, Vice-President Guaranty Trust Co., New York City.

George O. Vass, Vice-President Riggs National Bank, Washington, D. C.

O. Howard Wolfe, Cashier Philadelphia National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.

Frank W. Simmonds, Deputy Manager American Bankers Association, New York City, Secretary.

The modification of the Code, under which the above additions are made, was ordered by General Johnson January 22, and provides that the Committee shall consist of not more than 25 representatives of the American Bankers Association, three representatives of non-members to be selected in a manner approved by the Administrator, and a representative or representatives without vote appointed by the President of the United States. The Code originally provided for 15 members from the Association, one representative of non-members and one or more representatives without vote appointed by the President.

National Committee Named to Administer Investment Banking Code Under NRA.

Members of the Investment Bankers Code Committee, to administer the investment banking code under the NRA, were announced on Feb. 7 by Robert E. Christie, Jr., President of the Investment Bankers Association of America, following a conference with officers of the NRA. The Committee consists of 21 members and is designed to be fully representative of all parts of the country and of all types of investment banking houses. The personnel of the Committee includes both members and non-members of the Investment

Bankers Association, the non-member committeemen having been temporarily appointed by the Administrator, pending an election to be held in the near future and participated in by all assentors to the Code who are not members of the association. The committee is as follows:

Francis A. Bonner, Bonner, Troxell & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Arthur H. Bosworth, Bosworth, Chanute, Loughridge & Co., Denver.
 George W. Bovenizer, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York
 Sydney P. Clark, E. W. Clark & Co., Philadelphia.
 Robert E. Christie, Jr., Dillon, Read & Co., New York.
 Edward J. Costigan, Whitaker & Co., St. Louis.
 Harry S. Grande, Grande, Stolle & Co., Seattle.
 B. Howell Griswold, Alex. Brown & Sons, Baltimore.
 Edward H. Hilliard, J. J. B. Hilliard & Son, Louisville.
 W. Hubert Kennedy, Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis.
 Lamartine V. Lamar, Lamar, Kingston & Labouisse, New Orleans.
 Lawrence H. Marks, New York.
 Frank McNair, The N. W. Harris Company, Chicago.
 Robert H. Moulton, R. H. Moulton & Co., Los Angeles.
 Daniel W. Myers, Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland.
 Joseph R. Swan, Guaranty Company of New York, New York.
 Henry B. Tompkins, Robinson-Humphrey Company, Atlanta.
 Frank Weeden, Weeden & Co., San Francisco.
 Sidney J. Weinberg, Goldman, Sachs & Co., New York.
 George Whitney, J. P. Morgan & Co., New York.
 Orrin G. Wood, Estabrook & Co., Boston.

It is to this Code Committee, it is announced, that the Governors of the Investment Bankers Association will refer the fair trade practice regulations that have been drawn by the drafting committee, which, under the Chairmanship of Col. Allan M. Pope, has been working on this problem for more than three months. The Code Committee will then review the proposed rules and when that work is completed, the regulations will be submitted to a vote of the security dealers of the country who have signed the basic code. Mr. Christie on Feb. 7, said:

"An extensive system of dealer registration, the districting of the country into 16 regional areas, to facilitate enforcement of the code, and means of curbing high pressure selling are some of the many proposals made in the fair practice rules. The drawing of a set of rules wholly practical and fair is a tremendous job. However, much has been accomplished and the board of governors of the Investment Bankers Association will consider at its meeting in Chicago February 10 many proposals for the elimination of questionable practices and for the advancement of investment banking.

"Registration of dealers, as now tentatively proposed, would be voluntary. Any dealer could register or not, just as he chose. The objective would be to make registrations so desirable that every dealer would seek and guard the privilege. While no dealer would be barred from registration he could remain on the list of registered dealers only so long as his dealings were fair and upright. If guilty of unfair practices the code committee could remove him from the list. Thus the registration list would gradually develop as a guide and safeguard to the public. It is not sufficient alone that fraudulent securities be eliminated. Unscrupulous individuals can make a security of highest quality the innocent means of a questionable transaction. Hence the need for a registration provision in order that there may be a check on individuals as well as a check on the character of securities.

"The code authority may, of course, make any arrangement it wishes for the enforcement of the code. The fair practice rules, however, propose that the code committee would appoint regional committees in each district as a local aid in enforcement and as a means of affording the code committee close contacts with the investing public and with security dealers.

"The Investment Bankers Association has spent many years and a great deal of money in trying to devise methods of salesmen's compensation that would develop the highest type of salesmen and service in the investor's interest. All the experience of the association is at the command of the code committee in any attempt that it may make to curb high pressure selling.

"The drafting committee has literally combed the record of the securities business to ascertain objectionable practices. They have pointed the fair practice rules directly and definitely at the correction and eradication of these practices. It would be surprising if the rules now proposed should succeed in correcting all evils and we believe that as time goes on new regulations may have to be drawn or old ones modified. However, a thoroughly conscientious job has been done and I believe that the result will be a set of rules that are sound, constructive and entirely in the public interest."

Previous items relative to the I. B. A. Code appeared in these columns Dec. 9, page 4130, Dec. 23, page 4455 and Feb. 3, page 782.

W. Randolph Burgess of Federal Reserve Bank of New York Denies Charges that Banks Have Been "Niggardly" in Extending Credit to Customers—Misleading to Refer to Reserve Banks as Private Banks—Number of Banks in Operation in U. S. To-day 15,000 Compared With 30,000 Twelve Years Ago—With Excess Reserves Nearly a Billion Dollars and Tendency Toward Increase Feasibility of Problem of Credit Control.

Taking cognizance of the fact that "every few weeks some one makes the accusation that the banks have been niggardly in extending credit to their customers," W. Randolph Burgess, Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, referred on Feb. 5 to the operations of the Reserve Bank as providing "some test of the extent to which good loans are being made or refused by banks in this locality." Citing what had been done during the period from the middle of 1932 until the end of 1933, Dr. Burgess concluded with the remark that "it seems to us a reasonable deduction from this experience that generally speaking eligible borrowers entitled to bank credit are being provided

for by the commercial banks." Since we are giving further below Dr. Burgess' speech in full, we omit here his resume of applications for loans, and amounts granted.

Discussing the situation as to the money market and Treasury financing Dr. Burgess noted that indebtedness at the Federal Reserve banks is less than \$100,000,000, (the smallest since 1917) and that "in addition member banks now hold excess reserves over and beyond the legal requirements, larger than ever before." "These excess requirements" he went on to say "now total nearly a billion dollars, and are more than 50% above legal requirements." He pictured "an increase rather than a decrease in these reserves," and expressed the view that "the prospect is for such an ample supply of funds that eventually we may face a difficult problem of credit control." Dr. Burgess finds that the number of banks in the country has been approximately cut in half in the past dozen years—that whereas there were over 30,000 in 1921 and 1922, the number has now been reduced to less than 15,000 fully open for business." Dr. Burgess' speech was delivered at the mid-winter meeting of the New York Bankers' Association, held in the auditorium of the New York Federal Reserve Bank on Feb. 5. He spoke under the title "The Banking Situation," and his address in full follows:

Any bankers to-day who are still in the banking business may well consider themselves battered but triumphant veterans. In banking we have been through a struggle for existence and have witnessed a survival of the fittest. The bankers of this district have been fortunate compared with the bankers of other sections. In the country as a whole the number of banks has been approximately cut in half in the past dozen years. In the years 1921 and 1922 there were over 30,000 banks in the United States. That number has now been reduced to less than 15,000 fully open for business. There has thus been a reduction of over 50%.

In this district the largest number of banks was reached in 1927 and 1928 when there were 1,348 commercial banks in the district. This number has decreased to 1,104 on Dec. 31, a decrease of 18%. About two-thirds of this decrease is due to suspensions. While this is far from a perfect record, it, nevertheless, compares favorably with the record for the country as a whole.

You may be interested in knowing the comparative records of member and non-member banks over this period of years. In the country as a whole the number of member banks shows a decrease of 34% compared with high figures for 1922, whereas the non-member banks show a decrease of 52%. In this district member banks show a decline from the high in 1928 of 14% and non-member commercial banks of 27%. As a consequence of these changes a larger proportion of the banks of the country now belong to the Federal Reserve System than at any previous time in our history. 40% of the commercial banks in the United States are members and 73% of the banks in this district. In terms of banking resources member banks show a far higher percentage.

I have burdened you with these figures because the banking position seems to me one of the most important phases of the country's whole economic situation. The collapse of the banking system certainly contributed to the severe depth and duration of the depression. This crisis was in no small measure a banking crisis. The money which business uses in this country is bank credit and since 1929 the volume of bank credit has been reduced 30%.

Disintegration of Banking System Stopped.

The important thing to note to-day is that the disintegration of the banking system is stopped and the process of rebuilding has been well begun. The acute crisis was passed when the banks were reopened in March. But on Jan. 1 an almost equally important dead line was passed; a new confidence was established when a vast majority of the licensed banks was admitted to deposit insurance. All the member banks were admitted and all but very few of the non-member banks. The non-member banks have been admitted only after searching examination and after they have been put in solvent condition by the injection of new capital funds when necessary. Banks now operating under the deposit insurance plan may again feel easy as to the reasonable stability of their deposits and may again devote themselves to their normal banking business instead of concentrating all their attention upon a defense of their position. This means that banks may look about more freely for the profitable employment of their funds. The great deflation of credit was stopped after the banking holiday. We may now reasonably expect an expansion of bank credit. Nothing could be more important for the economic life of the nation.

While we are all greatly relieved by the passing of this dead line, there are further jobs to be done. Before July 1 all member banks are being examined to see that they are put in thoroughly sound condition before entrance into the permanent insurance fund. You will be interested to know that a large number of the member banks in this district have already made application to sell preferred stock or capital notes to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. No banker needs to fear that he will be lonely or conspicuous by taking this step. The essential basis for recovery in this country is that the banking system shall be not simply solvent, but in a position to expand credit to meet the needs of expanding business. Towards that end many, if not most, of the banks will find it advantageous to increase their capital.

For the future there are other problems to consider. We must be sure that the banking difficulties of recent years do not recur. There is not time to-day for a detailed discussion of the causes of our troubles. Certainly one principal trouble in banking was that there were too many poor banks. In this respect we are suffering from the sins of a generation ago. One sin was to believe that almost any group of men with a little capital should be allowed to start a bank. The figures are startling. In 1900 we had less than 10,000 banks in this country. In the following decade that number was doubled, and from 1910 to 1920 it was again increased from about 20,000 to over 30,000. In those years of rising prices and great rural prosperity all too many banks were started by promoters to fill a vacant store or to provide a job for somebody. Many such banks enjoyed brief seasons of prosperity, but in the long run banking is carried on most successfully by trained bankers. A large number of the banks which have failed in recent years were established in those two rash decades.

The weakness in the banking system is revealed by the fact that the disintegration of the system began long before this depression. Even the prosperous years from 1922 to 1929 were marked by large numbers of bank closings. The depression put to the test a weakness which had been all

too obvious. When the Federal Reserve System was established it was superimposed upon a poor banking system. The Reserve banks were given only limited supervisory powers, but the law still left responsibility for the supervision of the banks in the hands of the Comptroller of the Currency for National banks and 48 State Supervisors for State banks. Two-thirds of the banks remained outside the system. The depression has at last brought these weaknesses vividly before the public consciousness.

We have made great progress in cleaning up the mess. Many weak banks have been wiped out as well as some good banks. Those remaining have been or are being strengthened. Beyond this, we need, as far as banking organization is concerned:

1. Assurance against starting too many weak banks in the future.
2. More adequate supervision—not a present problem in this State, but important in many.
3. Sound banking service in communities now without banks.

Without attempting to discuss these three points at length, I should like to say again what representatives of this bank and of the Federal Reserve System have said a number of times in the past, that in the long run we can best avoid too many and too poor banks, and can get better supervision, by a unification of our banking system. On the third point I believe the most practicable means for supplying banking service to areas which have been denuded of banks is a reasonable extension of branch banking.

Perhaps even more important, however, than form of organization is continued unremitting attention to quality of management, and if one were asked to name the most important qualification for management it would, I believe, be concentration on the banking business. The experience of recent years has pretty conclusively demonstrated that bankers should be bankers rather than speculators, security salesmen, or real estate operators. The Banking Act of 1933 includes a valuable section which places restraint upon the borrowing of money by bank officers. It's a good rule and if it had been generally in practice would have saved the banking profession from much odium. Incidentally, we have had a rule like that for many years in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Money Market and Treasury Financing—Excess Reserves and Problem of Credit Control.

Turning to a quite different aspect of the banking situation, let me say a word about the money market and Treasury financing. The reserve position of the banks of the country is now stronger than for many months. Indebtedness at the Federal Reserve banks in all districts is less than \$100,000,000, the smallest figure since 1917. In addition, member banks now hold excess reserves, over and beyond the legal requirements, larger than ever before. These excess reserves now total nearly a billion dollars, and are more than 50% above legal requirements. On these reserves a very large expansion of credit could be built before there arose any need for rediscounting at the Reserve banks or liquidating assets. Recent tendencies for gold to move to this country and for currency to return from hoarding have all been towards an increase rather than a decrease in these reserves. In fact, the prospect is for such an ample supply of funds that eventually we may face a difficult problem of credit control.

There are thus two important features of strength in the banking system. First, the confidence of depositors in the banks has been restored with their entry into the deposit insurance fund, and second, the bank reserve position is tremendously strong. The great deflation of banking and credit has been stopped and we are ready to move forward.

The most important task that confronts the banks immediately is that of financing a very large Federal budget. This task will fall primarily upon the banks. Only so will these large expenditures result in the expansion of credit which is needed to stimulate greater business activity. Broadly speaking, the banks are in better position to carry through this undertaking than are individual investors, whose income and resources have been so greatly reduced. The Treasury has indicated its intention of following traditional methods of financing and selling securities of a maturity and yield which will be well adapted to the needs of the banks. In view of the strength in the banking position the present financing program appears to be well within the capacity of the banks. It is a large order but it can be filled without interfering with the power of the banks to serve their regular customers. This whole program has been greatly aided by the restoration of the primary essentials of the gold standard.

Bank Credit to Customers.

Still another phase of the banking situation I should like to mention briefly. Every few weeks some one makes the accusation that the banks have been niggardly in extending credit to their customers. One of the operations of this bank has provided some test of the extent to which good loans are being made or refused by the banks in this locality. In the middle of 1932 the Federal Reserve Act was amended to give the Reserve banks power in unusual and exigent circumstances to make loans to individuals under certain conditions as to eligibility of the paper and the security for it, and provided the borrower was unable to secure accommodation from a commercial bank.

Operating under this law, we made every endeavor to extend credit wherever it could be done safely and in accordance with the law. From the middle of 1932, when this law became effective, until the end of 1933 we received 1,286 applications for loans. The first examination disclosed that the great majority of these applications were for personal loans or for mortgage loans or funds for other capital purposes, and were not in any sense short time commercial loans as required by the law. We found that only 250 of the applications had sufficient merit to call for detailed investigation. These 250 selected applications involved a sum of only \$9,525,000. After a thorough investigation we decided we could properly run the risk of making loans to 14 borrowers involving a total commitment of \$1,417,000, of which \$806,000 was actually borrowed. Not quite half of this amount has been paid off. In our endeavor to make every loan possible under these emergency provisions, we made loans to two concerns which have since gone into receivership. It seems to us a reasonable deduction from this experience that generally speaking eligible borrowers entitled to bank credit are being provided for by the commercial banks.

Activities of Federal Reserve Bank in Past Year.

Before I close I wish that I could give you some picture of the activities of this Bank during the past year. At the time of the banking holiday we turned our medical department into a dormitory where the officers and a number of the staff of the bank took the few hours sleep we were able to get, and for many days at a time some of us did not leave the Bank. During the holiday we faced the problem of reviewing the position of the member banks to determine what ones could be recommended for immediate licensing. In succeeding months we have given what aid we could in the reopening of those banks which were not immediately licensed. Mr. S. G. H. Turner of Elmira and Mr. B. P. Turnbull of Summit joined our staff for a number of weeks to assist on this problem. To aid in this work we doubled our staff of examiners and have lent a number of people to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. At all times we have worked in close co-operation with the State and National supervisors who have carried through most effectively and devotedly an enormous volume of difficult and detailed work. One division of our staff has handled the mechanical

work for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, receiving all collateral and making all disbursements. We have handled here over \$1,000,000,000 of RFC loans.

In another field, we organized for the Secretary of the Treasury an office for foreign exchange control, being aided in this undertaking by Mr. Fred I. Kent who brought to this service his unusual experience and capacities. Later we undertook operations for the Treasury and RFC in the purchase of gold. During the year we have constantly advised with the Treasury on the large program of Government financing, approximately one half of which has been carried through in this district. As fiscal agent we have served as banker for all Government emergency financial organizations. In addition all our usual operations were greatly affected both in volume and character by the year's extraordinary events.

One final word I should like to say is that in all of these undertakings we have acted as a public institution. It is in some sense misleading to refer to the Federal Reserve banks as private banks. Our stock is owned by the member banks of the district, but we are not private in the sense of operating for a profit or for private advantage. Our stockholders are limited to a 6% dividend and have no control over the operations of the bank beyond the election of directors. While member banks, well represented here to-day, elect six of our nine directors, I am sure you will agree that when you select these men you have in mind their capacity to serve the public interest, with the knowledge that the interests of the banks is best served when the object of every policy decision is the prosperity of business and agriculture. A majority of the directors are business men, of the highest type to be found in the several reserve districts. Three directors are appointed by the Federal Reserve Board. And they also represent the public interest rather than the interest of the Government in any technical sense. In all our operations we are under supervision of a government body, but a non-political body, the Federal Reserve Board. In terms of objectives and point of view we are in every sense a public institution.

The principle of a bank of issue is that there should be some organization not directly under political control nor yet under the control of the commercial banks, which from this independent vantage ground should serve the public interest with respect to the management of money and credit. This is the aim of the Federal Reserve System, and the aim of this Bank.

Rediscount Rates Reduced by Federal Reserve Banks of Cleveland, Boston, St. Louis, Dallas, Richmond and Kansas City Following Action by New York Reserve Bank.

Following the action of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in lowering its rediscount rate from 2% to 1½% effective Feb. 2, six of the other Federal Reserve Banks have put into effect reduced rates. These changes are indicated as follows:

Bank—	Reduced from	to	Effective.
Cleveland	2½%	2%	Feb. 3
Boston	2½%	2%	Feb. 8
St. Louis	3%	2½%	Feb. 8
Dallas	3½%	3%	Feb. 8
Richmond	3½%	3%	Feb. 9
Kansas City	3½%	3%	Feb. 9

The reduction from 2% to 1½% in the rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was noted in our issue of Feb. 3, page 784.

Treasury Gets \$2,805,512,061 by Devaluation—Buys \$177,884,084 More Gold for \$132,000,000.

From Washington the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 3 reported the following:

The increment to the U. S. Treasury resulting from reduction in the weight of gold in the dollar is \$2,805,512,061, the daily Treasury statement of Feb. 1 showed.

On Jan. 31 the value of Treasury gold stocks was given as \$4,034,867,781 and on Feb. 1 the value was \$7,018,263,926. The gain was made up of \$2,805,512,061 profit and \$177,884,084 additional gold, most of which represented the Reconstruction Finance Corporation's holdings taken by the Treasury. This additional gold was purchased at a total price of about \$132,000,000, so the dollar profit to the Government on the RFC transactions was about \$46,000,000.

The dollar devaluation transaction completely wiped out the deficit for the fiscal year to date, which on Jan. 31 stood at \$1,922,598,173, and resulted in a surplus of \$973,716,937 as of Feb. 1.

Treasury to Employ Ten Experts in Operations with \$2,000,000,000 Stabilization Fund—Heavy Gold Shipments from Europe to United States Reported—Repatriation of American Capital Sends Dollar Higher—Secretary Morgenthau Issues Supplementary Statement on Gold Buying Through Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Ten experts will be employed by the Treasury to assist in operations conducted with the new \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund, it was indicated Feb. 1 when the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives met in executive session to hear Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau request authority to retain specialists and have them given the power to perform the functions of any Treasury official. The Committee agreed to insert in the pending tax bill a provision for ten experts to be paid not more than \$10,000 each annually. It was also decided that the Secretary should be granted authority to define the scope of their duties within the limitations of the powers given by Congress to the Secretary himself.

Many reports came from abroad this week of the shipments of large amounts of gold to the United States as a result of the establishment of a purchase price of \$35 a fine ounce.

Since the formal devaluation of the dollar by President Roosevelt it has been consistently strong in foreign exchange markets against other currencies. This strength of the dollar despite its official devaluation was attributed by foreign exchange experts to a return "flight of capital" from Europe to the United States, including repatriation of much American capital being sent here from abroad because of increased confidence in the dollar, now that it has been at least temporarily stabilized.

We quote in part from a Washington dispatch of Feb. 1 to the New York "Times" regarding the plans of the Treasury in relation to its stabilization fund:

Confidence was expressed by officials that the price of gold in the world markets would quickly adjust itself to the American fixed price of \$35 an ounce. The attitude that Great Britain takes toward the latest move by this country was awaited with intense interest. The best information obtainable to-day was that no negotiations, official or unofficial, have been undertaken as yet with the British.

Discussing the operations under the equalization fund to-day, Mr. Morgenthau said they would be cloaked in the closest secrecy and that he would be forced hereafter to decline to answer any questions on the subject. The group of experts, he explained, would be "flexible," different specialists being called in from time to time. He would not reveal the identity of those who might be selected.

In the operations up to this time it was indicated the advice has been given chiefly by Governor Black of the Federal Reserve Board; Governor George L. Harrison of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; Herman Oliphant, chief counsel to the Secretary of the Treasury; Professor George F. Warren of Cornell, and Professor James H. Rogers of Yale. It is expected that they also will be consulted frequently in the future.

"1934 Model" Gold Bullion Standard.

Mr. Morgenthau, when asked if the United States had actually gone on the gold bullion standard as a result of the steps taken to make possible the withdrawal of the metal for the settlement of international balances, replied in the affirmative. When attention was called to the fact that no provision has been made for the redemption of currency in gold, he smiled and replied: "You might call this the 1934 model bullion gold standard."

"Streamlined?" he was asked. "And airflow," he replied with a laugh. Some one interposed that "knee action" should be included, and the Secretary smiled acquiescence.

Early reports to-day were to the effect that doubt had been expressed in some French circles that this Government was prepared to buy all gold offered and inquiries were made by banks in New York.

Statement on Gold Buying.

As a result, the following official statement emphasizing and amplifying the announcement to that effect made yesterday, was issued by the Treasury: "Amplifying his statement issued yesterday (Wednesday, Jan. 31) with respect to the purchase of imported gold by the Federal Reserve Bank as fiscal agent of the United States and his regulations of the same date, with respect to purchases of imported gold by the mints, the Secretary of the Treasury to-day made public the following announcement:

"Beginning Thursday, Feb. 1 1934 and until further notice, I will buy imported fine gold bars through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States Mint or the United States Assay Offices at New York or Seattle, both at the following rate and upon the following terms and conditions deemed by me most advantageous to the public interest:

"Purchases will be made at the rate of \$35 per fine troy ounce, less the usual mint charges and less one-quarter of 1% for handling charges, all subject to compliance with the regulations issued under the Gold Reserve Act of 1934."

It was explained that the phrase "fine gold bars," means gold bars of a fineness of .999 or finer, such as are ordinarily used in the settlement of international balances, carrying a recognized stamp indicating the weight and degree of fineness. The mints will purchase imported gold in other condition, such as unrefined gold and gold in other forms than in stamped bars, along with the domestic gold specified in Section 35 of the regulations issued yesterday. Regulations as to hoarded gold are unchanged.

In a dispatch from Washington Feb. 5 to the New York "Herald Tribune" it was stated in part:

Meanwhile, on the gold purchase program the Treasury marked time to-day, keeping an open door to all foreign gold offered but continuing to hold in abeyance the powers of the \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund. . . .

With regard to the present gold program Mr. Morgenthau declared that purchases would be made direct from the Treasury's general fund. Whether the \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund would be removed from the general fund, where it continued to be lumped in the Treasury statement to-day, the Secretary was not sure. Presumably, if it remained there, expenditures from the stabilization fund would have to show up as expenditures on the daily statement. There is no listing for that purpose at present, and any such bookkeeping would deprive the fund of its desired secrecy.

Mr. Morgenthau agreed that the stabilization fund could be taken away and deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to the account of the Treasury. The Secretary again said that he could answer no questions with respect to the operations of the fund.

Government Securities of \$7,900,000 Purchased by Treasury During Week of Feb. 5.

Treasury purchases of Government securities for investment account from Jan. 30 to Feb. 5 totaled \$7,900,000, Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, reported on Feb. 5. Approximately two-thirds of the purchases were for the account of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Since the inception of the Treasury's support to the Government bond market more than two months ago, reference to which was made in our issue of Nov. 25 1933, page 3769, the weekly purchases have been as follows:

Nov. 25 1933	\$8,748,000	Jan. 6 1934	\$44,713,000
Dec. 2 1933	2,545,000	Jan. 13 1934	33,868,000
Dec. 9 1933	7,079,000	Jan. 20 1934	17,032,000
Dec. 16 1933	16,600,000	Jan. 27 1934	2,800,000
Dec. 23 1933	16,510,000	Feb. 5 1934	7,900,000
Dec. 30 1933	11,950,000		

Withdrawal of Treasury Requirement that Those Turning in Gold File Names and Addresses.

On Feb. 7 the Treasury Department announced that until further notice it would rescind the requirement that persons turning in hoarded gold must leave their names and an explanation why the metal was not previously surrendered. Associated Press advices Feb. 7 from Washington said:

This order had been in effect several weeks. It was understood the requirement tended to frighten some small gold holders and discourage them from turning in their gold. Until further notice the gold will be received by Federal Reserve banks and no questions asked.

The following is the circular issued in the matter by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

Further Information from the Secretary of the Treasury Relative to Names and Addresses of Persons Delivering Gold Coin, Gold Bullion and Gold Certificates.

[Circular No. 1350—Feb. 7 1934.]

To all Banking Institutions in the
Second Federal Reserve District:

In our circular No. 1348, dated Feb. 3 1934, we stated that in a telegram received from the Secretary of the Treasury on Feb. 1 1934 we were informed that the proclamation signed Jan. 31 1934 by the President of the United States does not alter the instructions as to the amount to be paid or other instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury of Jan. 17 1934 as transmitted to you in our circular No. 1337, relating to gold coin, gold bullion and gold certificates delivered after Jan. 17 1934, and as transmitted to member banks in our circular No. 1341, relative to mutilated coin. The telegram of Feb. 1 1934 from the Secretary of the Treasury requested us to "make a record of the name and address of each person delivering gold coin, gold bullion and gold certificates hereafter and of the amount delivered and also obtain from such person a signed written statement giving the reasons why such gold coin, gold bullion or gold certificates were not delivered heretofore."

We quote below from a telegram received to-day from the Secretary of the Treasury:

"Until further instructions from me it will not be necessary to make a record of the name and address of each person delivering gold coin, gold bullion and gold certificates hereafter or to obtain from said person a signed written statement giving the reasons why such gold coin, &c., was not delivered heretofore."

All gold coin, not obviously mutilated, or below the weight of tolerance allowed by law, and all gold bullion and gold certificates which you may receive should be forwarded to this bank or its branch at Buffalo, but the signed statement and record of names and addresses required in our circular No. 1348, will not until further instructions be required.

GEORGE L. HARRISON, Governor.

Tenders Totaling \$547,285,000 Received to Two Series of Treasury Bills Offered to Total Amount of \$175,000,000 or Thereabouts—\$175,571,000 Accepted—Bids of \$125,493,000 Accepted for 91-Day Bills at Average Rate of 0.66% and \$50,078,000 for 182-Day Bills at Rate of 0.94%—Both Issues Dated Feb. 7 1934.

Tenders to the two series of Treasury bills which were offered at the Federal Reserve banks and the branches thereof up to 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Feb. 5, to the amount of \$175,000,000 or thereabouts, totaled \$547,285,000, Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, announced on Feb. 5. Of this amount, the Secretary said, bids of \$175,571,000 were accepted. The announcement of the offering of the bills was noted in these columns of Feb. 3, page 785.

The two series are dated Feb. 7 1934, one being 91-day bills, offered to the amount of \$125,000,000 (or thereabouts), maturing May 9 1934, and the other 182-day bills offered to the amount of \$50,000,000 (or thereabouts), maturing Aug. 8 1934. The bids received to the 91-day bills amounted to \$302,858,000 and to the 182-day bills \$244,427,000. The accepted bids in the case of the 91-day bills were \$125,493,000 and \$50,078,000 in the case of the 182-day bills. For the 91-day bills the average rate is about 0.66% per annum, on a bank discount basis. The 182-day bills sold at an average rate of about 0.94%. These compare with previous rates of 0.72% (bills dated Jan. 31), 0.67% (bills dated Jan. 24 and Jan. 17) and 0.62% (bills dated Jan. 10 and Jan. 3). With regard to the offering of \$125,000,000 or thereabouts of 91-day bills, Secretary Morgenthau said on Feb. 5:

For the 91-day Treasury bills maturing May 9 for \$125,000,000 or thereabouts, the total applied for was \$302,858,000, of which \$125,493,000 was accepted. The accepted bids ranged in price from 99.900, equivalent to a rate of about 0.40% per annum, to 99.826, equivalent to a rate of about 0.69% per annum, on a bank discount basis. Only part of the amount bid for at the latter price was accepted. The average price of Treasury bills of this series to be issued is 99.834 and the average rate is about 0.66% per annum on a bank discount basis.

As to the offering of \$50,000,000 or thereabouts of 182-day bills, the Secretary announced:

For 182-day Treasury bills maturing Aug. 8, for \$50,000,000 or thereabouts, the total applied for was \$244,427,000, of which \$50,078,000 was accepted. The accepted bids ranged in price from 99.650, equivalent to a rate of about 0.69% per annum, to 99.510, equivalent to a rate of about 0.97% per annum on a bank discount basis. Only part of the amount bid for at the latter price was accepted. The average price of Treasury bills of this series to be issued is 99.524, and the average rate is about 0.94% per annum on a bank discount basis.

New Offering of Two Issues of Treasury Bills to Total Amount of \$150,000,000 or Thereabouts—To Be Dated Feb. 14 1934—Each Series Offered in Amount of \$75,000,000 or Thereabouts, One Maturing in 91 Days and Other in 182 Days.

Tenders were received at the Federal Reserve banks and the branches thereof up to 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time yesterday (Feb. 9) to two issues of Treasury bills, offered for the aggregate amount of \$150,000,000 or thereabouts. Both series, which were sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders, will be dated Feb. 14 1934. One series is 91-day bills, offered to the amount of \$75,000,000 or thereabouts, maturing May 16 1934, and the other 182-day bills, offered to the amount of \$75,000,000 or thereabouts, maturing Aug. 15 1934. The face amount of the bills of each series will be payable without interest on their respective maturity dates. On Feb. 14 Treasury bills to the amount of \$75,295,000 will mature.

In inviting the tenders, Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, said in part on Feb. 6:

The bills 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 Feb. 9 1934, 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 for each series 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. Any tender which does not specifically refer to a particular series will be subject to rejection. 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 Feb. 14 1934, provided, however, any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for Treasury bills maturing Aug. 15 1934, allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits when so notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of its district.

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.

Mr. Morgenthau announced Friday night that the tenders for the two series of Treasury bills totaled \$408,404,000, of which \$150,052,000 was accepted.

For the 91-day Treasury bill issue, maturing May 16 1934, which was for \$75,000,000, or thereabouts, the total amount applied for was \$230,078,000, of which \$75,008,000 was accepted. The accepted bids ranged in price from 99.850, equivalent to a rate of about 0.59% per annum, to 99.826, equivalent to a rate of about 0.69% per annum, on a bank discount basis. Only part of the amount bid for at the latter price was accepted. The average price of Treasury bills of this series to be issued is 99.833, and the average rate is about 0.66% per annum on a bank discount basis.

For the 182-day Treasury bill issue, maturing Aug. 15 1934, which was for \$75,000,000, or thereabouts, the total amount applied for was \$178,326,000, of which \$75,044,000 was accepted. The accepted bids ranged in price from 99.723, equivalent to a rate of about 0.55% per annum, to 99.469, equivalent to a rate of about 1.05% per annum, on a bank discount basis. Only part of the amount bid for at the latter price was accepted. The average price of Treasury bills of this series to be issued is 99.501 and the average rate is about 0.99% per annum on a bank discount basis.

Subscriptions and Allotments in Case of Recent Offering of \$1,000,000,000 Treasury Notes and Certificates of Indebtedness—Total Subscriptions \$4,784,776,700—Allotments \$1,052,850,100—Subscriptions of \$3,424,212,200 Received to \$500,000,000 or Thereabouts of 2½% Notes Due March 15 1935—\$528,101,600 Allotted—\$1,360,564,500 Subscribed to \$500,000,000 or Thereabouts of 1½% Certificates Maturing Sept. 15 1934, of Which \$524,748,500 Has Been Allotted.

On Feb. 2 Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, announced the final subscription and allotment figures with respect to the combined offering of \$500,000,000 or thereabouts of 2½% Treasury notes (Series C-1935) dated Jan. 29 1934, and \$500,000,000 or thereabouts of 1½% Treasury certificates of indebtedness (Series TS-1934)

also dated Jan. 29. The subscriptions to the combined offerings totaled \$4,784,776,700, of which \$1,052,850,100 have been allotted.

The subscriptions to the offering of \$500,000,000 (or thereabouts) of Treasury notes amounted to \$3,424,212,200. Of this amount, the Secretary said, \$528,101,600 has been allotted. The notes are for 13½ months, maturing on March 15 1935. They bear interest from Jan. 29 at the rate of 2½% per annum, payable on a semi-annual basis. The certificates of indebtedness, which bear interest from Jan. 29 at the rate of 1½% per annum, payable on a semi-annual basis, are for 7½ months, due Sept. 15 1934. The subscriptions to this issue totaled \$1,360,564,500 and the allotments \$524,748,500.

The combined offering (reference to which was made in our issue of Jan. 27, page 603) was announced on Jan. 23 by Secretary Morgenthau. The subscription books were opened on Jan. 24 and were closed the same day, following the heavy over-subscription. The subscriptions and allotments, as announced by Secretary Morgenthau on Feb. 2, were divided among the Federal Reserve districts and the Treasury as follows:

	Treasury Notes, Series C-1935.		Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, Series TS-1934.	
	Total Subscriptions Received.	Total Subscriptions Allotted.	Total Subscriptions Received.	Total Subscriptions Allotted.
Boston.....	\$224,601,500	\$36,835,300	\$111,372,500	\$43,015,500
New York.....	1,674,552,000	243,998,000	699,703,000	266,929,500
Philadelphia.....	199,640,000	29,672,700	28,924,000	11,227,000
Cleveland.....	173,848,700	26,627,600	91,266,000	35,085,500
Richmond.....	96,177,400	15,145,400	38,360,000	14,714,500
Atlanta.....	140,924,200	22,271,800	62,410,000	23,830,500
Chicago.....	431,744,300	69,263,500	114,819,000	44,970,000
St. Louis.....	58,202,000	11,214,100	38,777,000	15,356,000
Minneapolis.....	41,460,700	8,327,700	4,245,500	2,616,000
Kansas City.....	85,798,500	15,976,200	33,254,000	13,420,500
Dallas.....	96,384,400	18,031,300	33,392,500	13,877,000
San Francisco.....	199,974,500	30,608,000	103,741,000	39,592,500
Treasury.....	904,000	130,000	300,000	114,000
Total.....	\$3,424,212,200	\$528,101,600	\$1,360,564,500	\$524,748,500

Silver Data Called for by Treasury Department.

Indicating that the Treasury Department has been placed in possession of the names and addresses of owners of silver by Stock Exchange firms and safe deposit companies from which this information was solicited the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 9 added:

The required data was turned over to the Treasury without the issuance of subpoenas. Custodians of silver, however, demanded that the request be made in writing.

The information is given as of Jan. 31 and gives for that date positions in spot silver and in forward commitments. Certificates issued to owners by the custodians are in bearer form so that actual ownership at a given date is difficult to trace.

The following is the letter sent by the Treasury to concerns storing silver: "In accordance with the instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury, contained in a letter of credentials presented to you this day, you are hereby instructed to furnish me with the following information from your records, as of Jan. 31 1934:

"The spot silver positions and futures commitments as to long or short, together with a list of names and addresses, showing for whose accounts these positions and contracts are held."

117,554.86 Ounces of Silver Purchased During Week of Feb. 2—Total Purchases 214,656.86 Ounces.

Announcement was made Feb. 5 by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., that Treasury purchases of silver during the week of Feb. 2, under the President's proclamation of Dec. 21 1933 referred to in our issue of Dec. 23, page 4440), totaled 117,554.86 ounces. Of this amount, 117,383 ounces were received at the Denver mint and 171.86 ounces at the San Francisco mint. During the previous week ended Jan. 26 the purchases amounted to 94,921. Reference to this was made in our columns of Feb. 3, page 787. The total purchases up to and including Feb. 2 totaled 214,656.86 ounces. The purchases and the distribution to the different United States mints are as follows:

Week Ended—	Amount Purchased (In Ounces).	Received at San Fran. Mint (In Ounces).	Received at Denver Mint (In Ounces).	Received at Phila. Mint (In Ounces).
Jan. 5 1934.....	1,157.00	392.00	765	—
Jan. 12 1934.....	547.00	—	547	—
Jan. 19 1934.....	477.00	—	477	—
Jan. 26 1934.....	94,921.00	*94,167.00	—	—
Feb. 2 1934.....	117,554.86	171.86	117,383	—
Total.....	214,656.86	94,730.86	119,172	—

Total Silver Stored in Licensed Depositories of New York Commodity Exchange.

From the Feb. 6 issue of the New York "Journal of Commerce" we take the following:

The Commodity Exchange reported yesterday that the total amount of silver that is stored in licensed depositories of the exchange amounted to 108,512,762 ounces as of Saturday, Feb. 3. During yesterday's trading, 25,000 ounces were tendered for delivery during the current month. The

total so far for the February delivery is 525,000 ounces. Sales of silver futures yesterday amounted to 5,700,000 ounces.

Treasury Department Undertakes Inquiry into Silver Holdings in United States—London Agreement and Limiting of Sales by India and Spain.

The decision of the Treasury Department to inquire into silver holdings in the United States was made known on Feb. 5 by Secretary Morgenthau. From a Washington dispatch on that date to the New York "Herald Tribune" we take the following:

The investigation is expected to show the amount of silver in the United States from whatever source derived, the speculative accounts which are understood to have been particularly active in the metal, and the probable distribution of profits in case of a rise in the silver market.

Treasury May Take It Over.

Mr. Morgenthau made no comment on reports which flew about the Capitol to the effect that revaluation of the silver dollar was in the offing. This action was authorized in the new Gold Reserve Act under an amendment which was not disapproved by the Administration. The author of the amendment, Senator Key Pittman (Dem.), of Nevada, was a visitor at the Treasury to-day, but declared that his call was not in connection with the silver investigation.

The inquiry, it was pointed out at the Capitol, might possibly be used to stay the hand of too ardent silver agitators if the supply of silver should be found concentrated in the hands of a few persons. It was suggested also that the investigation might be used to guide the Treasury on an additional silver program of its own and put it in a position to prevent the profits from going to speculators. . . .

"It is true that we have asked for the names of all holders of silver, speculative silver," Secretary Morgenthau said.

Treasury Experts Busy Here.

Treasury agents had been sent to New York, the Secretary continued, to collect facts and names from the Silver Exchange and regular silver dealers. Silver was traded in lots of 25,000 ounces or more, he added. "It would be helpful to know how much silver there is and who owns it," Mr. Morgenthau said. He did not know yet whether the information acquired on silver would be made public.

Asked about the relationship of silver prices to gold, he pointed out that since Oct. 21, when the gold purchase program was instituted, the price of gold had gone up 21%, and the price of silver, meaning the New York open market price, had risen 20%. He did not hazard a reason for the relationship.

In silver coinage, including subsidiary coinage, there is about \$800,000,000 outstanding. There are about 520,000,000 silver dollars in the Treasury, with silver certificates outstanding against most of them. The Treasury also has \$36,000,000 of silver bullion.

Silver Price Problematical.

Devaluation of the silver dollar to the extent of the gold dollar devaluation would bring the Government price on silver to around \$1.08 an ounce if the Treasury continued to take half of the offered silver for seigniorage. It did not charge seigniorage and the old ratio with gold were preserved in a revaluation the price would be about \$2.17.

In addition to revaluation, the Pittman amendment authorizes the Treasury to issue silver certificates against silver bullion or silver dollars in the Treasury against which certificates are not outstanding. This would involve only about \$50,000,000. The President also is authorized to charge a different seigniorage for foreign-wine—silver as compare with the charges on coinage of domestic silver. The weight of silver in subsidiary coinage could also be changed to maintain parity with a changed silver dollar.

In its Feb. 9 issue the same paper said:

Agents of the Treasury who have been collecting data concerning the holdings of silver and silver futures of banks, safe-deposit companies and Exchange firms and their customers have succeeded in obtaining the information after the original delay. They were armed with subpoenas yesterday, for use if necessary, but as far as could be learned, no one questioned the authority of the Government to require the information.

The agents presented a letter from the Treasury which requested each firm to submit the spot silver positions and future commitments, long or short, for each customer, together with the customers' names and addresses. The information was for the positions as of Jan. 31.

Elmer L. Irey, chief of the intelligence unit of the Treasury Department was one of the investigators.

A Washington dispatch Feb. 6 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" said in part:

President Seeking Data.

Through sources close to the White House it developed the President himself is desirous of knowing where the interest is in silver, both bullion and futures.

Officials want to know more about what is going on in respect to silver. For instance, it is asserted a number of legislators voted on the Pittman amendment for parity devaluation of the silver dollar, without knowing its effect would be to give a price of \$1.09 compared with the present 64½¢. under the Presidential proclamation.

Further, the so-called London silver agreement has been analyzed and to some it appears that while domestic silver producers stood to gain, perhaps the rest of the citizens might not benefit to the same extent.

For instance, it is said, a study of the agreement reveals the fact that whereas the Indian Government has agreed to limit its sales to 35,000,000 ounces per annum (average) for a period of four years, plus such quantities as may be taken by war debtor nations for use as token payments to the United States, it made no commitment as to holdings by individuals. It is further remarked that 35,000,000 ounces was the maximum that country has ever been able to dispose of in a single year.

Spain to Limit Sales.

Spain, heretofore not a quantity seller of silver, agreed to limit sales to 5,000,000 ounces annually. The Chinese Government also was in the agreement, but it is stated that Government had none to sell and it did not undertake to prohibit sales by its nationals.

This plan, engineered by Senator Pittman (Dem., Nev.), member of the American delegation to the London Economic Conference, was that the producing nations—United States, Mexico, Canada, Peru, Australia and Bolivia—should take off the market amounts of silver equal to those withheld from sale by the other countries named.

Whereas, it is contended that in proportion to our production the United States should have been called upon to take but 15% of the total, the President has agreed to purchase for a period of four years domestic produc-

tion—at least about 24,000,000 ounces annually—not at the then present market price, but at \$1.29 per ounce, less 50% for seigniorage.

If American purchases can be expanded to the maximum required, presumably through the purchase of surplus United States stocks, it would not be necessary for the other producing countries to absorb any of their own domestic silver. Before the deal was consummated, Bolivia dropped out of the negotiations and so is not obligated at all.

Cut in Weight of Silver Dollar Urged by Senators King and Wheeler—Advocate Move to Assist Mining States and Raise Prices—Speculation Investigated—Thousands of Ounces Purchased During Year.

A reduction in the weight of the silver dollar to increase the price of the white metal was predicted to-day by members of Congress from silver-producing states as the result of the Treasury investigation of speculative activities in the silver market. An Associated Press dispatch Feb. 6 to the New York "Herald Tribune" in indicating this added in part:

The process, they said, might follow the same course as the recent devaluation of the dollar in gold, with the government first taking title to all stocks of monetary silver so that it, and not the present large speculative interests, might receive the profit accruing.

Senator William H. King, Democrat, of Utah, said to-day that he and others in the silver bloc were arranging for a meeting of all members of Senate and House from silver states for a discussion of recent developments and another effort to unite upon a program. With Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat, of Montana, Senator King plans to call to-morrow on Henry Morgenthau jr., Secretary of the Treasury, and go over the situation with him.

Remonetization Is Favored.

These two Senators favor remonetization of silver and free coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1 to gold, but they made it plain to-day that if President Roosevelt had some step in mind that would be helpful they would go along with him.

The Pittman amendment gives Mr. Roosevelt authority to cut the weight of the silver dollar in the same proportion as that of the gold dollar was reduced, 40.94%. Action to bring this about would reduce the statutory silver dollar from 371.25 grains of the metal to 219.27 grains. Theoretically, it would increase the present mint price of newly mined silver from 64½ cents to \$1.17 an ounce.

Thousands of ounces of silver bought by speculators in the last year were believed to constitute the factor to which the Administration was giving most thought. Such silver now has a price ranging a little above 45 cents an ounce, a wide increase in recent months. If all silver should be given a statutory price equivalent to 40.94% cut in the silver content of the dollar, a vast profit would accrue to the speculators.

Denver Mint Buys Silver Recovered from Dumps—Regulations Changed to Allow Purchases at 64½ Cents.

From Denver Feb. 7 a dispatch to the New York "Times" said:

Government regulations for the purchase of silver at 64½ cents an ounce have been modified to allow the purchase at that price of silver recovered from old dumps, Mark Skinner, superintendent of the Denver Mint, announced to-day.

The change is expected to be of great benefit to Colorado silver producers as large amounts of silver remain in abandoned dumps in this state. When President Roosevelt announced his intention to buy silver at 64½ cents an ounce, it was disclosed that tailings and silver in dumps were barred from receiving the new price, which covered only the newly mined silver.

House Ways and Means Committee Completes Revised Income Tax Bill—Will Be Debated on Floor Next Week—Surtax Lowered in \$8,000-\$25,000 Class—Two-Cent Check Tax Eliminated—Three-Cent Postage Rate Retained—Estimated Bill Will Add \$235,000,000 Annually to Revenue.

Debate on the 1934 tax revision bill will begin in the House of Representatives early next week, it was announced Feb. 7 by Representative Doughton, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, which has been holding a protracted series of hearings on the proposed measure, drafted to give the income tax laws their first complete revision in ten years. The Committee completed action on the bill Feb. 8 after writing into the measure a provision repealing the two-cent bank check tax, one of the "nuisance taxes" imposed in 1932. It is now proposed to repeal this tax Jan. 1 1935. An extra half-cent a gallon tax on imported crude oil, suggested by Secretary Ickes, was also eliminated by the Committee.

Another decision by the Committee Feb. 8 was its approval of a provision continuing for the next fiscal year the three-cent first-class postage rate, but giving the President authority to lower the rate if he considers it advisable. The Committee adopted a provision to restore old rates on second-class mail, effective July 1 1934, bringing the rates on this class of mail matter approximately two-thirds the rates fixed in the act of 1932.

On Feb. 7 the Committee voted to revise its own tentative rates for the middle income surtax brackets, thus easing the tax burden on incomes between \$8,000 and \$25,000. The additional one-half cent a gallon tax on imported petroleum, adopted at this session, was discarded the following day (Feb. 8), as previously mentioned.

It had originally been estimated that the bill would add \$300,000,000 annually to the Federal Government's yield from taxes, but changes made by the Ways and Means

Committee Feb. 8, including the elimination of the bank check tax, caused the Committee to revise its estimate downward to \$235,000,000.

The House Ways and Means Committee issued a table Feb. 7 illustrating the amount a married man with no dependents would be required to pay under the normal income and surtax rates proposed in the new bill. The normal rate is 4%. The surtax rates begin at 4% on incomes of \$4,000, ranging upward to 59% on incomes of more than \$1,000,000. The bill allows a credit of 10% on earned incomes up to \$8,000. It permits a personal deduction of \$2,500 for a married man with no dependents. The table prepared by the Committee, showing taxes under the present law and under the proposed measure, follows:

Net Income—	—If All Earned Income—		—All Dividends—	
	Present Law.	Proposed.	Present Law.	Proposed.
\$3,000-----	\$20	\$8	0	0
3,500-----	40	26	0	0
4,000-----	60	44	0	0
4,500-----	80	62	0	0
5,000-----	100	80	0	0
6,000-----	140	116	0	0
7,000-----	210	172	\$10	\$20
8,000-----	300	248	20	60
9,000-----	390	328	30	100
10,000-----	480	408	40	140
12,000-----	680	583	80	235
14,000-----	900	778	140	350
16,000-----	1,140	993	220	485
18,000-----	1,400	1,228	320	640
20,000-----	1,680	1,498	440	830
25,000-----	2,520	2,348	880	1,480
30,000-----	3,480	3,378	1,440	2,310
40,000-----	5,800	5,743	2,960	4,275
50,000-----	8,600	8,633	4,960	6,765
60,000-----	11,900	12,003	7,460	9,735
80,000-----	20,000	20,258	13,960	17,190
100,000-----	30,100	30,358	22,460	26,490
500,000-----	263,600	263,708	223,960	243,840
1,000,000-----	571,100	571,158	491,460	532,290

Late last week the Committee indicated that it was opposed to the adoption of any proposals for a manufacturers' excise levy, and Republican members of the House, meeting in caucus Feb. 7, decided they would make no attempt to attach a sales tax rider to the bill when it is debated on the floor, but would support it in its present form without material amendment. Representative Snell, the minority leader, made the announcement after the caucus meeting.

Included in the bill when it was completed by the Committee was a tax of 5 cents per pound on coconut oil and sesame oil, despite opposition voiced by representatives of Philippine exporters. The vegetable oils at present enter the United States virtually duty free and compete directly with American lard, cottonseed oil, and other domestically produced vegetable and animal fats. The excise tax of five cents per pound will bring the total tax on a coconut oil imported from countries other than the Philippines to 7 cents per pound, including the present tariff, and to 8 cents per pound on sesame oil, including the tariff.

We quote in part from a Washington dispatch of Feb. 7 to the New York "Times" regarding the changes made in the tax bill on that date:

As the bill took form to-day, Representative Hill, chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee which worked all during the Summer and Fall recess on proposals to plug the "loopholes" in the income tax law, estimated that the changes agreed upon would add at least \$300,000,000 annually to the yield from the income tax.

"I think we have done a pretty good job of closing the loopholes," he said. "There are a lot of little pinholes we have not even tackled, and of course some of the excises voted by the committee should be left out of a tax bill.

No "Outside" Influence.

"But the tax lawyers who knew where to find the holes through which taxes were avoided in the present law will have to look for other cracks in the fence. And no outside tax lawyers have helped to write this bill, either.

"The trouble heretofore has been that these people who later become interested in tax avoidance had too much influence on the text of our tax law."

Mr. Hill said the bill probably would represent the most extensive overhauling of the revenue law since the income Tax Act came into being.

Aside from the "loophole" plugging provisions, the new bill provides a change in the income rate structure so as to make the burden lighter on persons with income from salaries and business enterprise and heavier on those with income from accumulated wealth.

The provisions agreed upon in Committee carry a single normal rate on personal income of 4% and a graduated surtax schedule beginning at 4% on net income above \$4,000 and stepping upward to 59% on that part of net income above \$1,000,000.

To-day's decision to readjust the surtax brackets so as to make the burden lighter on persons with incomes between \$8,000 and \$25,000 a year was not calculated to change materially the estimate or additional yield from the new rate structure as a whole.

Mr. Hill estimated that the adjustments made to-day would add about \$300,000,000 annually to the revenues from income taxes.

The Committee's adoption was tentative of the oil proposals of Secretary Ickes, which placed the additional import tax of one-half cent a gallon on imported petroleum and imposed penalties for the non-reporting of income from "hot oil," or that illegally produced.

The latter provides that a civil penalty of \$500, plus \$50 a day for the period of non-reporting, be assessed against all persons not reporting income from oil produced or refined in violation of Federal and State laws or codes applicable to the industry. It further provides rewards of 50% of the penalties so collected to private citizens who "turn up" the outlaw operators.

Early in the day the Committee voted by 15 to 9 an attempt to strike out the 5-cent-a-pound excise tax on coconut and sesame oils. It also rejected a proposal to confine this tax only to "edible" oils.

The Committee also decided that the income from this tax should go exclusively to the Federal Treasury and no part to the Treasury of the Philippine Islands, whence most of such oil finds its way to the United States.

Colonel Lindbergh Reported to Have Paid Income Tax on Alleged "Gift" of \$250,000 in Aviation Stock—Shares Were Given as Compensation for Services, According to Washington "Star" — Senator Black Refuses to Make Public Replies to Questionnaire.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, who was mentioned in testimony before the Senate air mail investigating committee as the recipient of a \$250,000 stock "gift" from the Transcontinental Air Transport Corporation, actually accepted the stock as partial compensation for services rendered and paid income taxes on it, according to a copyright story in the Washington "Star," Jan. 28. Senator Black, who is Chairman of the Committee investigating the awarding of the air mail contracts, said on Jan. 27 that he knew nothing of Colonel Lindbergh's income tax affairs. He added that he had received from Colonel Lindbergh replies to a formal questionnaire sent him by the Committee, but he declined to make the answers public. Associated Press advices of Jan. 27 from Washington added the following information:

"There isn't any doubt that the stock was a gift, in my opinion," Senator Black said.

In 1928, when the stock transfer was made, the "Star" will say, the income tax law exempted certain "gifts" from taxation, and by listing the stock as a gratuity Colonel Lindbergh could have avoided inclusion of the item among his taxable assets.

This provision of the law, later revised, was recalled when D. M. Sheaffer, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the T. A. T. Corporation, attempted to explain the procedure used by the Corporation in turning 25,000 shares of its stock over to Colonel Lindbergh in May of 1928. Mr. Sheaffer read to the Committee a letter to Colonel Lindbergh from C. M. Keyes, then President of T. A. T. The letter, dated May 28 1928, in part said:

"Carrying out the memorandum of agreement, I have tied up for your account 25,000 shares of stock of T. A. T. at \$10 per share and will deliver to you a check of the T. A. T. for \$250,000 cash upon your request.

"In order that all the records shall be clear for income tax purposes, please consult Colonel Breckinridge and see if he agrees with the full procedure."

The letter went on to explain that Mr. Keyes would deliver with the \$250,000 check a certificate for 25,000 shares, and that Colonel Lindbergh could return "either the T. A. T. check indorsed or your own personal check."

The Colonel Breckinridge mentioned in the note is Henry F. Breckinridge, Colonel Lindbergh's attorney.

Colonel Lindbergh, the "Star" will say, made no effort to conceal the transaction, considering the allotment of stock as special remuneration in return for expert services rendered the air line. He gave a full accounting of the stock transfer in his income tax return, it was reported on reliable authority, according to the "Star."

Enactment Into Law of Bill to Guarantee Principal and Interest of \$2,000,000,000 in Farm Mortgage Bonds—Provides for Creation of Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation.

Following its enactment by Congress President Roosevelt on Jan. 31 signed the Administration bill under which the Government would guarantee the principal, as well as interest, of the \$2,000,000,000 of authorized farm mortgage refinancing bonds. Congressional action on the bill was completed on Jan. 26, when the House accepted the conference report on the measure agreed to by the Senate on Jan. 25. As indicated in our issue of Jan. 20, page 437, at which time we referred to the passage of the bill by the House on Jan. 16, provision is made thereunder for the creation of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation, which would be set up to handle the refinancing bonds. Associated Press advices from Washington on Jan. 25, the date the conference report was adopted by the Senate, stated:

On insistence of the House managers, the conferees eliminated a Senate amendment which would have required Senate confirmation of all appointments to the proposed Farm Mortgage Corporation in the salary class of \$4,000 and over. As originally reported to the Senate, the measure required Senate approval of all corporation employees to receive \$6,000 or more, but this, as well as the \$4,000 amendment, was stricken out in conference.

A substitute approved by the conference provided that the employees' compensation shall not exceed the rates prescribed for comparable duties in other Federal agencies by the personnel classification act.

One Senate amendment accepted by the conferees would limit the making of farm mortgage loans to Feb. 1 1936.

After the passage of the bill by the House on Jan. 16, the Senate passed it in amended form on Jan. 22, and with the action of the House in disagreeing to the amendments the bill went to conference; the conference report as stated above was agreed to by the Senate on Jan. 25, and by the House on Jan. 26, the President affixing his signature to the bill on Jan. 31.

A Washington account Jan. 22 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" said in part:

The capital of the corporation is fixed at \$200,000,000, to be subscribed by the Government. With the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury it would be permitted to issue and have outstanding at any one time bonds in

an aggregate amount not exceeding \$2,000,000,000, the bonds to have such maturities and interest rates as it may prescribe.

Full Guarantee Proposed.

The bonds will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed, both as to principal and interest, by the Government and will be lawful investments and security for all fiduciary, trust, and public funds, the investment or deposit of which is under the authority or control of the United States. The Secretary of the Treasury would be permitted also to buy and sell these bonds.

The bill brings to a termination in ninety days following signature by the President the right of Federal Land banks to issue bonds guaranteed as to interest by the Government, except as to the issuance of bonds in refinancing operations. The amount of their bonds does not exceed \$150,000,000 and all are held by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation as security for loans made to the Land banks.

Under the terms of the measure as passed by the Senate to-day, Federal Reserve banks would be permitted to buy and sell the bonds of the proposed Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation having maturities from date of purchase of not exceeding six months, and to make loans on the security of such bonds, subject to the limitations and restrictions respecting loans made on the security of direct obligations of the Government.

It was pointed out that the fund of \$200,000,000, made available for making direct loans under the emergency legislation, would be exhausted if the Land bank commissioner in charge of these operations were called upon to fulfill all the commitments made to applicants for such loans. The volume of such applications has exceeded available funds and commitments during the last few months have been made contingent upon the availability of funds for their disbursement.

The bill provides for the capitalization of the corporation by the remaining funds made available to the commissioner and the mortgage loans made by him, and authorized that official to continue making such loans as an agent of the corporation until Feb. 1 1936, using for the purpose not exceeding \$600,000,000 of the guaranteed bonds of the corporation. The capital of the corporation also is available for this purpose.

A \$40,000,000 increase in the funds available to Federal Intermediate Credit banks through the sale of debentures for the making of production credit loans also is provided for in the measure.

House and Senate Pass \$950,000,000 Relief Bill—Minor Amendments Send Measure to Conference, but Administrator Hopkins Predicts Final Approval Monday (Feb. 12)—Appropriations Bill Designed to Provide for Needs of CWA and Federal Grants to States—Enaction Had Been Asked in Letter by President—Attempts to Increase Fund Defeated in Senate.

The \$950,000,000 appropriations bill, designed to permit the continuance of the Civil Works Administration and direct Federal relief to States, was passed by the House of Representatives after only 40 minutes debate on Feb. 5 by a vote of 382 to 1. The Senate passed the bill Feb. 8 without a record vote, but after inserting several minor amendments that made it necessary to send the measure to conference. Harry L. Hopkins, Civil Works Administrator, said yesterday (Feb. 9) that it was almost certain the bill would receive final Congressional approval Monday (Feb. 12).

In passing the bill Feb. 8 the Senate defeated amendments which would have materially increased the relief fund and lengthened the duration of the civil works program. An amendment by Senator Cutting which would have appropriated \$2,500,000,000 was defeated by a vote of 58 to 10. An amendment by Senator LaFollette proposing a fund of \$1,500,000 was also defeated by a vote of 52 to 14. The bill as passed by the Senate carried an amendment by Senator McCarran providing that all State CWA Directors must be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

The single negative vote in the House was cast by Representative Terrell of Texas, who contended that the relief program was unconstitutional, and remarked that it may "start civil war and revolution" when the CWA activities are terminated. The action of the House in approving the relief bill by such an overwhelming majority was in response to a request made Jan. 27 by President Roosevelt, in a message addressed to Speaker Rainey. The President warned that available funds for relief purposes would be exhausted in February, and said it was "essential that additional funds be provided to avoid an abrupt termination of this relief work."

The President has again indicated recently that he hopes to end CWA activity around May 1, but indications point to strong support in Congress for its continuance after that date. In the bill as passed by the House Feb. 5 the President, according to Chairman Buchanan of the Appropriations Committee, is authorized to "continue the CWA as long as the money lasts."

The President's letter to Speaker Rainey Jan. 27 follows:

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir:

I have the honor to request an additional appropriation of \$950,000,000 for the purposes of the Federal Emergency Relief Act of 1933, approved May 12 1933, and for continuing the civil works program under the Federal Civil Works Administration established by Executive Order No. 6420-B of Nov. 9 1933, pursuant to the authority of Title II of the National Industrial Recovery Act of June 16 1933.

Section 2 (a) of the Federal Emergency Relief Act made available for the purposes of that Act \$500,000,000 of the funds of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The Executive Order establishing the Federal Civil Works Administration made available for that administration \$400,000,000 of the appropriation of

\$3,300,000,000 made by the Fourth Deficiency Act, fiscal year 1933, for national industrial recovery.

The funds available for these two activities will be exhausted early in the month of February, 1934, and it is essential that additional funds be provided to avoid an abrupt termination of this relief work.

I am confident that the Congress is in sympathy with the proposed continuance of these relief activities.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

We quote in part from a Washington dispatch Feb. 5 to the New York "Times" describing the passage of the appropriations bill by the House on that date:

Soon after the measure was passed, Harry Hopkins, CWA Administrator, made it known that there had been no definite administrative decision reached regarding the probable length of time the CWA would be continued.

The lone dissenter was Representative Terrell of Texas, who has opposed several administration measures. Mr. Terrell explained his opposition by contending that the relief program was unconstitutional, and that the sooner the Government terminates "this proposition the better for the country."

Terrell Predicts Civil War.

"I think it is going to start civil war and revolution when we do stop it [the CWA] anyway," Mr. Terrell remarked.

"It means a perpetual bond issue," he added, "a never-ending drain on the resources of the Government to pay even the interest. The Government is competing with private business on every side and it is an unsound policy."

"I don't need any office," Mr. Terrell said, "and I am going to exercise my constitutional right and vote as I please. I wouldn't sell my independence for any office I ever saw. The rest can vote like a herd of dumb, driven cattle if they want to, but no one is going to crack a whip behind me."

Difficulties were encountered immediately when the bill was called up to-day. When Mr. Buchanan asked unanimous consent for debate to be extended to three hours, Representative Cochran of Missouri asserted that "it will be three hours of mudslinging."

"The whole fund is left to the discretion of the President," Mr. Buchanan said in urging approval of the bill. "The present fund will be exhausted on Feb. 10, and this bill should be passed at once. Who are we to tie the hands of the President in this work?"

Taber Criticizes Methods.

Representative Taber, ranking Republican member of the Appropriations Committee, said he would vote for the bill, but he took occasion to criticize the methods used by the administration in the relief expenditures.

"Never in the history of America," he said, "has there been a situation so acute as that at the present time. In January, 1933, there were 3,850,000 families on relief. In March, 1933, there were 4,560,000 families, and to-day there are 7,000,000 families on relief rolls, and the cost of carrying them along is running at the rate of \$425,000,000 a month."

He divided the cost as follows:

On CWA payrolls, 4,000,000, costing \$225,000,000 a month.

On direct relief rolls, 2,650,000, costing \$50,000,000 a month.

Employed on public works, 350,000, costing \$150,000,000.

"It is apparent from these figures that there is no substantial employment in this country except relief employment of one kind or another," he declared.

Mr. Taber said that the appropriation "is not needed because the bureaucrats in charge of the administration have pork-barrelled \$1,500,000,000 into projects where the money cannot be used until after July 1 1934, where it is providing very small employment on public works."

End of Work in May Urged.

"I am afraid that these operations are delaying and preventing the return of business," he asserted. "I am afraid that all of this effort, in view of the fact that the people have once tasted blood, is going to fail. The one encouraging sign was a determination on the part of the administrator that this CWA work should end the middle of May."

House Approves Measures to Aid Dairy Industry and Cattle Raisers—Bill Would Appropriate \$200,000,000 for AAA Distribution.

Benefit payments of \$200,000,000 to dairy farmers and cattle raisers would be authorized under a bill passed without a record vote Feb. 5 by the House of Representatives and sent to the Senate for its consideration. The bill, introduced on behalf of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace by Representative Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, would make the appropriation under an emergency program and would make the funds available immediately through the Adjustment Administration. On the same day (Feb. 5) the House approved a proposal to designate "cattle" a basic commodity under the Agricultural Adjustment Act, thus making it possible to impose processing taxes on beef and dairy products to finance a program of production control.

Bills Making Available Seed Loan Funds Approved in Congress—Senate Measure Authorizes \$45,000,000 and House Bill \$35,000,000—Now in Conference Committee.

The House of Representatives Feb. 5 approved without a record vote the Jones seed loan bill, which would appropriate \$35,000,000 for loans to farmers in 1934 for crop production and harvesting. A similar bill, sponsored by Senator Smith, but making available \$45,000,000 for the same purpose, was passed by the Senate without a record vote Feb. 2. The two bills went to a conference committee late this week. The amounts authorized in both measures are far below those made available in prior years for seed loans, but Congressional leaders indicated that because of existing needs it would be unwise to end the loans entirely at this time. A Washington dispatch Feb. 2 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" outlined the Senate bill as follows:

The principal change in the legislation from the form in which it was reported by the Committee a week ago was to reduce the amount to be made available for loans to farmers from \$100,000,000 to \$45,000,000.

It was explained that the larger amount was unnecessary since the loans over the year never reach this figure, and further it was not expected that the demands for assistance would be as great this year as a result of the benefit payments being made to the farmers by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration under the acreage reduction programs.

Another amendment made to the bill was to fix the amount of individual loans to farmers at \$250 but in no case in excess of \$400. It was also agreed to continue the present interest rates on the loans at 5½%.

Ten-Year Rail Loans Urged by Chairman Jones of RFC—Tells Senators Lines Must Meet \$400,000,000 Maturities Soon.

Amendment of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act so that loans of a maturity up to 10 years could be made to railroad and possibly to some other borrowers was suggested by Jesse H. Jones, Chairman of the Corporation, at an executive meeting of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee on Jan. 30. A dispatch from Washington on that date to the New York "Times" continued.

The proposal assumed much importance in view of the fact that the RFC and representatives of railroads have been endeavoring to map out a plan whereby the Corporation could extend aid in the meeting of more than \$100,000,000 of railroad securities which will fall due this year.

In addition, the railroads also owe about \$230,000,000 to the RFC, most of which must be paid off within the next two years, unless the period for repayment is extended.

At present the RFC is restricted to three-year loans and has segregated funds for extension of aid to the railroads, hoping that they would be able to float long-term bonds in the open market before the government loans matured.

However, spokesmen for the railroads have urged that some method be found whereby they could dispose of their maturity problem for the current year definitely at this time.

It is understood that officials of the railroads have expressed willingness to amortize bonds or other long-term securities as suggested by President Roosevelt, if maturity dates could be extended from three to 10 years. Creation of a sinking fund which would liquidate a loan within the three-year period was considered impracticable.

Among the railroads whose officers have discussed the matter with the RFC is the New York Central, which must meet maturities of \$52,000,000 in May. Chairman Jones has stated that his organization would be prepared to give help, but expressed the hope that the banks would shoulder part of the loan.

Committee Action Expected.

Mr. Jones was reported to have told the Senate Committee that several of the railroads might find it difficult to handle maturities unless further authority was given to his Corporation to aid them and that some action should be taken.

Senator Fletcher, Chairman of the Committee, said after the conference that Mr. Jones's proposal, in his opinion, was a "reasonable one," and it was reported that this viewpoint was shared by a majority of the committee. An amendment to the RFC Act will probably be placed before the Senate soon.

It was stated that Mr. Jones also suggested that the 10-year limit be applied to some other types of loans, including those made to industries through mortgage loan companies and those financing exports. The latter type of loan is restricted to one year, and this, it is said, has proved a check on transactions.

In recommending the 10-year extension on loans to banks and mortgage companies Mr. Jones is understood to have urged a provision for a series of payments by the borrowers, probably at six-month intervals. This was felt desirable, as some of the loans have been made on collateral of a nature which could not be realized on quickly without severe loss.

Report Suggesting Possibility of Relaxing Provisions of Federal Securities Act Said to Have Been Presented to President Roosevelt.

In Associated Press advices from Washington, on Feb. 6, it was stated that President Roosevelt had before him an official report suggesting the possibility of relaxing the much-criticized liabilities provision of the "truth in securities" Act. The report (said the dispatch) was stated authoritatively to have been submitted by three of the five members of an Administration Committee headed by Assistant Secretary John Dickinson, of the Commerce Department. It was added that President Roosevelt is known to be preparing recommendations for some congressional amendment of the Securities Act. In part, the dispatch also said:

Some members of the Dickinson Committee were reported to-day to feel that the liabilities provisions of the Securities Act could be lessened without reducing its effectiveness as a protection to investors.

Liable for Full Damages.

The Act has been criticized by investment bankers and leading business associations as preventing the issuance of new securities and thereby slowing the flow of capital.

The present law makes all participants in the flotation of the security liable for full damages for any omission or misstatement of fact about a security.

Registrations Under Federal Securities Act in December and Last Quarter of 1933—Applications in December Totalled 41 Compared with 51 Registrations in November and 44 in October—In Three Months Estimated Gross Proceeds of Registrations Totalled \$173,455,093—Volume of Issues of Liquor Concerns.

Figures were made public by the Federal Trade Commission on Feb. 4 covering registrations under the Securities Act for the month of December 1933, and for the last quarter of 1933, ending with December. The Commission states

that "exclusive of certificates of deposit and reorganizations, a total of 41 registration applications became effective during December, without deductions being made for registrations subsequently withdrawn or for stop orders issued by the Commission. The total estimated gross proceeds of these registrations," the Commission stated "is \$62,542,175. These figures compare with 44 registrations becoming effective in October, with total gross proceeds estimated at \$39,154,601, and with 51 registrations in November, with total gross proceeds of \$76,129,977." The Commission's further announcement of Feb. 4 follows:

For the three months ending with December 1933 there were 129 registrations becoming effective with total estimated gross proceeds amounting to \$173,455,093. In these figures, deductions have been made for withdrawals, stop orders and registrations of securities to be disposed of for others.

During December, as in November, the statement shows that general management investment and trading companies led all others in point of volume, accounting for more than 30 million of the estimated gross proceeds. Next in point of volume come distilling and spirituous liquor concerns, with estimated gross proceeds in excess of 8 million dollars. For this month, however, the chemical and allied products group were only slightly behind the distilling and spirituous liquor group with securities estimated to have gross proceeds in excess of 7 million dollars. In the entire manufacturing industries group, there was an upturn in December when the registrations amounted to \$19,241,895 as compared with \$17,129,800 in October and \$12,276,529 in November.

An interesting feature of the December registrations was the extensive treasury stock issues and the volume of securities registered to be disposed of for the account of others than the registrant. The former represents \$9,375,462 of the total estimated gross proceeds and the latter had estimated gross proceeds of \$3,811,660. A registering company, of course, obtains no net proceeds from the sales of issues disposed of for the account of others.

As in November, the bulk of the December issues were common stocks. Estimated gross proceeds of these stocks aggregated \$53,411,875 out of the total of \$62,542,175 effective for that month.

The following table shows the type of security and the total estimated gross proceeds of security registrations effective in December 1933, together with cumulative figures for October to December, inclusive, and including issues of treasury stock but deducting, (1) bonus stock of one company distributed with that of another for which gross proceeds are not available, (2) securities to be disposed of for the account of others than the registrant, and (3) withdrawals and stop orders applying after the effective date.

TABLE 1.

Type of Security.	Registration Statements for 40 Companies* Effective in December 1933.			Registration Statements for 129 Companies* Effective October-December 1933.		
	Number of Units.	Estimated Amount of Gross Proceeds.	P. C. of Total.	Number of Units.	Estimated Amount of Gross Proceeds.	P. C. of Total.
Common stock.....	11,135,697	50,800,215	86.5	51,116,951	133,012,068	76.7
Preferred stock.....	1,228,500	3,727,000	6.4	2,336,553	13,536,500	7.8
Cfs. of participation, beneficial interest & warrants.....	178,167	3,650,000	6.2	2,079,388	9,065,525	5.2
Mfgs. & mtge. bonds.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	10,566,700	6.1
Debenture bonds.....	-----	553,300	.9	-----	7,274,300	4.2
Short-term notes—3 years or less.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total.....	-----	58,730,515	100.0	-----	173,455,093	100.0

* Deducting registrations of bonus stock, securities to be disposed of for the account of others, and withdrawals and stop orders applying after effective date.

In the above table only 40 registration statements are shown for December whereas 41 became effective during that month, while for the three months only 129 statements are shown as compared with 136 effective statements registered during that period. The difference is accounted for by deductions made for withdrawals, stop orders, bonus stock issues and securities to be disposed of for others.

During the last quarter of the 1933 calendar year, stocks and warrants with an estimated valuation for registration purposes of \$243,843 were distributed as bonuses while various companies registered for sale or other disposition for the account of other parties, 324,250 shares of common and 80 shares of preferred stock, to yield estimated gross proceeds to such other parties of \$3,811,160.

Estimated gross proceeds of the securities to be disposed of for the account of those companies whose registration statements were effective in December is \$58,730,515, while the total effective registrations for the month amounted to \$62,542,175. This difference is accounted for by the registrations of securities to be disposed of for others than the registrants. The estimated total net proceeds of these issues aggregated \$54,061,165, which, deducted from the \$58,730,515, leaves a difference of \$4,649,350. This sum represents expenses incident to the sale and distribution of the securities. Incidentally, while this selling expense was nearly 8%, it was only approximately one-half the rate of selling costs for either October or November.

The following table shows the estimated distribution of the total net proceeds of December issues and also the cumulative figures for the three months ending with December:

TABLE 2.

	December 1933 40 Companies.*		Oct.-Dec. 1933 129 Companies.*	
	Amount.	P. C. of Total.	Amount.	P. C. of Total.
Organization and development.....	\$ 244,499	.4	\$ 1,543,598	1.0
New company plant construction, machinery and equipment.....	2,172,150	4.0	7,474,673	5.0
Acquisition of tangible & intangible assets.....	1,720,981	3.2	4,108,231	2.8
Acquisition of capital stock of other cos.....	262,500	.5	559,000	.6
Old company plant an. equipment, additions, betterments, development and construction.....	6,849,776	12.7	9,048,716	6.1
Working capital.....	5,905,040	10.9	16,675,686	11.2
Funding, refunding and conversion.....	2,952,733	5.5	11,719,310	7.8
Investment.....	29,103,475	53.8	84,356,586	56.4
Reserved for subsequent issue.....	1,364,587	2.5	5,424,687	3.6
Miscell., unclassified and unaccounted for.....	3,505,424	6.5	8,233,087	5.5
Total net proceeds.....	54,081,165	100.0	149,443,574	100.0

* Net proceeds for companies registering securities for account of others and bonus stock not distributed.

For the October to December quarter, more than \$84,000,000 of the estimated net proceeds, or slightly more than 56% of the total, was to be devoted to investment, principally in the common stock of various general and limited management investment and trading companies.

A comparison of the total gross proceeds for the last quarter of 1933 (Table 1) with the total net proceeds (Table II) for that period shows a difference of \$24,011,519. This is equivalent to 13.8% of the gross proceeds, which goes for selling, distribution, &c. This figure for the quarter, it is to be noted, is brought considerably below that for either October or November by the relatively low cost of distribution in December, which was a little under 8%.

List of Companies Filing Registration Statements with Federal Trade Commission Under Securities Act.

It was announced on Feb. 5 that \$10,000,000 worth of proposed securities, of which more than 6 million are for new capital, have been filed with the Federal Trade Commission for registration under the Securities Act. More than half of the new capital, or \$3,620,000, said the Commission is for investment companies while \$2,655,000 is for industrial projects. The latter includes mining and oil developments totaling approximately one and one-half million dollars. Reorganization or readjustment plans account for almost \$4,000,000 of the total. The list of statements filed for registration made public Feb. 5 by the Commission follows:

Great Northern Distilleries, Inc. (2-630), *Fostoria, Ohio*, a corporation organized to manufacture and sell distilled spirits, proposes to issue \$1,000,000 of capital stock for construction and working capital. Among officers are: Don C. Hanover, President; J. J. Blue, Secretary, and J. L. Newson, Treasurer, all of Fostoria.

Selected American Shares, Inc. (2-631), *Wilmington, Del.*, investing in securities a list of selected companies and proposing to issue \$2,500,000 of common stock for company purposes, Underwriter is Selected Shares Corporation, Chicago. Among officers are: Max Adler, President, and Robert S. Alder, Vice-President and Treasurer, both of Chicago.

General Manganese Corporation (2-632), *Detroit*, a Delaware corporation developing manganese oil properties in South Dakota, proposes to issue 125,000 shares of no par common stock in the amount of \$500,000 to provide working capital. Among officers are: K. M. Leute, Detroit, President; N. J. Miller, Detroit, Vice-President and Treasurer, and M. B. Laing, Detroit, Secretary.

Second Carey Trust (2-633), *Tulsa, Okla.*, an Oklahoma express trust, organized Jan. 19 1934, to own, hold and collect income from oil and gas mining leases, covering the "Westgate-Carey lease" in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. The company proposes to issue 5,000 certificates of interest in "Second Carey Trust" at \$100 a share. Underwriters, who have not yet been designated, will purchase the units at not less than \$80 each. Among officers are: W. E. Brown, President, and H. I. Shanks, Secretary-Treasurer, both of Tulsa.

Sierra Nevada, Ltd. (2-634), *Salt Lake City, Utah*, a Nevada corporation organized in June 1933, as a successor to Sierra Nevada Mining Co., to develop a mine located at Virginia City, Nev. The company proposes to issue 700,000 shares at an aggregate price of \$250,000. Among officers are: Arthur Thomas, President and Arthur J. Selander, Secretary-Treasurer, both of Salt Lake City.

Gachin Gold Syndicate, Ltd. (2-635), *Toronto, Can.*, an Ontario corporation organized in April 1933 to acquire units of Gachin Gold Syndicate and to invest in capital stock of producing mines. The company proposes to issue 10,000 shares of common stock at \$12.50 per share for company purposes. The issue will be sold to the underwriters, J. J. Carrick, Ltd., Toronto, at \$10 a share, less a commission of 50 cents each. Among officers are: John J. Carrick, President; Alexander C. Carrick, Treasurer, and Donald D. Carrick, Secretary, all of Toronto. The company is represented in the United States by Robert M. Hofferma & Co., 11 Broadway, New York City.

Wood Block Flooring, Ltd. (2-636), *Toronto*, a Canadian corporation organized in September 1933, to manufacture and sell wood block flooring proposes to issue 5,000 shares of 7% cumulative redeemable preferred stock and 5,000 shares of no par value common stock in a total amount of \$250,000. Among officers are: Frederick Peter Potvin, President; Clara Mary Potvin, Vice-President, and Catharine Potvin, Secretary-Treasurer, all of Toronto. Henry W. Benson Associates, 92 Liberty St., New York City, are the U. S. agents.

American Business Shares, Inc. (2-637), *Jersey City*, a Delaware corporation, organized September 1932, to operate a limited management investment company, proposing to issue 1,000,000 shares of capital stock in an amount not to exceed \$1,120,000. The offering is to be continuous, the current statement applying to an additional block, the original block having been registered in July 1933. Among officers are: Leon Abbott, Glen Cove, N. Y., President; Julian B. Beaty, Rye, N. Y., Secretary, and R. Ernest Beaty, Brooklyn, N. Y., Treasurer. The underwriter is Lord, Abbott & Co., Inc., Jersey City.

Missouri-McKee Gold Mining Co. (2-638), *Minneapolis*, a Minnesota corporation, organized in November 1933, to engage in mining and milling of ore from the company's property in Montana. The company proposes to issue 30,000 shares of capital stock at \$1 a share for working capital. The underwriter, R. M. Glover, White Plains, N. Y., is to receive a commission of 20 cents a share. Among officers are: Avery F. Crouse, Minneapolis, President and Treasurer; and Edward E. Eder, Excelsior, Minn., Secretary.

General Vending Corporation Bondholders Protective Committee (2-639), *Philadelphia*, calling for deposits of General Vending Corporation (direct issuer) and Consolidated Automatic Merchandising Corporation (Guarantor), both of New York, the direct issuer having been a holding company owning the stocks, obligations and other securities of operating subsidiaries which manufacture and maintain automatic vending and weighing machines. The issue to be called for deposit consists of \$3,857,000 in 6% 10-year secured sinking fund gold bonds of General Vending Corporation, which company had outstanding 33,000 shares of preferred stock at \$100 par value and 365,620 of common stock of \$1 par value while Consolidated Automatic Merchandising Corporation had outstanding 120,798.60 shares of preferred stock of a stated value of \$39.50 each and 2,541,355 shares of common stock at \$1 par value each.

The protective committee consists of Bradford M. Couch, Philadelphia; Charles F. Herb, New York; Lloyd K. Larson, Bridgeport, Conn.; F. L. Porter, Boston; S. A. Traugott and Frank Wolfe, New York.

According to the plan and agreement for readjustment of funded debt, it is desired to keep General Vending Corporation out of receivership and to provide that its available earnings be administered in the interest of bondholders.

American Water Works & Electric Co.—Files for Registration with Federal Trade Commission under Securities Act Proposed Collateral Trust Bond Issue of \$15,000,000 and 2,500,000 Shares of Common Stock.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc., New York, large utility holding company, filed for registration with the Federal Trade Commission on Feb. 8 a proposed collateral trust bond issue of \$15,000,000 and 2,500,000 shares of common stock for which no value is listed. From the sale of the new bond issue, the company expects to retire outstanding collateral trust bonds amounting to \$12,569,200 and to use the balance for general corporate purposes, according to the announcement by the Commission, which also said:

The \$15,000,000 bond issue is made up of ten-year 5% convertible collateral trust bonds. Proceeds from the sale will be used to retire outstanding collateral trust 25-year 5% gold bonds maturing April 1 1934. The new bonds are to be sold at a price not less than the principal amount plus accrued interest. The underwriter, W. C. Langley & Co., 115 Broadway, New York, will be entitled to receive 5% commission on the principal amount of any bonds it purchases to sell.

The common stock is to be without par value, according to the registration statement. The amount received for each share will depend on the rate at which the convertible collateral trust bonds are converted into common stock. All consideration received for common stock issued upon conversion of the bonds, up to but not exceeding \$10 a share, will be allocated to capital, according to the statement.

Subsidiaries of this company own property and operate in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and in Cuba.

Among officers are H. Hobart Porter, President; Earle S. Thompson, Vice-President and Treasurer, and Arthur L. Rae, Comptroller, all of New York.

In its registration statement, the company stipulates that maturing bonds are to be payable in gold coin of the United States of the standard of weight and fineness existing April 1 1914, and in English pounds sterling at the rate of twenty pounds, eleven shillings, one pence for each \$100, or in French francs at the rate of 518 for each \$100. The company notes the enactment by Congress of the bill declaring that the right to require payment in gold is against public policy, and considers that by provisions of this act it is relieved of the obligation to pay its bonds in gold coin.

This is the largest utility issue filed for registration since the Securities Act of 1933 became effective last July.

President Roosevelt Grants National Labor Board Authority to Supervise Elections to Insure Genuine Employee Representation—Executive Order Widens Administrative Powers of Board—Steel Executives Attack Order and NRA Attitude on Company Unions—NRA Denies Intention to Assert All Company Unions Are Dominated by Employers.

President Roosevelt, in an Executive Order issued Feb. 1, vested the National Labor Board with authority to supervise elections for representatives of employees in any industry or plant whenever it is requested to do so by a "substantial number" of such employees. This order greatly expanded the administrative functions of the Board, and was said to have been prompted by a growing tendency on the part of industrial managements to foster "company unions" in their plants, to be operated by employees' representatives selected by the employer rather than by the employees themselves.

Further controversy over the company union was precipitated on Feb. 2, when the executives of the steel industry issued a statement through the American Iron and Steel Institute in which they said that the company unions, operating in their plants, best fulfill the principle of collective bargaining as defined by the NIRA. The statement protested against the President's delegation of authority to the National Labor Board to conduct elections for employees. Such authority, they asserted, represents an attempt to force national unionism of the steel industry. The statement referred to the assertion by the NRA that company unions were operated by representatives chosen by employers rather than by employees, and called that assertion "a flagrant misrepresentation."

General Hugh S. Johnson, Recovery Administrator, and Donald R. Richberg, Counsel of the NRA, on Feb. 3 issued a joint statement clarifying the meaning of the President's Executive Order, and at the same time denying the intention to impute that all company unions are led by representatives chosen by the employers.

The text of President Roosevelt's Executive Order of Feb. 1 follows:

By virtue of the authority vested in me under Title 1 of the National Industrial Recovery Act, approved June 16 1933 (Public No. 67, Seventy-third Congress), and in order to effectuate the policy of said Act, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, do hereby provide for and direct the enforcement of certain provisions of Section 7(A) of said Act and the conditions contained therein, as incorporated in, and made a part of, any code of fair competition, or agreement heretofore or hereafter approved or prescribed by me in the following manner:

1. Whenever the National Labor Board shall determine, in such manner as it sees fit, that a substantial number (as defined in the discretion of

the Board) of the employees, or of any specific group of employees, of any plant or enterprise or industrial unit of any employer subject to such a code or agreement, have requested the Board to conduct an election to enable them to choose representatives for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection in the exercise of the rights assured to them in said Section 7(A), the Board shall make the arrangements for and supervise the conduct of an election, under the exclusive control of the Board and under such rules and regulations as the Board shall prescribe. Thereafter the Board shall publish promptly the names of those representatives who are selected by the vote of at least a majority of the employees voting, and have been thereby designated to represent all the employees eligible to participate in such an election for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection in their relations with their employer.

2. Whenever the National Labor Board shall have determined upon an investigation, or as the result of an election, that the majority of the employees of an employer, or the majority of any specific group of employees, have selected their representatives in accordance with the provisions of said Section 7(A), and shall have certified the names of such representatives to their employer, and thereafter upon complaint or on its own motion, the Board shall determine that such an employer has declined to recognize or to deal with said representatives, or is in any other way refusing to comply with the requirements of said Section 7(A), the Board shall report its determination promptly to the Administrator for Industrial Recovery for appropriate action.

3. The powers and duties herein conferred upon the National Labor Board are in addition to, and not in derogation of, any powers and duties conferred upon such Board by any other Executive Order.

The NRA on Feb. 1 issued an analysis of the Executive Order which read as follows:

The President's order is the direct result of the growing tendency on the part of industrial managements to build up "company unions" in their plants. These unions are operated by employees' representatives chosen by the employer rather than by the employees themselves. Frequent charges that such company unions are not representative of the workers but are dominated by the management have been made. Typical among such cases are those of the Wierton Steel Co. and the Budd Co., of Philadelphia.

The White House order is sweepingly inclusive in its terms. It expressly states that the Board may determine "in such manner as it sees fit" when a substantial number of employees, or even of a group of employees, requests the Board for elective assistance. The Board may then act at once to hold an election and see that the right of collective bargaining is carried out realistically. This means the guaranteeing of an election so managed that its results will show conclusively who the employees' representatives are and that such appointees be the only ones who deal with the management.

It is evident from the President's order, too, that teeth are to be put into the Board's elective functions. Evasion of the results of elections supervised by the Board will be reported immediately to the Administrator for National Recovery. The inference is clear that the National Labor Board will have the following new powers:

1. The Board is given a free hand in determining whether a substantial number of employees in any individual establishment want an election held.

2. That the vote of representatives of the majority are thereby designated to represent all employees. This establishment of majority rule in collective bargaining is probably the most important point in the Executive Order.

3. The Board, in addition to its functions of conciliation, arbitration and mediation, now functions also for enforcement purposes.

Two channels are open for enforcement of the results of elections supervised by the Board. The first is to turn the case over to either the State or National Compliance Boards. These Boards act to bring about compliance through headings. Failure to reach an agreement usually results in referring the case immediately to the law enforcement agencies of the Government. The alternative action in case of evasion or non-compliance with the election results is to refer the case to the Department of Justice for possible prosecution.

The text of the statement by the executives of the steel industry, issued Feb. 2, follows:

The steel industry of the United States is co-operating wholeheartedly with the President in his efforts for national recovery and subscribes fully to the principles of collective bargaining as provided in Section 7(A) of the National Industrial Recovery Act.

In accordance with this principle, employee representation plans are in operation throughout the steel industry. They are functioning effectively and are providing employees with representatives chosen by them in free and untrammelled elections.

The employee representation plan is a modern and effective method of collective bargaining. It operates in the best interest of all the workers, and, by promoting peace and harmony in industrial relations, instead of strife and irritation, it benefits industry and the consuming public.

We regard the analysis of the Executive Order which, according to the press, was issued by the NRA as a direct threat against the peaceful industrial relations long prevailing in the steel industry. It threatens the whole national industrial recovery program.

The published statement by the NRA to the effect that so-called company unions are operated by employees' representatives chosen by the employers rather than by the employees themselves is a flagrant misrepresentation of facts. We regard it as a violation of public trust for a Government agency to issue such a statement to the public. It can indicate nothing other than an intention to accomplish a complete domination of all industry, affecting the lives of millions of people, by union organizations which represent less than 10% of the industrial employees of the nation.

For elections to be ordered by the National Labor Board upon the request of a mere handful of employees in any plant would mean constant disturbance and confusion in the industry. We regard many of the decisions and acts of the Board as clearly intended to encourage unionism and to impose it upon industry. On that account we cannot consider the Board to be an impartial body.

Evidences of the bias of the Board are found in the rules heretofore prescribed by it providing for nominations of candidates in employee elections by petition instead of by the established American custom of secret ballots as practiced in the primaries for the selection of candidates for public office. The petition plan permits names to be placed on the ballot for the employees' vote by only 10 signatures. We regard this as undemocratic and as opening the door to union intimidation of employees.

To provide that an election shall be held when a "substantial" number of employees shall demand it and to give to the National Labor Board the right to determine what constitutes a "substantial" number of employees may force an election, whenever a handful of discontented workers, who might be only union organizers, demand it. This is bound to be a constant source of confusion.

To make the wish of a majority of the number who shall vote, although they may be only a small percentage of the whole number of employees, compulsory upon all employees is a direct violation of Section 7(A) of the National Industrial Recovery Act, which gives to any number of employees the right to choose their own representatives for collective bargaining.

The steel industry maintains that its employees' representation plans met every requirement of the National Industrial Recovery Act in respect of collective bargaining. It intends in every practical and lawful way to resist all attacks upon such plans.

The text of the joint statement by General Johnson and Mr. Richberg is given below:

Because of an erroneous press interpretation issued yesterday of the Executive Order of the President, which empowered the National Labor Board to supervise the conduct of elections to determine employee representation in certain cases, it is desirable to explain what is and what is not covered by the Executive Order.

1. The Executive Order provides a method whereby any specific group of employees of all the employees of a plant or of any employer may select, by a majority vote, representatives clearly empowered to act for the majority in their relations with their employer.

2. This selection of majority representatives does not restrict or qualify in any way the right of minority groups of employees or of individual employees to deal with their employer.

3. Section 7(A) affirms the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing; and such concerted activities can be lawfully carried on by either majority or minority groups, organizing and selecting such representatives in such manner as they see fit. Also, in affirming this right of collective action the law lays no limitation upon no individual action.

4. The joint statement issued by the Administrator and General Counsel on Aug. 24 1933, concerning Section 7(A) provides an interpretation of this Section, which has not been changed and is not modified by the Executive Order.

5. The purpose of the Executive Order is to provide a definite workable method for the selection by the majority of any group of employees of their representatives, who will thereupon be entitled to recognition as the representatives of the will of the majority of the employees eligible to join in that selection.

6. As a practical proposition the National Labor Board would find it impossible to deal with every controversy that might arise between rival groups of employees, each seeking to represent a fraction of the employee opinion, or to conduct thousands of elections so that every little group of employees could select representatives to represent every faction of employee opinion.

Nor could any employer maintain satisfactory relations with his employees through unlimited negotiations with an indefinite number of employee representatives expressing every possible variety of opinion.

The most important question to be solved in carrying out the purposes of Section 7(A) is to determine who are the representatives of the majority of the employees affected. It is for the purpose of solving that problem that the Executive Order was issued, which in no way excludes the exercise of rights by minorities or individuals.

7. As has been pointed out frequently, the right of collective bargaining is not the right to obtain a specific contract, because a contract must be the result of an agreement, and neither employees nor employers can be compelled to enter into a specific contract.

But it is to be assumed that if both employer and employees are assured that the representatives of the employees have been selected freely and without coercion to represent the desires of a majority of those affected, then any contract resulting from such collective bargaining will stabilize employment conditions and produce the most satisfactory relations possible between employer and employee.

8. In so far as the statement in the press release might be read as saying that employees' representatives in all company unions are chosen by employers it was not so intended, as there is no evidence that such is the case.

Nor is it true that employees, if permitted to act in their own free choice, may not select a company union (meaning local plant union). The principal purpose of the order was to insure that the choice be free—not to influence the choice between any particular form of employee organization.

HUGH S. JOHNSON, *Administrator for National Recovery.*
DONALD R. RICHBERG, *General Counsel.*

Inquiry by Federal Trade Commission Into Steel Code and Gasoline Prices.

In furtherance of the resolution adopted by the Senate on Feb. 2 (given elsewhere in these columns to-day) the Federal Trade Commission on Feb. 5 began the inquiry called for in the resolution into the steel code, and gasoline prices. The Commission, in its announcement of Feb. 5, said:

Moving promptly to comply with the Senate resolution directing an investigation into steel and gasoline prices, the Federal Trade Commission already has begun its inquiry. The steel price investigation will be under the direction of Judge Robert E. Healy, the Federal Trade Commission's chief counsel, who conducted the public utility investigations and the gasoline price inquiry under the direction of the Commission's chief examiner, James A. Horton.

From a Washington dispatch, Feb. 5, to the New York "Times," we take the following:

The investigation of the steel industry is attracting attention because of the recent remarks by General Johnson, who in a speech in New York on Jan. 19 said:

"Now I yield to no man in my admiration for the Federal Trade Commission, but at this crisis we must look facts in the teeth and by moving in to control this administration it will kill the recovery program."

He charged that substitution of the Commission for the NRA was the objective of those seeking to amend the Act.

Many Legal Points Involved.

Many legal questions on interpretation of the meaning of the NRA and codes adopted under it will confront the Commission. Officials said "no

forecast is possible at this time as to the time that will be required to complete the investigation."

Some believe that the question of what constitutes monopolistic practices and whether activities carried on under any of the NRA codes fall within their range will have to go finally to the high courts for determination.

The Commission, it is understood, will try to set forth in some detail such practices as are found in operation, as a basis for better determination of the issue. Whether it will make any definite recommendations could not be forecast to-day.

The Commission has made no recent broad study into the gasoline price situation. This phase of the Borah inquiry is not expected to cause difficulty.

The Federal Trade Commission investigation receives added interest from the recommendations made yesterday by Division Administrator Whiteside of the NRA for immediate temporary suspension of provisions in codes which make for unauthorized price-fixing.

Resolution Adopted by Senate Calling For Investigation of Steel NRA Code by Federal Trade Commission—Data Asked as to Increase in Price of Gasoline.

At the instance of Senator Borah a resolution was adopted by the United States Senate on Feb. 2 calling upon the Federal Trade Commission to make an investigation of the steel code. As explained by Senator Borah, the Commission is asked to report, "first, upon the steel code, as to whether or not, under the code, the steel industry has been engaged in price fixing"; and "secondly it calls for a report as to the increase in the price of gasoline during the last six months." As adopted by the Senate the resolution reads:

Resolved, that the Federal Trade Commission be, and the same is hereby directed to make an investigation and study of the steel code and report the result thereof to the Senate as soon as practicable, showing:

First, the practice of the steel industry under the code with reference to price-fixing, the increase of price of steel products, and such other matters as would give a full presentation of facts touching the industry since it went under the N. R. A. code;

Second, that said Federal Trade Commission report to the Senate the increase in the price of gasoline during the last six months and what the increase of price means to the users of gasoline throughout the country in the way of additional cost.

From a Washington dispatch Feb. 2 to the New York "Herald Tribune" we take the following:

Senator Borah in presenting the resolution was following up his war on alleged monopoly and attempts at monopoly under the N. R. A. codes.

It is the expectation the Trade Commission will make a report in the near future. It is said to have much of the material already at hand, since the Administration has been seeking to keep informed as to operation of the major codes and the basic industries under codes.

Small Concerns Complain.

Since he opened fire on this subject in the present session, Senator Borah has been flooded with letters from small business concerns alleging they are suffering under the codes because those codes are dominated by the leading interests in the industries. The Senator said to-day he had received several thousand letters from all over the country commending his efforts to prevent monopoly under the N. R. A. codes.

As a sample of the letters, the owner of a small lumber mill in Washington writes that, "the lumber code was written by and for the big boys."

The owner of a rubber footwear business in New York which has existed for fifty-two years wrote to Senator Borah: "It is now absolutely terminated by the so-called gentlemen's agreements by the managers of the various mills and the organization which is named the Rubber Association of America."

Proposed Investigation Into NRA Steel Code—Gen. Johnson Says "It's All Right With Me," Regarding Senate Resolution.

The following from Washington is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 3:

The Senate resolution asking the Federal Trade Commission to investigate steel prices under code operation is "all right with me," General Johnson said. "It is perfectly proper if the Senate wants to do it," he added.

Turning to industrial practices under all codes approved, Mr. Johnson said any monopolistic action taken under a code is still a violation of the law. However, he pointed out that anti-trust laws provide against action "in restraint of trade," and added that the term "monopolistic practice" needs redefining, as many N. R. A. actions taken under the law are also in restraint of trade.

The Administrator stated that while Governmental representatives on code authorities have veto power they do not vote, and in consequence approval has been withheld on all action taken by industry under codes approved. It would be "very difficult" to convict an action by any industry taken under mandate of a code provision even though such an action might be held a violation of some other law, he said.

Code for Construction Industry Effective Feb. 27—Pact Approved by President Roosevelt—Stipulates 40-Hour Week and Minimum Wage of 40 Cents an Hour—National Construction, Planning and Adjustment Board, of 20 Members, Will Handle Labor and Trade Relations.

A code of fair competition for the construction industry will become effective Feb. 27, following its approval Jan. 31 by President Roosevelt and General Hugh S. Johnson, National Recovery Administrator. Negotiations and controversies while the code was being formulated delayed completion of the pact for six months. The code covers every form of building, from roads to skyscrapers, and was said

by officials of the NRA to provide a pact for what is the nation's second largest industry in normal times.

In a letter to General Johnson, Jan. 31, the President expressed the hope that the National Construction, Planning and Adjustment Board, created to supervise labor and trade relations in the industry, would begin functioning promptly and effectively, and would report to him regarding such disputes as may now exist. This new Board will have 20 members, half of whom will represent the industry and half labor. General Johnson said that the code is "perhaps the most comprehensive self-governing instrumentality yet conceived" under the NRA. He added that it represents "the very essence of the spirit of co-operation with which the Recovery Administration has attempted to associate itself."

The principal provisions of the construction code were described as follows in a Washington dispatch, Jan. 31, to the New York "Journal of Commerce":

In summarizing for the President economic effects expected from the approved code, the Administrator stated that power of co-ordinated action to check the fluctuations in volume of construction, ranging from 100 to 50% below normal requirements, would be afforded this vast industry for the first time. Although capable of putting half the remaining unemployed back to work, he said, the construction industry to date has shown no signs of recovery under the NRA program.

In addition to establishment of a construction code authority to administer the code generally, the code provides a minimum wage of 40c. per hour for unskilled common labor and \$15 and \$12 per week for office workers, basing salaries on population.

Maximum hours are limited to 40 hours per week for both common labor and office help, with usual exemptions for watchmen, executives and emergency workers. Where the National Planning and Adjustment Board approves, maximum hours on inaccessible projects, where laborers are housed in camps, temporary shelters, &c., are set at 48 hours per week.

"Return to normal volume in the industry can result only through investment of private capital in construction," Administrator Johnson points out. "The increased cost of construction, due to an immediate increase in wage rates, will not be productive of private construction work at the present time."

Action Is Hailed.

Approval of the construction code was hailed with great satisfaction by members of Associated General Contractors of America, terminating their fifteenth annual convention here to-day. General Johnson, who addressed the session this afternoon, told the convention that he had approved the code, and "momentary" approval from the White House had been indicated to him via telephone. Contractors, therefore, looked for the President's approval, but not until some time next month.

Henry I. Harriman, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the convention to-day regarding the country's general economic future. There appears to be, he said, three specific fields of opportunity in the economic areas which are opened, enumerating these as rehabilitation of industrial plants, modernization of passenger rail transportation and construction of modern sanitary homes.

Mr. Harriman suggested the formation of a Government Housing Corporation, with ample capital, under the supervision of three commissioners to be appointed by the President.

Dissolution of Injunction Against NRA Authorities Following Withdrawal by Cloak and Suit Manufacturers in Connecticut of Opposition to Code.

The dissolution is announced of the temporary injunction against Gen. Johnson and other National Reconstruction Act officials restraining them from taking action against five Connecticut cloak and suit manufacturers who refused to abide by the provisions of the NRA code on the ground that they were unjustly discriminated against. Regarding the discontinuance of the proceedings the Hartford "Courant" of Feb. 7 said:

The temporary injunction granted by Judge Edwin S. Thomas in the United States District Court here a week ago to five Connecticut suit and coat manufacturers against NRA authorities was dissolved Tuesday [Feb. 6] when legal counsel for the manufacturers withdrew their action.

Formal notice of the withdrawal of the action was filed late Tuesday afternoon in Federal Court by Attorney A. S. Albrecht, who with David P. Siegel of New York represented the manufacturers in their injunction proceedings. The notice was immediately approved by Judge Thomas.

Return to Code.

As a result of the withdrawal of the action, the manufacturers automatically returned under the provisions of the suit and code for the Eastern Division, necessitating resumption of the higher wage scale against which they protested in seeking the injunction. Their original complaint alleged that while they were placed in the Eastern Division, Baltimore, which they claimed competes with them in the New York market, was placed in the Western Division with its lower wage scale.

The action of the manufacturers followed a series of conferences held by their representatives and officials of the suit and coat code authority in New York, at which, it was asserted, the manufacturers received assurance that an attempt would be made to adjust the cause of their complaints.

Ellis Explains Position.

Sidney Ellis, President of the Independent Cloak Company of New Britain, delegated and authorized by the other manufacturers to act in their behalf, issued a statement in which he asserted:

"Despite the injunctive relief already granted by the court, and because the deponent is anxious from a patriotic spirit to work with the Government officials, and believing and hoping they will see fit to grant the proper and equitable relief that is being sought, and having discussed the situation at length with individuals who are on the staff of the various administrative bodies connected with the NRA, the plaintiffs have decided to withdraw their action and permit the administrative officers to carry out their promises to render proper and equitable relief to the plaintiffs."

Mr. Ellis asserted he expected that another hearing would be held in the near future possibly within two weeks, at which the code administrators

would give their final decision to the complaining Connecticut manufacturer.

By withdrawing their injunction and placing themselves again under the coat and suit code, the five Connecticut manufacturers will be enabled to obtain NRA labels for their garments from the code authority. Despite the temporary injunction given by Judge Thomas, restraining code authorities from applying the code to the plaintiffs, the Connecticut manufacturers found that the New York code authority declined to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the Federal Court in this district and withheld the labels. Without these labels the Connecticut manufacturers were unable to market their goods, it was claimed. Continued inability to market their products threatened to close the factories, despite the injunction victory, it was asserted.

On the other hand despite the fact that the injunction failed to open their market, the court action which resulted in the granting of the temporary injunction apparently expedited consideration by the NRA authorities of the manufacturers' complaint. Two days after the temporary injunction was granted by Judge Thomas a hearing was held in Washington, D. C., by NRA officials and representatives of the coat and suit manufacturers. This was followed by other conferences and, according to Mr. Ellis, a final decision is expected at the hearing to be held "in the near future."

Besides the Independent Cloak Company, other Connecticut manufacturers who brought the injunction proceedings are Sokol Brothers and Philip Scapalletti both of New Britain, and the Parisian Garment Company and the Biltrite Garment Company, both of Bridgeport.

References to the issuance of the temporary injunction appeared in our issues of Jan. 6, page 64, Jan. 20, page 441 and Feb. 3, page 790.

Judge Brewster of Federal Court in Boston Holds Hoosac Mills Corporation May Disregard NRA Provision Directing Curtailment of Production.

In Boston advices Jan. 19 to the New York "Times" it was stated:

Judge Elisha H. Brewster in a memorandum handed down in the Federal Court orders receivers of the Hoosac Mills Corporation, with factories in North Adams, New Bedford and Taunton, to disregard a National Reconstruction Act order to curtail production 25% during January and to continue to operate the mills at the present peak of 56.2% of loom capacity.

His order followed a showing by Receivers William M. Butler and James A. McDonough of the mills that it would be necessary to close the corporation's mills for one week during the current month to accomplish the 25% reduction ordered and that such a closing, by reason of factoring contracts, would imperil continued operation of the mills.

The jobs of 3,000 persons now employed in the mills were at stake, the court was informed in a petition asking the advice of the court as to what course ought to be pursued. The receivers expressed themselves as heartily in sympathy with the purpose of the 25% reduction, but pleaded that the situation facing the Hoosac Mills was different from that generally to be found in the cotton industry with prospects of a definite shutdown if the order of Hugh S. Johnson was obeyed.

Ralph Pulitzer Resigns as Division Administrator of NRA in Charge of Newspaper Code—Opposition of American Newspaper Guild Prompted Withdrawal.

Ralph Pulitzer, former publisher of the New York "World" announced on Feb. 1 that he had resigned as National Recovery Division Administrator in charge of the newspaper and allied codes. Mr. Pulitzer's resignation, which was sent to General Hugh S. Johnson, Recovery Administrator, was prompted by opposition expressed by the American Newspaper Guild, he said. Shortly after Mr. Pulitzer's appointment the Executive Committee of the New York Newspaper Guild sent a resolution to President Roosevelt protesting his appointment because of his previous connection with the "World," and also sent a letter to Mr. Pulitzer asking him to resign the post. Mr. Pulitzer had the following to say:

I have resigned as Division Administrator of the NRA because I feel that the opposition to my appointment by the American Newspaper Guild would cast doubt on my impartiality in any question concerning its members which might come before me on Feb. 1. Another compelling reason for my resignation is that "The St. Louis Post-Dispatch" of which I am a trustee and director, feels itself embarrassed in either support or opposition to the NRA and myself while I hold this appointment.

NRA Finds Some Codes Aid Price Fixing—Report of A. D. Whiteside to General Johnson Proposes Six Changes to Eliminate Causes of Excessive Prices—Embodies Suggestions for Determining Effect of Codes on Consumer—Would Delete "Waiting Period" from Most Codes.

Recent hearings before the National Recovery Administration on complaints of administration of codes revealed six types of complaints, all of which were based on price change provisions in codes, according to an analysis submitted to General Hugh S. Johnson, Recovery Administrator, by Division Administrator A. D. Whiteside, who conducted the hearings. In this report, made public Feb. 4, Mr. Whiteside incorporated several suggestions designed to eliminate the causes of excessive prices and also submitted proposals for strengthening the NRA machinery for analyzing price complaints and determining the effects of particular codes on the consumer. A Washington dispatch of Feb. 4 to the New York "Times" outlined the principal observations and recommendations made by Mr. Whiteside as follows:

In a summary of the report to General Johnson, Mr. Whiteside described the fundamental types of complaints as follows:

"1. The uniformity in prices and excessive price increases which apparently have arisen from the operation of open price agreements in several

codes, particularly in those instances where a period of waiting has been prescribed between the filing date and effective date of price lists.

"2. Excessive surcharges and uniform surcharges. In several industries this is largely a history of completed transactions in a situation not likely to recur immediately.

Disagree on Gold Loss.

"The surcharges under the gold loss schedule might, however, continue to be a source of disagreement. Even in the event of practical stabilization of the dollar gold parity, it appears likely that this schedule would be used to crystallize permanent price increases.

"3. Activities on the part of groups in trades or industries which are extraneous to the codes but which are apparently the result of collective understandings which have developed through the intimate relationship established between those operating within trades and industries.

"4. Limitations on cash discounts and quantity discounts which may constitute a means of raising prices, and these provisions are inserted in the respective codes as part of the fair practice definitions.

"5. Limitations on the manufacture or distribution of second quality goods.

"6. Interpretations of cost as a level below which no sales shall be made, which have resulted in raising prices to an unjustified level in the interest of the customer or for the permanent welfare of the industry."

Mr. Whiteside pointed out that the summary, in citing six fundamental problems, does not reflect either the number or the importance of the cases involved, and that the policy of the NRA should probably not be determined until after further study and experimentation.

Would End Waiting Period.

Summarizing his conclusions respecting the questions in controversy, Mr. Whiteside said:

"1. The so-called 'waiting period' should probably be temporarily deleted from the majority of open-price provisions. Theoretically this provision has a legitimate purpose. In practical operation it may lead to intimidation and coercion and result in a uniformity of high prices. Opportunities for monopolistic practices are available.

"In the industries manufacturing necessities and basic materials the waiting period will probably result in excessive prices. A possible substitute is a provision for quoting simultaneously to the customers and competitors and others with a justified interest, safeguarded by a provision that a price once quoted must apply for a given period to all customers of the same classes or to all single delivery purchases of the same size class. This period might vary from the 24 hours now provided in a few codes to a month, as conditions in the industry may warrant.

"This does not necessarily imply that this is the only criticism of the open-price clause, but it is the only point upon which a definite conclusion seems warranted at this time. As noted above, we believe either phases of this agreement and its operating results should be subjected to study.

Upholds Cash Discounts.

"2. A reasonable cash discount such as the percentage commonly used, is a long and widely acknowledged trade custom with sound justification. It seems doubtful whether the effort to eliminate the abuses of the cash discount, practiced in many trades, should extend to an abolition of even small discounts or a modification of liberal discounts.

"3. The activities which have affected prices because of the intimacies established in code relationship are extremely varied, but their correction should present no great difficulty the moment abuses of this nature arise.

"4. Provisions for customer classification, which serve to stiffen the quantity-discount provisions against universities and State or city governments and hospitals, apparently should be reconsidered carefully unless the same restrictions on wholesalers for orders or shipments of the same size are made. Many industries have been built up by the inducement of quantity discounts, which were amply justified by the economies of mass production. The code which ignores this fact to perpetuate existing channels of distribution is likely to be extremely difficult to enforce.

"5. Provisions limiting the distribution of seconds or inferior grades, although aimed at an obvious and widespread abuse, should probably be examined in the light of at least three factors.

"(a) Do the processes in the industry normally yield a constant proportion of second-class products under such conditions and would the effort to produce only first-grade products cause excessive expense or waste?

"(b) Is there a valid and extensive use for a second grade because of some such factor as loss, theft, or inevitable breakage which makes durability or finish a minor objective?

"(c) Can quality standardization and marking be enforced, so that the customer recognizes the grade purchased? If satisfied with seconds, at a lower price, what reasonable objection can be made to supplying subgrades?

"6. It would seem desirable that considerable care be exercised to analyze the effect of proposed code provisions for defending cost as a 'price floor.' This provision appears likely in some instances to dictate a price level higher than the customers should pay in the short run, and higher than the industry can maintain in the long run. It was also stated in one instance that the cost-accounting definitions compelled the pricing of the competitive or second-grade product so near the first-grade price that its competitive advantage was lost, and the second-grade product was therefore discontinued."

Mr. Whiteside also made suggestions as to the future program of the NRA, including the setting up of machinery for analyzing "a continuous flow of the price complaints and responses" and the holding of periodic hearings to correct such abuses as may develop. He also suggested the compilation and revision of charts and graphs interpreting the "behavior of price and comparing price changes with variations in labor and material costs."

Industrial Fellowship to Investigate Data on Food Merchandising—Established by Toledo Precision Devices—It Will Promote Studies of Improved Methods of Food Distribution Through Grocery Stores.

An Industrial Fellowship founded to search for technical information leading to improved methods of food distribution through grocery stores was announced Feb. 3 by Dr. Edward R. Weidlein, Director of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research at Pittsburgh. The Fellowship, which was established by Toledo Precision Devices, Inc., an associate organization of the Toledo Scale Co., will investigate problems involved in food merchandising, especially in the storage and display of food during distribution through wholesale and retail grocers.

A statement by the Mellon Institute added the following details:

Further pertinent data, in addition to the information now available concerning changes occurring in such grocery merchandise as fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, dairy products, bread, and pastry during distribution, are expected to make foods of better quality available to the consumer, to eliminate some sources of spoilage losses to the food merchant, and to form a contribution of value to the food trades generally. Where such a course seems justifiable, information now available or acquired during the research will be published in convenient form for the use of the grocery trade.

Marion D. Coulter, the incumbent of this Fellowship, was graduated from Denison University in 1920 and did graduate work at The Ohio State University leading to the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in 1923. From 1923 until 1925 he was a member of the chemistry department of Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, La. From 1925 until 1930 he was engaged in research on the series of fellowships on insulating lumber maintained by the Celotex Company at Mellon Institute, and during 1930-31 was a research chemist with this company at Chicago, Ill. During 1931-33 Dr. Coulter was engaged in research on food packaging problems on the Mellon Institute fellowships sustained by the Robert Gair Company, of New York. He is a member of the American Chemical Society and the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry.

President Roosevelt Urges Elimination of Politics in Administering Relief—Tells State Directors of National Emergency Council to Be "Hard Boiled" and to Defy the "Most Powerful Political Boss"—Says Recovery Should Apply to All Groups.

President Roosevelt on Feb. 2 advised the State directors of the National Emergency Council, meeting in Washington, that they should adopt a "hardboiled" policy in eliminating graft and partisan politics from the Administration's recovery program. He promised his hearers that they would have the staunch support of the Administration "even if you hit the biggest political boss in the United States on the head." The State directors visited the White House, together with Frank C. Walker, Chairman of the Council. President Roosevelt, in his address, was optimistic regarding the prospects of the recovery campaign, saying that "we are all, with some minor exceptions, behind this broad program because we feel it has done some good and that by and large it is working out pretty well."

In warning the State directors to avoid the practice of partisan politics, the President remarked that it is "awfully important for the country to realize that relief—the carrying out of the principles behind the National Recovery Act, carrying out of public works and all of the other ramifications—is based on a conception that is far beyond local politics or the local building up either of a political machine or a party or personal machine."

The President said that 90% of the complaints against the recovery program resulted from activities of individuals "who try to get either personal or political credit out of something that ought not to have either of these factors in the work in any shape, manner or form." Stressing the absence of political implications, Mr. Roosevelt recalled that many of the State directors were Republicans and others were Democrats and that "quite a number do not belong regularly to one party or the other." The President's speech follows in full:

I am glad you have undertaken this very great task. We have felt, as you know, for a long time that it was necessary to tie-in, in some way, the entire emergency program which, in its many ramifications, we have been undertaking from time to time. We feel also that this work of disseminating information and preventing the crossing of wires had to be done through decentralization, and that is why you are here. You are the great decentralizers for the Federal Government and in a sense, also, you are the co-ordinators between the Federal Government, the State and the local Governments. That being so, I think probably that the future success of this program is more in your hands than in the hands of any other group.

Frank Walker, as National Director, has explained to you the various responsibilities you have. If you don't mind, I want to give you a few personal observations based on certain experiences—four years in Albany, war work here during the Wilson administration and a certain amount of experience in the last few months. They are:

One of the most difficult tasks that I know anything about is to get around and avoid the results of certain perfectly normal and natural human impulses—impulses based on selfishness and which take certain forms well known to most of us, either the purely personal form of trying to get special authority or special credit for individual applause or aggrandizement.

Another thing we run into is the idea, the thought on the part of some people, of trying to make political capital out of relief work, out of the building up of what is in many ways a new theory of the relationship not only of Government to citizen but also the relationship between employer and employee—the problem of taking care of human needs.

Where we have fallen down in these past months, I would say in about 90% of the cases the falling down has been caused, quite frankly, by individuals who try to get either personal or political credit out of something that ought not to have either of those factors in the work in any shape, manner or form.

This work has nothing to do with partisan politics—nothing at all. A great many of you are Republicans, a good many are Democrats—quite a number do not belong regularly to one party or the other. We are not the least bit interested in the partisan side of this picture.

We do want you to be absolutely hard-boiled if you find any local person within your own States who is trying to get political advantage out of the relief of human needs and you will have the backing of this Administration 1,000% even if you hit the biggest political boss in the United States on the head in carrying out this general program.

I think it is awfully important for the country to realize that relief—the carrying out of the principles behind the National Recovery Act, the carrying out of public works and all of the other ramifications—is based on a conception that is far beyond local politics or the local building up either of a political machine or a party or personal machine.

So that is one of the things you will have a hard time fighting. I think you will be able to get the help and enthusiastic support of at least 90% of the people within your own States if that idea can be thoroughly and completely gotten across at the very inception of your work.

People are going to rush to you with all their troubles. That will relieve us in Washington very greatly.

You will require extraordinary patience and long hours—a smile at all times—and the carrying out of the policy of not just the administration in a narrow sense, but the policy of what I think is the overwhelming policy of the American people to-day. We are all behind, with few exceptions, this broad program. We think it has done good. We believe we are on our way. We believe it is working out pretty well in all sections of the country.

I was interested in talking yesterday to the President of one of the greatest railroads of this country. I asked him how his road was doing. His reply was that, while his road was carrying more freight and more passengers, the important fact was that the freight they were carrying revealed increases in every single classification of freight. That is the best illustration of the fact that we are building up economically in every section of the country, including practically all industries.

We know the human factor which enters so largely into this picture. We are trying to apply it to all groups needing aid and assistance and not merely just a few scattered or favored groups. That is why we want from you the kind of information and kind of reports that will keep us in touch with the broad picture in every one of the 48 States.

I wish I could sit in with you in all the meetings you are having. When you return to your home States you carry my very definite and distinct blessing. I hope you will not only keep Frank Walker informed, but, through him, you will keep me in touch with the problems as you find them. Let us also have any suggestions you may have to make so we can give additional help from this end whenever necessary.

It has been fine to see you. Perhaps later in the spring, after you have been at work five or six months, we shall have another meeting in Washington.

Senator Wagner Praises Work of National Labor Board—Says Both Employers and Employees Support Present System of Adjusting Disputes—Affairs of 900,000 Men Have Been Handled, Chairman Declares.

Senator Wagner of New York, Chairman of the National Labor Board, issued a statement Feb. 3 in which he praised the record of the Board in dealing with industrial disputes, and said that "the sum-total of impressions based on reports from New England to California is that the overwhelming majority of employers and employees use, trust and support this system of industrial adjustment." The Board and its 17 regional labor boards have passed upon the affairs of more than 900,000 workers and have mediated or arbitrated the disputes, Senator Wagner declared. Further extracts from his statement follow, as given in a Washington dispatch Feb. 3 to the New York "Times":

Regional boards handled 1,628 cases, involving 514,321 workers, and the National Board took care of 190 cases, involving 400,000 workers.

National Board settlements were 132, while regional board settlements numbered 1,021, a total of 1,153 settlements in 1,818 cases. The National Board settled 107 out of 132 strikes.

"Getting along toward the million mark proves what a necessary and progressive step the President took in establishing the National Labor Board," the Senator said.

"Labor in established areas continues to resort to the regional boards in preference to striking. Some boards report a greater number of strikes averted than of strikes breaking out. Other boards report a marked increase of strikes in areas to which new organizing movements are extending."

Interpretation by Federal Trade Commission of Various Provisions of Securities Act.

Interpretations by the Federal Trade Commission of various provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 are contained in extracts from letters in response to inquiries concerning the application of the Act to various situations. These extracts were made public by the Commission on Dec. 28. With regard thereto the Commission said:

Among the more important problems discussed are the position of protective committees in connection with the registration of securities issued in reorganizations.

The dealing in securities the issue of which is exempt from registration. The necessity for registering certificates of deposit issued against municipal bonds.

The application of the Act to employees' stock subscription plans, and violation of the Act by intra-State sales of securities pending registration.

Several letters relate to the conditions prescribed by the Act under which local security issues may be made without registration.

One discusses the necessity for disclosing fees received by an investment service in connection with the preparation of a plan of reorganization which the service proposed to recommend.

The Commission's interpretations were indicated as follows:

These extracts are listed under the sections of the Act to which they pertain, as follows:

Sections 2 (1), 2 (3) and 2 (4).

The facts are indicated in the following quotation:

"There can be no question but that voting trust certificates are subject to the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933. The definition of the term 'security,' contained in Section 2 (1) of the Act, expressly includes a 'voting trust certificate.' Every security must have an issuer. Under Section 2 (4), which again specifically mentions voting trust certificates, the term 'issuer' means the person or persons performing the acts and assuming the duties of manager pursuant to the provisions of a trust agreement. This

can mean no one other than the voting trustees themselves. If, as seems clear from these two sections, the issue of voting trust certificates was intended to be subject to the Act, the ordinary transaction in which the certificates are delivered against the deposit of securities under the trust must have been intended to be included within the concept of a sale."

Section 2 (3).

The facts are indicated in the following quotation:

"The issuance of bonds carrying a conversion privilege, under Section 2 (3) of the Act, does not constitute a 'sale' of or 'offer to sell' the stock into which the bond is convertible only if the conversion 'right cannot be exercised until some future date.' According to your letter, the conversion privilege attached to the proposed bonds may be exercised at any time after the bonds are issued. For this reason, the issue of the bonds will involve an offer of the stock which will require immediate registration of the latter. "A fee for the registration of the stock will, of course, have to be paid as well as for the bonds."

Section 2 (11).

The facts are indicated in the following quotation:

"In the typical reorganization procedure, the protective committee, after approval of its plan of reorganization by the bondholders, arranges the organization of the new corporation and procures the issuance of the securities of the new corporation in connection with the acquisition of the property of the old corporation. In taking these steps, the committee is representing the depositing bondholders as their agent, trustee or otherwise. It is difficult to regard such committee as falling within the definition of an underwriter—Section 2 (11)—since it is neither selling the new securities for the new corporation nor purchasing them with a view to their distribution. The issuance is a 'sale' of the securities to the depositing bondholders, represented by the committee, and inasmuch as this is the case, no 'distribution,' as the term is used in Section 2 (11) of the Act, can be deemed to take place by the committee. The 'distribution' within the meaning of the Act occurs when the securities are issued to the committee as such representative.

"Under certain peculiar circumstances, of course, where the committee performs services not commonly performed by such committees but of the character that would ordinarily attend the distribution of new securities by an underwriter, the committee might well be an underwriter. But this is not ordinarily the case."

Sections 2 (11) and (a) (1).

A corporation made an issue of 500,000 shares on June 20 1933. 400,000 shares were issued to former stockholders. 100,000 shares were sold outright to an underwriter and offered to the public on the same day. At about the same time the underwriter entered into contracts with certain individual stockholders in the corporation by which the underwriter agreed to purchase from the stockholders within a limited time additional stock of which the individuals were owners. The underwriter is continuing to offer shares from the 100,000 share block purchased from the company. It will later offer to sell the shares which it has agreed to purchase from the individual stockholders. Section 2 (11) provides: "The term 'underwriter' means any person who has purchased from an issuer with a view to . . . the distribution of any security . . . As used in this paragraph the term 'issuer' shall include, in addition to an issuer, any person directly or indirectly controlling . . . the issuer . . ." Section 3 (a) provides: ". . . The provisions of this title shall not apply to . . . (1) Any security which, prior to or within 60 days after the enactment of this title, has been sold or disposed of by the issuer or bona fide offered to the public, but this exemption shall not apply to any new offering of any such security by an issuer or underwriter subsequent to such 60 days". The following questions are presented:

1. In order to continue the offering of shares from the 100,000 share block, must the underwriter cause a registration of the securities?

2. If the shares in this block are exempt from registration, will an offering of any other stock of this issue by the underwriter require registration?

3. Specifically, will the offering at this time of the shares which the underwriter in June 1933, contracted to purchase from the stockholders require registration?

"Section 3 (a) (1) would provide an exemption for the securities in this case unless there is involved a 'new offering . . . by an underwriter.' So far as the 100,000 additional shares are concerned, it appears that the continuation of their sale to the public by the underwriter would not constitute a new offering, since it was commenced before July 27 1933. The question, therefore, is narrowed to a consideration of the shares owned by various stockholders in the corporation, which they have contracted to sell to the underwriter.

"In applying the phrase 'new offering . . . by an underwriter,' it is the relationship between the person alleged to be an underwriter and the securities which he offers that is to be examined. If, with reference to the block which he now offers, he is not an underwriter, the exemption to which he was entitled under Section 3 (a) (1) is not lost thereby. So the fact that the underwriter of the 100,000 shares issued by the corporation in June will now for the first time offer shares of the same stock from another block, will not necessarily cause a loss of that exemption.

"It is important to notice, however, that under Section 2 (11) a person may be an underwriter within the meaning of the Act if he purchases from the controlling interests in a corporation with a view to further distribution. In this case, therefore, it would be necessary to consider the position, within the corporation, of the persons who have contracted with the underwriter for the sale of some of their holdings, except for the fact that the contract of sale was made before July 27.

"Even if the sellers held the controlling interest in the corporation so that prima facie the purchaser would be considered an underwriter under Section 2 (11), if such sellers had sold or disposed of the stock to the underwriter before July 27 1933, an offer by the latter made after that date would not cause the loss of an exemption otherwise available under Section 3 (a) (1). The purpose of Section 3 (a) (1) was to exempt from the necessity for registration, securities belonging to a person who had purchased before the effective date of the Act, and who could not compel the issuer to register the security. An opposite conclusion would lead to a result,—certainly contrary to that contemplated by the Act—that might make it impossible for an underwriter, who became such before July 27, to dispose of an issue which he had purchased if it were assumed that an offering of the issue by him after July 27 was a 'new offering . . . by an underwriter,' within the meaning of Section 3 (a) (1)."

Section 4 (1).

A corporation in default in the payment of interest on its 6% bonds outstanding proposes to the bondholders to exchange new bonds bearing lower interest. The corporation proposes to pay certain fees to brokers and investment bankers for their services in promoting the exchange.

Section 4 provides: "The provisions of Section 5 shall not apply to any of the following transactions:

"(1) . . . Transactions by an issuer not with or through an underwriter and not involving any public offering. . .

"(3) The issuance of a security of a person exchanged by it with its existing security holders exclusively, where no commission or other remuneration is paid or given directly or indirectly in connection with such exchange; . . ."

The question is whether there will be a "public offering" of the new bonds within the meaning of Section 4 (1).

"It seems clear that offerings addressed only to security holders of a single issuer may nevertheless be 'public offerings' within the meaning of Section 4 (1). Otherwise the inclusion of the first clause of Section 4 (3) would have been unnecessary. If the group of security holders includes a substantial number of persons, the offering should be considered a 'public' one. This interpretation has the support of the Statement of the Managers on the Part of the House, at page 25 of the Conference Report:

"Sales of stock to stockholders become subject to the Act unless the stockholders are so small in number that the sale to them does not constitute a public offering."

"It receives added support from the consideration that while the Uniform Sale of Securities Act and many of the State Blue Sky Laws contain specific exemptions relating to the issue of securities by a company to its own security holders, no such specific exemption was included by Congress."

Section 4 (1).

The facts are indicated in the following quotation:

"It is difficult to regard the contemplated offering of stock to 2,450 employees of the X corporation as not being a 'public offering' within the meaning of Section 4 (1) of the Securities Act. It is clear that the word 'public' as used in this provision is not limited to offers which are made indiscriminately and open to anyone. For example, an offering confined to the security holders of a corporation may nevertheless be a 'public offering' within the meaning of Section 4 (1). Otherwise the first clause of Section 4 (3) would be superfluous. Where a substantial number of persons is involved, it would seem imprudent to rely upon the second clause of Section 4 (1) to give an exemption."

Section 4 (1).

The facts are indicated in the following quotation:

"Securities, issued in exchange for securities of the same issuer to existing security holders in such a way that the exchange is exempt under Section 4 (3) of the Securities Act, may be traded in by dealers within a year of their last public offering, although no registration statement is in effect and no prospectus complying with Section 10 is furnished.

"Although Section 4, as distinguished from Section 3, exempts transactions and not the securities themselves, where the transaction exempted is an otherwise non-exempted offering of an issue by an issuer and consequently the issuer is relieved of the duty of filing the registration statement, the dealer may sell through the mail and in inter-State commerce without a registration statement, unless, of course, there is a new offering of the security by the issuer or an underwriter. A study of the Act indicates that in every instance the duty of filing a registration statement is placed upon either the issuer or a person who can control the issuer and thus compel the issuer to file the necessary statement. This being so, an exemption as to this group of persons would carry throughout the line of distribution to the dealer. True, in the ordinary case a dealer may not sell within one year after the public offering unless a registration statement is in effect. But the ordinary case presupposes that the issuer or some one in control of the issuer must file a registration statement as a condition precedent to making the offering. This basic presupposition upon which the dealer requirement of Section 4 (1) rests, being removed the dealer limitations in Section 4 (1) have no applicability."

Section 4 (3).

The facts are indicated in the following quotation:

"Your letter raises the question whether certificates of deposit representing bonds exempt under Section 3 (a) (2), which are deposited under an agreement with a protective committee, enjoy any exemption under the provisions of the Act referred to. It is difficult to see how the exemption there provided could possibly be applied to such certificates. Under Section 2 (4) it is clear that the committee is the 'issuer' of the certificates. Certainly the committee cannot be considered as falling within any of the classes of issuers named in Section 3 (a) (2). So far as this provision of the Act is concerned, registration of the certificates appears necessary."

Section 5 (c).

Section 5 (c) provides:

"The provisions of this section relating to the use of the mails shall not apply to the sale of any security where the issue of which it is a part is sold only to persons resident within a single State or Territory, where the issuer of such securities is a person resident and doing business within, or if a corporation, incorporated by and doing business within, such State or Territory."

The holders of certain bonds of a corporation resided outside of the State in which the issuer was incorporated and doing business. In order to carry out a reorganization without registration under the Act it was proposed to have the non-resident bondholders represented by an attorney resident within the State of the issuer's incorporation.

"Your inquiry is whether the exemption provided by Section 5 (c) can be secured by having the non-resident bondholders represented by a resident attorney. The conditions of Section 5 (c) must be met in substance, not merely in form. The submission of the plan of reorganization to an attorney for non-residents is really a submission to the non-resident principals. In such an instance, Section 5 (c) would seem inapplicable."

Section 5 (c).

A company incorporated and doing business in X filed a registration statement covering a new issue of its securities. Pending the effectiveness of this statement it proposed to sell securities from this issue to residents of X by the use of the mails within that State. After the statement should become effective, it contemplated the sale of the remaining portion of its issue to non-residents.

"The Securities Act will not permit you to use the mails inside the State of X for the sale of your securities until a registration statement is effective unless, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 (c), the entire issue is to be sold to residents of that State. It is understood that you plan to sell part of the issue to non-residents of X as soon as the registration statement becomes effective. If this is done, the conditions of Section 5 (c) will not be met, and any use of the mails for sales within the State pending an effective registration will be a violation of the Act."

Section 5 (c).

The facts are indicated in the following quotation:

"The conditions which must be met in order to secure the exemption provided in Section 5 (c) of the Securities Act relate only to the original issue of the securities. The fact, therefore, that residents of the State subsequently resell to persons outside of the State does not have the effect of destroying this exemption. Of course, the conditions must be met in substance as well as in form. Sales cannot be made by the corporation to residents with a view to their distribution in other jurisdictions. If later,

however, the purchaser resells outside of the State, the corporation will not be liable, as has been indicated, and the purchaser himself will not violate the Act in view of the exemption provided in the first clause of Section 4 (1)."

Section 5 (c).

The facts are indicated in the following quotation:

"The forwarding of an offer of a security addressed to a person within the State to a point outside the State would not involve the loss of an exemption otherwise available under Section 5 (c). A subscription received from a non-resident as a result, however, should not be accepted."

Section 5 (c).

A company incorporated and doing business in X proposed to insert an advertisement of its new issue of securities in a newspaper published within the State, part of the circulation of which extended into other States. It proposed to insert in its advertisement the following clause: "This is open only to residents of the State of X."

"The exemption provided by Section 5 (c) refers only to the provisions of Section 5 (a) and (b), which relate to the use of the mails. The use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in inter-State commerce, whether it were mail, express, freight, telephone or telegraph, would require registration. This would be true even though the specific conditions of Section 5 (c) were met—that is, even though the issue were sold entirely to the residents of the State in which the issuer was incorporated and doing business. The clause suggested, therefore, seems insufficient but it would seem possible to frame a clause which would have the effect of nullifying the advertisement as an offer as soon as it entered inter-State commerce."

Section 8.

After the effective date of issuer's registration statement, certain changes in the condition of the issuer occurred of which the issuer wished to give prospective investors notice. Two questions were presented—whether it was necessary to amend the registration statement and how the information should be published in any prospectus of the issuer.

"Under Section 11 the accuracy of the registration statement is to be judged by the date upon which it becomes effective. It is, therefore, unnecessary, and probably impossible, to amend it to include facts which occur after its effective date. It may, of course, be necessary to supplement the information contained in the prospectus in order that it may not be misleading within the meaning of Sections 12 (2) and 17. The use of supplementary information, however, does not require an amendment of the prospectus, and no further papers need, therefore, be filed with the Commission. On the other hand, if it is proposed to substitute new information for that contained in the prospectus, since under the rules of the Commission the prospectus must not omit certain items contained in the registration statement, such changes can be effected only by a regular amendment to the statement filed with the Commission. In any case in which it could properly be made, such an amendment, being filed after the effective date of the registration statement, would become effective itself, under Section 8 (c) of the Act, 'on such date as the Commission may determine, having due regard to the public interest and the protection of investors'."

Section 17 (b).

A security statistical service company, which publishes periodically a pamphlet containing ratings for securities and advice as to their purchase, sale or retention, was employed to assist in the preparation of a reorganization plan. For this work it was to receive a flat fee not contingent upon the success of the reorganization. The company proposed to recommend in its periodical pamphlet that bondholders of the corporation being reorganized adhere to the plan by depositing with the committee. The question was raised by the company whether it should disclose the amount of the fee which it was to receive for its work in preparation of the plan thus recommended:

"The question raised requires a consideration of Section 17 (b) of the Securities Act. The provisions of that section are clear. Whether it will be necessary to state the amount of the fee received by the X company for its services depends entirely upon whether any part of the fee was actually contracted for in the expectation or with the understanding that the reorganization plan would be recommended by the company. Such an expectation may result from the ordinary course of business of the company. If this expectation or understanding was a consideration in retaining the X company, it seems clear that the fee paid to it will be one the receipt and amount of which must be disclosed under the Act."

Federal Trade Commission Issues Stop Order Against Muscle Shoals Realty Associates—Temporarily Suspends Effectiveness of Registration Statement Filed Under Securities Act.

Announcement was made Jan. 9 by the Federal Trade Commission that it had issued a stop order against Muscle Shoals Realty Associates (2-493), Caldwell, N. J.; a real-estate commission business, suspending the effectiveness of a registration statement filed under the Securities Act until deficiencies therein have been corrected. The Commission's announcement said:

Among deficiencies and inaccuracies were failure to have its balance sheet prepared by an independent certified or public accountant; failure to reconcile and tie in its prospectus with data in the registration statement, and failure to state the remuneration paid to each director.

This concern filed for registration an issue of 125,000 shares of common stock with a view to raising \$150,000 capital gross. The company said it proposed to purchase and develop land at Muscle Shoals, Ala., and elsewhere but in its registration statement did not give a list of States in which it owned property.

John H. V. Curtis, Caldwell, N. J., Treasurer and Manager of the company, appeared in its behalf at a Commission hearing.

Federal Trade Commission Acts on Trade Practice Conference Rules of Cleaning and Dyeing Industry of Pennsylvania.

The Federal Trade Commission announced on Jan. 11 that it had acted on trade practice conference rules of the cleaning and dyeing industry of Pennsylvania and adjacent territory. The rules were adopted by the industry at a conference held in Philadelphia June 14 1933. The Commission's announcement continued:

Rules approved by the Commission relate to practices such as representing prices as "special" when they are regular prices; selling goods below cost;

secret payment of rebates; defamation of competitors, and enticing employees of competitors.

Another rule approved concerns the practice of inciting, aiding or abetting, singly or together with others, anything unlawful in connection with a strike, dispute or labor trouble between a competitor and his employees.

The practice of falsely advertising that garments are cleaned or dyed at unusually low prices when such advertised prices apply only to the partial processing of garments or fabrics is declared by the industry to be unfair.

For one concern to simulate a style of store front and signs of a competitor, with the intention of gaining the customers of the competitor by falsely leading them to believe that the business of that competitor is being conducted by the concern doing the copying, was also deemed an unfair trade practice.

The Commission received as expressions of the trade a number of rules designed Group II.

The annual business in this industry in Pennsylvania and adjacent States is said to be about \$20,000,000. In Philadelphia alone there are believed to be more than 40,000 persons dependent on it for a livelihood. The Pennsylvania members of the industry carry on business also in Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia.

Chancellor Chase of New York University to Address Annual Banquet of Trust Division ABA in New York Feb. 15.

Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, Chancellor New York University, will be the speaker of the evening at the twenty-third annual banquet of the Trust Division, American Bankers Association, to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria the evening of Thursday, Feb. 15. His subject will be "Our Human Resources." The banquet will bring to a close the annual three-day mid-winter trust conference which will be held under the auspices of the division Feb. 13 to 15.

Annual Convention of Illinois Bankers Association to Be Held at Springfield, Ill., May 21-22.

J. E. Mitchell, President of the Illinois Bankers Association, announces that the next annual convention of the Association will be held in Springfield on May 21-22 1934. The Abraham Lincoln Hotel has been designated convention headquarters and all sessions will be held there. Henry G. Bengel, Vice-President of the Illinois National Bank, Springfield, is Chairman of the Hotel Committee.

The Springfield Clearing House Association, through its Secretary, F. H. Luers, extended the invitation and will have charge of local arrangements. The members are: First National Bank, Pascal E. Hatch, President; Illinois National Bank, Logan Coleman, President; Springfield Marine Bank, G. W. Bunn, President.

New Course Added to Curriculum of St. John's University, Brooklyn—Starts Feb. 6—Intended For Prospective Accountants and Business People.

A new course in "Investments" has been added to the curriculum of St. John's University School of Commerce, Brooklyn, it is announced by Dean Joseph C. Myer. Registration is now going on for this course, which is scheduled to begin on Feb. 6.

The course will be conducted by Leo R. Wolferman, Investment Counsel, and will be intended for prospective accountants, economic students, and business people. Included in the subject matter of the course will be a review of the development of investment securities, stock exchanges, and the Federal banking system with respect to current legislation. Consideration will also be given to the Dow Theory and other modern interpretations of market movements. Although attention will be given to the flotation of stock and bond issues, emphasis will be placed primarily on what every prospective investor should know about the types of investments and the proper time for buying and selling securities.

Additional 69 National Banks Licensed to Open During January—Reorganization Plans of 27 National Banks Approved by Comptroller of Currency.

Sixty-nine National banks, with \$68,966,000 frozen and \$6,983,000 unrestricted deposits, were licensed and opened or reopened during the month of January, J. F. T. O'Connor, Comptroller of the Currency, announced Feb. 6. This compares with 77 National banks, having \$78,628,703 frozen and \$4,125,000 unrestricted deposits, licensed during the month of December, and with 46 National banks, having \$51,706,000 frozen and \$4,287,000 unrestricted deposits, licensed during the month of November. The Comptroller further said:

During the final 21 days of Jan. 51 unlicensed National banks, one insolvent State bank and one insolvent National bank were licensed and reopened as National banks. All of the 51 unlicensed National banks, with \$50,634,000 frozen and \$5,355,000 unrestricted deposits, had been in the hands of conservators. The one insolvent State institution to reopen under the jurisdiction of the Comptroller of the Currency was the Union Industrial Trust Co. of Flint, Mich., with deposits of \$3,692,000. The

one insolvent National bank to reopen was the Citizens National Bank of Frostburg, Md., with deposits of \$1,162,000.

Throughout the period Jan. 11 to Jan. 31 1934, both inclusive, 20 banks received approvals for their reorganization plans from the Comptroller's Department. Of these, 17, with \$6,461,000 frozen and \$1,111,000 unrestricted deposits, are unlicensed National banks which previously had disapproved reorganization plans; two, with \$519,000 frozen deposits, are insolvent National banks, and one, with \$514,000 frozen and \$225,000 unrestricted deposits, is a restricted State institution reorganizing as a National bank. The insolvent National banks to receive approved reorganization plans are the First National Bank of Newfield, N. J., with \$127,000 deposits, and the Citizens National Bank of Hammond, N. Y., with \$392,000 deposits; while the State institution to win an approved reorganization plan is the Cotton Belt Bank & Trust Co. of Pine Bluff, Ark.

At the close of business Jan. 31 1934 there were 357 unlicensed National banks in the United States (including three non-member banks in the District of Columbia, which are directly under the Comptroller's jurisdiction). Of these, 288 banks, with \$264,289,000 frozen and \$24,559,000 unrestricted deposits, have approved reorganization plans, while 69 banks, with \$52,805,000 frozen and \$4,184,000 unrestricted deposits, have disapproved plans of reorganization.

Below is a list of the 51 National banks which consummated their reorganization plans and were issued licenses to resume business or were granted charters for new banks to take over the business of the old ones during the 21 days ending and including Jan. 31 1934:

Location	Name of Bank	Date	Deposits	
			Frozen	Unrestricted
Florida—				
Milton	First National Bank	Jan. 27	\$311,000	\$52,000
Illinois—				
LaGrange	First National Bank	Jan. 16	483,000	307,000
St. Elmo	First National Bank	Jan. 19	157,000	19,000
Sterling	First National Bank	Jan. 25	1,145,000	247,000
Pineknayville	First National Bank	Jan. 31	641,000	43,000
			\$2,424,000	\$573,000
Iowa—				
Hawarden	First National Bank	Jan. 17	\$250,000	\$42,000
West Union	Fayette County National Bank	Jan. 31	225,000	50,000
			\$505,000	\$92,000
Massachusetts—				
Franklin	Franklin National Bank	Jan. 15	\$1,061,000	\$212,000
Indiana—				
Flora	Bright National Bank	Jan. 31	\$292,000	\$31,000
Michigan—				
Flint	First National Bank	Jan. 30	\$6,177,000	\$433,000
Norway	First National Bank	Jan. 24	1,003,000	64,000
			\$7,180,000	\$497,000
Minnesota—				
Bemidji	Northern National Bank	Jan. 29	\$413,000	\$23,000
Lake Crystal	First National Bank	Jan. 29	651,000	42,000
			\$1,064,000	\$65,000
Nebraska—				
Hastings	Nebraska National Bank	Jan. 22	\$839,000	\$62,000
New Jersey—				
Garfield	First National Bank	Jan. 18	\$2,409,000	\$180,000
Fords	Fords National Bank	Jan. 13	232,000	30,000
Collingswood	Collingswood National Bank	Jan. 29	994,000	149,000
			\$3,635,000	\$359,000
New York—				
Bellport	Bellport National Bank	Jan. 13	\$331,000	-----
Cato	First National Bank	Jan. 15	526,000	\$19,000
Philmont	First National Bank	Jan. 18	373,000	20,000
Ovid	First National Bank	Jan. 15	594,000	68,000
Brockport	First National Bank	Jan. 25	1,228,000	145,000
Windham	First National Bank	Jan. 25	374,000	28,000
New Rochelle	National City Bank	Jan. 22	6,719,000	382,000
Buffalo	East Side National Bank	Jan. 22	1,110,000	102,000
Buffalo	Lincoln National Bank	Jan. 22	994,000	75,000
Lisbon	First National Bank	Jan. 23	233,000	22,000
Middletown	First National Bank	Jan. 23	4,467,000	251,000
New York	Elmhurst National Bank	Jan. 23	604,000	34,000
Corona	Newton National Bank	Jan. 23	395,000	53,000
Pine Bush	Pine Bush National Bank	Jan. 24	532,000	17,000
			\$18,480,000	\$1,216,000
North Dakota—				
Munich	First National Bank	Jan. 27	\$68,000	\$28,000
Hampton	First National Bank	Jan. 29	79,000	13,000
			\$147,000	\$41,000
Ohio—				
Greenville	Greenville National Bank	Jan. 18	\$362,000	\$32,000
Pennsylvania—				
Dickson City	Dickson City National Bank	Jan. 11	\$1,040,000	\$72,000
Conneautville	First National Bank	Jan. 17	196,000	44,000
Seranton	Union National Bank	Jan. 18	2,568,000	515,000
Stewartstown	First National Bank	Jan. 18	504,000	26,000
Tarentum	First Nat'l Bank & Trust Co.	Jan. 15	1,607,000	412,000
Yardley	Yardley National Bank	Jan. 22	189,000	65,000
Reynoldsville	Peoples National Bank	Jan. 23	483,000	19,000
McKeesport	Union National Bank	Jan. 27	1,772,000	230,000
Freeland	First National Bank	Jan. 29	1,970,000	43,000
			\$10,691,000	\$1,458,000
Tennessee—				
Fayetteville	Elk National Bank	Jan. 22	\$572,000	\$97,000
Fayetteville	Farmers National Bank	Jan. 22	118,000	25,000
Fayetteville	First National Bank	Jan. 22	251,000	124,000
			\$941,000	\$246,000
Texas—				
Lovelady	First National Bank	Jan. 20	\$91,000	\$14,000
Clarksville	First National Bank	Jan. 29	267,000	11,000
			\$358,000	\$25,000
West Virginia—				
Monongah	First National Bank	Jan. 17	\$181,000	\$17,000
Logan	First National Bank	Jan. 22	1,814,000	311,000
			\$1,995,000	\$328,000
Wisconsin—				
Hudson	National Bank of Hudson	Jan. 20	\$347,000	\$66,000
	Grand total (51 banks)---		\$50,634,000	\$5,355,000

There follows a list of the National banks whose reorganization plans were approved during the final 21 days of January, with frozen and unrestricted deposits of each:

Location	Name of Bank	Date	Deposits	
			Frozen	Unrestricted
<i>Alabama—</i> Russellville.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 20	\$211,000	\$27,000
<i>Colorado—</i> Fort Morgan.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 11	\$510,000	\$66,000
Eads.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 22	103,000	46,000
			\$618,000	\$112,000
<i>Georgia—</i> Waycross.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 27	\$655,000	\$49,000
<i>Idaho—</i> Rigby.....	Rigby National Bank.....	Jan. 24	\$122,000	\$51,000
<i>Michigan—</i> Bronson.....	Peoples National Bank.....	Jan. 29	\$199,000	\$25,000
Howell.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 22	372,000	32,000
			\$571,000	\$57,000
<i>Nebraska—</i> Decatur.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 12	\$93,000	\$18,000
<i>Ohio—</i> Painesville.....	Painesville National Bank.....	Jan. 23	\$1,356,000	\$181,000
<i>North Carolina—</i> Cherryville.....	Cherryville National Bank.....	Jan. 29	\$172,000	\$14,000
<i>Pennsylvania—</i> Burnside.....	Burnside National Bank.....	Jan. 18	\$99,000	\$9,000
<i>Texas—</i> Aranas Pass.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 11	\$99,000	\$81,000
<i>Washington—</i> Colfax.....	Farmers National Bank.....	Jan. 12	\$690,000	\$304,000
Vancouver.....	Vancouver National Bank.....	Jan. 31	759,000	37,000
Tonasket.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 29	197,000	43,000
			\$1,646,000	\$384,000
<i>Wisconsin—</i> Soldiers Grove.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 25	\$81,000	\$17,000
Oconto.....	Citizens National Bank.....	Jan. 27	735,000	111,000
			\$816,000	\$128,000
	Grand total (17 banks).....		\$6,461,000	\$1,111,000

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	No.	Deposits	
		Frozen	Unrestricted
No. of banks and deposits approved on Jan. 10 '34	326	\$315,163,000	\$29,284,000
No. of banks and deposits approved Jan. 10 to Jan. 31 1934.....	17	6,461,000	1,111,000
	343	\$321,624,000	\$30,395,000
No. of banks and deposits disapproved Jan. 10 to Jan. 31 1934.....	4	6,701,000	481,000
	339	\$314,923,000	\$29,914,000
No. of banks and deposits opened Jan. 10 to Jan. 31 1934.....	51	50,634,000	5,355,000
Grand total Jan. 31 1934.....	258	\$264,289,000	\$24,559,000

As to those National banks which were licensed and opened or reopened during the first 10 days of January, the Comptroller announced as follows on Jan. 15:

During the first 10 days of January 16 National banks, with \$13,478,000 frozen and \$1,628,000 unrestricted deposits, were licensed and opened or reopened. All of the licensed institutions had been in the hands of conservators.

Seven National banks, with \$3,139,000 frozen and \$342,000 unrestricted deposits, received approvals for their reorganization plans from the Comptroller's Department during the first 10 days of this month. All of them previously had received disapproved reorganization plans.

At the close of business Jan. 10 1934, there were 428 unlicensed National banks in the United States (including three non-member banks in the District of Columbia, which are directly under the Comptroller's jurisdiction). Of these, 326, with \$314,977,000 frozen and \$29,295,000 unrestricted deposits, had approved reorganization plans; while 102 banks, with \$66,456,000 frozen and \$5,564,000 unrestricted deposits, had disapproved reorganization plans. The deposit figures are based on the Oct. 25 1933, "call."

Below is a list of banks which consummated reorganization plans and were issued licenses to resume business or were granted charters for new banks to take over the business of the old ones during the period Jan. 1 to Jan. 10 1934, inclusive:

Location.	Name of Bank	Date.	Deposits.	
			Frozen.	Unrestricted
<i>Kansas—</i> Independence.....	First Nat. Bk in Independence	Jan. 4	\$1,968,000	\$395,000
<i>Michigan—</i> Ontonagon.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 6	\$271,000	\$23,000
Ishpeming.....	Miners National Bank.....	Jan. 8	2,009,000	168,000
			\$2,280,000	\$191,000
<i>Massachusetts—</i> East Pepperell.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 9	\$546,000	\$53,000
<i>New Jersey—</i> East Rutherford.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 5	\$406,000	\$47,000
Paterson.....	Nat. Bank of Am. in Paterson	Jan. 2	1,863,000	87,000
			\$2,269,000	\$134,000
<i>North Dakota—</i> Portland.....	The First & Farmers Nat. Bk.	Jan. 5	\$285,000	\$57,000
<i>Ohio—</i> Powhatan Point.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 6	\$152,000	\$16,000
St. Clairsville.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 3	999,000	105,000
			\$1,151,000	\$121,000

Location	Name of Bank	Date	Deposits	
			Frozen	Unrestricted
<i>Oklahoma—</i> Shawnee.....	State National Bank.....	Jan. 6	\$1,174,000	\$54,000
<i>Pennsylvania—</i> Birdsboro.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 2	\$781,000	\$105,000
Fleetwood.....	First National Bank & Trust Co. of Fleetwood.....	Jan. 4	558,000	60,000
Hastings.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 5	390,000	23,000
Oxford.....	Farmer's National Bank.....	Jan. 6	396,000	35,000
			\$2,115,000	\$223,000
<i>South Carolina—</i> Orangeburg.....	Edisto National Bank.....	Jan. 2	\$1,415,000	\$369,000
<i>Wisconsin—</i> Edgerton.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 9	\$275,000	\$31,000
	Grand total (16 banks).....		\$13,478,000	\$1,628,000

The following compilation shows the seven National banks whose reorganization plans were approved during the first 10 days of January, with frozen and unrestricted deposits of each:

Location.	Name of Bank.	Date.	Deposits.	
			Frozen.	Unrestricted
<i>Illinois—</i> Lanark.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 10	\$399,000	\$34,000
<i>Indiana—</i> Hartford City.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 3	\$332,000	\$52,000
<i>Kentucky—</i> Clinton.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 4	\$272,000	\$29,000
<i>South Dakota—</i> Pierre.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 10	\$522,000	\$49,000
<i>Texas—</i> Pearsall.....	Pearsall Nat. Bk. in Pearsall	Jan. 3	\$77,000	\$9,000
<i>Washington—</i> Walla Walla.....	First National Bank.....	Jan. 3	\$1,392,000	\$155,000
<i>West Virginia—</i> Williamstown.....	Farmers & Mechanics Nat. Bk.	Jan. 3	\$145,000	\$14,000
	Grand total (7 banks).....		\$3,139,000	\$342,000

RECAPITULATION.

	No.	Deposits.	
		Frozen.	Unrestricted
No. of banks and deposits approved on Jan. 1 '34	337	\$325,648,000	\$30,630,000
No. of banks and deposits approved Jan. 1 to Jan. 10 1934.....	7	3,139,000	342,000
	344	\$328,787,000	\$30,972,000
No. of banks and deposits opened Jan. 1 to Jan. 10 1934.....	16	\$13,478,000	\$1,628,000
Banks disapproved after being approved.....	2	332,000	49,000
	18	\$13,810,000	\$1,677,000
Grand total.....	326	\$314,977,000	\$29,295,000

In our issue of Jan. 13 (page 274) we gave a previous list issued by the Comptroller showing those banks which had been licensed to reopen and which had had their reorganization plans approved during the 10 days ended Dec. 30.

Statistics by Comptroller of the Currency Concerning National Banks in Oklahoma—Six of 16 Banks Reopened Since Banking Holiday—Reorganization Plans of Four Approved, One Disapproved, and Five Banks in Hands of Receivers.

Following the banking holiday of last March there were 16 banks in Oklahoma which failed to receive licenses to reopen. Of this number, it is pointed out in a letter to the "Daily Oklahoman" by J. F. T. O'Connor, Comptroller of the Currency, six have reopened, five have been placed in the hands of receivers, and the reorganization plans of four have been approved and one disapproved. The letter follows:

COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY.

Washington.

Jan. 13 1934.

Mr. Ed Hadley, Correspondent,
The "Daily Oklahoman,"
1241 National Press Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent request for a list of National banks in the State of Oklahoma remaining closed after the banking holiday which ended March 15 1933, that have since reopened and the percentage of deposits released in each case:

There were 16 National banks in the State of Oklahoma that failed to receive licenses following the banking holiday, involving \$7,470,000 in deposits. Since that time, six (6) of this number have been reopened, rehabilitated, reorganized under new charters or the acceptable assets sold to another bank or banks, involving \$5,027,000; an additional four banks have approved plans of reorganization in various stages of consummation, involving \$1,374,000 in deposits, and only one bank, with \$395,000 deposits, at the present time does not have an approved plan of reorganization. Five banks are in the hands of receivers for the purpose of stock assessment and liquidation, involving \$674,000 in deposits.

For your information, the following banks have been reopened along the lines stated above:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits Released	% Unsecured Deposits Released
Wetumka	American National Bank	\$395,000	100	100
Ardmore	First National Bank	1,884,000	100	100
Hooker	Farmers & Merchants Nat. Bank	129,000	100	100
Frederick	First National Bank	398,000	100	100
Ponca City	First National Bank	952,000	100	65
Shawnee	State National Bank	1,269,000	100	45
		\$5,027,000		

Below is the list of banks having approved plans of reorganization:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits to Be Released	% Unsecured Deposits to Be Released
Chickasha	First National Bank	\$615,000	100	70
Perry	First National Bank	407,000	100	85
Walters	American National Bank	131,000	100	45
Walters	Walters National Bank	221,000	100	35
		\$1,374,000		

The following bank has a disapproved plan of reorganization: Security National Bank, Clinton, Okla., with \$395,000 frozen deposits involved. None of this institution's secured or unsecured deposits have been released.

A list of the five banks which have been placed in the hands of receivers follows:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits Released	% Unsecured Deposits Released
Carnegie	First National Bank	\$103,000	None	None
Waynoka	First National Bank	105,000	"	"
Cement	First National Bank	85,000	"	"
Cherokee	Cherokee National Bank	244,000	"	"
Cherokee	Farmers National Bank	137,000	"	"
		\$674,000		

Very truly yours,
J. F. T. O'CONNOR, Comptroller.

Statistics by Comptroller of the Currency Concerning National Banks in Colorado—23 Banks with Deposits of \$8,585,000 Failed to Receive Licenses Following Banking Holiday—Reorganization Plans of Only Five Still Unapproved with Deposits of \$1,399,000.

J. F. T. O'Connor, Comptroller of the Currency, in a letter to the "Associated Press," reveals that there were 23 National banks in Colorado that failed to receive licenses following the banking holiday of last March, and that one bank, which had been licensed, was later placed in the hands of a conservator. Since the holiday, the Comptroller notes, four banks have reopened, seven have approved reorganization plans, and five have reorganization plans not yet approved. Eight of the banks have been placed in the hands of receivers. The letter said:

COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY,
Washington.

Jan. 15 1934.

Mr. Scott Hershey,
"Associated Press,"
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent request for a list of National banks in the State of Colorado remaining closed after the banking holiday which ended March 15 1933, that have since reopened and the percentage of deposits released in each case:

There were 23 National banks in the State of Colorado that failed to receive licenses following the banking holiday, involving \$8,585,000 in deposits. In addition, one other National bank which was licensed has subsequently been placed in the hands of a conservator, with deposits of \$428,000, making an aggregate of \$9,013,000. Since that time, four banks have been reopened, rehabilitated, reorganized under new charter or the acceptable assets sold to another bank or banks, involving \$2,094,000; an additional seven banks have approved plans of reorganization in various stages of consummation, involving \$3,134,000 in deposits, and only five at the present time do not have approved plans of reorganization, involving \$1,399,000. Eight banks have been placed in the hands of receivers for the purpose of stock assessment and liquidation, involving \$2,386,000.

For your information, the following banks have been reopened along the lines stated above:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits Released	% Unsecured Deposits Released
Montrose	First National Bank	\$829,000	100	100
Meeker	First National Bank	253,000	100	100
Paonia	First National Bank	160,000	100	53
Grand Junction	Grand Valley National Bank	852,000	100	50
		\$2,094,000		

The banks below have approved plans of reorganization:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits to Be Released	% Unsecured Deposits to Be Released
Alamosa	Alamosa National Bank	\$218,000	100	100
Boulder	Boulder National Bank	422,000	100	50
Boulder	First National Bank	1,033,000	100	75
Englewood	First National Bank	353,000	100	70
Fort Collins	First National Bank	658,000	100	70
Lamar	Lamar National Bank	238,000	100	64
Palsades	Palsades National Bank	212,000	100	80
		\$3,134,000		

At the present time, the following banks have disapproved plans of reorganization:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits Released	% Unsecured Deposits Released
Denver	South Broadway National Bank	\$239,000	None	None
Eades	First National Bank	112,000	"	"
Eaton	First National Bank	254,000	"	"
Fort Morgan	First National Bank	516,000	"	"
La Junta	First National Bank	278,000	"	"
		\$1,399,000		

The following banks are in the hands of receivers:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits Released	% Unsecured Deposits Released
Cortez	Montezuma National Bank	\$196,000	None	None
Trinidad	Trinidad National Bank	526,000	"	"
Golden	Rubey National Bank	656,000	"	"
La Veta	First National Bank	30,000	"	"
Aurora	First National Bank	336,000	"	"
Central City	First National Bank	222,000	"	"
Mancos	First National Bank	232,000	"	"
Castle Rock	First National Bank	188,000	"	"
		\$2,386,000		

Very truly yours,
J. F. T. O'CONNOR, Comptroller.

Statistics by Comptroller of the Currency Concerning National Banks in Iowa—Following Banking Holiday 83 Failed to Receive Licenses of Which 37 Have Reopened—29 Banks in Hands of Receivers.

In response to requests for a list of National banks in the State of Iowa remaining closed after the banking holiday which ended March 15 1933, that have since reopened and the percentage of deposits released in each case, J. F. T. O'Connor, Comptroller of the Currency, has issued the following report, which is complete up to the close of business of Jan. 16 1934:

There were 83 National banks in the State of Iowa that failed to receive licenses following the banking holiday, involving \$41,105,000 in deposits. Since that time, 37 of this number, with \$29,356,000 in deposits, have been reopened, rehabilitated, reorganized under new charters or the acceptable assets sold to another bank or banks; an additional 15 involving \$36,684,000 in deposits, have approved plans of reorganization in various states of consummation, and only two (2) banks, involving \$352,000 in deposits, at this time do not have approved plans of reorganization. Twenty-nine (29) banks, with \$4,713,000 deposits, are in the hands of receivers for the purpose of stock assessment and liquidation.

The following banks have been reopened along the lines stated above:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits Released	% Unsecured Deposits Released
Ames	Ames National Bank	\$636,000	100	100
Churdan	First National Bank	148,000	100	100
Council Bluffs	City National Bank	1,355,000	100	100
Coon Rapids	First National Bank	310,000	100	100
Atlantic	Atlantic National Bank	993,000	100	100
Cedar Falls	Cedar Falls National Bank	724,000	100	100
Manning	First National Bank	997,000	100	100
Primghar	First National Bank	404,000	100	100
Des Moines	Valley National Bank	3,549,000	100	100
Muscataine	First National Bank	2,022,000	100	100
Winfield	Farmers National Bank	127,000	100	100
Tipton	Tipton National Bank	542,000	100	100
Farragut	First National Bank	300,000	100	100
Sibley	First National Bank	388,000	100	100
Arlington	American National Bank	295,000	100	100
Clarion	First National Bank	658,000	100	60
Creston	First National Bank	678,000	100	100
Colfax	First National Bank	369,000	100	75
Sioux City	Security National Bank	2,839,000	100	100
McGregor	First National Bank	364,000	100	100
Fort Dodge	Fort Dodge National Bank	1,978,000	100	50
Pella	Pella National Bank	620,000	100	100
Knoxville	Knoxville Citizens National Bank	1,146,000	100	40
Valley Junction	First National Bank	458,000	100	50
Gildden	First National Bank	225,000	100	55
Humboldt	First National Bank	769,000	100	64
Red Oak	Red Oak National Bank	932,000	100	50
Boone	First National Bank	1,212,000	100	50
Webster City	Farmers National Bank	628,000	100	50
Hampton	Citizens National Bank	717,000	100	55
Charles City	Citizens National Bank	666,000	100	60
Washington	Washington National Bank	757,000	100	50
Prairie City	First National Bank	224,000	100	60
Rockwell City	Rockwell City National Bank	240,000	100	63
Orange City	Orange City National Bank	176,000	100	70
Sumner	First National Bank	652,000	100	50
Hawarden	First National Bank	260,000	100	100
		\$29,356,000		

The following is the list of banks having approved plans of reorganization:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits Released	% Unsecured Deposits Released
Belle Plaine	Citizens National Bank	\$387,000	100	100
Belleve	First National Bank	386,000	100	70
Council Bluffs	First National Bank	1,748,000	100	45
Clear Lake	First National Bank	344,000	100	50
Fairfield	First National Bank	898,000	100	35
Garner	Farmers National Bank	253,000	100	60
Gowrie	First National Bank	260,000	100	60
Grundy Center	Grundy County National Bank	143,000	100	55
Lenox	First National Bank	262,000	100	55
Nevada	Nevada National Bank	204,000	100	65
Rembrandt	First National Bank	65,000	100	100
Shenandoah	Shenandoah National Bank	573,000	100	70
Villisca	Villisca National Bank	431,000	100	50
West Union	Fayette County National Bank	255,000	100	60
Winterset	Citizens National Bank	475,000	100	50
		\$6,684,000		

The following banks have disapproved plans of reorganization:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits Released	% Unsecured Deposits Released
Crystal Lake	Farmers National Bank	\$76,000	None	None
What Cheer	First National Bank	276,000	None	None
		\$325,000		

The following banks have been placed in the hands of receivers:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits Released	% Unsecured Deposits Released
Farnhamville	First National Bank	\$112,000	None	None
Henderson	Farmers National Bank	59,000	"	"
Everly	First National Bank	220,000	"	"
Clearfield	First National Bank	49,000	"	"
Lorimer	First National Bank	277,000	"	"
Newell	First National Bank	124,000	"	"
Ashton	First National Bank	65,000	"	"
Chelsea	First National Bank	114,000	"	"
Cresco	First National Bank	272,000	"	"
Dunkerton	First National Bank	304,000	"	"
Graettinger	First National Bank	111,000	"	"
Grand River	First National Bank	69,000	"	"
Hubbard	First National Bank	121,000	"	"
Kanawha	First National Bank	107,000	"	"
Kingsley	Farmers National Bank	104,000	"	"
Le Mars	First National Bank	837,000	"	"
Little Rock	First National Bank	102,000	"	"
Marathon	First National Bank	73,000	"	"
New London	New London National Bank	99,000	"	"
Rake	Farmers First National Bank	79,000	"	"
Rock Valley	First National Bank	166,000	"	"
St. Ansgar	First National Bank	147,000	"	"
Stanton	First National Bank	336,000	"	"
Whiting	First National Bank	166,000	"	"
Extra	First National Bank	108,000	"	"
Hawkeye	First National Bank	68,000	"	"
Jewell Junction	First National Bank	148,000	"	"
Montour	First National Bank	154,000	"	"
Hull	First National Bank	122,000	"	"
		\$4,713,000		

Within the near future, dividends in the percentages given, will be paid to creditors of the following banks, now in receivership:

City.	Name of Bank.	% Dividends Authorized.
Clearfield	First National Bank	25
Lorimer	First National Bank	23
Stanton	First National Bank	55

Statistics by Comptroller of the Currency Concerning National Banks in Missouri—Banking Holiday of Last March Left 13 Unlicensed—Five Re-opened Since.

The Comptroller of the Currency, J. F. T. O'Connor, has issued a summary, giving the status of all National banks in the State of Missouri that failed to open after the banking holiday which ended March 15 1933. His report, made in response to several requests, is complete up to the close of business Jan. 17 1934. It follows:

There were 13 National banks, with deposits of \$31,419,000, in the State of Missouri which failed to receive licenses following the bank holiday. Since that time, five of these banks, involving \$22,891,000 in deposits, have been re-opened, rehabilitated, reorganized under new charters or the acceptable assets sold to another bank or banks; three, with \$1,543,000 in deposits, have approved reorganization plans in various stages of consummation, and only two banks, with deposits of \$278,000, do not have approved plans of reorganization. Three banks, with \$6,707,000 in deposits, are in the hands of receivers for the purpose of stock assessment and liquidation.

Up to the close of business on Jan. 17 1934, the following Missouri National banks had been re-opened along the lines stated above:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits Released	% Unsecured Deposits Released
Clayton	First National Bank	\$1,235,000	100	100
Sedalla	Third National Bank	1,128,000	100	100
Maplewood	Citizens National Bank	546,000	100	100
St. Louis	American Exch. National Bank	1,576,000	100	80
Kansas City	Fidelity Nat. Bank & Trust Co	18,406,000	100	62
		\$22,891,000		

Below is a list of the Missouri National banks which had approved plans of reorganization on Jan. 17, last:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits Released	% Unsecured Deposits Released
St. Louis	Grand National Bank	\$1,166,000	100	100
Webster Groves	First National Bank	161,000	100	70
Lamar	First National Bank	216,000	100	38
		\$1,543,000		

The following banks had disapproved plans on Jan. 17 1934:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits Released	% Unsecured Deposits Released
Mountain Grove	First National Bank	\$138,000	None	None
Windsor	First National Bank	140,000	"	"
		\$278,000		

The following Missouri National banks were in the hands of receivers on Jan. 17 1934:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits Released	% Unsecured Deposits Released
St. Louis	Cherokee National Bank	\$1,117,000	None	None
Seymour	Peoples National Bank	96,000	"	"
* St. Louis	*Southside National Bank	5,494,000	"	"
		\$6,707,000		

* The Southside National Bank of St. Louis, Mo., now in receivership, has an approved plan of reorganization, which contemplates the release of 100% secured deposits and 50% unsecured deposits.

Statistics by Comptroller of the Currency Concerning National Banks in West Virginia—29 Unlicensed Following March Banking Holiday—Of These 16 Have Re-Opened, 10 Have Approved Reorganization Plans and Three Are in Hands of Receivers.

On Jan. 23, J. F. T. O'Connor, Comptroller of the Currency, issued a summary, giving the status of all National banks in the State of West Virginia which failed to open after the banking holiday that ended March 15 1933. His report, made in response to requests by several newspapers, and which is complete up to the close of business Jan. 18 1934, follows:

There were 29 National banks in the State of West Virginia, with deposits of \$28,921,000, which failed to receive licenses following the banking holiday. Since that time, 16 of these institutions, involving \$22,285,000 in deposits, have been re-opened, rehabilitated, reorganized under new charters or the acceptable assets sold to another bank or banks; while an additional 10 banks, with \$5,979,000 in deposits, have approved plans of reorganization in various stages of consummation. Three banks, involving deposits of \$657,000, are in the hands of receivers for the purpose of stock assessment and liquidation.

Up to the close of business on Jan. 18 1934, the following West Virginia National banks had been re-opened along the lines stated above:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits Released	% Unsecured Deposits Released
Davis	The National Bank	\$406,000	100	100
Parkersburg	The Peoples National Bank of Parkersburg	3,229,000	100	100
Albright	First National Bank	194,000	100	100
Clarksburg	Empire National Bank	4,311,000	100	100
Clarksburg	Union National Bank	4,140,000	100	100
Rowlesburg	Peoples National Bank	180,000	100	100
E. Rainelle	First National Bank	61,000	100	100
Piedmont	Davis National Bank	739,000	100	75
Piedmont	First National Bank	686,000	100	75
Williamson	First National Bank	1,556,000	100	100
Marlinton	First National Bank	325,000	100	100
Fairmont	The National Bank	4,434,000	100	45
Keyser	First National Bank	988,000	100	40
Ronceverte	First National Bank	439,000	100	90
West Union	First National Bank	416,000	100	60
Monongah	First National Bank	181,000	100	80
		\$22,285,000		

Below is the list of West Virginia National banks having approved plans of reorganization as of Jan. 18 1934:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits Released	% Unsecured Deposits Released
Moundsville	First National Bank	\$366,000	100	100
Wellsburg	Wellsburg National Bank	640,000	100	55
Elkins	Elkins National Bank	946,000	100	50
Elkins	Peoples National Bank	293,000	100	70
Logan	First National Bank	1,814,000	100	40
Oak Hill	Oak Hill National Bank	186,000	100	60
Phillippi	First National Bank	749,000	100	50
Salem	First National Bank	483,000	100	60
Webster Springs	First National Bank	357,000	100	50
Williamstown	Farmers & Mechanics Nat. Bank	145,000	100	100
		\$5,979,000		

The following West Virginia National banks were in the hands of receivers on Jan. 18 1934:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits Released	% Unsecured Deposits Released
Ansted	Ansted National Bank	\$199,000	None	None
St. Albans	First National Bank	252,000	"	"
Charles Town	National Citizens Bank	206,000	"	"
		\$657,000		

Statistics by Comptroller of the Currency Concerning National Banks in Ohio—85 Closed Following Banking Holiday, of Which 55 Have Since Re-opened—11 Now in Hands of Receivers.

A summary, giving the status of all National banks in the State of Ohio which failed to open after the banking holiday that ended March 15 1933, was issued Jan. 26 by J. F. T. O'Connor, Comptroller of the Currency. The Comptroller's report, which follows, was made public in response to several requests and is complete up to the close of business Jan. 22 1934:

There were 85 National banks in the State of Ohio, with \$76,190,000 in deposits, which failed to receive licenses following the banking holiday. Since that time 55 of these banks, involving \$51,748,000 in deposits, have been reopened, rehabilitated, reorganized under new charters or the acceptable assets sold to another bank or banks; 14 with deposits of \$14,940,000 have approved plans of reorganization in various stages of consummation, and only five, with \$6,501,000 in deposits, at the present time do not have approved plans of reorganization. Eleven of these banks, with \$3,001,000 in deposits, are in the hands of receivers for the purpose of stock assessment and liquidation.

Up to the close of business Jan. 22 1934 the following Ohio National banks had been reopened along the lines stated above:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.
Ashtabula	The National Bank	\$1,520,000
Bellevue	First National Bank	1,156,000
Canfield	Farmers National Bank	305,000
Dayton	Third National Bank & Trust Co.	7,211,000
Fostoria	First National Bank	850,000
Gallon	First National Bank	1,216,000
Garrettsville	First National Bank	644,000
La Rue	Campbell National Bank	119,000
Lockland	First National Bank	2,043,000
Marletta	Citizens National Bank	1,729,000
Milford	Milford National Bank	380,000
Mt. Pleasant	The Peoples National Bank	325,000
New Bremen	First National Bank	382,000
North Baltimore	First National Bank	549,000
Ripley	Ripley National Bank	480,000
Salem	Farmers National Bank	1,092,000
Springfield	Lagonda-Citizens National Bank	3,601,000
Sycamore	First National Bank	147,000
Tiffin	City National Bank	587,000
Urbana	Citizens National Bank	577,000
Wadsworth	First National Bank	869,000
West Union	National Bank of Adams County at West Union	307,000
Batavia	First National Bank	332,000
Hudson	The National Bank	430,000
Jackson Center	First National Bank	333,000
Sardinia	Farmers National Bank	262,000
Seneca	First National Bank	151,000
Lowell	First National Bank	636,000
Massillon	First National Bank	2,419,000
Dalton	First National Bank	266,000
Delphos	Old National Bank	596,000
Bryan	Farmers National Bank	1,383,000
Bellefontaine	Bellefontaine National Bank	952,000
Orrville	Orrville National Bank	610,000
Cleves	Hamilton County National Bank	469,000
Forest	First National Bank	280,000
Dennison	The Dennison National Bank	880,000
Pandora	First National Bank	278,000
Van Wert	Van Wert National Bank	805,000
Wellington	First National Bank	157,000
Portsmouth	First National Bank	4,125,000
Kinsman	Kinsman National Bank	488,000
Caldwell	Citizens National Bank	653,000
Caldwell	Noble County National Bank	450,000
Summersfield	First National Bank	108,000
Woodsfield	First National Bank	717,000
E. Palestine	First National Bank	1,220,000
Carrollton	First National Bank in Carrollton	492,000
Bryan	First National Bank	750,000
Cambridge	Central National Bank	818,000
Montpelier	Montpelier National Bank	427,000
Bellaire	First National Bank	2,659,000
St. Clairsville	First National Bank	999,000
Powhatan Point	First National Bank	152,000
Greenville	Greenville National Bank	362,000
		\$51,748,000

Below is the list of Ohio National banks having approved plans of reorganization as of Jan. 22 1934:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.	% Secured Deposits to Be Released	% Unsecured Deposits to Be Released
Arcanum	First-Farmers National Bank	\$254,000	100	50
Bellaire	Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank	482,000	100	75
Bethesda	First National Bank	482,000	100	40
Bradford	First National Bank	285,000	100	60
Bridgeport	Bridgeport National Bank	2,169,000	100	65
Byesville	First National Bank	354,000	100	60
Dillonvale	First National Bank	418,000	100	60
Fremont	First National Bank	2,070,000	100	25
Mingo Junction	First National Bank	676,000	100	50
Mt. Healthy	First National Bank	790,000	100	50
Paulding	Paulding National Bank	421,000	100	50
Port Clinton	National Bank of Port Clinton	968,000	100	50
St. Marys	First National Bank	747,000	100	65
Toledo	First National Bank	4,824,000	100	50
		\$14,940,000		

The following is the list of Ohio National banks which had disapproved plans of reorganization at the close of business Jan. 22 1934:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.
Lorain	National Bank of Commerce	\$1,945,000
Marletta	First National Bank	2,292,000
Mt. Gilead	Mt. Gilead National Bank	716,000
Painesville	Painesville National Bank & Trust Co.	1,356,000
West Milton	First National Bank	192,000
		\$6,501,000

The following Ohio National banks were in the hands of receivers on Jan. 22 1934:

City.	Name of Bank.	Frozen Deposits Involved.
Dunkirk	First National Bank	\$197,000
Beallsville	First National Bank	121,000
Elmore	First National Bank	387,000
Hicksville	First National Bank	182,000
Kansas	First National Bank	45,000
New Matamoras	First National Bank	342,000
Stockport	First National Bank	165,000
Harveysburg	The Harveysburg National Bank	57,000
*Oak Harbor	First National Bank	727,000
Fostoria	Union National Bank	711,000
Ansonia	First National Bank	67,000
		\$3,001,000

* The First National Bank, Oak Harbor, now in receivership, has an approved plan of reorganization, which contemplates the release of 100% secured deposits and 40% unsecured deposits.

Within the near future dividends, in the percentages given, will be paid to creditors of the following banks, now in the hands of receivers:

City.	Name of Bank.	% Dividends Authorized.
Ansonia	First National Bank	60
Beallsville	First National Bank	55
Kansas	First National Bank	35

The Comptroller has made similar correspondence regarding the status of the National banks in Pennsylvania and Michigan—the same being referred to in our issues of Jan. 13, page 275 and Dec. 23, page 4474, respectively.

Reopening of Closed Banks for Business and Lifting of Restrictions.

Since the publication in our issue of Feb. 3 (page 798), with regard to the banking situation in the various States, the following further action is recorded:

INDIANA.

The St. Joseph Loan & Trust Co. of South Bend, Ind., and its affiliated institution, the St. Joseph County Savings Bank, resumed business on Jan. 30 on a normal basis after having operated under restrictions since the banking holiday of last spring, according to advices from South Bend to the Indianapolis "News," which added:

Resumption in full followed a rigid audit by Federal bank examiners.

LOUISIANA.

A statement of the principles to govern organization of a new bank under sponsorship of the larger depositors of the Interstate Trust & Banking Co. of New Orleans, La., which was placed in liquidation by the State Bank Commissioner of Louisiana, Jasper S. Brock, on Jan. 4 last, after being operated on a restricted basis since March 21 1933, was made public on Jan. 30 by Warren Johnson, Chairman of the depositors' committee. The text of Mr. Johnson's statement, as given in the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of Jan. 31, from which the foregoing is learnt, is as follows:

The organization committee of the depositors' committee of the Interstate Trust & Banking Co. after a careful study of the affairs of that bank are agreed on the following conclusions and principles with regard to organizing a new bank:

1. There is need for, and the city can properly support, another bank with a capital structure of, say between \$500,000 and \$750,000.
2. If they care to do so, the old depositors of the Interstate Trust & Banking Co. have first right to any and all benefits or potential value that might accrue to the new bank from the old bank.
3. The new bank will be of benefit to the depositors in the liquidation of the old bank.
4. The capital paid-in, surplus and paid-in undivided profits of the new bank should be at least \$500,000, of which one-half will be sought from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; the other one-half coming from the depositors in the old bank and other subscribers.
5. Executive officials of the old bank will not constitute the official personnel of the new bank and the board of directors of the new bank will not be controlled by any officers or by any members of the board of the old bank.
6. The officials of the new bank and members of its board of directors will be named by the organization committee, subject to the approval of the new stockholders and must meet the approval of the Governmental authorities.
7. Subscription to the capital stock of the new bank by depositors of the old bank will, unless each depositor desires otherwise, be payable only out of liquidating dividends paid by the old bank.

The paper mentioned continued:

The committee further stated that it is now considering the question as to whether the new bank should be a State or National bank, and all other matters with reference to the organization of a new bank and expects to be able to make a definite announcement with regard thereto within the next few days.

Records to Be Moved.

Chief Examiner O. H. Pittman of the State Banking Department, who is one of the two special agents of Commissioner Brock in charge of the liquidation of the Interstate Trust & Banking Co., Walter Cook Keenan being the other, stated Tuesday that at the end of the business day to-day all records in the Carondelet office and the three branches, Freret Street, St. Claude and Algiers, will be moved to the main bank building at Canal and Camp streets. All the branch offices are to remain closed thereafter.

Members of the depositors' committee stated that in the event of the successful organization of a new bank as projected, it is contemplated that the new institution's management might decide to occupy the Carondelet offices of the Interstate bank.

MARYLAND.

The reopening on Jan. 29 on an unrestricted basis of the Elkton Banking & Trust Co. of Elkton, Md., was indicated in the Baltimore "Sun" of that date. The institution operates three branches in Cecil County, located at Rising Sun, Chesapeake City and Cecilton. Since the banking holiday the trust company had been operated on a restricted basis under the supervision of Oscar P. Comegys, senior bank examiner. The paper mentioned went on to say:

Under the plan of reorganization the capital stock of the company has been reduced from \$225,000 to \$112,500 and new capital funds totaling \$100,000 have been raised by the directors and paid in to the reorganized company in cash. In addition, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation purchased \$100,000 of Class A income debenture notes of the reorganized company.

The plan provides for the release to depositors and creditors of 50% of their respective deposits, and the remaining 50% will be issued to depositors in the form of certificates of beneficial interest by the Cecil Mortgage and Certificates Corp.

The reorganized company will be reopened without any bills payable and total deposits of the new company will be approximately \$1,000,000 or more.

Chester A. Ringgold, formerly Deputy Comptroller of Maryland, has been elected Treasurer of the reorganized company and Harvey H. Mackey has been retained as President.

A plan for the reorganization of the Middletown Savings Bank, Middletown, Frederick County, Md., has been approved by John J. Ghinger, State Bank Commissioner for Maryland, according to Baltimore advices to the "Wall Street Journal" on Feb. 3, which continuing said:

It provides for the formation of a holding company to which certain assets, which will not figure in the reorganization, will be transferred.

MICHIGAN.

That present operating expenses of the closed First National Bank Detroit, Detroit, Mich., furnish a striking example of the savings effected in National bank receiverships, is the opinion of J. F. T. O'Connor, Comptroller of the Currency. Such savings, of course, eventually benefit depositors in such closed institutions. The Comptroller in an announcement in the matter, says:

As contrasted with pre-receivership costs, the rent of the First National Bank, Detroit, in receivership, has been lowered 98% on an annual basis, the number of employees has been reduced by over 60%, and the payroll has been cut more than 65%. Liquidation expense to Dec. 28 1933 was 1.67%.

On Feb. 11 1933, the First National Bank was paying rent which aggregated over \$500,000 annually. To-day the only rent that the receiver is paying is \$10,000 per annum.

When this bank closed, there were 2,124 employees on the payroll. To-day the number of regular employees is but 839, a reduction of 1,285. The annual payroll before this Detroit institution closed was \$4,073,772. It has since been reduced by \$2,658,748 to \$1,415,024 per year.

Up to Dec. 28 1933 the receiver had collected in cash from all sources \$110,939,318, including \$322,030 collected on stockholders' assessments. Earnings from interest, rents, premiums, etc., up to December 28, last, amounted to \$4,305,256, which, after deducting the expense of \$1,855,624, left net earnings of \$2,449,632.

Depositors in the closed First National Bank, Detroit, have received 50% of their claims, aggregating \$169,992,357. The number of depositors affected is 706,949.

C. O. Thomas is receiver of this Detroit institution, while the firm of Nichols, Morrill, Wood, Marx & Ginter is attorney for the receiver.

Concerning the affairs of the Detroit Trust Co., Detroit, Mich., the Detroit "Free Press" of Feb. 3 had the following to say:

Rapid progress by the liquidating trustees of the Detroit Trust Co. was revealed in the announcement Friday (Feb. 2) of another 5% liquidating dividend amounting to \$1,200,000.

It follows a 10% dividend paid in December, bringing the total disbursement to \$3,600,000.

The announcement was made by Harry J. Fox, Chairman of the Board of the reorganized fiduciary trust company. As former conservator he is co-operating with the liquidating trustees.

He thanked clients of the company for their co-operation in "making this liquidation better and faster than I expected." An additional payoff had been considered unlikely before March.

Improved business conditions are given credit for part of the progress made by the liquidating trustees. Mr. Fox reported that the new trust company already is showing substantial business gains and satisfactory earnings.

Circuit Judge Adolph F. Marschner signed an order on Jan. 29 authorizing Alex. J. Groesbeck, receiver of the Guardian Detroit Union Group, Inc., to assume the administrative expense incidental to the 100% payoff of 135,000 claims against the Guardian National Bank of Commerce of Detroit, Mich., under \$1,000.

Maturing of the payoff plan, made possible through a \$6,500,000 loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to Receiver B. F. Schram to permit an additional 8% dividend to all depositors, was revealed at a luncheon of the Depositors' Committee at the Detroit Athletic Club.

Hugh J. Ferry, Chairman of the Committee, announced that pledges obtained when larger depositors waived such dividend in a trust agreement were slightly in excess of \$50,437,000. The goal of the committee had been \$40,000,000. The pledges involve 267 large accounts. Co-operation was 100% of all accounts over \$100,000. The Detroit "Free Press" of Jan. 30, authority for the above, furthermore said in part:

The committee was advised that approximately three weeks will be required to set the payoff machinery in motion. Because only 90,000 of the 135,000 claims have been proved, and it is necessary to close in this gap before final settlement can be made, it cannot be handled as expeditiously as previous payoffs.

Receiver Schram is co-operating in the clerical work and mechanics of the payoff. A week may elapse before small depositors will receive by mail a receipt form for the 8% the receiver will pay, and assignment form for the 32% to be purchased outright by the depositors' trustees.

The payoff will be on the basis of claims rather than depositors. If the same depositor has two or more claims under \$1,000, each claim will be paid in full.

The checks will go out almost simultaneously, the receiver's 8% check being drawn on the Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit, and the 32% check from the trustees being drawn on the National Bank of Detroit.

The trust agreement of the large depositors is to continue six months and every effort will be made to locate claimants during this time.

Judge Marschner's order authorizes Receiver Groesbeck also to co-operate with the Depositors' Committee in the formation of plans for the eventual liquidation of remaining assets. The possibility of forming a separate liquidating corporation to dispose of these assets advantageously is being considered.

That the new National Bank of Flint, Flint, Mich., organized to replace the Union Industrial Bank and the First National Bank & Trust Co. of that place, was to open for business on Jan. 31 both at the main office in the former Union Industrial Trust & Savings Bank Building and at a branch at Hamilton and Industrial Avenues, was reported in a dispatch from Flint on Jan. 30, printed in the Detroit "Free Press," which continuing said:

Robert T. Longway late Tuesday (Jan. 30) received confirmation of the Government's authorization to open in a telegram from J. F. T. O'Connor, United States Comptroller of the Currency.

The new bank has a capitalization of \$1,025,000, of which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation pledged \$500,000 in preferred stock. The

balance, in common stock, was taken by Flint depositors in the former Union Industrial Bank and the First National Bank and Trust Co.

The payoff of depositors in the two closed banks is expected to start Thursday and will require about 14 days. The payoff will be made alphabetically.

"Considering all the difficulties to be overcome I believe the new bank has been organized in a splendid fashion," Longway declared. "While there have been many delays, we have had the utmost co-operation from Government and State officials and the receiver and conservators of the two Flint banks."

We learn from the "Michigan Investor" of Feb. 3 that organization of a new bank in Grand Rapids, Mich., to succeed the American Home Security Bank of that city, was made possible when Circuit Judge Leonard D. Verdier signed an order approving the settlement of the claim of a group of 20 mortgage investors against the bank. The claims, which totaled \$257,138.95 and are to be paid subject to a "depositors first" agreement, grew out of an arrangement made in September of 1931 when these 20 men purchased \$1,000,000 in real estate mortgages at par plus accrued interest from the Home State Bank for Savings, which had become distressed. The Home State Bank later was merged with two others to become the American Home Security Bank. The paper mentioned continued:

The new agreement is looked upon as a public spirited act to reopen the bank. Under the agreement the Home State Bank was to assume certain expense and replace defaulted mortgages with sound mortgages. The merged bank later pledged the mortgages remaining in its hands to the RFC to secure a loan, thus making it impossible to abide by the agreement with the 20 investors to replace poor mortgages with good mortgages. The mortgages subsequently were removed from the bank and placed under separate management for the group.

As explained by Attorney John M. Dunham, counsel for Howard C. Lawrence, receiver for the bank, all remaining assets of the bank were pledged as collateral for the new \$1,750,000 RFC loan with which to open the bank, thus shutting off the mortgage investors from any possible recovery of their losses under the depreciated mortgages. Their claim might even have come ahead of any claim of the RFC, thus blocking the reorganization plan, the attorney said.

Further concessions were made by the mortgage investors as to the manner and order of payment of their claim. Depositors under the reorganization plan are to have 40% and to make this possible, according to the receiver's attorney, the mortgage investors agreed that the 40% of their claim, substantially \$100,000, is to be subordinated to the claims of the depositors and the claim of the RFC. This means, according to counsel, that not even 40% of the investors' claim is to be paid until after the depositors have received their 40% and the RFC has been paid in full and the remaining 60% of the investors' claim again will be subordinated and will not be paid in whole or in part until the depositors have received their full 60% balance.

The new bank, which will be the Central Bank, will take over and liquidate the assets of the old institution and its sponsors said it will pay out 25% of the impounded deposits immediately. Depositors will take 15% of their deposits in capital stock. The remainder of the frozen deposits will be liquidated and released as rapidly as possible.

NEW JERSEY.

The First National Bank of Lyndhurst, N. J., which has been closed since the banking holiday last March, was reopened Feb. 5 as a branch of the Rutherford National Bank of Rutherford, N. J., according to Lyndhurst advices on that date to the New York "Times." Depositors had access to 30% of their deposits, it was said.

That the Mechanics' Trust Co. of Bayonne, N. J., will shortly be operating without restrictions is indicated in the following taken from the "Jersey Observer" of Feb. 3:

Frederick C. Earl, President of the Mechanics' Trust Co. of Bayonne, Feb. 2, in a letter addressed to all depositors, expressed his confidence that within a reasonable time the bank will again function without restrictions.

The bank is now in the process of re-organization under the Altman Act, which does not permit withdrawals of any of the old accounts during this time.

Mr. Earl stated that every effort is being made to bring about a speedy re-organization of the bank, and that in the meantime all new deposits made are subject to 100% withdrawal.

NEW YORK STATE.

George A. Porter, Deputy Superintendent of Banks in charge of the liquidation of the Westchester Trust Co. in Yonkers, N. Y., was permitted on Feb. 6 by order of Supreme Court Justice Frederick P. Close to sell certain bonds and mortgages of the book value of \$485,906 to the Federal Home Owners Loan Corporation or the Farm Loan Corporation, according to advices from White Plains, N. Y., to the New York "Times," which added:

He also is permitted to take back bonds of one of the Federal corporations in exchange and to sell the personal property of the bank.

OREGON.

According to a dispatch from Salem, Ore., on Jan. 30 to the Portland "Oregonian," five Oregon State banks on that date received extensions of time until Feb. 28 to continue operations on a restricted basis, announcement to that effect having been made by A. A. Schram, State Superintendent of Banks. Institutions affected by the extension order, the dispatch stated, include the following:

The Steiwer & Carpenter Bank, Fossil; Bank of Sellwood, Portland; State Bank of Rainier, Eastern Oregon Banking Co., Shaniko and Coolidge & McClain Bank, Silverton.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Practically all of the personnel of the old Turtle Creek Savings & Trust Co., Turtle Creek, Pa., soon to be replaced

at Turtle Creek by the newly chartered Turtle Creek Bank & Trust Co., will be retained, officials of the new institution announced on Jan. 31. The new bank, with capital and surplus of \$320,000, will take over the assets of the old bank, which has been operating on a restricted basis. The Pittsburgh "Post Gazette" of Feb. 1, in reporting the matter, also said:

W. H. Semmens Jr., son of former State Senator Semmens, is the new President. A. L. Faller, former President and Chairman of the board, will resume his duties as Chairman in the new bank. Other officers, all former officers of the Turtle Creek Savings & Trust Co., are A. M. Thompson, member of the State Liquor Control Board and dean of the University of Pittsburgh law school, Vice-President; W. A. Reger, Vice-President in charge of trust department, and H. F. Shultz, Secretary-Treasurer.

Dr. William D. Gordon, State Secretary of Banking for Pennsylvania, announced on Feb. 3 that a new bank would be established in Upper Darby, Pa. (Philadelphia) in the near future. He stated that he had given business men in that community (which has a population of more than 100,000 and has virtually been without banking facilities for more than a year) a week to try to raise \$350,000 capital for a new institution to be under local control. If sufficient subscriptions were not available at that time, he added, he will permit one or more outside banks to establish branches in that section. Dr. Gordon's statement was made at the conclusion of a four-hour conference in the Board Room of the closed Media-Sixty-ninth Street Trust Co., at which it was decided to liquidate the institution. He intimated that a new bank formed with local capital probably would be able to take over worth-while assets of the closed institution, leaving others to be liquidated in the best manner possible. The Philadelphia "Ledger" of Feb. 4, from which the above information is obtained, went on to say in part:

The new bank, he indicated, should have at least \$200,000 capital and \$150,000 surplus guaranteed before it could open for business. . . .

Dr. Gordon's statement follows:

"I discussed in detail with the Reorganization Committee the details of the tentative appraisal of the assets of the bank. It was the consensus of the reorganization committee that a re-organization of the bank would be impossible.

"A meeting has been called for 9 a. m. next Saturday (Feb. 9) so that the members of the re-organization committee may report as to whether or not it will be possible to raise new capital for the organization of an entirely new banking institution. Meanwhile, this committee will organize itself to conduct a campaign among the residents of Upper Darby and Delaware County to ascertain whether they will be interested in subscribing capital for a new local banking institution."

A subsequent issue of the "Ledger", Feb. 5, stated that Dr. Gordon was called upon the previous day to approve an application of the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities of Philadelphia, to open a branch office in the Sixty-ninth Street District of Delaware County. The paper mentioned continued in part:

The demand was made by a committee of the Upper Darby Boosters Association, of which Mrs. Edna Mae Caspar, who conducts a retail business in Upper Darby, is Chairman. . . .

Pointing out that there has been a drop of from 40 to 50% in retail trade in the Upper Darby district since the Media-Sixty-ninth Street Trust Co. went on a restricted basis in March, 1933, Mrs. Caspar said a new bank would give the district only limited banking facilities.

"What the district needs is a branch of a Philadelphia bank in which the people have confidence," Mrs. Caspar continued.

The boosters' group will meet to-day (Feb. 5) to pass a resolution demanding immediate branch-bank action in the district. Mrs. Caspar said they will carry their appeal to President Roosevelt if necessary to get action.

The Bank of Elizabeth, Elizabeth, Pa., started normal banking functions on Feb. 3, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Feb. 3, which continuing said:

The institution is a re-organization of a bank, which had been operating on a restricted basis since early in 1933. The capital of the new bank, of which B. E. Wylie is President, is \$50,000, surplus, \$50,000; undivided profits, \$29,600, and deposits, \$610,000.

RHODE ISLAND.

The Columbus National Bank of Providence, R. I., a new institution which replaces the Columbus Exchange Trust Co. of that city, opened on Monday of this week, Feb. 5. Opening of the new bank makes available to depositors of the Columbus Exchange Trust Co. (which had been under the control of a Federal conservator since the banking holiday last March), 60% of their deposits at once, the balance to remain with the Columbus Exchange Trust Co. for orderly liquidation and eventual transfer to the new institution. The new bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System and as a National bank a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. It has a capital of \$200,000, divided equally into preferred and common stock, the former having been subscribed to in whole by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The common stock has been subscribed by approximately 1,400 individuals. The bank also starts with \$50,000 in surplus and undivided profits. The officers of the new bank are: President, Luigi Scala; Vice-President and Cashier, Achille G. Vervena; Assistant Cashier, Caesar T. Cambio. The Providence "Journal" of Feb. 3, authority for the foregoing, furthermore said in part:

The notice authorizing the opening of the new institution at 20 Westminster Street also authorizes establishment of a branch at 361 Atwells Avenue, where a branch of the Columbus Exchange Trust Co. has been maintained. Two other branches of the trust company, at 1 Governor Street and 572 Charles Street, are to be closed.

Mr. Scala, the new President, has had 20 years of banking experience, having been for the past nine years Vice-President of the Bank of Sicily Trust Co. in New York, American affiliate of an Italian Government bank. He formerly was employed here in the foreign department of the Industrial Trust Co.

Mr. Vervena, the conservator of the trust company, pointed out last night (Feb. 2) that the new bank will have approximately 80% of cash liquidity. Besides the capital stock paid in, the institution has access to a loan of \$600,000 authorized by the RFC in November.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

The membership of Jacob Aron in the New York Cotton Exchange was sold Feb. 5 to Louis de L'Aigle Munds, for another, for \$21,500, this price being \$2,500 in advance of the previous sale, of Jan. 25; and the membership in the name of the estate of Lamar L. Fleming was sold Feb. 9 to Thomas F. Cahill, for another, for \$20,000.

New York Cocoa Exchange membership of Fred A. Thompson was sold Feb. 7 to H. A. Schwartz, for another, for \$3,000, an increase of \$125 over the last transaction.

The membership on the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange of Gerard P. Tameling was sold Feb. 3 to F. Eugene Nortz for \$5,800, up \$300 from the last sale on Dec. 28.

Arrangements were completed Feb. 5 for the sale of a membership in the Chicago Stock Exchange at \$6,000, up \$3,000 from the last previous sale. This is the first sale of a Chicago Stock Exchange membership this year.

Francis Romeo, who resigned as Chairman of the board of directors of the Bank of Sicily Safe Deposit Co., New York City, on Jan. 17, this year, died of bronchial pneumonia on Feb. 5. He was 75 years old. Mr. Romeo was also a former director of the Bank of Sicily Trust Co. and of the Bansiella Corp., having resigned from those positions on Dec. 27 1933. He was President of the Italian importing firm of F. Romeo & Co., Inc. Several years ago Mr. Romeo was made a "cavaliere ufficiale" by the Italian Government.

The New York State Banking Department, on Jan. 24, approved a certificate filed by the Bank of Yorktown, New York City, providing for the reduction of the par value and amount of capital stock from \$1,500,000 at a par value of \$100 a share, to \$1,000,000 at a par value of \$66 2-3 each. The change in the capital was approved by the stockholders on Jan. 16, and the reduced capital became effective Jan. 31 1934.

The election of John J. Rowe as President and director of the Fifth-Third Union Trust Company of Cincinnati, occurred at a special meeting of the directors of the institution Jan. 13. Under a further change voted at the directors' meeting, E. W. Edwards, head of the Fifth-Third since 1929, becomes Chairman of the Board, where he will be Executive head of the bank, and will have supervision and control over the business and officers of the bank. Announcement is also made that John B. Hollister, Congressman from the First District of Ohio, was elected a Director of the bank.

Referring to the changes in the official staff of the Fifth-Third as climaxing a week of unexpected changes in senior personnel of Cincinnati banks, the Cincinnati "Enquirer" of Jan. 14 noted:

The first major changes in banking officials for several years was announced Tuesday, when the First National Bank announced that Harry S. Leyman would be Chairman of the Board, succeeding Thomas J. Davis, who became President. Mr. Rowe, then President, was made a Vice-President; he resigned this position on Friday [Jan. 12].

Mr. Hollister, who had been re-elected as a director of the First National, had not been sworn in when he indicated he would not accept the re-election, and yesterday gave his consent to serve as a director of the Fifth-Third.

From the "Enquirer" of Jan. 14 we also quote in part as follows:

Mr. Rowe has been identified with banking since 1907, when he was graduated from Harvard and joined the First National as a clerk under his father, W. S. Rowe, President of the institution from 1908 to 1929. The younger Rowe succeeded his father to the Presidency in that year. He is active in many business and social activities of the community.

Mr. Edwards has been identified with the Fifth-Third and its predecessors since 1915. He was persuaded to accept the Presidency of the Fifth-Third following the death of the late Charles A. Hinsch and has guided the institution through the strenuous years of the depression. It has been no secret that for the last two years he has desired to take a less active part in the operations of the bank.

A step in this direction was made last year with the selection of Sterling B. Cramer as First Vice-President, who assumed his duties there June 1 1933. He began his banking career 33 years ago in Chicago and later served as Vice-President of the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Company of that city; at one time he served as a Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The announcement of the Fifth-Third Union Trust Company regarding the election of Mr. Rowe was as follows:

"President Edward W. Edwards, with the unanimous consent of the Board of Directors of the Fifth-Third Union Trust Company, to-day tendered to John J. Rowe the Presidency of this bank, which Mr. Rowe has accepted.

"Mr. Edwards, as Chairman of the Board of Directors, will be executive head of the bank and have supervision and control over the business and officers of the bank. Mr. Rowe, with Mr. Sterling B. Cramer, First Vice-President, under Mr. Edwards, will have active charge of all banking and other functions."

The changes in the First National Bank, to which reference is made in the above were noted in our Jan. 20 issue, page 453.

The National Bank of Middletown, Middletown, N. Y., was chartered by the Comptroller of the Currency on Jan. 22. The new institution, which succeeds The First Merchants' National Bank & Trust Co. of Middletown, is capitalized at \$250,000. Thomas W. Swan is President and J. A. Frank, Cashier of the new bank.

The New York State Banking Department recently approved the reduction of the par value and amount of capital stock of the Marine Midland Trust Co. of Binghamton, Binghamton, N. Y., from \$750,000, consisting of 7,500 shares of the par value of \$100 each, to \$500,000, consisting of 10,000 shares of the par value of \$50 each.

In addition to the reduction of \$250,000 in the bank's capital, the surplus account has also been reduced from \$500,000 to \$250,000, we are advised by Thomas A. Wilson, President of the trust company. Mr. Wilson's letter, under date of Feb. 5, said in part:

The \$500,000 released was credited to general contingent reserve account. Since Jan. 17 last we have written off all loans classed as bad by the Banking Department and set up more reserves against doubtful loans than requested in the last examination dated Dec. 2 1933. Defaulted securities have been written down to below the market, all other securities are now carried in our statement at book or market, whichever is lower. Additional reserves have been set up against other real estate and there still remains \$111,520 in the General Reserve account to care for possible unforeseen future losses. Bank buildings and other real estate are carried on the books at a figure well under assessed value and we have written off furniture and fixtures which represents a value in excess of \$52,000.

We sold \$300,000 capital notes to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. This amount added to the bank's capital funds of \$863,700.88 totals \$1,163,700.88. Therefore, after the readjustment and caring for possible future contingencies, we have \$1 of capital funds to \$5.37 in deposits which is a most satisfactory capital to deposit ratio.

Total resources of the Marine Midland Trust Co. at the close of business Jan. 31 1934 were \$7,556,187, and total deposits \$6,257,102. The institution is a member of the Federal Reserve System and also a member of the Temporary Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

On Jan. 19 the New York State Banking Department approved reduction of the par value and amount of capital stock of the Courtland Trust Co. of Cortland, N. Y., from \$200,000 at a par value of \$25 a share, to \$100,000, at a par value of \$12.50 a share.

A reduction in the par value of the shares and amount of capital stock of the Tonawanda Trust Co. of Tonawanda, N. Y., from \$500,000 at a par value of \$100 a share to \$400,000 at a par value of \$80 a share, was approved recently by the New York State Banking Department.

C. Kenneth Fuller, former Investment Officer of the First National Bank of Boston, Mass., was appointed Trust Officer of the Agricultural National Bank of Pittsfield, Mass., at a directors' meeting on Jan. 29. Lawrence R. O'Connor, who has been both President and Trust Officer, resigned the latter office at the meeting. Frederick Weston, who for the past three years has been employed in the trust department, was promoted to Assistant Trust Officer, succeeding Robert W. McCracken, who will retain his position as Loan Officer at the head of the collateral and unsecured loan department. Pittsfield advices on Jan. 29, appearing in the Springfield "Republican," in noting the above, went on to say:

Mr. Fuller, who will undertake his duties in Pittsfield on Feb. 1, is a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1914. He also engaged in graduate work at Leland Stanford University, California, and was later graduated from the Harvard School of Business Administration.

He will have general charge of the trust department in which funds are approximately \$15,000,000.

Mr. Weston, the newly elected Assistant Treasurer, is also a graduate of Dartmouth College. He later secured a bachelor's degree from the Harvard Law School.

On Feb. 1 the Comptroller of the Currency granted a charter to the Columbus National Bank of Providence, Providence, R. I., which replaces the Columbus Exchange Trust Co. of that city. The new institution is capitalized at \$200,000, consisting of \$100,000 preferred and \$100,000 com-

mon stock. Luigi Scala is President and Achilla G. Vervena, Cashier, of the new bank.

Frederick I. Wilson has resigned as Trust Officer of the State Trust Co. of Plainfield, N. J., to become Assistant Trust Officer of the National State Bank of Newark, N. J. He has been succeeded in Plainfield by Robert Heron, who heretofore was Trust Officer of the Clinton Trust Co. of Newark. Plainfield advices to the Newark "News" on Jan. 29, in noting the above, added:

Both men began their banking careers here as clerks in the Plainfield Trust Co., holding various positions. Before coming to the State Trust Co. two years ago, Mr. Wilson was with the Asbury Park & Ocean Grove Bank in Asbury Park as Trust Officer and the State Department of Banking and Insurance supervising trust departments in closed banks.

Walter E. Keller, a Vice-President of the Hudson County National Bank of Jersey City, N. J., died of heart disease at his home in Jersey City on Feb. 6. He had been in charge of the central branch of the bank in Jersey City for the past 10 years. When the Hudson County National Bank absorbed the Merchants' National Bank in 1923 Mr. Keller was a Vice-President of the latter bank. Earlier in his career he was with the National Bank of Commerce of New York. Recently Mr. Keller was appointed by Governor Moore a member of the New Jersey State Housing Authority. The deceased banker was 54 years of age.

The Citizens' National Bank of Collingswood, Collingswood, N. J., was chartered by the Comptroller of the Currency on Jan. 29. The institution, which is capitalized at \$100,000, succeeds the Collingswood National Bank of the same place.

We learn from the Pittsburgh "Post-Gazette" of Feb. 3, that a branch of the Forbes National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., will be opened about mid-February in the Gulf Building, Seventh Avenue and Grant Street, that city, according to an announcement on Feb. 2 by Richard K. Mellon, President of the Forbes National. The branch will provide all departments of commercial banking, including a savings department and safety deposit vault, for the growing community of that downtown section. The paper mentioned went on to say:

Adolph W. Schmidt, who has been with the Mellon National Bank for several years, has been appointed Assistant Cashier of the Forbes National Bank and will be in charge of the new branch. Other officers of the Forbes National include Paul C. Harper, Vice-President; J. Nevin Garber, Cashier, and Nora C. Fitzpatrick and R. A. Claneman, Assistant Cashiers.

Richard King Mellon was appointed President of the Mellon National Bank, of Pittsburgh, Pa., at a meeting of the directors on Feb. 6, succeeding his father, the late Richard Beatty Mellon, who died Dec. 1 last. Mr. Mellon, who formerly was a Vice-President of the institution, in recent years has taken an increasing part in the direction of the Mellon interests. When his father's health began to fail, important directorships were turned over to the son. His promotion to the Presidency, generally anticipated in financial circles, places him at the head of one of the world's most powerful banks. He is also President of the Forbes National Bank of Pittsburgh, and the Mellbank Corporation. The Pittsburgh "Post-Gazette" of Feb. 6, in reporting Mr. Mellon's election, furthermore said in part:

Completing his education at Shadyside Academy and Princeton University, the new President started his business career as a messenger in 1920 and followed this by working in various departments of the bank. In 1924 he was appointed an Assistant Cashier and in 1929 he was elected Vice-President and a director of the bank.

In the naming of Mr. Mellon as President of the bank is seen an indication that he will be the dominant figure in control of the Mellon fortunes in the future.

The new President also is on the boards of directors of the Aluminum Co. of America, Carborundum Co., Gulf Oil Corp., Koppers Co., Norfolk & Western RR., Pennsylvania RR. Co., Pennsylvania Water Co., Pittsburgh Aviation Industries Co., Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Pullman, Inc., Union Trust Co., and Westinghouse Air Brake Co.

He is a trustee of the Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates and is Treasurer and a director of the Ligonier Valley RR., besides serving as trustee of the Carnegie Hero Fund and a member of the board of trustees of the University of Pittsburgh.

A subsequent issue of the "Post-Gazette," Feb. 7, stated that Mr. Mellon, the new President, had announced the previous day that Ray Harrison, heretofore an Assistant Cashier, of the Mellon National Bank, had been promoted to a Vice-Presidency by the directors. Mr. Harrison joined the institution as an Assistant Cashier in 1929, going there from Chicago, where he was representative for the National Bank Commerce. Previous to going to Chicago, he had been with the National Bank of Commerce in its New York office, following his resignation from the United States Army. The paper mentioned continued:

Mr. Harrison was born at Fort Adams and is a graduate of the United States Military Academy. He served in the World War as a captain of field artillery with the First and 26th divisions, A. E. F. He resigned from the army in August 1922.

On Jan. 27 1934 the Union National Bank at McKeesport, McKeesport, Pa., was chartered by the Comptroller of the Currency. It replaces the Union National Bank of that place and is capitalized at \$200,000. R. M. Baldrige heads the new institution, while C. C. Herklotz is Cashier.

The Comptroller of the Currency on Jan. 29 issued a charter to the First National Bank in Freeland, Freeland, Pa., with capital of \$100,000. The new institution succeeds the First National Bank of Freeland. Edgar Albert is President and John J. McGarey, Cashier.

That the Pennsylvania Banking Department was to file this week an application with the Philadelphia agency of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a loan, the proceeds of which is to be used to make another payment to the 112,000 depositors of the defunct Bankers' Trust Co. of Philadelphia, was indicated in the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Feb. 6, from which we quote as follows:

The amount of the loan to be sought is as yet undetermined, but it may total \$11,000,000.

The loan, if granted in full, will enable the Banking Department to make a payment of approximately 37% on the bank's deposit liability of approximately \$28,000,000 at the time the institution closed its doors on Dec. 22 1930.

Assets having a theoretical book value of \$23,000,000, including a very large percentage of real estate holdings, will be offered as collateral for the loan.

Up to date, the depositors of the institution have received three payments, totaling \$9,875,556, the last disbursement, 5%, having been made on Oct. 18 1933, bringing the total payments up to 35%.

The application now being compiled by the Banking Department will mark the third attempt that has been made by the State Banking Department to obtain Government funds for the use of the depositors of the closed institution.

Late in 1932 an application was filed. It produced approval of a loan of \$750,000 on assets other than real estate that would have permitted a disbursement of approximately 2½ cents on each dollar due depositors. According to persons familiar with the situation it would have been an expensive proposition for the Banking Department to have accepted such a loan and make it available for depositors.

A year later another application was made, after it had been announced that the Federal Government had available a \$1,000,000,000 fund for the relief of depositors of closed banks.

This application was returned for "more explicit information on every asset item," including in particular "the reason why the appraisers felt that a debtor to the institution could meet his obligation over a period of three to five years."

The application now being prepared contains the information desired.

Just what the appraisal of the Bankers Trust Co. assets will show is not known at this time. The present program of the Federal Deposit Liquidation Board in Washington allows a loan of 50% on approved assets of a bank that closed prior to June 1932.

A dispatch by the Associated Press from Richmond, Va., on Jan. 29 stated that the State-Planters Bank & Trust Co. of Richmond on that day was authorized by the Virginia State Corporation Commission to purchase the State-Planters Bank of Hopewell, Va., and operate it as a branch. We quote further from the advices as follows:

The Richmond bank now owns all except 15 shares of the capital stock of the Hopewell bank. In approving the application, M. E. Bristow, Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, said: "It will be an improvement and benefit to the banking situation in the neighborhood."

A charter was issued on Jan. 20 by the Comptroller of the Currency to the National Bank of Logan, Logan, West Va., capitalized at \$150,000. It succeeds the First National Bank of Logan. C. McD. England and W. T. Mitchell are President and Cashier, respectively, of the new bank.

The First National Bank of Marietta, Marietta, Ohio, with capital of \$140,000, was chartered by the Comptroller of the Currency on Jan. 29. O. F. Mead is President and W. S. Eberle, Cashier, of the new organization.

Effective Jan. 24 1934, the Fletcher American National Bank of Indianapolis, Ind., with capital of \$3,600,000, went into voluntary liquidation. The institution is succeeded by the American National Bank at Indianapolis.

The First National Bank of Harrisville, Harrisville, Pa., capitalized at \$40,000, went into voluntary liquidation on Jan. 9 last. It has been succeeded by the First National Bank in Harrisville.

The Comptroller of the Currency on Jan. 30 granted a charter to the First National Bank of Pinckneyville, Pinckneyville, Ill. The new bank replaces the First National Bank of that place, and is capitalized at \$50,000, half of

which is preferred and half common stock. E. R. Mincke and Roy Alden are President and Cashier, respectively, of the new institution.

Edmund W. Reisig has been appointed Cashier of the First National Bank of Monroe, Mich. Mr. Reisig, who has been connected with the bank twelve years, for a number of which as Assistant Cashier in charge of the Trust Department, succeeds H. J. McGill, Cashier-Manager who resigned. Monroe advices on Jan. 30, printed in the Toledo "Blade," from which this is learnt, added:

The bank was reopened Nov. 18, having been closed since the Presidential Proclamation when Mr. McGill was appointed. Previous to the reopening of the bank he served as conservator.

Ludlow F. North, formerly Assistant Vice-President of the First Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee, Wis. (security affiliate of the First Wisconsin National Bank) was advanced to a Vice-President on Jan. 30 at a meeting of the new directors of the company elected earlier in the day by the stockholders, according to the Milwaukee "Sentinel" of Jan. 31, which continuing said:

The following officers, who comprise the new Board, were re-elected: President, Robert W. Baird; Vice-President and Treasurer, Joseph A. Aucher; Vice-President and Secretary, A. M. Hewitt; Vice-Presidents, William H. Brand, G. Harold Pfau and S. E. Johanigman. C. D. MacNaughton was re-elected Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. The post of Chairman of the Board, previously held by Walter Kasten, was abolished when the security firm reduced its board from 40 to seven.

H. N. Bushnell, Vice-President and Trust Officer of the United States National Bank of Omaha, Neb., was named Executive Vice-President of the institution on Feb. 6, according to Omaha advices on that date to the New York "Times." Mr. Bushnell succeeds Sherley Ford, who has become a Vice-President of the Northwest Bancorporation at Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. Bushnell is succeeded as Trust Officer by Hal W. Yates of the United States National Bank of Omaha, it was said.

The Ohio Valley National Bank of Henderson, Henderson, Ky., was chartered by the Comptroller of the Currency on Feb. 2. The institution succeeds the Ohio Valley Banking & Trust Co. of that city, and is capitalized at \$200,000, made up of \$100,000 preferred and \$100,000 common stock. John C. Worsham and C. W. Geibel are President and Cashier, respectively, of the new bank.

A charter was granted by the Comptroller of the Currency on Jan. 20 to the Union National Bank of Fayetteville, Fayetteville, Tenn. The new organization succeeds three Fayetteville banks, viz: The First National Bank, Elk National Bank and Farmers' National Bank. It is capitalized at \$100,000, consisting of \$50,000 preferred stock and \$50,000 common stock. C. F. Bagley is President and J. S. Darrah, Cashier, of the new institution.

In regard to the affairs of the First National Bank in Henderson, Henderson, N. C., advices from that place under date of Jan. 31, appearing in the Raleigh "News & Observer," had the following to say:

Announcement was made Jan. 31 by the First National Bank in Henderson that it will pay off on Feb. 5 more than \$80,000 in its "B" certificates of deposits taken over from the old First National Bank of Henderson when the new bank was reopened Oct. 4 1932, following the close of the old bank nine months previously. This means the payments will be made to depositors eight months in advance of the date required, on Oct. 4 1934.

This payment, the bank's announcement said, "was made possible at this time owing to the very liquid condition of the bank," and is done with the permission of the Comptroller of the Currency in Washington.

The First National Bank in Tarpon Springs, Tarpon Springs, Fla., on Jan. 23 was chartered by the Comptroller of the Currency. The new bank is capitalized at \$50,000, half of which is preferred and half common stock. G. C. Rankin heads the institution, while W. L. Winters is Cashier.

Effective Jan. 9 1934, the First National Bank of Santa Anna, Santa Anna, Tex., was placed in voluntary liquidation. The institution, which was capitalized at \$50,000, was succeeded by the Santa Anna National Bank.

A dispatch to the Los Angeles "Times" on Jan. 26 from Tulare, Calif., stated that Joe M. Allen had been appointed Manager of the Tulare branch of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, filling a vacancy created by the death of W. P. Williams. Mr. Allen advances from the post of Assistant Manager. A native of Tulare, Mr. Allen has been in the banking business here since 1916 it was said.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Dealings in the New York stock market have been unusually heavy with a strong tendency toward higher levels during the most of the present week. There was a sharp setback on Wednesday, due to heavy profit taking, but the selling wave gradually decreased and the trend of prices was again upward on the following day. On Friday the list again turned downwards. Metal shares have attracted the most attention, but there has also been a good demand for the motor stocks, merchandising issues and toward the end of the week railroad stocks showed good improvement. There have, at times, been brief periods of irregularity and considerable profit taking, but the latter, with the exception of the break on Wednesday and Friday, made little change in the trend of prices. Call money renewed at 1% on Monday and continued unchanged at that rate throughout the week.

The securities market continued to move vigorously upward during the short session on Saturday and many of the trading favorites regained their losses of the previous day. Railroad shares, specialties and merchandising stocks led the upswing with gains ranging up to two or more points. Motors, auto accessories and sugar stocks were also in general demand at higher prices, particularly General Motors which climbed into new high ground for 1933-1934. Chrysler hit its old record of 59½ and United States Smelting & Refining and American Smelting improved a point each. The turnover was the largest in volume of any short session during the past few months and taxed the facilities of the Exchange to the utmost. Prominent in the day's advances were such active stocks as American Beet Sugar pref., 3 points to 63; American Car & Foundry, 2 points to 31½; American Locomotive pref., 4¼ points to 64¾; Cuban-American Sugar pref., 3⅞ points to 44⅞; Johns-Manville pref., 2 points to 109; Loew's, 2⅞ points to 30⅞; Reading, 2 points to 54; Union Bag & Paper, 4⅞ points to 59½; Union Pacific, 2 points to 131; United Fruit, 2 points to 68; Yellow Truck, 2⅞ points to 44⅞; United States Industrial Alcohol, 1⅜ points to 68⅜; Republic Steel pref., 1¼ points to 52¼; New York Shipbuilding pref. (7), 4½ points to 85, and National Enamel, 2⅜ points to 35.

Large scale buying which carried many stocks upward from 2 to 4 or more points characterized the trading on Monday. The volume was the heaviest in many months with the ticker running from 3 to 5 minutes behind the floor transactions. In the industrial group many prominent stocks sold at their highest since 1931 and throughout the list there were many active speculative favorites that again broke through their 1933-1934 tops. The demand extended to all parts of the list, but the steel stocks, motors, amusement issues, metal shares and utilities were the leaders, and there was a large public participation at all times. Toward the end of the day the advance slowed up a bit, but the gains at the end of the session were not much changed. The outstanding strong stocks were Air Reduction, 2 points to 105; American Car & Foundry pref., 3¼ points to 55¼; Amer. Tel. & Tel. 3½ points to 123½; American Tobacco "B" (5) 2 points to 82½; American Woolen pref., 3¼ points to 83, Bethlehem Steel pref., 3¼ points to 60¼; Brooklyn Union Gas 3½ points to 78½; Goodrich pref., 3⅞ points to 54⅞; Ludlum Steel pref., 2½ points to 95, Missouri Kansas & Texas pref., 3⅞ points to 45⅞; Norfolk & Western (8) 3 points to 180; Outlet Co. pref., 6 points to 103; Peoples Drug Stores 4¼ points to 90¼; Standard Gas & Electric pref. (1.80), 4 points to 30½; Texas Pacific, 3 points to 43; United States Distilleries pref., 4 points to 11½; West Penn Electric, pref. 2 points to 104; Western Union Telegraph, 2¼ points to 64⅞; Worthington Pump pref., "B" 4½ points to 42; and Public Service of N. J. pref. (5), 2 points to 83.

The general list was somewhat irregular on Tuesday, but toward the end of the day the public utilities shares assumed the market leadership and several prominent stocks of the group moved upward from 2 to 4 or more points. Industrials, on the other hand, fell back and so did the rails, motors and steel stocks. Metals and specialties were stronger, but there was little activity in the oil shares. The gains for the day included American Tobacco pref. B, 2 points to 118; Austin Nichols pref. A (3), 4 points to 52; Brooklyn Union Gas, 2 points to 80½; J. I. Case pref., 4 points to 84½; Laclede Gas, 3 points to 50; Pacific Gas, 2½ points to 23; Public Service of New Jersey pref. (8), 10 points to 115; Pure Oil pref., 4 points to 79; Reading, 2⅞ points to 56⅞; Union Pacific pref. (4), 3 points to 79; United States Tobacco, 3 points to 110, and West Penn Electric pref., 3 points to 69.

Heavy profit taking followed by sharp declines reduced the gains from fractions to three or more points on Wednesday, the dealings, however, were unusually large and the tape was several minutes behind throughout the session. Practically the entire list, except the metals and a few miscellaneous shares, were effected, the selling being due, in part, to the upset in the French political situation. United States Smelting led the rally in the mining group and forged ahead about 5 points. Near the end of the session there was a modest rally, United States Steel snapping back to 57½ followed by such stocks as American Can and General Motors. The changes for the day were generally on the side of the decline, the recessions including among others, Allied Chemical & Dye, 5¼ points to 149½; American Beet Sugar, 3½ points to 60; American Car & Foundry, 2 points to 51; American Tobacco pref. B, 3 points to 121; Brooklyn Union Gas, 2½ points to 78; Central R.R. of N. J., 5 points to 85; Lima Locomotives, 3¾ points to 31¾; Pure Oil pref. 4 points to 75; Texas Pacific, 5½ points to 31½, and Wright Aero, 5 points to 51.

Following the sharp reaction in the late trading of the preceding day, the stock market rallied during the late trading on Thursday. Metal stocks continued in the foreground and farm implements, motors and merchandising issues featured the late advances. In the morning trading prices were inclined to move downward but most of the losses were transformed into gains later in the day. Trading was smaller than on recent days, though there was a large volume of business transacted before the closing hour. Noteworthy among the stocks ending the day on the side of the advance were Colgate-Palmolive pref., 2¼ points to 82; Allied Chemical & Dye, 3½ points to 152; American Beet Sugar pref., 3 points to 63; American Can pref., 2 points to 135; Cuban American Sugar pref., 3½ points to 47; Federal Mining & Smelting, 5 points to 105; Howe Sound (3), 2½ points to 40⅞; Owens Illinois Glass, 2 points to 93; Tide Water Oil pref., 2 points to 84; Union Pacific, 3½ points to 129½; United States Industrial Alcohol, 2 points to 42¼; Wilson pref., 5⅞ points to 71⅞ and Wright Aero, 2 points to 53.

The stock market continued to move downward on Friday as heavy selling developed in practically every active group, the losses ranging up to 4 or more points. During the early trading the market moved rather quietly, but as the day advanced the turnover gradually increased and the tape again fell behind. Considerable pressure was apparent, especially among the pivotal stocks like United States Steel, General Motors, Chrysler, American Can, Amer. Tel. & Tel. and du Pont. The high priced stocks suffered the most severe losses, United States Smelting & Refining declining as much as 5 points. The principal losses of the session were Allied Chemical & Dye 2½ points to 150½, American Commercial Alcohol 2¼ points to 54¾, Baldwin Locomotive 3 points to 48, Cuban American Sugar pref. 3 points to 41, New York & Harlem 9 points to 125, Remington Rand pref. 5 points to 52, United States Smelting 3⅞ points to 120½ and Westinghouse 2⅞ points to 42½.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Feb. 9 1934.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad and Miscell. Bonds.	State, Municipal & For'n Bonds.	United States Bonds.	Total Bond Sales.
Monday	4,940,250	24,038,000	4,075,000	2,532,000	30,645,000
Tuesday	4,330,980	20,312,000	4,336,000	1,447,500	26,095,000
Wednesday	4,499,070	15,793,000	3,660,000	1,427,000	20,880,000
Thursday	3,199,920	14,917,000	3,321,000	1,038,000	19,276,000
Friday	3,337,240	12,841,000	2,766,000	558,000	16,165,000
Total	22,388,630	\$99,290,000	\$20,597,000	\$10,614,500	\$130,501,500

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Feb. 9.		Jan. 1 to Feb. 9.	
	1934.	1933.	1934.	1933.
Stocks—No. of shares.	22,388,630	699,488	84,539,367	3,755,344
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$10,614,500	\$17,173,000	\$86,152,500	\$117,038,000
State & foreign bonds	20,597,000	566,000	125,619,500	5,339,000
Railroad & misc. bonds	99,290,000	1,054,000	412,906,000	6,807,000
Total	\$130,501,500	\$18,793,000	\$624,678,000	\$129,184,000

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Feb. 9 1934.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	30,299	\$14,200	15,019	\$3,000	4,700	\$1,000
Monday	74,090	17,500	40,533	3,000	22,682	7,300
Tuesday	66,882	21,000	48,782	-----	13,158	9,100
Wednesday	70,988	13,000	37,068	6,000	6,842	6,000
Thursday	50,270	9,350	22,318	10,000	6,839	15,000
Friday	14,622	2,000	6,200	-----	4,219	3,000
Total	307,151	77,050	169,920	\$22,000	-----	-----
Prev. wk. revised.	320,909	\$62,000	133,065	\$16,100	24,096	\$30,800

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

Curb market trading has been fairly heavy this week but the trend of prices has been somewhat unsteady, though the tendency, until Friday, was toward higher levels. Public utilities were moderately strong during the early part of the week and the specialties have given a fairly good account of themselves, but oils and miscellaneous industrials have been comparatively quiet.

On Saturday prices were higher in many of the active issues, but the gains were small and none were especially noteworthy. Fractional advances were recorded by American Cyanamid, Sherwin Williams and Swift & Co. Hiram Walker was the most active of the alcohol stocks and there was some attention given to Humble Oil and a few of the public utilities like Electric Bond & Share, American Gas and Niagara Hudson. Parker Rust Proof did fairly well and Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. sold slightly under 150 on its initial sale.

Trading was unusually heavy on Monday as the trend of prices turned toward higher levels. Public utilities were strong and active and several of the specialties group forged ahead into new high ground for 1933-1934. Liquor stocks sagged, though some of the best stocks showed fractional gains, but oil stocks were sluggish and made little progress. Mining and metal shares improved, Aluminum Co. of America showing a gain of about 2 points, while Lake Shore Mines and Newmont also were in demand at higher prices.

Heavy trading with considerable irregularity apparent forced stocks to lower levels on Tuesday, and while there were some gains in evidence, the changes were generally small. Public utilities were active and fractionally higher in some issues like Electric Bond & Share, American Gas & Electric, Niagara Hudson and United Light & Power. Mining and metal stocks were mixed, Aluminum Co. of America showing gains at times, though Newmont, Lake Shore Mines and Pioneer were lower on the day. Distillers-Seagram and Hiram Walker were also down. The market again turned downward on Wednesday as trading continued along a broad front. Oil shares were off on the day, particularly Gulf Oil of Pennsylvania, which was the weak spot of the group and showed a net loss of 3 points at its low for the day. Humble Oil sold down and Standard of Indiana moved within a narrow channel. Utilities kept pace with the oils in the downward swing, Electric Bond & Share, United Light & Power and American Gas & Electric showing moderate losses, at times, though they were relatively firm at the close.

The downward trend of prices was halted on Thursday, and as the list turned upward, buying interest expanded all along the line. The public utilities suffered most in the morning dealings, but when pressure was withdrawn, much of the early losses were regained. In the oil section, Gulf Oil of Pennsylvania and Standard Oil of Indiana sold off on the day and the rest of the group made little progress either way. Mining and metal issues were easier, though there was some improvement in Lake Shore Mines before the close. Hiram Walker sold off more than a point, while Distillers Seagram and other active stocks were moderately firm. Good comebacks were made by such popular trading favorites as Glen Alden Coal, Ford of Canada A and Swift & Co. This was true also of less active stocks throughout the list.

Curb stocks were down again on Friday as they were unable to hold the rally prices of the previous day. The declines extended to practically all parts of the list, and while there were not particularly large at any time, the downward swing was persistent and continued throughout the day. Electric Bond & Share was off more than a point at times and so was American Gas & Electric. Mining shares like Aluminum Co. of America were off on the day and practically all of the alcohol stocks were lower. The range of prices for the week was toward lower levels, the outstanding recessions including among others, Aluminum Co. of America, 78 to 71 $\frac{1}{4}$; American Laundry Machine, 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 15 $\frac{3}{4}$; American Superpower, 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ to 3 $\frac{7}{8}$; Atlas Corp., 15 to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$; Cities Service, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{4}$; Commonwealth Edison, 60 to 58; Consolidated Gas of Baltimore, 61 to 60 $\frac{1}{4}$; Cord Corp., 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ to 7; Creole Petroleum, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$; Duke Power, 55 to 53 $\frac{3}{4}$; Ford of Canada A, 24 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 22 $\frac{5}{8}$; Gulf Oil of Pennsylvania, 73 to 70; Humble Oil (new), 40 to 37 $\frac{5}{8}$; International Petroleum, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 21 $\frac{5}{8}$; New Jersey Zinc, 57 to 56; Parker Rust Proof, 67 $\frac{5}{8}$ to 66 $\frac{1}{2}$; Pennroad Corp., 4 to 3 $\frac{5}{8}$; Singer Mfg. Co., 170 to 168, and Standard Oil of Indiana, 31 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 31 $\frac{1}{4}$.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 1025.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended Feb. 9 1934.	Stocks (Number of Shares).	Bonds (Par Value).			
		Domestic.	Foreign Government.	Foreign Corporate.	Total.
Saturday	321,665	\$3,673,000	\$260,000	\$161,000	\$4,094,000
Monday	744,385	7,673,000	387,000	138,000	8,198,000
Tuesday	768,885	8,104,000	179,000	229,000	8,512,000
Wednesday	656,520	5,984,000	443,000	182,000	6,609,000
Thursday	492,980	5,509,000	252,000	171,000	5,932,000
Friday	497,760	4,327,000	161,000	54,000	4,542,000
Total	3,482,195	\$35,270,000	\$1,682,000	\$935,000	\$37,887,000

Sales at New York Curb Exchange.	Week Ended Feb. 9.		Jan. 1 to Feb. 9.	
	1934.	1933.	1934.	1933.
Stocks—No. of shares	3,482,195	699,488	12,728,184	3,755,344
Bonds				
Domestic	\$35,270,000	\$17,173,000	\$141,888,000	\$117,038,000
Foreign government	1,682,000	566,000	6,872,000	5,339,000
Foreign corporate	935,000	1,054,000	6,243,000	6,807,000
Total	\$37,887,000	\$18,793,000	\$155,003,000	\$129,184,000

Comparative Figures of Condition of Canadian Banks.

In the following we compare the condition of the Canadian banks for Dec. 30 1933 with the figures for Nov. 30 1933 and Dec. 30 1932.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE BANKS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

Assets.	Dec. 30 1933.	Nov. 30 1933.	Dec. 31 1932.
Current gold and subsidiary coin—			
In Canada	\$ 39,351,862	\$ 40,739,723	\$ 37,975,585
Elsewhere	10,562,397	15,053,016	15,287,507
Total	49,914,262	55,792,741	53,263,094
Dominion notes—			
In Canada	139,721,373	155,697,416	153,170,146
Elsewhere	11,546	9,157	11,132
Total	139,732,921	155,706,577	153,181,279
Notes of other banks	11,351,985	7,480,032	12,146,418
United States & other foreign currencies	18,614,990	29,215,367	17,941,291
Cheques on other banks	85,729,168	84,416,460	80,406,394
Loans to other banks in Canada, secured, including bills rediscounted			
Deposits made with and balance due from other banks in Canada	3,498,092	2,953,295	4,322,464
Due from banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom	12,126,122	16,021,212	7,786,109
Due from banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom	70,526,840	82,767,982	104,900,799
Dominion Government and Provincial Government securities	651,068,470	649,679,244	562,359,413
Canadian municipal securities and British, foreign and colonial public securities other than Canadian	158,078,288	159,429,911	166,958,673
Railway and other bonds, debts, & stocks	51,859,393	52,258,531	48,933,929
Call and short (not exceeding 30 days) loans in Canada on stocks, debentures, bonds and other securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover—			
Elsewhere than in Canada	105,949,889	105,264,004	103,204,389
Elsewhere than in Canada	90,071,910	107,046,997	91,491,603
Other current loans & disc'ts in Canada	898,159,673	884,378,313	964,023,809
Elsewhere	138,058,578	135,241,027	151,661,267
Loans to the Government of Canada			
Loans to Provincial Governments	28,798,480	21,580,099	28,273,553
Loans to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts	108,826,297	102,145,572	111,569,810
Non-current loans, estimated loss provided for	13,231,466	12,849,348	13,311,964
Real estate other than bank premises	7,436,686	7,446,317	7,481,430
Mortgages on real estate sold by bank	6,221,650	6,224,622	6,387,717
Bank premises at not more than cost, less amounts (if any) written off	78,254,447	78,354,807	78,702,197
Liabilities of customers under letters of credit as per contra	49,378,947	51,335,931	42,634,870
Deposits with the Minister of Finance for the security of note circulation	6,503,388	6,497,182	6,602,452
Deposit in the central gold reserves	17,781,732	13,631,732	19,881,732
Shares of and loans to controlled cos.	13,078,802	13,192,631	13,170,620
Other assets not included under the foregoing heads	1,500,237	1,577,731	1,489,541
Total assets	2,815,752,804	2,842,487,770	2,852,086,913
Liabilities.			
Notes in circulation	132,058,957	128,189,306	127,074,824
Balance due to Dominion Gov't. after deducting adv. for credits, pay-lists, &c.	33,334,492	44,283,800	53,107,707
Advances under the Finance Act	50,388,000	60,444,000	56,988,000
Balance due to Provincial Governments	27,912,951	23,665,146	18,933,416
Deposits by the public, payable on demand in Canada	501,870,943	499,098,951	466,212,767
Deposits by the public payable after notice or on a fixed day in Canada	1,356,916,826	1,358,189,789	1,377,520,115
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada	322,186,867	319,543,864	328,725,094
Loans from other banks in Canada, secured, including bills rediscounted			
Deposits made by and balances due to other banks in Canada	13,048,033	8,807,303	12,319,732
Due to banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom	4,959,293	12,613,282	7,426,767
Elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom	33,430,138	44,294,021	41,371,955
Bills payable	864,999	1,285,299	627,187
Letters of credit outstanding	49,378,947	51,335,931	42,634,870
Liabilities not incl. under foregoing heads	2,388,545	2,276,290	2,609,026
Dividends declared and unpaid	626,338	2,456,751	766,013
Rest or reserve fund	132,500,000	134,500,000	162,000,000
Capital paid up	144,500,000	144,500,000	144,500,000
Total liabilities	2,806,365,376	2,835,483,782	2,842,757,523

Note.—Owing to the omission of the cents in the official reports, the footings in the above do not exactly agree with the totals given.

Course of Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings this week will again show an increase 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, Feb. 10) bank exchanges for all cities of the United

States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 21.7% above those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$5,126,909,905, against \$4,211,557,806 for the same week in 1933. At this center there is a gain for the five days ended Friday of 27.1%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Table with columns: Clearings—Returns by Telegraph, Week Ended Feb. 10. Columns include 1934, 1933, and Per Cent. Rows list various cities like New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, etc., and summary rows for 12 cities, 5 days; Total all cities, 5 days; All cities, 1 day; Total all cities for week.

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 Feb. 3. For that week there is an increase of 11.8%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$5,746,532,029, against \$5,138,342,805 in the same week in 1933.

Outside of this city there is an increase of 5.1%, the bank clearings at this center having recorded a gain of 15%. 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, there is a gain of 14.5% and in the Boston Reserve District of 7.0%, but in the Philadelphia Reserve District there is a loss of 10.9%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals show a decline of 0.5% and in the Richmond Reserve District of 5.9%, but in the Atlanta Reserve District the totals are larger by 15.0%. The Chicago Reserve District has a gain of 9.5% to its credit, the St. Louis Reserve District of 24.2% and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 32.9%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the totals are larger by 16.0%, in the Dallas Reserve District by 16.4% and in the San Francisco Reserve District by 13.1%.

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week Ended Feb. 3 1934, 1934, 1933, Inc. or Dec., 1932, 1931. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston, 2nd New York, 3rd Philadelphia, etc.) and Total for 12 cities and Outside N. Y. City.

We also furnish to-day a summary of the clearings for the month of January. For that month there is an increase for the entire body of clearing houses of 6.2%, the 1934 aggregate of clearings being \$21,399,011,818, and the 1933 aggregate \$20,145,937,988. In the New York Reserve District the totals record an increase of 6.9%, and in the Boston Reserve District of 7.3%, but in the Philadelphia Reserve

District there is a decrease of 10.9%. The Cleveland Reserve District has enlarged its totals by 3.6% and the Atlanta Reserve District by 17.5%, but the Richmond Reserve District falls 8.1% behind. In the Chicago Reserve District there is an increase of 3.7%, in the St. Louis Reserve District of 14.5% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District of 20.6%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the increase is 10.9%, in the Dallas Reserve District of 21.4% and in the San Francisco Reserve District of 17.2%.

Table with columns: Federal Reserve Dists., 1st Boston, 2nd New York, 3rd Philadelphia, etc. Columns include January 1934, January 1933, Inc. or Dec., January 1932, and January 1931. Rows list various cities and summary rows for 170 cities and Outside N. Y. City.

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for January in 1931 to 1934 are given below:

Table with columns: Description, Month of January, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Rows include Stock, number of shares; Bonds; Railroad and miscell. bonds; State, foreign, etc., bonds; U. S. Government bonds; Total bonds.

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange for the month of January for the years 1931 to 1934 is indicated in the following:

Table with columns: Description, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Rows include Month of January.

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of January in each of the last eight years is shown in the subjoined statement:

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES IN JANUARY.

Table with columns: 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Cleveland, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Detroit, Louisville, Omaha, Providence, Milwaukee, Buffalo, St. Paul, Denver, Indianapolis, Richmond, Memphis, Seattle, Salt Lake City, Hartford.

We now add our detailed statement showing the figures for each city separately for December and since Jan. 1 for two years and for the week ended Dec. 31 for four years:

CLEARINGS FOR JANUARY, AND FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 3 FOR FOUR YEARS.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Month of January, Week Ended Feb. 3. Rows include First Federal Reserve District (Boston, Me., Portland, Mass., Fall River, Holyoke, Lowell, New Bedford, Springfield, Worcester, Conn.—Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury, R. I.—Providence, N. H.—Manchester) and Total (14 cities).

Table with columns for 'Clearings at—', 'Month of January.', and 'Week Ended Feb. 3.'. It lists clearing data for various Federal Reserve Districts across multiple states, including New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Missouri.

CLEARINGS—(Concluded.)

Main table showing clearing data for 1934, 1933, 1932, and 1931 across various districts (Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth Federal Reserve Districts) and Grand total (170 cities). Includes columns for 1934, 1933, Inc. or Dec., 1932, 1931, and Week Ended Feb. 3.

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR JANUARY, AND FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 1 FOR FOUR YEARS.

Table showing Canadian clearing data for 1934, 1933, 1932, and 1931 across various cities (Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, etc.) and Total (32 cities). Includes columns for 1934, 1933, Inc. or Dec., 1932, 1931, and Week Ended Feb. 1.

b No clearings available. c Clearing house not functioning at present. f Two largest banks merged Jan. 1; accounts for lower clearings.

Bonds—
2% Consols of 1930... \$599,724,050.00
2% Panama Canal Loan of 1916-36... 48,954,180.00
2% Panama Canal Loan of 1918-38... 25,947,400.00
3% Panama Canal Loan of 1961... 49,800,000.00
3% Conversion bonds of 1946-47... 28,894,500.00
2 1/4% Postal Savings bonds (7th to 46th series) 78,030,240.00

First Liberty Loan of 1932-47:
3 1/4% bonds... \$1,392,226,350.00
4% bonds (converted)... 5,002,450.00
4 1/4% bonds (converted) 535,981,600.00
4 1/4% Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-38 (called and uncalled) \$1,933,210,400.00
Treasury bonds:
4 1/4% bonds of 1947-52... \$758,983,300.00
4% bonds of 1944-54... 1,036,834,500.00
3 1/4% bonds of 1946-56... 489,087,100.00
3 1/4% bonds of 1943-47... 454,135,200.00
3 1/4% bonds of 1940-43... 352,993,950.00
3 1/4% bonds of 1941-43... 544,915,050.00
3 1/4% bonds of 1946-49... 819,096,500.00
3% bonds of 1951-55... 755,483,350.00
3 1/2% bonds of 1941... 834,474,100.00
4 1/4-3 1/4% bonds of 1943-45... 1,400,525,250.00
3% bonds, series of April 16 1934... 18,277,231.12

Treasury Notes—
3% Series A-1934, maturing May 2 1934... \$244,234,600.00
2 1/2% Series B-1934, maturing Aug. 1 1934... 345,292,600.00
3% Series A-1935, maturing June 15 1935... 416,602,800.00
1 1/2% Series B-1935, maturing Aug. 1 1935... 353,865,000.00
2 1/2% Series C-1935, maturing March 15 1935... 528,056,500.00
3 1/4% Series A-1936, maturing Aug. 1 1936... 364,138,000.00
2 1/2% Series B-1936, maturing Dec. 15 1936... 257,921,200.00
2 1/2% Series C-1936, maturing April 15 1936... 558,819,200.00
3 1/4% Series A-1937, maturing April 15 1937... 817,433,500.00
3% Series B-1937, maturing April 15 1937... 502,361,900.00
2 1/2% Series A-1938, maturing Feb. 1 1938... 276,679,600.00
2 1/2% Series B-1938, maturing June 15 1938... 618,058,800.00

4% Civil Service Retirement Fund, Series 1934 to 1938... 238,500,000.00
4% Foreign Service Retirement Fund, Series 1934 to 1938... 2,426,000.00
4% Canal Zone Retirement Fund, Series 1936 to 1938... 2,221,000.00

Certificates of Indebtedness—
3/4% Series TM-1934, maturing March 15 1934... \$460,099,000.00
3/4% Series TJ-1934, maturing June 15 1934... 174,905,500.00
2 1/4% Series TD-1934, maturing Dec. 15 1934... 992,496,500.00
1 1/2% Series TS-1934, maturing Sept. 15 1934... 524,665,500.00

4% Adjusted Service Certificate Fund Series, maturing Jan. 1 1935... 127,500,000.00

Treasury Bills (Maturity Value)—
Series maturing Feb. 7 1934... \$75,335,000.00
Series maturing Feb. 14 1934... 75,295,000.00
Series maturing Feb. 21 1934... 60,063,000.00
Series maturing Feb. 28 1934... 100,027,000.00
Series maturing Mar. 7 1934... 100,050,000.00
Series maturing Mar. 21 1934... 100,263,000.00
Series maturing Mar. 28 1934... 100,890,000.00
Series maturing April 4 1934... 100,990,000.00
Series maturing April 11 1934... 100,050,000.00
Series maturing April 18 1934... 125,340,000.00
Series maturing April 25 1934... 125,126,000.00
Series maturing May 2 1934... 150,315,000.00

Total interest-bearing debt outstanding... \$24,716,857,851.12
Matured Debt of which Interest Has Ceased—
Old debt matured—issued prior to April 1 1917 and 4 1/4% Second Liberty Loan bonds of 1927-42... 1,527,330.26
4 1/4% Third Liberty Loan bonds of 1928... 2,194,100.00
3 1/4% Victory Notes of 1922-23... 3,555,300.00
4 1/4% Victory Notes of 1922-23... 11,150.00
4 1/4% Victory Notes of 1922-23... 877,950.00
Treasury notes, at various interest rates... 2,567,300.00
Cts. of Indebtedness, at various int. rates... 33,391,050.00
Treasury bills... 9,751,000.00
Treasury Savings Certificates... 508,125.00

Debt Bearing No Interest—
United States notes... \$346,681,016.00
Less gold reserve... 156,039,088.03

Deposits for retirement of National bank and Federal Reserve bank notes... 100,809,092.50
Old demand notes and fractional currency... 2,038,657.08
Thrift and Treasury savings stamps, unclassified sales, &c... 3,321,672.24

Total gross debt... \$25,068,052,506.17

COMPARATIVE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.
(On the basis of daily Treasury statements.)
March 31 1917, Aug. 31 1919, Jan. 31 1933, Pre-War Debt, When War Debt Was at Its Peak, a Year Ago.
Gross debt... 1,282,044,346.28 26,596,701,648.01 20,801,707,134.01
Net balance in general fund... 74,216,460.05 1,118,109,534.76 327,482,802.87

Gross debt less net balance in general fund... 1,207,827,886.23 25,478,592,113.25 20,474,224,331.14

Gross debt... 23,813,790,735.55 25,068,052,506.17
Net balance in general fund... 1,026,148,622.86 1,537,201,112.19

Gross debt less net balance in general fund... 22,787,642,112.69 23,530,851,393.98

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

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

Sat. Feb. 3, Mon. Feb. 5, Tues. Feb. 6, Wed. Feb. 7, Thurs. Feb. 8, Fri. Feb. 9.
Silver, per oz... 19 15-16d. 19 1/2d. 19 9-16d. 19 11-16d. 19 1/2d. 19 13-16d.
Gold, p. fine oz... 138s.3d. 140s.1d. 139s.3d. 136s.6d. 136s.9d. 137s.40d.
Consols, 2 1/2%... 75 3/4 75 13-16 75 15-16 75 15-16 75 15-16 75

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.) 43 1/4 44 44 1/4 44 1/2 44 1/2 44 3/4

PRICES ON PARIS BOURSE.

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

Table of Paris Bourse stock prices from Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, 1934. Columns: Stock Name, Feb. 3, Feb. 5, Feb. 6, Feb. 7, Feb. 8, Feb. 9. Rows include Bank of France, Banque de Paris et Pays Bas, Canadian Pacific, Canal de Suez, Cie Generale d'Electricite, Cie Generale Transatlantique, Citroen B, Comptoir Nationale d'Escompte, Coty Inc., Courrieres, Credit Commercial de France, Credit Foncier de France, Credit Lyonnais, Distribution d'Electricite la Par, EauX Lyonnais, Energie Electrique du Nord, Energie Electrique du Littoral, French Line, Galeries Lafayette, Gas le Bon, Kuhlmann, L'Air Liquide, Lyon (P L M), Mines de Courrieres, Mines des Lens, Nord Ry, Orleans Ry, Paris, France, Fathe Capital, Rentes 5% 1920, Rentes 4% 1917, Rentes 4 1/2% 1932 A, Royal Dutch, Saint Gobain C & C., Schneider & Cie, Societe Andre Citroen, Societe Francaise Ford, Societe Generale Fonciere, Societe Lyonnaise, Societe Marseillaise, Suez, Suez Artificiel Silk pref, Union d'Electricite, Union des Mines, Wagon-Lits.

THE BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE.

Closing prices of representative stocks as received by cable each day of the past week have been as follows:

Table of Berlin Stock Exchange prices from Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, 1934. Columns: Stock Name, Feb. 3, Feb. 5, Feb. 6, Feb. 7, Feb. 8, Feb. 9. Rows include Reichsbank (12%), Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft (5%), Commerz- und Privat Bank A G, Deutsche Bank und Disconto-Gesellschaft, Dresdner Bank, Deutsche Reichsbahn (Ger Rys) pret (7%), Allgemeine Elektrizitaets-Gesell (A E G), Berliner Kraft u Licht (10%), Dessauer Gas (7%), Gestuerel (5%), Hamburg Elektr-Werke (8%), Siemens & Halske (7%), I G Farbenindustrie (7%), Salzfuerth (7 1/2%), Rheinische Braunkohle (12%), Deutsches Erdoel (4%), Mannesmann Roehren, Hapag, Norddeutscher Lloyd.

In the following we also give New York quotations for German and other foreign unlisted dollar bonds as of Feb. 9 1934:

Table of New York quotations for German and other foreign unlisted dollar bonds as of Feb. 9 1934. Columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask. Rows include Anhalt 7s to 1946, Argentine 5%, 1945, \$100 pieces, Antioquia 8%, 1946, Austrian Defaulted Coupons, Bank of Colombia, 7%, '47, Bank of Colombia, 7%, '48, Bavaria 6 1/2s to 1945, Bavarian Palatinate Cons. Cit. 7% to 1945, Bogota (Colombia) 6 1/2, '47, Bolivia 6%, 1940, Buenos Aires scrip, Brandenburg Elec. 6s, 1953, Brazil funding 5%, '31-'51, Brazil funding scrip, '61 1/2, British Hungarian Bank 7 1/2s, 1962, Brown Coal Ind. Corp. 6 1/2s, 1953, Cali (Colombia) 7%, 1947, Callao (Peru) 7 1/2%, 1944, Ceara (Brazil) 8%, 1947-, Columbia scrip, Costa Rica funding 5%, '51, Costa Rica scrip, Cichy Savings Bank, Budapest 7s, 1953, Dortmund Mun Util 6s, '48, Duisburg 7% to 1945, Duesseldorf 7s to 1945, East Prussian Pr. 6s, 1953, European Mortgage & Investment 7 1/2s, 1966, French Govt. 5 1/2s, 1937-, French Nat. Mail 8s, 6s, '52, Frankfurt 7s to 1945, German Atl Cable 7s, 1945, German Building & Landbank 6 1/2%, 1948, German defaulted coupons, German scrip, Haiti 6% 1953, Hamb-Am Line 6 1/2s to '40, Hanover Harz Water Wks. 6%, 1957, Housing & Real Imp 7s, '46, German Building & Landbank 6 1/2%, 1948, Hungarian Cent Mut 7s, '37, Hungarian Discount & Exchange Bank 7s, 1963-, Hungarian defaulted coupons.

f Flat price.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs Figures Brought from Page 1075.—All the statements below, regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c.—are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange.

Table showing receipts of flour, wheat, corn, oats, rye, and barley from various cities including Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Wichita, Sioux City, and Buffalo. Includes weekly and since Aug. 1 data.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Feb. 3 1934, follow:

Table showing total receipts of flour, wheat, corn, oats, rye, and barley for various cities including New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, Norfolk, New Orleans, Galveston, St. John, West, Boston, and Halifax. Includes weekly and since Jan. 1 data.

*Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Feb. 3 1934, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table showing exports from various cities including New York, Norfolk, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, St. John, West, and Halifax. Columns for wheat, corn, flour, oats, rye, and barley.

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

Table listing bank charters issued, including dates, bank names (e.g., Union National Bank at McKeesport), presidents, cashiers, and capital amounts.

Table continuing bank charters, including entries for The Bright National Bank at Flora, The First National Bank of West Union, Frostburg National Bank, and First National Bank at Conneaut Lake.

CHANGE OF TITLE.

Jan. 29—The Union National Bank and Trust Co. in Minot, N. Dak., to "The Union National Bank in Minot."

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

- List of voluntary liquidations including The Citizens Nat. Bank of Hampton, The Farmers National Bank of Holdenville, The First National Bank of Belmar, and The Washington National Bank of Commerce of Seattle.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

Table listing auction sales with details on shares, stocks, and bonds, including 10,1250 participatory interest in the Federal Leather Co. and various municipal and industrial bonds.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with their respective prices and terms. Includes items like Philadelphia National Bank, Germantown Trust Co., and various bonds.

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:

Large table listing dividends for various companies, categorized by industry such as Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Fire Insurance Companies, and Miscellaneous. Columns include Name of Company, Per Share, When Payable, and Books Closed Days Inclusive.

Table listing miscellaneous companies and their dividends. Columns include Name of Company, Per Share, When Payable, and Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes companies like Cushman's Sons, Inc., Delaware Division Canal, and many others.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table listing dividends for various companies, categorized by industry such as Railroads (Steam). Columns include Name of Company, Per Share, When Payable, and Books Closed Days Inclusive.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Share, When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Contains various utility and public service entries under 'Public Utilities'.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Share, When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Contains various utility and public service entries under 'Public Utilities' and 'Fire Insurance Companies'.

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The Review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 991.

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 of stock market data including columns for Stock Name, Shares, Price, and Date.

Quotations for United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, &c.—Friday, Feb. 9.

Table of Treasury Certificate quotations with columns for Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, and Asked.

U. S. Treasury Bills—Friday, Feb. 9.

Rates quoted are for discount at purchase.

Table of Treasury Bill quotations with columns for Maturity, Bid, and Asked.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.—

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Feb. 3, Feb. 5, Feb. 6, Feb. 7, Feb. 8, Feb. 9.

Large table of bond prices for various Treasury securities including Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates.

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

Table of registered bond transactions with columns for bond type and sales volume.

Foreign Exchange.—

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 5.00 1/2 @ 5.02 for checks and 5.01 1/2 @ 5.02 1/2 for cables.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 6.42 1/2 @ 6.44 1/2 for short.

Exchange for Paris on London, 77.81, week's range, 79.75 francs high and 77.81 francs low.

Table of foreign exchange rates for Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, German Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

The Curb Exchange.—The Review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 991.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 1025.

c Cash sale.

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 Feb. 3, Monday Feb. 5, Tuesday Feb. 6, Wednesday Feb. 7, Thursday Feb. 8, Friday Feb. 9); Stocks (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.), Amer Agrie Chem (Del) No par, American Bank Note, etc.); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-shares lots. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1933. (Lowest, Highest); Shares, \$ per share.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. a Optional sale. r Ex-dividend. v Ex-rights. c Cash sale.

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

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Feb. 3 to Friday Feb. 9), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par), PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1933.

* Bid and ask prices, no sales on this day. † Optional sale. ‡ Cash sale. § Ex-dividend. ¶ 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 Feb. 3, Monday Feb. 5, Tuesday Feb. 6, Wednesday Feb. 7, Thursday Feb. 8, Friday Feb. 9); 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 1933. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock symbols and company names like Deere & Co., Detroit Edison, etc.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. a Optional sale. c Cash sale. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-right

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Feb. 3 to Friday Feb. 9), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1933. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock listings such as \$ per share, \$30, \$68, \$21, etc., and company names like Hackensack Water, Hahn Dept Stores, Hall Printing, etc.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. a Optional sale. c Cash sale. s Sold 15 days. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1933.

Main table containing stock prices for various companies like Indus. & Miscell., Marlin-Rockwell, Marmont Motor Car, etc., with columns for daily sales prices and weekly ranges.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. a Optional sale. c Cash sale. s Sold 15 days. z Ex-dividend y Ex-rights.

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

Table with columns for High and Low Sale Prices (per share, not per cent.), Sales for the Week, Stocks (New York Stock Exchange), and Per Share (Range since Jan. 1, On basis of 100-share lots). Rows include various stock symbols and names like Indus. & Miscell. (Concl.) Par, Thatcher Mfg., etc.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. Optional sale. c Cash sale. s Sold seven days. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

On Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

NOTICE.—Sales for deferred delivery (s. 10, s. 15 days) are disregarded in the week's range, unless they are the only sales of the week and whether included or not are shown in a foot note in the week in which they occur. No account is taken of such sales in computing the range for the year.

Main table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Interest Period, Price Friday Feb. 9., Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1., and Foreign Govt. & Munic. (Con.) with various bond listings.

7 Cash sale. a Deferred delivery. † Accrued interest payable at exchange rate of \$4.8665. * Look under list of Matured Bonds on page 1019. z Deferred sales list Liberty 3 1/2 Feb. 8 at 101 1/2. Dominican 2nd 5 1/2 Feb 7 at 47. Gt. Brit. & Ire. 4 1/2 Feb. 5 at 109. 4

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since, and Bid/Ask/High/Low prices.

r Cash sale. a Deferred delivery. * Look under list of Maturity Bonds on page 1019.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 9., Interest Period, Price Friday Feb. 9., Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Bonds, Railroads, and Industrials.

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r Cash sale a Deferred delivery. * Look under list of Maturesd Bonds on page 1019.

Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE bonds, Week Ended Feb. 9. Includes columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price Friday Feb. 9, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and No. Includes sections for Industrials (Continued), Public Service, and various utility and industrial bonds.

Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE bonds, Week Ended Feb. 9. Includes columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price Friday Feb. 9, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and No. Includes sections for Industrials (Concluded), Maturity Bonds (Negotiability Impaired by Maturity), and Maturity Bonds (Negotiability Impaired by Maturity).

Maturity Bonds (Negotiability Impaired by Maturity)

Table of Maturity Bonds (Negotiability Impaired by Maturity). Includes columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price Friday Feb. 9, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and No. Includes sections for Foreign Govt. & Municipals, Railroad, and Industrials.

r Cash sale. a Deferred delivery. * Look under list of Maturity Bonds on this page.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Railroad, Miscellaneous, and Bonds.

* No par value.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Chicago Stock Exchange, Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes various industrial and utility stocks.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued)—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes various industrial and utility stocks.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Public Service of Nor III, Quaker Oats Co, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value. z Ex-dividend.

Toronto Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Stock Exchange, Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Abitibi Pr & Paper com, Alberta Pae Grain pref, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Gypsum Lime & Alabast, Hamilton Cottons pref, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Banks—

Table of bank prices including Commerce, Dominion, Imperial, Montreal, Nova Scotia, Royal, and Toronto.

Loan and Trust—

Table of loan and trust prices including Canada Permanent, National Trust, and Toronto Mortgage.

* No par value.

Toronto Curb.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Curb, Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Beath & Sons (W D) A, Biltmore Hats pref, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

Montreal Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Montreal Stock Exchange, Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Montreal 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). Lists various stocks like Agnew-Surpass Shoe, Alberta Pac Grain A, Amalg Elec Corp, etc.

* No par value.

Montreal Curb Market.—Record of transactions at the Montreal Curb Market, Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Montreal Curb Market 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). Lists various stocks like Assoc Breweries of Can., Associated Oil & Gas Co., Bathurst Power & Paper B, etc.

* No par value.

Table of Philadelphia Stock Exchange 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). Lists various stocks like Lowery Petroleum, Melchers Distilleries A, B, Mitchell & Co (Robert), etc.

* No par value.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Philadelphia 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). Lists various stocks like American Stores, Bankers Securities pref., Bell Tel Co of Pa pref., etc.

* No par value. x Ex-div.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Arundel Corporation, Atlantic C Line (Conn), Black & Decker com, etc.

* No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Aluminum Gds Mfg com, Arkansas Nat Gas Corp, etc.

* No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Aetna Rubber com, Allen Industries com, 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 Harris-Seyb-Potter com, Interlake Steamship com, Jaeger Machine com, etc.

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Aluminum Industries, Amer Laundry Mach, Amer Products com, etc.

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Brown Shoe com, Columbia Brew com, Curtis Mfg com, etc.

New York Curb Exchange—Weekly and Yearly Record

NOTICE.—Sales for deferred delivery (s. 10, s. 15 days) are disregarded in the week's range, unless they are the only sales of the week and whether included or no are shown in a foot note in the week in which they occur. No account is taken of such sales in computing the range for the year.

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 (Feb. 3 1934), and ending the present Friday, (Feb. 9 1934). 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 Feb. 9, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High), Stocks (Continued)—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Rows include various stocks like Acetol Products, Acme Steel Co., Adams Mills, etc.

Table with columns for Public Utilities (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High), and Public Utilities (Concluded). Includes various utility and energy company stock listings with their respective prices and performance metrics.

Bonds (Continued) —	Friday	Week's Range		Sales	Range Since Jan. 1.			Friday	Week's Range		Sales	Range Since Jan. 1.			
	Last Sale Price.	Low.	High.	for Week. \$	Low.	High.	for Week. \$		Low.	High.	for Week. \$	Low.	High.		
Italian Superpower of Del Deb 6s without war. 1963	69 3/4	67 1/2	72	89,000	62	Jan 72	Feb	Okla Gas & Elec 6s. 1950	88	87	91 1/2	38,000	73 1/2	Jan 91 1/2	Feb
Jacksonville Gas 5s. 1942	46 3/4	45 1/2	51 1/2	110,000	33 1/2	Jan 51 1/2	Feb	6s series A. 1940	81	78 3/4	82	43,000	66	Jan 82	Feb
Jersey C P & L 4 1/2s C. 1961	87	87 3/4	91 3/4	119,000	73 1/2	Jan 91 3/4	Feb	Okla Power & Water 6s '48	57 1/2	53	57 1/2	56,000	44	Jan 57 1/2	Feb
6s series B. 1947	91	90 1/2	94 3/4	23,000	83	Jan 94 3/4	Feb	Oswego Falls 6s. 1941	58	57 1/2	58	3,000	51 1/2	Jan 58	Jan
Jones & Laughlin 5s. 1939	104 1/2	104 1/2	1,000	103 1/2	Jan 105	Jan									
Kansas G & E 6s. 1922	82	81	86	16,000	62	Jan 86	Feb	Pacific Coast Pow 5s. 1940	88	88	90	9,000	77	Jan 90	Feb
Kansas Power 5s. 1947	74 1/2	72 3/4	74 3/4	7,000	60 1/2	Jan 74 3/4	Feb	Pacific Gas & El Co—							
Kansas Power & Light—								1st 6s series B. 1941	106 3/4	106 1/2	106 3/4	114,000	101 3/4	Jan 106 3/4	Feb
6s series A. 1955	92 1/2	91	92 1/2	1,000	84 1/2	Jan 92 1/2	Feb	5s series D. 1955	101	100 3/4	101 3/4	52,000	92	Jan 101 3/4	Feb
Kentucky Utilities Co—								1st & ref 4 1/2s D. 1957	94 1/2	93	95	97,000	85 1/2	Jan 95	Feb
1st mtg 5s. 1961	63	62 1/2	65 1/2	42,000	47	Jan 65 1/2	Feb	1st & ref 4 1/2s F. 1960	94 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	55,000	85 1/2	Jan 94 1/2	Feb
6 1/2s series D. 1948	82	78 1/2	82	6,000	58	Jan 82	Feb	Pacific Investing 5s A. 1948	76	76	78	12,000	70	Jan 78	Feb
5 1/2s series F. 1955	70	66	70 1/2	26,000	51	Jan 70 1/2	Feb	Pacific Pow & Ltg 5s. 1955	53 3/4	53 3/4	57	239,000	35 3/4	Jan 57	Feb
6s series I. 1969	63	61 1/2	65	83,000	45 3/4	Jan 65	Feb	Pacific Western Oil 6 1/2s '43							
Kimberly-Clark 5s. 1943	96	96	96	3,000	88 3/4	Jan 96	Feb	With warrants	87	85 1/2	88	41,000	76	Jan 88 1/2	Feb
Koppers G & C deb 5s 1947	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	128,000	82 1/2	Jan 93 1/2	Feb	Penn Cent L & P 4 1/2s 1977	72	71 3/4	74	140,000	59 3/4	Jan 74	Feb
Sink fund deb 5 1/2s 1950	95	94 3/4	96	70,000	84 1/2	Jan 96	Feb	6s. 1979							
Kresge (S S) Co 5s. 1945	98 3/4	98 3/4	100	10,000	89	Jan 100	Jan	Penn Electric 4s F. 1971	68 1/2	67 1/2	70 1/2	74,000	57	Jan 70 1/2	Feb
Certificates of deposit—								Penn Ohio Edison—							
Laclede Gas Lt 5 1/2s. 1935		70	72	12,000	50	Jan 72	Feb	Deb 6s ex warr. 1950	67 1/2	65	69 1/2	24,000	46 1/2	Jan 69 1/2	Feb
Larutan Gas Corp 6 1/2s 1935								Deb 5 1/2s series B. 1959	61 1/2	61 1/2	64 1/2	83,000	41 1/2	Jan 64 1/2	Feb
With privilege	100	96	100	2,000	93	Jan 100	Feb	Penn-Ohio P & L 5 1/2s 1954	95 3/4	94	96 3/4	53,000	79	Jan 96 3/4	Feb
Lehigh Pow Secur 6s. 2026	80	78 3/4	83 1/2	150,000	61 1/2	Jan 83 1/2	Feb	Penn Power 6s. 1956	102	100 1/2	103	26,000	95	Jan 103	Feb
Leonard Tietz 7 1/2s. 1946								Penn Pub Serv 6s C. 1947	88	87	88	4,000	75	Jan 90 3/4	Jan
Without warrants	51 1/2	50	51 1/2	20,000	30	Jan 51 1/2	Feb	Penn Telephone 5s C. 1960							
Lexington Utilities 5s. 1952	65	65	66	40,000	54 3/4	Jan 67	Jan	Penn Water Pow 4 1/2s B '68							
Libby McN & Libby 5s '42		75 1/2	79 1/2	56,000	68 1/2	Jan 79 1/2	Feb	1st mtg 5s. 1940	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	22,000	105 1/2	Jan 105 1/2	Jan
Lone Star Gas 5s. 1942								Peoples Gas L & Coke—							
Lone Star Gas 5s. 1942								4s series B. 1981	76	76	79	48,000	62 1/2	Jan 79	Feb
Lone Star Gas 5s. 1942								6s series C. 1957	92	91	94 3/4	139,000	75	Jan 94 3/4	Feb
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Quotations for Unlisted Securities—Friday Feb. 9

Port of New York Authority Bonds.

Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Arthur Kill Bridges 4 1/2 series A 1934-46, Geo. Washington Bridge—4s series B 1938-50, etc.

U. S. Insular Bonds.

Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Philippine Government—4s 1946, 4 1/2s Oct 1959, etc.

Federal Land Bank Bonds.

Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes 4s 1957 optional 1937, 4s 1958 optional 1938, etc.

New York State Bonds.

Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Canal & Highway—5s Jan & Mar 1933 to 1935, Highway Imp 4 1/2s Sept '63, etc.

New York City Bonds.

Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes a3s May 1935, a3 1/2s May 1954, a3 1/2s Nov 1954, etc.

New York Bank Stocks.

Table with columns: Bank Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Bank of Manhattan Co., Bank of Yorktown, Chase, etc.

Trust Companies.

Table with columns: Company Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Banca Comm Italiana, Bank of New York & Tr. 100, Bank of Sicily Trust, etc.

Guaranteed Railroad Stocks.

(Guarantor in Parenthesis.)

Table with columns: Railroad Name, Par, Dividend in Dollars, Bid, Ask. Includes Alabama & Vicksburg (Ill Cent), Albany & Susquehanna (Delaware & Hudson), Allegheny & Western (Buff Roch & Pitts), etc.

Public Utility Bonds.

Table with columns: Bond Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Amer S P S 5 1/2s 1948, Atlanta G L 5s 1947, Central Gas & Elec, etc.

Public Utility Stocks.

Table with columns: Company Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Alabama Power \$7 pref. 100, Arizona Power pref. 100, Arkansas Pr & Lt \$7 pref., etc.

Investment Trusts.

Table with columns: Trust Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Administered Fund, Amer Bankstocks Corp., Amer Business Shares, etc.

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks.

Table with columns: Company Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Amer Dist Teleg (N J) com, Cincin & Sub Bell Teleg, Cuban Teleg, etc.

Sugar Stocks.

Table with columns: Company Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Fajardo Sugar, Haytian Corp Amer, Savannah Sugar Ref., etc.

* No par value. d Last reported market. e Defaulted. f Ex coupon. z Ex stock dividends. z Ex dividends.

Quotations for Unlisted Securities—Friday Feb. 9—Concluded

Chain Store Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, and stock names like Bohack (H C) com., 7% preferred, Butler (James) com., etc.

Industrial Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, and stock names like American Arch \$1, American Book \$4, Amer Dry Ice Corp., etc.

Industrial and Railroad Bonds.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, and bond names like Adams Express 4s '47 J&D, Amer Meter 6s 1946, etc.

Chicago Bank Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, and bank names like Amer Nat Bank & Trust, Continental Ill Bank & Trust, etc.

Other Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Feb. 9

Short Term Securities.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, and short-term security names like Allis-Chal Mfg 5s May 1937, Amer Metal 5 1/2s 1934 A&O, etc.

Water Bonds.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, and water bond names like Alton Water 5s 1956 A&O, Ark Wat 1st 5s A 1956 A&O, etc.

Aeronautical Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, and aeronautical stock names like Aviation Sec Corp (N E), Central Airport, etc.

Insurance Companies.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, and insurance company names like Aetna Casualty & Surety, Aetna Fire, Aetna Life, etc.

Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, and company names like Bond & Mortgage Guar., Empire Title & Guar., etc.

New York Real Estate Securities Exchange Bonds and Stocks.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, and real estate security names like Home Loan Bonds, Home Owners' Loan Corp, etc.

Railroad Equipments.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, and railroad equipment names like Atlantic Coast Line 6s, Equipment 6 1/2s, etc.

* No par value. d Last reported market. e Defaulted. z Ex-dividend.

Hancock Oil Co. of California.

Table with financial data for Hancock Oil Co. of California, including Period End. Dec. 31, 1933-3 Mos., 1932, 1933-6 Mos., 1932. Rows include Gross operating income, Costs, oper. & gen. expenses, Net operating revenue, etc.

Springfield Street Railway Co.

Table with financial data for Springfield Street Railway Co. (As Reported to the Mass. Department of Public Utilities.), including Period End. Dec. 31, 1933-3 Mos., 1932, 1933-12 Mos., 1932. Rows include Rev. fare pass. carried, Average fare (cents), Net loss.

Superior Steel Corp.

Table with financial data for Superior Steel Corp., including Period End. Dec. 31, 1933-3 Mos., 1932, 1933-12 Mos., 1932. Row includes Net loss after taxes, int., deprec. & other chgs.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.

Table with financial data for Interborough Rapid Transit Co., including Month of December, 1933, 1932, 6 Mos. End. Dec. 31, 1933, 1932. Rows include Gross oper. revenue, Operating expenses, Net operating revenue, etc.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.

Table with financial data for Illinois Bell Telephone Co., including Month of December, 1933, 1932, 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31, 1933, 1932. Rows include Operating revenues, Uncollectible oper. rev., Operating expenses, etc.

Interstate Equities Corp.

Table with financial data for Interstate Equities Corp., including 6 Months Ended Dec. 31, 1933, 1932. Rows include Interest received, Cash dividends received, Total income, Operating expenses, etc.

Loblaw Groceries, Ltd.

Table with financial data for Loblaw Groceries, Ltd., including Period End. Jan. 13, 1934-4 Wks., 1933, 1934-32 Wks., 1933. Rows include Sales, Net profit after charges & income taxes.

Loew's Incorporated.

Table with financial data for Loew's Incorporated (And Subsidiaries), including 12 Weeks Ended, Nov. 23 '33, Nov. 24 '32. Rows include Operating profit, Depreciation and taxes, Net profit after subsidiary pref. divs, etc.

Middlesex and Boston Street Railway Co.

Table with financial data for Middlesex and Boston Street Railway Co. (As Reported to the Mass. Department of Public Utilities.), including Period End. Dec. 31, 1933-3 Mos., 1932, 1933-12 Mos., 1932. Rows include Rev. fare pass. carried, Average fare (cents), Net loss.

New York Telephone Co.

Table with financial data for New York Telephone Co., including Month of December, 1933, 1932, 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31, 1933, 1932. Rows include Operating revenues, Uncollectible oper. rev., Operating expenses, etc.

Pioneer Gold Mines of British Columbia, Ltd.

Table with financial data for Pioneer Gold Mines of British Columbia, Ltd., including Month of, Jan 1934, Dec. 1933, Nov. 1933, Oct. 1933. Rows include Gross earnings, Net prof. after expenses.

Republic Steel Corp.

Table with financial data for Republic Steel Corp. (And Subsidiaries), including Period End. Dec. 31, 1933-3 Mos., 1932, 1933-12 Mos., 1932. Rows include Net loss after int., deprec. & pref. divs. on Trumbull Cliffs Furn. Co., Net loss after taxes, int., deprec. & other chgs.

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Great Northern Iron Ore Properties.

(27th Annual Report of the Trustees—Year Ended Dec. 31 1933) The trustees in their report to the certificate holders of beneficial interest state:

The year 1933 showed improvement over the previous year in the point of iron ore shipments from the Mesabi Range. The total shipments from the Range during the year amounted to 13,354,482 tons, which compares with 1,915,272 tons for 1932 and 15,270,255 tons for 1931, and an average for the past 15 years of 28,777,030 tons. The actual shipments from the Great Northern Iron Ore Properties in 1933 were 2,352,885 tons compared with 487,217 tons in the year 1932 and 3,182,041 tons in 1931, and an average of 6,007,713 tons since the formation of the Trust.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (TRUSTEES AND PROPRIETARY COMPANIES GREAT NORTHERN IRON ORE PROPERTIES—ST. PAUL)—YEAR ENDED DEC. 31.

Table with financial data for Consolidated Income Statement, including Net royalty income, Amount received on surrender of leases (net), Interest, rentals, &c., Total income, Royalty and real estate taxes, Inspection and care of properties, etc.

CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS DEC. 31 1933 (TRUSTEES AND PROPRIETARY COMPANIES GREAT NORTHERN IRON ORE PROPERTIES—ST. PAUL)

Table with financial data for Consolidated Surplus, including Capital surplus, Arising from values of property agreed upon with Bureau of Internal Revenue at date of acquisition, etc.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (TRUSTEES AND PROPRIETARY COMPANIES GREAT NORTHERN IRON ORE PROPERTIES—ST. PAUL)

Table with financial data for Consolidated Balance Sheet, including Assets—Cash on hand and on deposit, Royalties receiv., Sundry accounts, etc., and Liabilities—Unclaimed divs. & distribution, Expenses, Real est. & royalty taxes accrued, etc.

Deere & Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Oct. 31 1933.)

William Butterworth, Chairman, states in part:

Conditions in the implement industry began to improve in the month of May 1933, and the sales volume has shown a steady increase since that month, resulting in a slightly better showing for the year.

The net working capital of the company (after deducting reserves against receivables and inventories) decreased \$4,609,390 during the year.

The company had no banking indebtedness at Oct. 31 1933, and total liabilities showed a reduction of \$4,344,324 during the year.

Including the reserves deducted from assets in the balance sheet, the company's total reserves at Oct. 31 1933, amounted to \$34,151,268, as compared with \$32,502,202 in 1932.

The total number of preferred and common stockholders at the close of the year was 6,726 as compared with 6,559 at the close of the previous year.

EARNINGS FOR YEARS ENDED OCT. 31.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930), Loss for year, Other income, Net loss, Depreciation, and various expenses like interest on notes payable and net loss for year.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET OCT. 31.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1933, 1932, 1933, 1932), Assets, Liabilities, Preferred stock, Common stock, and Dividends paid.

United Fruit Co.

(34th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1933.)

President Francis R. Hart reports in substance:

Cash and U. S. Government securities on hand at the close of the year amounted to \$37,118,807, as compared with \$27,067,916 at the close of 1932.

It is the policy of the company to write off each item of property over its estimated useful life. Charges for depreciation, included in 1933 operations, amounted to \$9,133,477, approximately the same as last year.

The company's fleet comprises 92 owned ships, aggregating 427,347 gross tons and 5 ships chartered from other companies aggregating 8,457 gross tons, a total of 97 ships aggregating 435,804 gross tons.

The company's sugar crop in Cuba this year, 536,066 bags, was again limited by Cuban legislation. The company produced 749,989 bags in 1932 and 956,687 bags in 1931.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930), Operating income, Other income, Gain on for'n exchange, Total income, Depreciation, Income taxes, Interest, Loss on property sold or abandoned, Net income, Dividends, Surplus, Previous surplus, Tax refund, &c., Credit from recovery under claims, Add'l cap. stock issued for Cuyamel Fruit Co., Total, Property write off, &c., Amortiz. disc. & prem. paid on Cuyamel bonds, Res. prov. for workmen's compensation claims, Capital stock & surplus, Shares capital stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share.

a Excluding 19,000 shares held in treasury. b Includes reserve provided for revaluation of fixed assets as at Dec. 31 1931, \$50,945,033; less proportion charged to special reserve, \$9,573,028; balance, \$41,372,005, and reserves provided for adjustment of book values of other assets, &c., \$2,586,176. c 300,000 shares capital stock issued for net assets of Cuyamel Fruit Co. and surplus accruing therefrom. d To provide future write-downs in values of certain properties and accounts. e Includes write-down of company's stock in connection with employees' stock purchase plan. f Includes capital stock.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1933, 1932, 1933, 1932), Assets, Liabilities, Fixed assets, Insurance fund, Co.'s own stock, Other stocks and bonds, Leasehold, Cash, U. S. Govt. securities, eNotes & accts. receivable, Sugar & fruit stock, Mat'l & suppl's, Deferred assets, Deferred charges, Transit items, Total, Capital stock, Drafts payable, Accts. payable, Customers' and other deposits, Balance of purchase price of s. s. under construe, U. S. Govt. loan, Fund. dt. of sub., Divs. payable, Deferred credits, Insur. reserve, Tax reserve, Other reserves, Surplus, Total.

Total... 185,051,582 177,374,548 Total... 185,051,581 177,374,548 a Represented by 2,925,000 no par shares (incl. 19,000 shares held in treasury). b After reserves for depreciation of \$137,361,459 (\$129,152,022 in 1932) and revaluation of \$36,920,720 (\$44,167,014 in 1932). c For construction of mail ships d 19,000 shares having a market value of \$1,125,750 (\$453,625 in 1932). e After reserves of \$544,455 (\$482,877 in 1932).—V. 138, p. 880; V. 137, p. 2651.

Commercial Solvents Corp.

(14th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1933.)

William D. Ticknor, Chairman, states in part:

Operations.—The Peoria plant operated throughout the year. The Terre Haute plant, in anticipation of the repeal of the 18th Amendment, was thoroughly reconditioned and in October was permitted to begin the production of grain alcohol.

The output of methanol at Peoria has been augmented by the installation of special equipment to produce its component, hydrogen, from natural gas. Additional equipment is projected for completion during 1934 to provide sufficient hydrogen for full operation of the methanol plant, which will then no longer be dependent upon the by-product gas, evolved during the fermentation process for the production of solvents, nor will it be limited by any curtailment in the amount of solvents produced.

The design of the equipment and the operating technique used in this development were worked out in the corporation's research laboratories, as was also the particular method for making industrial ethyl alcohol, by fermentation of domestic grain, put into operation at Peoria during the year.

Earnings.—In the first three months of 1933 business was retarded by conditions, adversely affecting all industry. In the second quarter, however, there began a recovery in demand for the corporation's products and, consequently, in earnings, which progressed throughout the balance of the year.

Improvement in earnings was due in part to the newly acquired industrial alcohol business, and to the opportunity, in the closing months of the year, to sell the output of the Terre Haute plant, which had been shut down since 1929.

The earnings of the corporation, by quarters, are as follows: Quarter Ended— Dec. 31, Sept. 30, June 30, Mar. 31. Earnings... \$1,048,481 \$642,318 \$412,290 \$224,758 Per share... \$0.39 \$0.24 \$0.15 \$0.08

Capital Expenditures.—The year 1933 was the first year since 1929 in which plans of development required any considerable capital outlay. Capital expenditures at Peoria amounted to \$352,242, and those at Terre Haute amounted to \$358,833.

Earned surplus was charged at Dec. 31 1933 with \$13,149 to reduce, to the nominal value of \$1, land, buildings and equipment used in connection with such operations of the corporation as have been so treated in past years. Consequently, earnings derived from these sources bear no charge for depreciation during the year 1933.

Corporation's Stock.—Of the 37,725 shares of stock of the corporation, 105,000 shares of its common stock for the entire capital stock of the corporation, and its subsidiary, American Solvents & Chemical Corp. of Calif., the seller assuming and agreeing to indemnify the corporation against all liabilities of every nature then outstanding against the two corporations so acquired. The stock of American Solvents & Chemical Corp. of Calif. has since been transferred to the corporation.

Weiymann Patent Infringement Suit.—The U. S. Supreme Court on March 4 denied the petition of the infringer for review of the decisions of the lower courts sustaining the corporation's Weiymann fermentation patent for the manufacture of butyl alcohol and acetone. Subsequent to this denial settlement was made of the damages for the infringement. \$51,032, representing the excess of the amount received over the cost of the entire litigation, was carried to income account.

Rossville Commercial Alcohol Corp.—On Aug. 1 the corporation issued 105,000 shares of its common stock for the entire capital stock of Rossville Commercial Alcohol Corp. and its subsidiary, American Solvents & Chemical Corp. of Calif., the seller assuming and agreeing to indemnify the corporation against all liabilities of every nature then outstanding against the two corporations so acquired. The stock of American Solvents & Chemical Corp. of Calif. has since been transferred to the corporation.

As the corporation makes it a practice not to attribute on its books any value to intangible assets, the Rossville purchase is represented in the consolidated balance sheet by the sum of \$800,000.

This purchase brought to the corporation two plants in New Orleans, La., and one in Agnew, Calif., well equipped for the manufacture of industrial ethyl alcohol from molasses; also trademarks, formulae, warehouse locations at strategic points, and a distributing organization, representing the second largest business in the United States in industrial alcohol, as constituted at the date of purchase.

Inventory stocks of molasses, alcohol, &c., were purchased at cost values for the sum of \$1,456,305 in cash

Dry Ice—Final arrangements were consummated in December covering the purchase, for the sum of \$150,000, from the American Dry Ice Corp of its plant, built in 1931 adjacent to the corporation's Peoria property, to utilize the corporation's by-product carbon dioxide gas. Of the purchase price, \$50,637 was in cash, and the balance is to be paid by deductions from the price of the solid carbon dioxide to be sold under the marketing agreement entered into as part of the plan of this acquisition.

Affiliated Companies.

Thermatomic Carbon Co.—Company owns and operates a plant at Sterlington, La., for the production of special types of carbon black. In consideration of a stock interest, an option to acquire further stock, and an annual fee, the corporation undertook the management of Thermatomic Carbon Co. in December 1931, having previously loaned it the sum of \$75,000. The corporation's interest was primarily in the future possible use of the by-product gases, which are similar to those it handles at its Peoria plant and which are produced in large quantities by the working of the Thermatomic Carbon Co.'s patented process.

In addition to the stock owned and optioned, the corporation purchased during the year \$276,000 face value of an underlying issue of 1st mtge. bonds of a total, issued and outstanding, of \$325,000, for the sum of \$184,146.

Resinox Corp.—Operations of Resinox Corp., in which the corporation holds a 50% interest, resulted in a net loss of \$24,174 for the year. This was due, to a considerable extent, to the extremely low prices at which Resinox Corp. was obliged to sell its products to meet the competitive situation. At Dec. 31 the corporation's investment in Resinox Corp. was reduced on its books by the sum of \$32,891.

Krebs Pigment & Color Corp.—Krebs Pigment & Color Corp., in which the corporation holds a 30% interest, showed increased earnings for the year and made proportionate regular dividend payments.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Operating income, Other income, Total income, Other deductions, Federal tax reserve, Net income, Common dividends, Surplus, Cap. stk. out (no par), Earnings per share, Includes stock dividends, Depreciation of subsidiaries for five months.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1933, 1932. Rows include Cash, U. S. Gov. secur., Accts. receivable, Acct. int. receiv., Div. receiv. from affiliated cos., Due from affil. cos., Notes & trade acceptances receiv., Inventories, Ld., bldgs., & eq., Goodwill & patents, Investments, Adv. on grain cont., Com. stk. of corp., Addit. for new oper., Subs. land, bldgs. & equipment, Deferred charges, Total.

x Represented by 2,635,811 no par shares in 1933 and 2,530,255 no par shares in 1932. y After depreciation of \$558,061.—V. 137, p. 4702.

Commercial Credit Co., Baltimore.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1933.)

A. E. Duncan, Chairman, reports in substance:

Although substantial earnings were shown on the common stock, especially during the last six months, directors have not yet considered payment of any dividend thereon. During the past 20 years, 1933 is the only year in which a cash dividend has not been paid on the common stock.

During 1933, there was credited to capital surplus a net profit of \$1,367,115, representing the difference between the cost and par value of the following issues of capital stock purchased and retired: 9,058 shares 6 1/2% 1st pref. (\$905,800 par value), 3,712 shares 7% 1st pref. (\$92,800 par value), and 16,696 shares class B 8% pref. (\$417,400 par value), 43,109 shares 6% class A convertible (\$2,155,450 par value) and 13,317 8% preferred shares (\$332,925 par value) of the subsidiary Commercial Credit Trust. For some time past company has purchased but very few shares of any issues of its capital stock (no common), which policy it expects to continue under present conditions.

Company also retired 45,948 shares of its common stock, purchased from Commercial Credit Management Co. on May 1 1933, at \$5.50 per share, in connection with the liquidation of said company and the retirement of its preferred stock held by your company, in accordance with the plans previously authorized by stockholders. This was accomplished with a net profit of \$4,424 credited to capital surplus, and upon an equitable basis to your company and to the stockholders of the Management company, who were officers (except the chairman) and employees of your company.

On July 27 1933, company called its outstanding 6% coll. trust notes, aggregating \$2,905,500, due Nov. 1 1934, for payment at 101 and int., on or before Nov. 1 1933, charging the premium paid thereon to current operations. Company has assumed no liability for the payment of the 5 1/2% debts. of Credit Alliance Corp., due Nov. 1 1938, either as to principal or interest.

During the first quarter ended March 31 1933, directors authorized that the \$250,000 subscription on Sept. 21 1931 to the Guaranty Fund of the Baltimore Trust Co. be fully covered by reserve out of capital surplus since this item had no connection with past or current operations. The entire amount was charged off in December. At the same time, directors authorized that deposits with banks which were closed, on a restricted basis, reorganized, or in process of being reorganized, be covered by more than ample reserve of \$350,000 out of earned surplus since any resultant losses were due to the then unprecedented banking situation and had nothing to do with current operations. After applying this reserve there remained only \$57,251 with all such banks on Dec. 31 1933, which is considered realizable.

On Sept. 30 1933, company bought control of Textile Banking Co., Inc., New York, for \$50 cash per share, and as of Dec. 31 1933 held 103,415 shares or 98.49% of its outstanding capital stock. At the time of acquisition, its furniture and fixtures and leasehold expenditures were charged down to \$1; certain reserves were set up and the difference of \$1,294,105 between the remaining net asset value and the purchase price based upon acquiring the entire capital stock was charged as good-will to capital surplus of company. As evidence of the short maturity and liquidity of receivables in the factoring business, it may be pointed out that, of the \$12,947,965 due Textile Banking Co., Inc., on Aug. 31 1933, there remained only \$184,929 included in its accounts outstanding on Jan. 25 1934, totaling approximately \$10,034,000.

After providing for all losses and reserves and the payment of all dividends, and making all adjustments during the year 1933, the book value of the common stock of company on Dec. 31 1933 in excess of all reserves, plant equipment, and including nothing for the good-will of company, Textile Banking Co., Inc. or any other subsidiary, was \$18.26 per share, compared with \$17.35 on Dec. 31 1932.

Company has no bonus contract in force with, nor are there any outstanding receivables purchased from or loans to any director or officer or to any enterprise with which any of them is actively and financially interested, except \$43,282 of receivables and advances, amply secured and acquired from one company in which one officer of Textile Banking Co., Inc. is interested, and except amounts due from officers and employees for capital stock purchased and advances as shown in the balance sheet. In connection with the purchase of Textile Banking Co., Inc., company gave an option at \$18 per share, expiring Aug. 24 1936, on 15,000 shares of its common stock, which, in turn, it purchased in the open market at an average cost of \$16.91 per share. Neither company nor any of its subsidiaries has any other outstanding options on or agreements to repurchase any of their issues of capital stock or notes.

Gross volume of purchases of company and its subsidiaries for the calendar years 1928 to 1933, inclusive, including Credit Alliance Corp. from Jan. 1 1931, and Textile Banking Co. from Oct. 1 1933, were diversified as follows:

Table with 7 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Motor lien retail time sales notes, Indust. lien retail time sales notes, Motor lien wholesale notes acceptances, Open accts., notes, & acceptances & redists. (Textile Banking for 3 months), All export & foreign rec., Total 100%.

After retiring all of the various issues of capital stock purchased during 1933, 1932 and 1931, company had on December dividend record date for 1933, 11,130 common stockholders, compared with 12,012 in December 1932; 11,012 in December 1931; 10,042 in December 1930; 6,463 in December 1929; and 3,757 in December 1928. Including its subsidiaries, there were 18,447 different stockholders of the various capital issues in December 1933 compared with 20,395 in December 1932; 18,988 in December 1931; 19,315 in December 1930; 15,468 in December 1929; and 8,595 in December 1928.

SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

(Including all subsidiaries from date of acquisition.)

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross receivables purchased, Average stockholders investment (capital and surplus), Gross earnings, Syndy Income, Disct. on notes & debts. retired.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross income, Oper. exps. (excl. int. & disct.), Federal excise tax on capital stk., Net losses in excess of reserves, Special res. for probable abnormal losses.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Interest and discount charges, Reserve for Federal income taxes (less credit due to filing consol. return), Income of subsidiary not consol. (Credit Alliance Corp.).

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Net Income, Net income for minority interests, undistributed, Dividends.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Commercial Credit Co., Inc., pref. (dissolved Dec. 31 '31), Commercial Credit Trust, pref., Textile Banking Co., Inc.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Commercial Credit Co.: 6 1/2% and 7% 1st pref., 8% class B preferred, 6% class A convertible, Common.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Furniture & fixtures written off, Res. for contng., Kemsley, Millbourn & Co., Ltd., Res. for loss on Accts. in liquidation—closed banks, Res. for Federal excise tax on capital stock—6 months of 1932.

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Prior to that date the Southern Pacific Co. acquired all of the Northeastern's outstanding capital stock and in addition now owns all of its bonds and other indebtedness.

The Southern Pacific Co. proposes to cause the Northeastern to be dissolved and its properties conveyed to the Southern Pacific Co. as a liquidating stockholder's dividend.

Control of El Paso RR. Authorized.—

The I-S-C. Commission on Jan. 25 approved the acquisition by the company of control, by lease, of the properties of the El Paso & Southwestern RR. of Texas and the El Paso & Northeastern RR.

The report of the Commission says in part: The Texas company and the Northeastern company are Texas corporations. They are indirectly controlled by the applicant through stock ownership. The applicant operates, as lessee, the properties of both companies as parts of its general transportation system.

The Texas Company owns 4.50 miles of railroad in Texas, of which 2.03 miles consists of sidings. The main line extends from the New Mexico-Texas State line to a junction with the Galveston Harrisburg & San Antonio Ry. in El Paso. The Northeastern company owns 18.22 miles of railroad in Texas, extending from a connection with the railroad of the Texas company near El Paso, in a northerly direction to the Texas-New Mexico State line. Both railroads connect with other Southern Pacific system lines. The applicant's lease of the properties of both companies expired on Jan. 1 1934.

By the terms of a proposed agreement between the applicant, the Texas company, and the Northeastern company, the applicant is to lease the properties of the other two companies, effective Jan. 1 1934, for the term of one year, and thereafter until terminated by 30 days' notice, in writing, served by either or both of the lessors on the lessee, or by the lessee on either or both of the lessors. The terms are substantially the same as those in the former lease. Briefly, they provide that the applicant shall operate the properties and pay therefor what is necessary to maintain the corporate existence of the lessors, and any amounts that the lessors are obligated to pay.—V. 138, p. 859.

Southern Ry.—Abandonment of Branch.—

The I-S-C. Commission on Jan. 25 issued a certificate permitting the company to abandon that part of its Big Mountain branch extending from a point in the main track 2,715 feet west of the switch connection near the station at Oliver Springs, in a general northwesterly direction to Big Mountain, 2.57 miles, in Morgan County, Tenn.—V. 137, p. 4011.

Spokane International Ry.—Trustee's Certificates.—

The I-S-C. Commission on Feb. 2 approved the issuance of not to exceed \$50,000 of trustee's certificates to be sold at not less than par, the proceeds to be used to provide for continued operation and maintenance of railway properties.

E. S. McPherson is permanent trustee of the company.

The trustee shows that it is necessary to purchase ties for installation during the year 1934 at an estimated cost of \$25,000, and to provide \$6,000 due for coal bought by the debtor within six months prior to Aug. 27 1933, and \$5,500 for coal bought by the trustee since his appointment. The months of December, January, February, and March are represented as months in which the operating revenues of the company have been insufficient to meet the operating expenses, and the trustee believes that it will be necessary to borrow approximately \$13,000 to meet the expected deficit, and that of necessary arrangements for meeting the expected deficit have to be made before it actually occurs. The estimate of \$13,000 is based on the assumption that a certain amount of traffic will be received and no unexpected adverse operating conditions encountered, but if such is not the case, the amount of the deficit, it is stated, may be substantially larger. In addition, there have been incurred administrative and accounting expenses, no estimate of which has been furnished, and to meet which the trustee has barely sufficient funds available.

The certificates will be dated Jan. 1 1934, will bear interest from the date of their authentication by the clerk of the court at the rate of 5% per annum, payable semi-annually on Jan. 1 and July 1, and will be payable to bearer to any order after date, but will be redeemable on 30 days' notice at par and interest. The proposed form of the certificates recites that they are prior liens upon the physical property, the net income, and all the assets of the trustee and the debtor as against the claims of all creditors, secured or unsecured, and will be on a parity with any other certificates which hereafter may be issued. Tentative arrangements have been made for the sale of the certificates to the Canadian Pacific Railway at par.—V. 137, p. 2101.

Texarkana & Fort Smith Ry.—Lease Upheld by Court.—

Efforts of the State of Texas to prevent the lease of the Texarkana & Fort Smith Ry. by the Kansas City Southern Ry. on terms that would over-ride the State's laws were blocked by three-judge Federal Court, which dismissed the complaint of the plaintiffs. The New York "Sun" in a dispatch from St. Louis Feb. 7 states further:

"District Judges Reeves and Otis and Circuit Judge Van Valkenburgh heard the case, which was a suit against the United States to set aside the order of the I-S-C. Commission approving the lease. An appeal may be taken directly to the United States Supreme Court."

The I-S-C. Commission in Dec. 1932 authorized the lease of the Texarkana & Fort Smith, a Texas corporation, on condition that the proposed lease be changed to remove a clause under which the Kansas City Southern would be relieved of any obligation to maintain general offices or shops of the Texarkana in any particular place. Texas laws require railroads in the State to be Texas corporations and maintain general offices there.

On Oct. 4 1933, the Commission, on further consideration, allowed the lease as originally written. Four commissioners dissented.

The lease of the Texarkana has been executed by the two railroads, as of Feb. 1, and rearrangement of offices and shops is expected to be completed shortly. Savings were estimated at some \$80,000 per year.—V. 136, p. 490.

Vicksburg Bridge & Terminal Co.—Bond Group Formed.—

Formation of an independent committee for holders of the 20-year 7% sinking fund debentures, was announced Feb. 6 by Norton Lachenbruch of Morton Lachenbruch & Co., Secretary. More than a year ago another committee headed by M. M. Bogie was organized.

The new committee calls attention to the fact that receivers have been appointed for the company and that the I-S-C. Commission opposed a Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan to the company. The company's funded debt consists of \$5,000,000 first mortgage 6% bonds of 1928 and \$2,000,000 7% debentures of 1948.

The Federal Court in Mississippi appointed receivers for the company, Harry Bovay being one of the receivers.—V. 138, p. 325.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 3.—(a) Weekly electric output shows a slightly higher percentage gain over corresponding period a year ago, p. 756. (b) Electric output in December 1933 exceeded same month in preceding year by 4%. Production during the 12 months of 1933 was 2 1/2% higher than in 1932, p. 756.

Adams Gas Light Co. (Mass.).—Merger.—

See Willamstown Gas Co. below.—V. 130, p. 465.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Files Bond Refunding Plan with Federal Trade Commission—\$15,000,000 Convertible 5s to Be Issued to Retire \$12,569,200 Bonds Due April 1.

The company, filed with the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D. C., on Jan. 8, a registration statement and prospectus covering a proposed new issue of \$15,000,000 10-year 5% convertible collateral trust bonds to be dated March 1 1934.

In the registration statement filed it is stated that the new bonds are to be offered by the company through W. C. Langley & Co. The price at which the bonds are to be sold to the public has not yet been determined but will not be less than the principal amount. The holders of the company's outstanding collateral trust 20-year 5% gold bonds maturing April 1 1934 are to be given the privilege of tendering them in payment for new bonds in principal amount equal to the principal amount of the old bonds so tendered.

It is stated that W. C. Langley & Co. have agreed that in making allotments of the new bonds they would give preference to those holders of collateral trust 5s of 1934 whose subscriptions payable in an equal amount of the latter bonds have been received by them before three o'clock p. m. on the second day following the date upon which the first official advertisement of the new bonds appears in a newspaper published in the City of New York.

The Securities Act of 1933 provides that no securities can be offered or sold in inter-State commerce or through the mails until at least 20 days have elapsed from the date of filing of the registration statement and until the registration statement has become effective, so no offering can take place and no such advertisement can be published until after such effective date.

The 10-year 5% convertible collateral trust bonds dated March 1 1934 are to be convertible at the principal amount thereof into common stock on the basis of \$20 a share up to and including March 1 1936; \$30 per share after March 1 1936 through March 1 1938; \$40 per share after March 1 1938 through March 1 1940; \$50 per share after March 1 1940 through March 1 1942; and at \$75 per share from March 1 1942 until maturity. The issue of 10-year 5% convertible collateral trust bonds will be limited in amount to \$15,000,000 and will be callable at any time at the option of the company, on 60 days prior published notice at 102, on or before March 1 1943, and at par thereafter to maturity, plus accrued interest in each case. Pending the issuance of the 10-year 5% convertible collateral trust bonds interim receipts are to be issued in accordance with the provisions of an agreement to be made with the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., who will serve as Escrow Agent.

The company stated that application would be made to list both the interim receipts and the bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

The proceeds of the new bonds are to be applied to the extent necessary to the retirement of the company's collateral trust 5s of 1934 and upon the satisfaction of the indenture securing such bonds, the new bonds will be issued. The new bonds are to be secured by substantially the same coll. as the outstanding bonds, plus certain additional securities of water and electric companies.

No Underwriting Agreements Made.—W. C. Langley & Co., the prospectus states, although included within the meaning of the term "underwriters" as defined in the Securities Act of 1933, has not agreed to underwrite or purchase the bonds offered for subscription in the prospectus, but has agreed to use its best efforts to obtain subscriptions for such bonds and is to receive a commission for its services.

Consolidated Balance Sheet (Company and Subsidiaries).

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for various financial items like Prop. & plant, stock, common stock, etc., for Sept. 30 '33 and Dec. 31 '32.

Total 421,858,002 419,857,549. These are book figures and do not purport to represent realizable values or sums which could be realized upon the sale thereof. b Consists of 10,680 shares at closing market price on Sept. 30 1933, including 9,368 shares reserved for sale to employees, &c., and on Dec. 31 1932 28,075 shares and 13,002 shares, respectively. c Represented by 200,000 no par shares. d Represented by 1,750,888 no par shares.

Output for Week Ended Feb. 3 1934.—

Output of electric energy of the company's electric properties for the week ended Feb. 3 1934 totaled 33,939,000 kwh., an increase of 24% over the output of 27,438,000 kwh. for the corresponding period of 1933.

Comparative table of weekly output of electric energy for the last five years follows:

Table showing weekly output of electric energy from 1934 back to 1930.

—V. 138, p. 859, 681.

Atlantic City Sewerage Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Atlantic City Sewerage Co. from 1934 back to 1930.

* Includes certain capital adjustments.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table comparing balance sheets for 1933 and 1932.

—V. 136, p. 1198.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Output Remains Steady.

Net electric output of 52,877,241 units (kwh.) is reported for the week ended Jan. 27, by the Associated System. This is an increase of 7.7% above the same week of last year, and compares with the increase of 8.2%

reported for the four weeks to date. Gross output, which includes sales to other utilities, totaled 63,933,943 units.

Gas output, at 369,692,800 cu. ft., was 9.9% above the corresponding week of 1933.

Amended Bill of Complaint Filed—Company's Views on Suit. An amended bill of complaint was filed in Chancery Court, Wilmington, Del., Feb. 2 by Tessie Berwick, New York, against Associated Gas & Electric Co., Associated Gas & Electric Corp. of Del., Associated Gas & Electric Securities Co., Inc., and directors of the first two companies.

The complaint alleges that the New York company prior to 1932 controlled stock interests and securities of the various so-called "Associated Gas & Electric systems" and unlawfully transferred them to the Delaware corporation without consideration, in derogation and in fraud of rights of the general creditors of the New York company.

At the office of company it was said that the amendment of the bill of complaint filed in the Delaware courts by Tessie Berwick, attacking the plan of rearrangement of debt capitalization, in substance raised no new issues which differed from those decided in favor of the company on motion for a temporary injunction in the New York Supreme Court in July of last year.

Berkshire Street Railway Co.—Earnings.— For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 137, p. 1412.

Boston Elevated Ry.—Bond Issue.— Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has approved the issuance by the company of \$2,098,000 bonds to be dated March 1 1934, and payable not later than three years from that date, to be sold to the Boston Metropolitan District and to bear interest at the same rate as the notes or bonds of the District which may be issued to provide funds for the purchase of these bonds.—V. 138, p. 503.

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.—Earnings.— Years Ended Dec. 31— 1933. 1932. 1931. Operating revenues \$6,414,472 \$6,916,711 \$6,753,707

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. 1933. 1932. Assets— Fixed capital 32,624,890 32,194,292 Investments 632,964 662,267

Chicago City & Connecting Rys. Collateral Trust.— Earns. Calendar Years— 1933. 1932. 1931. 1930. Interest received \$114 \$460 \$768 \$599

Statement of Current Assets nad Liabilities Dec. 31. 1933. 1932. Assets— Cash \$37,876 \$37,762 Other investments 129,801 129,801

Cincinnati & Suburban Bell Telephone Co.—Earnings Earnings Year Ended Dec. 31 1933. Local service revenues \$7,695,755 Toll service revenues 654,299

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933. Assets— Telephone plant \$38,945,770 Investments in affil. etc. cos. 33,277

As of Jan. 1 1933, certain changes in the form of both the balance sheet and income statement, were made necessary in accordance with instructions issued by the I.-S. O. Commission.

Clinton (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—Consolidation.— See Wachusett Electric Co. below.—V. 120, p. 209.

Connecticut Power Co.—Earnings.— Consolidated Income and Expense Statement for Calendar Years. [This statement includes the revenue and expenses of Connecticut Power Co., Manchester Electric Co., Stamford Gas & Electric Co. and Union Electric Light & Power Co.]

Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31. 1933. 1932. Assets— Fixed capital 22,471,964 22,220,637 Miscell. invest. 3,648,711 3,618,494

Income Account for Calendar Years (Connecticut Power Co. Only). 1933. 1932. 1931. 1930. Elec. & gas oper. rev. \$3,395,260 \$3,381,748 \$3,640,769 \$3,784,055

Condensed Balance Sheet—Dec. 31 (Company Only). 1933. 1932. Assets— Fixed capital 12,321,355 12,267,831 Invest. in affil. cos. 8,993,020 8,993,190

Dallas Ry. & Terminal Co.—Defers Dividend.— The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend due Feb. 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100.

Detroit Almont & Northern (Elec.) RR.—Bondholders May Get 3%.— Holders of \$1,000 bonds issued by this defunct road may get \$30 on their \$1,000 investment, it was disclosed Feb. 2 at a hearing before Federal Judge Edward G. Moinet in Detroit.

The road, operated by the Detroit United, went into receivership in 1925. Its tracks were torn up and its equipment was scrapped by a Federal Court order issued at that time.

Detroit Edison Co.—New Director.— Wesson Seyburn has been elected a director, succeeding Standish Backus, retired.—V. 138, p. 681, 677.

Electric Bond & Share Co.—Output of Affiliates.— Electric output for three major affiliates of the Electric Bond & Share System for the week ended Feb. 1 compares as follows (in kilowatt hours):

Empire Public Service Corp.—Sale Feb. 27.— The following assets of the corporation and of the receivership estate will be offered for sale by the receivers at Wilmington, Del. on Feb. 27. The property which comprises a parcel known as "Parcel III" heretofore offered for sale with all other assets on Jan. 19 at which time no bidder bid the minimum bid required, consists of the following:

"Right to receive from receivers of Electric Public Utilities Co. that part of the cash and/or securities which the receivers of Electric Public Utilities Co. receive, after the interest of Miles & O'Brien and Denegre, Leovy & Chaffe is satisfied therefrom by virtue of a claim which they have filed against Louisiana Ice & Utilities, Inc., in bankruptcy proceedings in the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, in the amount of \$2,246,389, together with accrued interest from Jan. 2 1932, which \$325,000 bears to \$2,246,389 plus interest at 6% from Jan. 2 1932 to date of determination of the claim filed by the receivers of Electric Public Utilities Co. The aforesaid claim filed by the receivers of Electric Public Utilities Co. against Louisiana Ice & Utilities, Inc. is subject to an interest which the law firm of Miles & O'Brien and the law firm of Denegre, Leovy & Chaffe have therein, which interest entitled said two law firms together to receive 20% of the amount of cash and (or) securities realized upon said claim filed by the Electric Public Utilities Co. receivers, in consideration for professional services rendered and to be rendered by them. All matters in respect to the enforcement of the entire claim filed by the receivers of Electric Public Utilities Co. against Louisiana Ice & Utilities, Inc. or its liquidation, and all matters in relation to the reorganization of Louisiana Ice & Utilities, Inc., shall be under the sole control of the receivers of Electric Public Utilities Co."—V. 138, p. 681.

Erie Lighting Co.—Preliminary Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1933, 1932. Electric revenues, Steam heating revenues, Total operating revenues, Operating expenses, Maintenance, Provision for retirement—renewals & replacements, Taxes, Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Interest on funded debt, Interest on unfunded debt, Amortization of debt discount & expense, Interest during construction, Balance of income.

Federal Light & Traction Co.—Earnings.— For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 136, p. 4361.

Federal Public Service Corp.—Removed from List.— The Chicago Stock Exchange has removed from the list the \$11,150,000 1st lien gold bonds 6% series of 1927.—V. 138, p. 150.

Hartford Electric Light Co.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Sales of electric current: Local sales, Other electrical corps., Street railways, Total, Customers' October div., Net sales elec. current, Misc. oper. revenues, Total oper. revenues, Operating exps. & maint., Retirement res. accrual, Taxes, Net oper. income, Inc. from other sources, Total income, Miscell. interest, &c., Common stock divs., Adj. for prev. periods, &c., Total added to surplus for year.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. 1933, 1932. Assets— Fixed capital, Cash, Notes & accts. rec., Material & supp., Prepaymt & misc., Conn. Power Co. stock, Conn. Power Co. notes, Miscellaneous, Hartford El. Light Co. com. stock, Suspense. Liabilities— Capital stock, Notes & accounts payable, Consumers' & contractors' deposits, Miscellaneous, Acct'd taxes, &c., Retirement res'v'e., Contributions for line extensions, Miscell. unadjust. credits, Surplus.

Gatineau Power Co.—Policy on Interest Payments.— The following notice has been received by the New York Curb Exchange from the above company regarding the payment of interest on its 6% sinking fund gold debentures due June 15 1941; 6% gold debentures, series B, due April 1 1941, and 1st mtg. gold bonds, 5% series, due June 1 1936.

"Our 1st mtg. gold bonds carry on their face an agreement to pay interest in gold coin of the Dominion of Canada or equal to the June 1 1926 standard of weight and fineness at the office or agency of the company, at the holder's option, either in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, or in the City of Toronto, Province of Ontario, or, at the holder's option, in gold coin of the United States of America, or equal to the June 1 1926 standard of weight and fineness at the office or agency of the company at the holder's option, either in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York, or in the City of Boston, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"Debentures of each issue carry a similar agreement in substantially the same wording. "There is no coupon payment due on any of these issues until April 1, and in view of present unsettled monetary conditions it is not possible to give an unqualified statement as to the procedure that will be followed at that time. "Under laws and regulations already in force both in Canada and in the United States, it is not possible for us to make payments in gold. If the coupons were due to-day, however, United States currency would

be available for payment of any coupons presented in New York or Boston, and Canadian currency would be available for any coupons presented in Montreal or Toronto. Barring some major change in conditions affecting payment, I have no reason to believe that the same option will not be available in the future."—V. 137, p. 4013.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Uncollectible revenue, Taxes, Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Rents & miscell. deduct., Bond interest, Other interest, Debt discount expense, Net income, Dividends, Surplus for year, Shs. cap. st. (par \$100), Earnings per share.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. 1933, 1932. Assets— Land and bldgs., Miscell. physical property, Invest. in affil. cos., Other invest'mts, Sinking fund, Working funds, Temporary cash investment, Tax anticip. warr., Cash & deposits, Marketable sec., Bills receivable, Accts. receivable, Mat'l's & suppl's, Acrued income not due, Deferred debits. Liabilities— Capital stock, Prem. on cap. stk., Funded debt, Notes, Accts. payable, Bills payable, Subscribers dep. & serv. billed in advance, Acrr. liabilities, not due, Other def. cred., Res. for acrued depreciation, Other reserves, Approp. surplus, Corporate surpl.

Italian Superpower Corp.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.— 1933, 1932. Assets— Investments, Cash, U. S. Govt. sec's. Liabilities— 35-yr. 6% debts, x Capital & surp., Res. for divs. acrr., on pref. stock, Subscrip. to Sardinia Elec. stock, Int. on deb. bonds (net), Taxes, Accounts payable.

Total— 32,123,219 35,125,365. x Represented by 124,172 shares of \$6 cum. pref. stock, 970,015 shares class A common stock, 150,000 shares class B common stock, all of no par value, and (in 1932) option warrants, series of 1929, to purchase 59,985 shares of common stock, class A. (There are outstanding option warrants, series of 1929, to purchase 59,985 shares of the common stock, class A, as such stock may be constituted at the time of purchase at any time up to and incl. Jan. 1 1933 at a price of \$20 a share, on which last named date the rights to purchase represented by such option warrants, series of 1929 expire.) y These securities had an estimated market value on Dec. 30 1933 at exchange rates of that date of \$25,765,977. z The investments are carried at a value which in respect of securities acquired at the date of organization of Italian Superpower Corp., Jan. 31 1928, represents their then indicated market value, and in respect of securities acquired since, represents cost. Approximately 97% of the book value is represented by securities which are currently quoted and the market value of such securities on Dec. 31 1932 was \$21,406,054 less than their book value. Our usual comparative income account for the year ended Dec. 31 1933 was published in V. 138, p. 860.

Jamaica Water Supply Co.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Operating revenues, General and operating expenses, Maintenance, Uncollectible bills, Taxes, State and local, Operating income, Miscellaneous rent revenues, Miscellaneous interest revenues, Total revenue, Non-oper. rev. deduc. (rent expense), Interest on long-term debt, Amort. of debt discount and expense, Refund of State tax to bondholders, Miscellaneous interest deductions, Retirement reserve, incl. depreciation, Federal income taxes, Net income transferred to surplus.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. 1933, 1932. Assets— Plant & property, Cash, Notes receivable, Acct's receivable, Materials & suppl., Miscell. invest'mts, Prepayments, Misc. spec. funds, Special deposits, Sinking fund, Unamort. debt discount & exps., Jobbing accounts, Clearing & appointment, Work in progress, Miscell. suspense, Reacquired secur's. Liabilities— Common stock, 7½% pref. stock, \$6 pref. stock, 1st mtg. 5½% g. bonds, series A, Mtge. on real est., Notes payable, Accounts payable, Advance payments, Taxes acrued, Interest acrued, Consum. revenue billed in adv., Misc. unadj. items, Retirement reserve, incl. deprec'n., Res. for taxes previous year, Contributed surpl., Earned surplus.

Total— 14,245,992 14,116,628. —V. 138, p. 150.

Kentucky Securities Corp.—Receivership.— The corporation, a holding company which in 1911 guaranteed payment of principal and interest of Kentucky Traction & Terminal Co. bonds,

cents straight. The receivers added that the experiment with the reduced fare, has resulted in such heavy daily losses in earnings as to make it self-evident that the reduced fare should be discontinued.—V. 137, p. 3842.

Union Electric Light & Power Co. (Conn.).—Earnings. Table with columns for 1933, 1932, and 1931. Rows include Total operating revenue, Operating expenses, Retirement reserve accrual, Taxes, Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Interest charges, Net income, Common stock dividends, Balance to surplus, Net direct charges to surplus, Surplus as of Jan. 1, Surplus as of Dec. 31.

Wachusett Electric Co. (Mass.).—Acquisition Approved.—The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has authorized the issuance by this company of 4,125 additional shares of capital stock, par \$100, for the purpose of acquiring the assets of the Clinton Gas. Light Co.

Williamstown Gas Co. (Mass.).—Consolidation Approved.—The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has approved the issuance by this company of 14,226 shares of additional \$100 par capital stock for the sole purpose of acquiring all the assets of the North Adams Gas Light Co. and of the Adams Gas Light Co.

Worcester Gas Light Co.—Rate Cut Suspended.—The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has ordered suspended until March 1 1934, so much of the new schedule of rates filed by this company on Jan. 11 1934, effective Feb. 1 1934, as relates to the area of the City of Worcester, Mass. Suspension was ordered following a request by Mayor Murphy of Worcester who stated that Samuel Milgram, public utility rate expert, who had been retained by the city to advise it relative to rates charged for gas, had not had an opportunity to make a study of the situation. Under the proposed schedule filed by the company the 50-cent service charge would have been eliminated and some adjustment in rates made.—V. 136, p. 2245.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Price of Refined Sugar Advanced.—National, Arbuckle, Pennsylvania, California & Hawaiian and American Sugar Refineries have advanced the price of refined sugar ranging from 15 to 20 points to 4.50 cents a pound. Confusion prevailed in refined sugar circles last week when Pennsylvania Savannah, Godchaux Sugar Refineries stopped refined sugar at 4.50 cents a pound, but later rescinded these prices.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 3.—(a) Text of bill as signed by President Roosevelt extending life of Reconstruction Finance Corporation, p. 750; (b) Copper slightly lower in dull market—Zinc price advanced—Lead unchanged, p. 760; (c) Steel operations rise to approximately 35% of capacity—Automobile industry places large orders—Steel Scrap price lower, p. 767; (d) E. G. Budd denies violating labor provisions of NIRA—Tells Compliance Board charges growing out of recent election are false—Hearing held after company refuses to abide by decision of National Labor Board, p. 789; (e) List of companies filing registration statements with Federal Trade Commission under Securities Act—List includes securities to be issued by mortgage companies operating in Baltimore, Richmond, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Houston, Raleigh and Memphis, p. 793.

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.—Earnings. For income statement for month of January see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 138, p. 328.

Allen Industries, Inc.—To Pay Accumulated Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of 75 cents per share on account of accumulations on the \$3 cum. pref. stock, no par value, payable March 1 1934 to holders of record Feb. 20. Regular quarterly distributions of like amount were made on this issue up to and incl. March 1 1931; none since. After the March 1 1934 payment, accruals on the pref. stock will amount to \$8.25 per share.—V. 137, p. 868.

Alliance Realty Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—Table with columns for 1933, 1932, and 1931. Rows include Real estate, securities, & mtgcs., Bills & Accts. rec., Cash, Accrued interest, Furn. & fixtures, Total, Liabilities, Preferred stock, Common stock, Accounts payable, Notes payable, Int. & taxes pay., and accrued, Surplus.

Our usual comparative income statement for the year ended Dec. 31 1933 was published in V. 138, p. 863.

Allied-Distributors, Inc.—Investment Trust Averages at Higher Levels.—Moving upward with security prices in general, the investment trust averages during the week ended Feb. 2 advanced to the highest levels recorded since last September, it was announced. The average for the common stocks of the 10 leading management trusts, influenced by the leverage factor, as compiled by this corporation, stood at 16.82 as of Feb. 2, compared with a revised figure of 15.43 on Jan. 26, and representing a rise of 9%. Average of the non-leverage stocks stood at 17.12 as of the close Feb. 2, compared with 16.72 at the close on Jan. 26. The average of the mutual funds closed at 11.77 compared with 11.48 at the close of the previous week.—V. 138, p. 862, 683.

Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co.—Prelim. Earnings. Calendar Years—1933, 1932. Rows include Billings, Orders booked, Unfilled orders, Operating loss, Total loss after prov. for deb. int., deprec. & year end adjustments, Year end adjustments, Year end adjustments, Orders, amounting to \$9,503,151 as compared with bookings of \$4,767,789 during the first half of the year. This represented a gain in bookings during the second half of the year of 99.3% over bookings of the first six months. The Dec. 31 balance sheet shows net current assets of \$23,454,642 as compared with \$25,231,426 a year earlier. Cash and marketable securities amounted to \$6,340,355 on Dec. 31 1933 contrasted with \$5,168,020 at the end of 1932, an increase of \$1,172,335. The annual report will be ready for mailing to stockholders the latter part of March.—V. 137, p. 3843.

Allied General Corp.—Annual Report.—Chase Donaldson, President, says: On the basis of valuation of securities the net asset value of \$3 conv. pref. stock outstanding as of Dec. 31 1933 was \$15.67 per share and on the basis of valuing securities of affiliated companies at their net asset

value and other securities at cost it was \$16.18 per share. The class A and common stocks had no asset value on that date.

During the period under review corporation's holdings of stock of Distributors Group, Inc., were sold. This stock was received by the corporation in February of 1933 as consideration for the sale of its security distributing business. Officers were prompted to negotiate this sale to realize cash and because they believed that an investment in a security distributing organization is inappropriate for continued holding by an investment company.

During this period corporation also disposed of its stock holdings in Eastern Shares Corp. (formerly Passwall Corp.), realizing a profit thereon by selling such holdings to Equity Corp. at the same price at which other stockholders of Eastern Shares Corp. were given an opportunity to dispose of their holdings.

Earnings Year Ended Dec. 31 1933. Table with columns for 1933, 1932, and 1931. Rows include Interest earned, Divs. earned (incl. \$3,750 reported by Distributors Group, Inc., as a div. from capital surplus), Commissions earned, Total income, Salaries, Legal and accounting, Commissions paid, Interest paid, Miscellaneous.

Excess of expenses over income (without giving effect to net losses on security transactions) \$41,056

Deficit, Dec. 31 1932—\$95,634

Deficit, Dec. 31 1932—\$21,007

Loss on sale of 20,000 shs. of cap. stk. of Distributors Group, Inc., less excess of val. placed thereon by the officers at date of acquis. over book value of assets exchanged therefor—16,795

Excess of exps. over income for the year, per statement—41,056

Provision for note & account doubtful of collection—3,211

Total deficit—\$82,069

Net profit on sales of securities—27,726

Profit on joint stock venture—1,458

Res. prov. in prior period for nominees' fees—no longer required—1,500

Deficit, Dec. 31 1933—\$51,384

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933. Assets—Cash in bank, Securities owned, Treas. stock (cost), Parlt. in General American Life Insurance Co. syndicate, Notes receivable, Accounts receivable, Special deposits with trustees, Furniture and fixtures, Deferred charge. Total—\$675,503

Liabilities—Accounts payable, &c., Unclaimed divs. on \$3 pref. stock, \$3 convertible pref. stock, Class A stock, Common stock (\$1 par), Deficit account. Total—\$675,503

x 39,260 no par shares, y 38,765 no par shares z Includes 1,977 shares of class A stock and 11,741 shares of pref. stock.—V. 137, p. 2977.

Aluminum Co. of America.—Denied Review.—The company has been denied review by the U. S. Supreme Court of a lower Court ruling in favor of the U. S. Government in a dispute involving \$203,322 taxes and \$447,309 in excess profit taxes paid on 1918 incomes.—V. 138, p. 506, 328.

American Bakeries Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—Years Ended—Dec. 31 '33, Dec. 31 '32, Dec. 26 '31. Net operating profit, Miscellaneous income, Total income, Depreciation, Prov. for Fed. & State income tax, Loss on sale of U. S. Treasury ctfs.

Net income, Dividend paid on sub. co. pref. stock, Net income accruing to parent co., Dividends paid by parent company: Preferred stock, Class A stock, Prem. on pref. stock of sub. retired, Equipment abandoned or replaced, Prov. for add'l Fed. taxes, prior years.

Decrease in surplus for year, Previous surplus, Surplus credits, Total surplus, After deducting \$2,021 net expenses of parent company.—V. 136, p. 1017

American Bankstocks Corp.—Capital Stock Substituted.—The New York Produce Exchange has removed from dealing the capital stock (par \$1) and substituted therefor the capital stock (par 25 cents).—V. 137, p. 3329.

American Beet Sugar Co.—Refunding Plan Operative.—The plan for refunding the \$2,885,000 10-year 6% convertible sinking fund debentures due Feb. 1 1935 has been declared operative. Under the plan each holder of \$1,000 bond will receive \$200 in cash and a new bond for \$800, due Feb. 1 1940.

American Chile Co.—Decrease in Stock Proposed.—The stockholders will vote March 6 on reducing the authorized capital stock to 445,000 shares from 470,000 shares, no par value.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets—Land, bldgs. & mach'y, after depreciation, Good-will, patents & trade marks, Marketable securities, Treasury stock, Cash, Accts. receivable, Inventories, Investments, Due on contr. with officer for purch. of treas. stock, Prepayments. Total—\$9,456,337

Liabilities—Common stock, Accts. payable, Accruals, General reserves, Federal inc. taxes, Earned surplus. Total—\$9,456,337

a After depreciation of \$2,593,701 in 1933 and \$2,467,928 in 1932. b After reserves of \$36,874 in 1933 and \$38,767 in 1932. c Represented by 470,000 shares of no par in 1933 and 490,000 in 1932. d 25,571 shares (at cost) in 1933.

Our usual comparative income statement for the year ended Dec. 31 1933 was published in V. 138, p. 863.

W. M. Willis, Acting President, says: The plan for extension of our debentures under the proposal dated Oct. 17 1933 has been declared operative. Up to this date \$1,963,000 face amount of debentures has been deposited with the Bankers Trust Co., New York, and the holders of additional debentures have indicated their desire to co-operate with the company and their willingness to deposit their debentures for extension as soon as the plan has been declared operative. The

of acquiring title to the Peace Bridge over the Niagara River between Buffalo, N. Y., and Fort Erie, Ontario, and all other assets of the above company for a price exactly equal to the outstanding liabilities of the Bridge company and in payment therefor and other lawful and necessary purposes to issue its own bonds in an amount not exceeding \$4,000,000. Private ownership of the Bridge is to be terminated.

An exchange agreement has been executed with the Bridge company and with the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. whereby the outstanding 1st mtge. 7% bonds and the outstanding debenture 8% bonds of the Bridge company could be deposited with the trust company as agent for the Bridge Authority on or before Dec. 31 1933 (extended to Jan. 19 1934; deposits are still being accepted). On such deposit the depositing bondholders will receive a negotiable certificate of deposit for each bond deposited. Each such certificate of deposit has a coupon attached representing the interest on the bond at the old rate from the last interest payment date to Dec. 31 1933 and which was payable at the trust company on the latter date. In the event the exchange is consummated the holders of the certificates of deposit will receive: (1) for each \$1,000 principal amount of 1st mtge 7% bonds deposited: (a) \$1,000 1st lien 5% 20-year coupon bond of Buffalo & Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority due Jan. 1 1954, with semi-annual interest coupons attached dating from Jan. 1 1934; and (b) \$55 in cash. (2) For each \$1,000 principal amount of 8% debenture bonds deposited: (a) \$1,000 1st lien 5% 20-year coupon bond of Buffalo & Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority due Jan. 1 1954, with semi-annual interest coupons attached dating from Jan. 1 1934; and (b) \$30 in cash.

In the event the exchange is not consummated, the deposited bonds will be returned to the holders of the certificates of deposit with one coupon detached therefrom and an amount in cash equivalent to the difference between the face value of such detached coupon and the face value of the coupon attached to the certificate of deposit. No expense or charge of any kind will be made against the depositing bondholders either in the event the exchange is consummated or in the event the exchange is not consummated. All such expenses and charges will be borne by the Bridge Authority.

The 1st Lien 5% 20-year coupon bonds of the Bridge Authority will be a first lien on the real estate and bridge property, including structures and approaches and lands and casements used therewith and will also be secured by a pledge of the tolls and revenues of said properties. They will be exempt from taxation, both State and Federal, except as to transfer, estate and inheritance taxes, and they will be legal for the investment of trust funds. These bonds, by Chapter 824 of Laws of the State of New York, are made securities in which all public officers and bodies of this State and all municipalities and municipal subdivisions may properly and legally invest funds in their control or accept as security for deposits and all insurance companies and associations, all savings banks and savings institutions, including savings and loan associations, administrators, guardians, executors, trustees and other fiduciaries of the State may properly and legally invest funds in their control, announces the Bridge Authority.

Owners of a large amount of both issues of the bonds, including members of the Bridge Authority, have declared that they will immediately deposit their bonds for exchange. It was also announced that all of the outstanding 20-year 8% s. f. debenture gold bonds have been called for payment on April 1 at 103 and int. at the Liberty Bank of Buffalo, Buffalo, N. Y., or at the Irving Trust Co., One Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 138, p. 865.

Building Products, Ltd.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Profit after taxes	\$25,462	\$66,481	\$263,820	\$326,434
Common dividends	120,846	163,142	241,692	241,692

Balance def\$95,384 def\$96,661 sur\$22,128 sur\$84,742

x After adding income from investments and deducting reserve for contingencies (a portion of which is available for income tax) and reserve for depreciation of \$118,805 (1930, \$112,517) and also a reserve for reducing investments to quoted values. y Profits from operations and income from investments after making provision of \$125,315 for depreciation amounted to \$9,069 to this is added \$87,413 for portion of reserves for investments not now required, and deducted \$30,000 which was transferred to bad debt reserve. z After depreciation of \$125,574.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs. & eq.	\$1,362,555	\$1,346,988	x Class A stock— 1,438,110
Stock on hand	399,202	406,250	y Class B stock— 45,000
Accts. & bills rec.	226,042	301,060	Accts. payable, &c
Investments	1,206,181	1,151,260	Depreciation— 831,167
Cash	78,722	78,605	Conting., incl., in-
Deferred charges	7,408	4,611	come tax— 131,955
			Surplus— 764,733
Total	\$3,280,112	\$3,288,775	Total

x Represented by 116,346 (non-voting) class A shares (no par). y Represented by 4,500 (voting) class B shares (no par).—V. 136, p. 1020.

Butte Copper & Zinc Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
x Receipts from lessee	\$26,273	\$26,440	\$49,874	\$70,293
Other income	5,561	5,750	7,704	12,453

Total income	\$31,834	\$32,190	\$57,578	\$82,746
General and office exps., taxes, &c.	20,073	46,873	87,360	84,566
Other expenses	y63,171			
Net deficit	\$51,410	\$14,683	\$29,781	\$1,820

Earns. per share 600,000 shs. cap. stk. (par \$5)— Nil Nil Nil Nil
 x Receipts from lessee operator of company's properties, being 50% of net smelter returns. y Expense incident to suspension of production, \$20,000, expenses of reconditioning mine previous to reopening, which began Aug. 1 1933, \$43,171.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Mines and mining claims	\$3,364,886	\$3,364,886	Capital stock— \$3,000,000
Plant & equipment	100,000	100,000	Notes payable— 14,500
Investments	170,925	170,925	Accounts payable— 3,941
Accts. receivable	1,721	1,721	Taxes accrued— 2,082
Cash	2,773	4,825	Deferred liab. — x52,856
			Res. for deprec.— 100,000
Total	\$3,640,305	\$3,642,357	Surplus— 466,925

x Payable to lessee, operators of company's properties from net returns of future operations only.—V. 137, p. 3499.

Burns & Co., Ltd., Calgary, Alta.—Plan Capital Stock Revision.—

National Trust Co., Ltd., trustee, has issued notice of a meeting of holders of the first mortgage sinking fund 5 1/4% 20-year bonds, Series A to be held at the office of the Trust Company in Toronto on March 6. The meeting will consider the report of a committee, appointed on March 26 1932, by resolution of the bondholders, and will vote on a proposed amendment of the trust deed and bonds and a reorganization of the capital stock.

The bonds, under the plan, will mature on July 1 1958. Interest from Dec. 1 1931 to Dec. 31 1933, will be canceled. One-half the principal amount of the bonds will bear 2% interest from Jan. 1 1934, to Jan. 1 1935; 3 1/4% from then to Jan. 1 1936, and 5% from that date until maturity. One-half the principal will bear interest from Jan. 1 1934 to Dec. 31 1938, at the rate of 5%, payable from the net annual income, subject to provisions of the reorganization.

The capital stock will be reorganized under the proposal to consist of 33,790 class A shares, carrying a non-cumulative preferred dividend of \$1 a year; 5 management shares, entitling the holders to elect the board of directors until April 1 1939, and thereafter until the company shall have paid interest of 5% yearly on all outstanding bonds for a period of two consecutive years; and 139,995 class B shares.

The management shares will be held by three persons, approved by the bondholders; one person, approved by the preferred shareholders, and one person, approved by the common shareholders.

Class B shares will be allotted to the preferred shareholders on the basis of 1 1/2 shares, per preferred share; and to the common shareholders on the basis of 1 share per 20 common shares.—V. 138, p. 4193.

Calumet & Hecla Consolidated Copper Co.—Earnings.
 For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 137, p. 3330.

Canadian Power & Paper Investments, Ltd.—Plan of Reorganization.—

A meeting of the holders of the 5% 30-year debentures, series A due Feb. 1 1958 will be held at the office of Montreal Trust Co., Montreal, Can., on March 26 for the purpose of considering resolutions for all or any of the following purposes, viz.:

Sanctioning the scheme for the reorganization of the company, the waiver or waivers of default, the modification or compromise of the right of the debenture holder against the company and appointing a committee with power and authority to exercise and to direct the trustee to exercise on behalf of debenture holders the powers of the debenture holders exercisable by extraordinary or other resolution, provided for in the plan of reorganization dated Jan. 9 1934, which among other things provides as follows:

(a) The debenture holders are to waive default in the payment of debenture interest payable on Aug. 1 1933, and Feb. 1 1934, and to postpone to Aug. 1 1938, the payment of such interest and of all other fixed interest maturing up to and including Aug. 1 1938; provision to be made so that in the meantime so often as the company accumulates available income (as determined in the plan) sufficient to pay one half-yearly interest payment or any multiple thereof, such income will be applied yearly to payment of the interest then longest in arrears under the present terms of the trust agreement.

(b) The debenture holders are to waive the default which has occurred by reason of the failure of the company to maintain the 50% maximum ratio between borrowings (including debentures) and the market value of assets.

(c) After Aug. 1 1938, the non-payment of the arrears accumulated previously thereto is not to constitute an event of default, but such arrears are to be payable as and when there is sufficient available income (as determined in the plan), and in any event all arrears will be payable on liquidation, up to the extent of proceeds available therefrom from the disposal of assets.

(d) The preferred shareholders are to agree that the 50,000 shares of cumulative convertible preferred stock (\$50 par) now outstanding, be changed to an equal number of no par value preferred shares without conversion privilege, accumulated dividends to be canceled and the present cumulative dividend feature and voting provisions to be made non-operative until after arrears of debenture interest are paid in full and \$120,000 is on hand and available in cash to meet the next year's debenture interest; voting rights are to be exercisable only when, subsequent to the events aforesaid, four quarterly dividends shall be in arrears and remain unpaid.

(e) The present common shareholders are to relinquish 96% of their holdings, retaining only the right to receive voting trust certificates representing 1 common share for each 25 shares now held.

(f) These relinquished common shares will be distributed by means of voting trust certificates amongst the debenture holders and preferred shareholders on the following scale:

- (1) In addition to each \$100 of debentures (modified as provided in the plan) held— 2 1/2 shares common
- (2) In addition to each 5 shares preferred (modified as provided in the plan) held— 3 shares common

The number of common shares presently outstanding will thus be reduced from 100,000 to 94,000.

(g) The company is to covenant that no dividends will be paid or declared and no preferred shares will be purchased or redeemed until such time as the debenture holders have received all arrears of interest at the rate of 5% on the debentures and until \$120,000 is on hand and available in cash to meet the next year's interest on the debentures, after payment of any such dividend.

(h) All common shares (with the exception of the directors' qualifying shares) will be issued to voting trustees in trust and will be subject to a voting trust effective until such time as dividends may be paid under clause (g) above and terminating upon declaration of the directors of the company to that effect, but not before. Voting trust certificates outstanding representing such common shares will be replaced by share certificates on the termination of the voting trust. The voting trustees are to consist of three persons; the first voting trustee to be named at the meeting of debenture holders. One member of the board of directors of the company to be elected by the voting trustees will be a representative of the preferred shareholders.—V. 137, p. 2642.

Carolina Insurance Co. of Wilmington, N. C.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in banks	\$116,300	Cash capital	\$500,000
Mortgage loans (mkt.)	311,859	Unearned premiums	507,225
Stocks and bonds (mkt.)	1,385,662	Reserve for losses	83,190
Real estate	70,500	Unpaid reinsurance	207,822
Uncollected premiums	188,815	Reserve for taxes, &c.	30,000
Accrued interest	23,102	Conting. reserve (mkt.)	140,832
		Surplus	627,170
Total	\$2,096,240	Total	\$2,096,240

—V. 137, p. 2812.

(J. I.) Case Co.—\$1 Preferred Dividend Declared

The directors on Feb. 7 declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable April 2 to holders of record March 12. A similar amount was paid on this issue in each of the four preceding quarters prior to which the stock received regular quarterly dividends of \$1.75 per share.—V. 137, p. 3679.

(A. M.) Castle & Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Net earnings after oper. exps., repairs & maint.	\$164,519	loss\$94,322	\$26,622	\$520,276
Other income				35,255

Total income	\$164,519	loss\$94,322	\$26,622	\$555,530
Depreciation	61,695	66,875	61,870	72,875
Reduction of inventory				67,727
Market decline in sec.			72,448	
Federal taxes				49,823

Net profit	\$102,824	loss\$161,197	loss\$107,696	\$365,105
Dividends			90,000	450,000

Profit	\$102,824	def\$161,197	def\$197,696	def\$84,895
y Earns. per sh. on 120,000 shs. com. stk. (par \$10)	\$0.85	def\$1.34	def\$0.89	\$3.04

x Before adding precautionary reserve of \$100,000 against accounts and notes receivable. y Includes treasury stock.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs., & c. a	\$1,356,355	\$1,403,179	Common stock— \$1,200,000
Investments	1,509	1,507	Capital surplus— 1,169,228
Accounts receivable	80,640	47,600	Earned surplus— 1,169,228
Other securities	225,527	313,181	Accrued surplus— 1,970,193
Empl. and sundry accounts		37,093	Accounts payable— 186,402
Prepaid accounts	22,381	11,827	Accrued tax, &c.— 49,634
Cash	312,021	420,173	
Notes & accounts receivable	443,145	360,897	
Cash sur. val. ins.	205,919	196,341	
Inventories	1,826,845	1,476,080	
Invest. in land and impts., Seattle	64,023	75,177	
Total	\$4,575,457	\$4,352,529	Total

a After depreciation of \$701,056. b Of which \$89,011 appropriated by purchase of A. M. Castle & Co. stock. c Represented by 5,760 shares in 1933 (number of shares in 1932 not stated).—V. 137, p. 871.

Celanese Corp. of America.—\$4 Partic. Pref. Dividend Declared

The directors on Feb. 5 declared a dividend of \$4 per share on account of accumulations on the 7% cum. 1st partic.

pref. stock, par \$100, payable March 2 to holders of record Feb. 16. Regular semi-annual distributions of \$3.50 per share had been made on this issue up to and incl. June 30 1931, since which date the following payments have been made: \$5 per share on June 30 1933; \$4 per share on Sept. 30 1933, and \$3.50 per share on Dec. 31 1933. Following the March 2 1934 distribution, accruals will amount to \$1 per share.—V. 137, p. 4193.

Century Ribbon Mills, Inc.—Sales Gain.—

	1934.	1933.
Sales of Century Ribbon Mills, Inc.	\$282,000	\$210,000
Sales of Century Factors Co., a wholly owned sub.	1,780,000	1,408,000

—V. 137, p. 3152.

Chain & General Equities, Inc.—Annual Report.—

William B. Nichols, President, says in part: During the year 1933 the corporation bought in 3,848 shares of its outstanding preferred stock for retirement, at an average price of \$44.09 per share.

A majority of the stock of Chain & General Equities, Inc. being owned or controlled directly or indirectly by Equity Corp., there remains outstanding in the hands of the general public as of Dec. 31 1933, only 16.07% of the preferred stock and 26.16% of the common stock.

On basis of valuation used net asset value of corporation's preferred stock outstanding as of Dec. 31 1933, was \$72.48 per share, which include accrued unpaid dividends. This figure compared with reported net asset value per share of the preferred stock as of Dec. 31 1932, of \$54.31. On the basis of taking corporation's holdings of Interstate Equities Corp. stock at the net asset value applicable thereto (rather than market), the net asset value of corporation's preferred stock outstanding as of Dec. 31 1933, was \$67.18 per share. The common stock had no asset value.

	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Interest	\$4,772	\$9,361	\$1,913	\$4,626
Miscellaneous	-----	-----	650	6,227
Dividends (cash)	16,420	36,843	135,438	177,953
Stock (ex-div. mkt. vals)	-----	-----	-----	28,070
Total	\$21,192	\$46,203	\$138,002	\$216,877
Advisory & oper. expense	7,426	9,422	13,394	20,660
Fiscal agency expense	4,345	8,891	7,812	10,889
Other expenses	10,820	11,441	11,423	6,097

a Net income	loss \$1,399	\$16,449	\$105,371	\$179,230
Prof. divs. paid & accrd.	-----	-----	171,354	224,864
Deficit	\$1,399	sur \$16,449	\$65,983	\$45,634
Loss on secur. sold	399,610	1,118,744	1,330,871	1,249,713

a Exclusive of net losses on securities sold.

Note.—The unrealized depreciation of securities owned (excluding investment in Inter-State Equities Corp.), based on market quotations or estimated fair value in the absence thereof, has decreased during the year 1933 by \$627,896.

Statement of Capital Surplus, Dec. 31 1933.

Capital surplus as at Dec. 31 1932	\$929,142
Discount on 3,848 shares of own pref. stock purchased for retire.	215,124
Credit arising from reduction of com. stock from a stated value of \$1. to a par value of 10 cents per share	564,480
Total surplus	\$1,708,745
Net loss on sales of securities during the year ended Dec. 31 1933	411,780
Profit on commodity transactions	Cr 12,169
Adjustments applicable to prior years	1,154
Excess of expenses over income for the year ended Dec. 31 1933	1,399

Capital surplus Dec. 31 1933 (before providing for deprec'n in securities) \$1,306,581

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1933.	1932.		1933.	1932.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Cash	\$25,788	\$459,831	Loan payable	\$130,648	-----
Securities owned	526,950	e1,651,890	Due for sec. bought	300	562
Divs. receivable	450	d2,686	Accounts payable	801	-----
Inv. in pref. stk. of In State Equities Corp.	c251,475	-----	Res. for taxes & accrued expenses	2,281	5,499
Invest. in com. stk. I-State Equities Corp.	c1,439,511	e1,438,211	Preferred stock	c1,605,800	1,990,600
Partic. in United Founders Corp. syndicate	196,202	-----	Common stock	a62,720	6627,200
Prep'd expenses	-----	383	Surplus	1,306,581	929,141
Total	\$2,440,376	\$3,553,004	Unreal. deprec. in sec. owned (net)	Dr 668,756	-----
			Total	\$2,440,376	\$3,553,004

a Represented by shares having a par value of 10 cents each. b Represented by 627,200 no par shares. c The accounts of Inter-State Equities Corp. at Dec. 31 1933 indicate that the asset value applicable to the above holdings of preferred stock amounts to \$463,526 and that there is no asset value applicable to the common stock; however, the value of the preferred and common stock holdings in Inter-State Equities Corp. at Dec. 31 1933 based on sale prices of 16 2/3% for the preferred and 50 cents for the common on Dec. 27 and 26 1933, respectively, would amount to \$548,583. d Includes interest accrued. e The aggregate value of securities owned at market quotations, except two items which have been valued at fair value of \$48,900 by the directors, was less than the above book value by \$1,296,652. The accounts of Inter-State Equities Corp. indicate, moreover, that there is no asset value applicable to the common stock of the company as at Dec. 31 1932. 100,000 shares thereof are under option to net not less than \$2 per share.—V. 137, p. 2979.

Champion Coated Paper Co.—Larger Common Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable Feb. 15 1934 to holders of record Feb. 10. This compares with 25 cents per share paid each quarter from Feb. 15 1933 to and incl. Nov. 15 1933, 75 cents per share on Nov. 15 1932, \$1.50 per share on May 16 and Aug. 15 1932 and \$2 per share each quarter from Feb. 16 1931 to and incl. Feb. 15 1932.—V. 136, p. 1021.

Chicago Corp.—25-Cent Dividend Declared.

A dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the \$3 cum. conv. pref. stock, no par value, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. A like amount was paid in each of the four quarters of 1933. Accumulations on the above issue, following the above distribution, will amount to \$2.75 per share.—V. 138, p. 866, 153.

Chickasha Cotton Oil Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 6 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 138, p. 509.

Chile Nitrate Co. (Compania de Salitre de Chile)—In Liquidation.

See Lautaro Nitrate Co., Ltd. below.—V. 131, p. 634.

Chrysler Corp.—Plymouth Shipments Up 100%.

Since the first of the year the Plymouth Motor Corp. has received more than 71,000 orders from dealers for its 1934 models, according to H. G. Mook, General Sales Manager. He added that the company built and shipped 17,545 cars during January, which was double the number of cars produced during January 1933.

Dodge Deliveries Rise.

During the six-day period ended Feb. 3 Dodge dealers delivered 2,282 passenger cars and 650 trucks, or a total of 2,932 vehicles. This is an increase over the preceding week of 40.8% in passenger car deliveries and of 18.2% in commercial car and truck deliveries. Compared to the corresponding period of 1933 the week shows a rise in passenger car and truck deliveries of 84.4%.

Deliveries made by Dodge dealers in the first month of 1934 totaled 10,390 cars and trucks or 40.8% more than in the like month of 1933.—V. 138, p. 866, 687.

(D. L.) Clark Co.—Tenders.—

The Colonial Trust Co., trustee, Pittsburgh, Pa., will until noon, Feb. 20, receive bids for the sale to it of 1st (closed) mtge. 6% s. f. gold bonds, dated Feb. 1 1929, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$100,290, at prices not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 137, p. 693.

Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

	1933.	1932.		1933.	1932.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Real estate	c2,624,771	2,868,745	b Common stock	3,685,491	3,693,592
Gd.-will, pat. rts., trade names, &c.	1	1	Preferred stock	3,404,000	3,467,000
Cash	782,775	1,382,670	Accounts payable	-----	-----
Bank cts. of dep.	175,000	729,752	& accr. liabils.	361,041	252,431
U. S. & Can. Gov. securities	778,901	1,738,751	Accrued taxes	108,627	23,368
a Accts. receivable	2,227,143	1,794,055	Prof. divs. payable	59,570	60,672
Misc. investments	216,825	214,654	Surplus	3,870,729	3,473,062
Merchandise	4,531,742	2,084,754			
Deferred charges	152,301	156,743			
Total	11,489,459	10,970,127	Total	11,489,459	10,970,127

a After deducting reserve for cash disbursements and bad debts amounting to \$78,047 in 1933 and \$72,770 in 1932. b Represented by 188,291 shares of no par value in 1933 and 189,091 in 1932. c After depreciation of \$3,945,061.

Our usual comparative income statement for the year ended Dec. 31 1933 was published in V. 138, p. 866.

Collins & Aikman Corp.—Expands.—

Through the acquisition of the business of Curtis-Marx Co., manufacturers of women's wear, the above corporation will announce within the next day or two a new woolen department under the direction of James E. Curtis, who was a partner in Curtis-Marx Co.—V. 138, p. 153.

Colonial Investors Corp. (Balt.)—Dividend Declared.

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 20 cents per share on the Colonial Investors Shares, series A, payable Feb. 15.—V. 134, p. 853.

Colonial Steel Co., Pittsburgh.—Stock to Be Relinquished by Vanadium Alloys Steel Co.—

See latter company below.

Columbian Carbon Co.—Extra Distribution of 25 Cents.—

The directors on Feb. 6 declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 16. Regular quarterly distributions of 50 cents per share were made on the stock during 1933 and on Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 1932, as compared with 75 cents per share on Feb. 1 and May 2 1932.—V. 137, p. 3679.

Confederation Investments, Ltd.—Defers Dividend.—

The directors have decided to defer the quarterly dividend due Feb. 1 on the \$3 cum. pref. stock, no par value. Regular quarterly distributions of 75 cents per share were made on this issue from Feb. 1 1931 to and incl. Nov. 1 1933.—V. 132, p. 500.

Consolidated Cigar Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 137, p. 3332.

Consolidated Industries, Ltd.—Sale of Assets Ratified.—

The shareholders on Feb. 9 approved proposals for the sale of certain assets and interest in subsidiaries to the Rogers-Majestic Corp., Ltd. (See latter in V. 138, p. 698.)

The New York Curb Exchange has removed the capital stock (no par) from unlisted trading privileges.—V. 138, p. 687.

Consolidated Rock Products Co.—New Vice-President—

Resignation of Ford J. Twaits from the Chairmanship of the board of directors and the Presidency of this company was announced on Jan. 31. Frank Gautier, who previously was President and General Manager of Consumers' Rock & Gravel Co., one of the predecessor companies of Consolidated Rock Products Co. was appointed Executive Vice-President and Manager.

No action was taken regarding the Presidency of the company. The directors authorized the payment of the interest due on the Consumers' Rock & Gravel Co. bonds.—V. 137, p. 1246; V. 136, p. 1722, 1380.

Consolidated Steel Corp., Ltd.—Removed from List.

The New York Curb Exchange has removed the preferred stock (no par) from unlisted trading privileges.—V. 138, p. 599.

Consumers Rock & Gravel Co., Inc., Los Angeles.—

Pays Overdue Bond Interest.—Cash and bonds have been deposited with trustee to cover interest and sinking fund payments due Jan. 2 1934, but not paid at that time, on the 1st mtge. Gs, 1948.—V. 127, p. 112.

Cosmos Imperial Mills, Ltd.—Accumulated Prof. Div. Declared.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$3.50 per share on account of accumulations in addition to a quarterly dividend of 87 1/2 cents per share on the 7% cum. s. f. pref. stock, par \$100, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 31. Distributions of 37 1/2 cents per share were made in each of the six preceding quarters, prior to which the stock received regular quarterly payments of \$1.75 per share. The current dividends are payable in Canadian funds and in the case of non-residents of Canada a tax of 5% will be deducted.—V. 137, p. 3153.

Continental Steel Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

For income statement for 6 months ended Dec. 31 1933 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Rogers & Tracy, Inc. state: An analysis of the reports indicate that the corporation earned about 15 cents a share on its common stock in the calendar year 1933, after making due allowance for taxes and preferred dividends. Comparison of reports show that the company earned about \$236,288 in the first half of 1933, which earnings consolidated with the second half report showing a profit of \$18,709, indicate a net profit for the year of \$254,997. We understand that the company is now operating at about 50% of capacity with earnings running well in the black.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1933.	1932.		1933.	1932.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Cash	404,604	a1,087,152	Accounts payable	239,420	69,261
Notes & accts. rec.	1,195,308	437,522	Payrolls payable	124,868	22,578
Inventories	2,813,164	1,854,796	Accrued int., gen. taxes, &c.	87,156	106,556
Land, contr. rec. & unsold land	75,834	76,672	Funded debt due (current)	100,500	55,500
Invest. in sec. of parent company	62,566	12,372	Notes payable	400,000	-----
Fractional shs. pref & com. stock in treasury	-----	16,240	Prov. for Fed. Inc. & cap. stk. taxes	33,143	-----
Expense adv. to officers & employ.	6,638	-----	Funded debt	1,147,500	1,287,500
Miscell. receiv.	1,688	-----	Operating reserves	295,302	335,221
Invest. in outside companies, &c.	27,586	48,329	Min. stockholders int. in subs. cos.	188,183	197,342
b Land, bldg., machinery & equip.	7,966,429	8,210,530	7% cum. pref. stk.	2,773,500	2,862,000
Patent	1	-----	c Common stock	6,146,958	6,081,838
Deferred charges	114,252	124,524	Earned surplus	1,131,540	850,341
Total	12,668,072	11,868,138	Total	12,668,072	11,868,138

a Includes \$500,000 certificates of deposit. b After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$5,131,316 in 1933 and \$4,735,839 in 1932. c Represented by 175,648 shares no par value.—V. 138, p. 867.

Continental Casualty Co., Chicago.—Resumes Div.—
The directors have declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on the new capital stock, par \$5, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15.
The last quarterly distribution of 40 cents per share was made on the old capital stock, par \$10, on April 1 1932; no payments since.—V. 137, p. 2278.

Cream of Wheat Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Manufacturing income—	\$2,740,230	\$3,067,098	\$3,510,249	\$3,907,480
Expenses, &c.—	1,321,628	1,461,971	1,861,040	1,858,586
Operating income—	\$1,418,602	\$1,605,127	\$1,649,209	\$2,048,894
Other income—	71,580	113,336	75,741	71,981
Total income—	\$1,490,182	\$1,718,463	\$1,724,950	\$2,120,875
Federal, &c., taxes—	200,588	217,886	220,783	252,711
Net profit—	\$1,289,593	\$1,500,577	\$1,504,168	\$1,868,164
Dividends—x—	1,200,000	1,350,600	1,501,050	1,500,000
Surplus—	\$89,593	\$149,977	\$3,118	\$368,164
Earns. per sh. on 600,000 shs. cap. stk. (no par)—	\$2.15	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$3.11

x Includes dividends declared and payable Jan. 2. y After depreciation charges of \$61,710.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
x Land, buildings, mach'y & equip.—	\$713,725	\$754,702	y Capital stock—	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Cash—	671,096	850,785	Accounts payable—	67,367	39,467
Marketable secur.—	1,962,579	1,848,575	Accrued payrolls, gen. taxes, &c.—	42,224	31,742
Accrued interest—	11,698	14,015	Federal taxes, &c.—	200,588	217,886
Accts. receiv., &c.—	165,096	171,049	Dividends payable—	300,000	450,000
Inventories—	446,588	368,679	Capital surplus—	1,240,953	1,240,953
Other tang. assets—	44,724	50,723	Earned surplus—	1,035,437	945,845
Good-will—	1	1			
Deferred charges—	71,063	67,364			
Total—	\$4,086,571	\$4,125,892	Total—	\$4,086,571	\$4,125,892

x After depreciation of \$234,902 in 1933 and \$200,169 in 1932. y Represented by 600,000 no par shares.—V. 137, p. 2950.

Crosley Radio Corp.—Comparative Balance Sheet.—

Assets—	Dec. 31 '33.	Mar. 31 '33.	Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '33.	Mar. 31 '33.
x Property, plant, equipment, &c.—	\$2,003,576	\$2,106,278	y Capital stock—	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Cash—	500,867	476,106	Accounts payable—	244,932	204,706
Accts. & notes rec.—	845,008	644,192	Accruals—	131,834	106,200
Government bonds—	227,435	531,646	Reserves—	152,378	19,256
Inventories—	1,242,747	507,264	Earned surplus—	1,445,014	1,100,562
Patents & licenses—	38,370	41,969			
Advances—	—	3,925			
Deferred charges—	116,155	119,344			
Total—	\$4,974,158	\$4,430,724	Total—	\$4,974,158	\$4,430,724

x After depreciation. y Represented by 545,800 no par shares.—V. 138, p. 867.

Crown Zellerbach Corp.—Trade Board Accuses Company of Trust Violation.—

In a formal complaint the Federal Trade Commission charged on Feb. 8 that the corporation had violated the Clayton Anti-Trust Act. Illegal acquisition of capital stock in acquiring the Crown Willamette Paper Co., operating mills in Washington, Oregon and California, was alleged.

In a statement the Commission said that Crown Zellerbach by its move had acquired a dominant position in the industry, particularly as concerned newsprint paper, controlling the manufacture and sale of about 80% of the output of newsprint in the Pacific Coast States.

The complaint charges that competition has been substantially lessened in paper and paper products generally and that the inter-State sale of paper has been restrained.

The acquisition, the complaint says, resulted from an agreement on March 30 1928, between representatives of Zellerbach Paper Co., predecessor of Crown Zellerbach and Crown Willamette.

Crown Zellerbach later acquired all capital stock of Olympic Paper & Power Co., Washington Pulp & Paper Corp., National Paper Products Co., Sanitary Products Corp., Pacific Mills, Ltd. and other subsidiaries formerly owned or controlled by Zellerbach and Crown Willamette respectively, the complaint adds.—V. 138, p. 688.

Crum & Forster Insurance Shares Corp.—Extra Div.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 10 cents per share in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of like amount on the class A and class B common stocks, par \$10, all payable Feb. 28 to holders of record Feb. 17. Regular quarterly distributions of 10 cents per share have been made on both issues since and incl. Aug. 31 1932.—V. 135, p. 1335.

Crystal Tissue Co.—Removed from List.—

The New York Curb Exchange has removed the common stock (no par) from unlisted trading privileges.—V. 137, p. 4702.

Cunard (Steamship) Co., Ltd.—White Star-Cunard Merger Reported.—

According to dispatch from London, Feb. 8, it was announced in the House of Commons that the Cunard-White Star (Ocean Steam Navigation Ltd.) merger had become completed and will become effective as soon as the shareholders of the two companies approve it.

At the same time it was announced that the Treasury would advance up to \$3,000,000 for the completion of the 73,000-ton super-liner 534, now lying half built on the stocks at Clydebank, Scotland. The work is expected to be resumed next month, and unless drastic changes are made in the plans the ship may be ready for launching in October or November of this year.

The dispatches further state that the Cunard company will hold 62% of the shares of the new company, and the White Star company will hold the rest. Including the Chairman, there will be 10 directors on the new board, six to be chosen by the Cunard company and four by the White Star.—V. 137, p. 1584.

Cushman's Sons, Inc.—Earnings.—

Years Ended—	Dec. 31 '33.	Dec. 31 '32.	Jan. 2 '32.	Dec. 27 '30.
Operating profit—	\$797,079	\$1,092,215	\$1,700,406	\$2,084,139
Other income, including discount on purchases and interest received—	30,754	45,063	41,229	39,546
Total income—	\$827,834	\$1,137,278	\$1,741,636	\$2,123,685
Deprec. of plant & equip.—	333,667	349,112	357,111	437,280
Int. on mtge. indebted—	18,932	22,771	27,454	25,418
Prov. for Fed. inc. tax—	66,037	102,316	163,223	194,150
Net income for year—	\$409,196	\$663,079	\$1,193,847	\$1,466,838
Previous earned surplus—	4,185,879	4,282,546	3,954,832	3,357,389
Total earned surplus—	\$4,595,075	\$4,945,626	\$5,148,679	\$4,824,226
7% preferred dividends—	162,852	167,675	173,821	177,365
8% preferred dividends—	291,352	291,352	291,352	291,068
Common dividends—	200,480	300,720	400,960	400,960
Earned surplus at end of period—	\$3,940,392	\$4,185,879	\$4,282,546	\$3,954,833
Earns. per sh. on 100,240 shs. com. stk. (no par)—	Nil	\$2.03	\$7.27	\$9.96

Capita. surplus Dec. 30 1933 amounted to \$201,073.—V. 137, p. 3680.

(Alfred) Decker & Cohn, Inc.—Changes in Capitalization Ratified.—

At the adjourned stockholders' meeting held this week, the stockholders approved all the proposed capital changes, including cancellation of 11,575 shares of 7% pref. stock, \$100 par value, leaving outstanding 4,425 shares.

The stockholders also approved cancellation of all treasury common stock, reducing the number outstanding to 88,960 shares from 100,000 previously, and changed the par value of the common stock to \$10 from no par with a stated value of \$15 a share. See details in V. 138, p. 330.

Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Gross income, transport—	\$1,980,987	\$1,412,015	\$2,241,290	\$2,745,477
Operating expenses—	1,833,183	1,627,194	1,958,161	2,145,983
Net oper. revenue—	\$147,804	loss\$215,179	\$283,129	\$599,494
Other income—	4,364	77,834	80,881	115,850
Total income—	\$152,168	loss\$137,345	\$364,010	\$715,344
Taxes—	71,205	72,207	75,112	69,119
Accrued depreciation—	373,158	381,675	377,565	444,794
Insurance—	153,913	157,336	161,596	164,590
Net loss—	\$446,109	\$748,562	\$250,263	prof\$36,841
Previous surplus—	2,936,207	3,749,527	4,241,248	4,662,169
Sundry adjustments—	55,554	64,758	61	25,279
Total surplus—	\$2,434,544	\$2,936,207	\$3,991,047	\$4,724,288
Dividends paid—	—	—	241,520	483,040
Profit and loss (surp.)	\$2,434,544	\$2,936,207	\$3,749,527	\$4,241,248
Earn. per sh. on capital stock (par \$10)—	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$0.06

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
a Vessel property—	\$3,034,435	\$4,272,379	Capital stock—	\$5,225,140	\$6,038,000
b Terminal prop'y—	\$70,572	\$45,957	Note payable—	50,000	—
c Other property—	1,130,782	1,190,528	Accounts payable—	52,623	89,406
Cash on deposit—	67,477	33,630	Accrued taxes and claims—	14,530	9,507
Accrued int. rec.—	56,179	—	e Capital surplus—	579,765	—
Notes & accts. rec. (less reserve)—	97,721	74,176	Earned surplus—	2,434,544	2,936,207
Inventories—	76,169	74,302			
U. S. Govt. bonds—	563,686	765,279			
Municipal & corp. bonds—	1,252,153	1,513,783			
Cash in banks in hands of receiver—	285,996	—			
Prepaid taxes, insurance, &c.—	77,611	88,623			
Co's capital stock (51,741 shares at cost)—	—	158,283			
Total—	\$8,356,603	\$9,073,120	Total—	\$8,356,603	\$9,073,120

a After depreciation of \$6,791,965 (\$6,453,062 in 1932). b After depreciation and amortization of \$502,573 (\$448,062 in 1932). c After depreciation of \$195,591 in 1933 and \$204,520 in 1932. d After deducting \$812,860, representing 81,286 shares canceled. e Arising from cancellation of certificates of stock acquired at less than par value.—V. 138, p. 868.

Detroit Michigan Stove Co.—Removed from List.—

The New York Curb Exchange has removed the common stock (no par) from unlisted trading privileges.—V. 137, p. 3153.

Distillers Corp.—Seagrams, Ltd. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Years Ended July 31—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Profits for year—	\$1,266,615	\$1,529,463	\$2,767,596	\$3,819,349
Interest on special loans & advances—	235,240	310,400	302,397	236,305
Depreciation—	201,068	209,025	199,447	178,452
Profits for year before income tax—	\$830,305	\$1,010,038	\$2,265,752	\$3,404,592
Dividends—	—	(25c)375,001	(50c)1,500,006	(50c)1,500,006
Balance, surplus—	\$830,305	\$635,037	\$765,746	\$1,904,586

Quarterly Earnings.—For income statement for 3 months ended Oct. 31 1933 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Consolidated Balance Sheet July 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Plant, equip., gd-will, tr. mks. & blends—	14,898,821	14,893,918	Capital stock—	15,000,000	15,000,000
Whisky & spirits at cost, raw mats., barrels, kegs & supplies at cost—	9,736,264	9,949,040	Accts. pay. & accr. liabilities—	1,380,351	445,274
Investments—	93,945	65,086	Special loans—	3,000,000	4,064,193
Accts. receivable—	840,953	856,755	Deprec. reserves—	1,288,016	1,088,302
Cash—	128,008	112,151	Conting. reserves—	149,099	92,993
Prep. ins. & other deferred assets—	56,886	43,026	Profit & loss acct.—	5,937,351	5,228,153
Total—	25,754,879	25,918,975	Total—	25,754,879	25,918,975

x Represented by 1,500,006 no par shares.—V. 138, p. 868.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—Value of Production.—

Month of January—	1934.	1933.	1932.
Output (value of)—	\$382,497	\$364,879	\$319,736

—V. 138, p. 868, 331.

Dominion Stores, Ltd.—January Sales.—

Four Weeks Ended—	Jan. 27 '34.	Jan. 28 '33.	Jan. 30 '32.
Sales—	\$1,373,111	\$1,398,267	\$1,749,431

—V. 138, p. 331.

Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc.—Unfilled Orders Increase.—

As of—	Nov. 30 '33.	Aug. 31 '33.
Unfilled orders—	\$5,900,000	\$2,794,400

—V. 137, p. 2813.

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—To Modify Stock Bonus Plan.—

The stockholders will be asked at their annual meeting on March 12 to ratify the action of the directors in approving a new form of bonus plan and a new form of executives' stock-purchase and merit-bonus plan, according to a letter sent to them by Lamont du Pont, President. They will be asked also to approve all acts of officers and directors in connection with the administration of these bonus plans in the past.

"Over recent years," Mr. du Pont said, "some doubts have been raised in the minds of the public as to the desirability of plans involving bonuses to corporate employees. The du Pont company has employed such plans for nearly 30 years, and after this experience is as much convinced as ever regarding the virtue of these plans. It is still quite definitely of the opinion that the policy of rewarding especially meritorious services by some extra form of compensation, particularly in a form which involves stock ownership in the company, has been and still is one of the strongest elements in the success of the company."

Mr. du Pont revealed that the average annual bonus payments by the company, under all plans, was \$1,819,720 in the period from 1927 to 1932, inclusive. The following table shows bonus payments in this period:

Year—	Total Bonuses All Plans.	x Net Income.	P. C. of Total Bonuses to Net Income.
1927—	\$1,283,586	\$18,376,804	6.98
1928—	2,405,110	28,657,922	8.39
1929—	4,098,120	39,409,091	10.39
1930—	1,694,040	24,792,169	6.83
1931—	1,322,309	24,641,822	5.36
1932—	115,155	13,920,077	.82
Average—	1,819,720	24,966,314	7.29

x Exclusive of General Motors, but before deducting total bonuses. The company's by-laws dealing with bonus payments has been amended as follows, subject to the stockholders' approval:

Section 9. Bonus Plans.—The directors shall have power from time to time to authorize, continue, alter, amend or discontinue a bonus or profit-sharing plan or plans for granting special compensation to those of the company's employees, including employees who are also directors, who in the judgment of the directors have contributed in an unusual degree to the success of the company by their inventions, ability, industry or loyalty; provided, however, that no employee, who is also a director, shall receive a bonus unless the same is recommended by the President and the recommendation is approved by a committee of at least four directors not receiving bonuses that year.

"The directors," Mr. du Pont said, "further authorized the officers to modify the procedure under the bonus plan with respect to bonus awards granted during the current year. This modification was considered advisable because of the view expressed by the Federal Trade Commission that the investment of bonus awards in stock under the plan would subject your company to the requirements of the present provisions of the Federal Securities Act of 1933. Believing that the latter course with its attendant burdens and risks would not be justified at this time, the directors have authorized the officers temporarily so to modify the administrative procedure under the plan as to avoid this complication. The expense to your company under this modified procedure will not exceed the cost to your company of the stock and dividends that would otherwise be delivered under the plan. It is regretted that it becomes necessary temporarily to sacrifice one of the most valuable features of the plan."

Under the bonus plans, two classes of awards are permitted. Class A awards, which are made irrespective of the company's earnings, are granted for conspicuous service of any nature, such as inventions or special accomplishments by employees. Class B awards, which are made to employees who have contributed in a general way to the company's success, through loyalty and efficiency, are financed out of a fund which may represent an annual amount not exceeding 7½% of the surplus net receipts above 6% of the capital employed by the company, excluding assets which are primarily investments.

Under the executives' stock-purchase and merit-bonus plan, men in managerial posts are rewarded through similar distributions based on surplus net receipts each year.—V. 138, p. 856.

Eastern Shares Corp.—Earnings.

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1933.

Interest received on bonds, \$8,004; other interest received, \$244; dividends received and receivable, \$34,004; miscellaneous income, \$100; total income	\$42,353
Operating expenses, \$17,719; interest paid, \$978; Federal and franchise taxes, \$6,815	25,511

Balance of income (without giving effect to net losses on security transactions)	\$16,841
Undistributed income as at Dec. 31 1932 (accumulated since Jan. 1 1932)	31,156

Total surplus	\$47,998
Dividend paid on preferred stock	20,101

Undistributed income as at Dec. 31 1933	\$27,897
Note.—Unrealized depreciation of securities owned, based on market quotations, has decreased during the year by \$1,600,481.	

Statement of Capital Surplus as at Dec. 31 1933.

Balance as at Dec. 31 1932	\$2,778,632
Net loss on sales of securities during the year	1,245,451
Excess of cost over par value of 5,392 shares of own \$3 conv. pref. stock purchased during the year	93,210

Capital surplus as at Dec. 31 1933 (before providing for depreciation in securities)	\$1,439,970
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Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in banks	\$37,019	Accounts payable & accr. exp.	\$466
Securities owned	1,352,925	Res. for Fed. & franchise taxes	5,574
Accounts receivable	26,117	\$3 conv. pref. stock (\$1 par)	35,984
Dividends receivable	1,239	Common stock (\$1 par)	169,858
Furniture and fixtures	494	Purchase warrants	b1
Deferred charges	59	Capital & Earned Surplus	1,205,971
Total	\$1,417,854	Total	\$1,417,854

a After deducting \$261,897 unrealized depreciation in securities owned.
 b There are 99,076 warrants outstanding entitling holders to purchase a share of common stock at any time at \$10 per share.
 Note.—Cumulative dividends in arrears on the \$3 preferred stock at Jan. 1 1934 amount to \$224,900.—V. 137, p. 4535.

Eastman Kodak Co.—Granted Court Review in Camera

Infringement Case.—The U. S. Supreme Court has granted the company a review of the lower Court decision holding Charles B. Gray had a recoverable claim for patent infringement against the company. The claim involved "a flexible power transmitting mechanism particularly intended for use as a table release, a well known device for actuating the shutter of a photographic camera." Gray patented the device in 1919.—V. 138, p. 510.

Eaton Mfg. Co.—Acquires Plant.

The company has exercised its option to purchase from the receiver for cash the former plant of the Alloy Spring & Bumper Co. at Jackson, Mich. The plant was rented several months ago by the Eaton company. The plant comprises 102,000 square feet of floor space and there are 32 acres of ground. The Eaton company will manufacture bumpers at the plant and employ around 200 men.—V. 138, p. 689, 331.

Equity Corp.—Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1933.

David M. Milton in his remarks to stockholders states in substance: *Accomplishments.*—The year ended Dec. 31 1933 was a year of distinct accomplishment for the corporation. Its activities were largely confined to four fields:

(1) Corporation substantially increased its holdings of stocks of the various controlled investment companies. Of these Eastern Shares Corp. (a majority of whose stock was acquired during the fourth quarter of the year) reported net assets of \$1,411,814 as of Dec. 31 1933. The program of acquiring stock of controlled companies through exchange or otherwise has been carried forward vigorously with a view to hastening the consolidation of these companies and ultimately simplifying the corporate structure of the Equity group by combining the controlled assets.

(2) Corporation, through its controlled investment companies, acquired a substantial interest in United Founders Corp.

(3) Corporation, together with its controlled investment companies, formed General American Life Insurance Co., which has acquired the assets of Missouri State Life Insurance Co., one of the largest life insurance organizations in the Middle West, under an agreement entered into with the Superintendent of Insurance of Missouri dated Sept. 7 1933.

(4) In keeping with the present-day trend of divorcing security distributing organizations from investment organizations, the interest of corporation in Distributors Group, Inc., has been eliminated through the sale by its controlled companies (Interstate Equities Corp. and Allied General Corp.) of their stockholders in Distributors Group, Inc.

Simplification of Corporate Structure.—In March 1933 corporation inaugurated its program of acquiring the securities of other companies through exchange or otherwise. The success which has attended this program is indicated as follows:

Per Cent of Stock of Controlled Companies Owned or Controlled by Equity Corp., Directly or Indirectly.

	Dec. 31 1932.	Dec. 31 1933.
Yosemite Holding Corp.—\$3.50 cum. pref. stk.	None	92.61%
Common stock	50.69%	96.34
Warrants	None	68.57
Chain & General Equities, Inc.—		
6½% cumulative preferred	None	83.93
Common stock	51.76	73.84
Interstate Equities Corp.—\$3 cum. pref. stk.	4.38	47.80
Common stock	57.41	75.29
Allied General Corp.—\$3 conv. pref. stock	60.81	91.67
Class A stock	54.22	89.64
Common stock	50.78	86.34
Warrants	15.86	46.01
Eastern Shares Corp.—\$3 conv. pref. stock	None	89.91
Common stock	14.79	98.66
Warrants	None	43.46

In order further to simplify the corporate relationships within the controlled group of investment companies and to eliminate needless corporate organizations and the attendant expense of maintaining them, steps have been taken by the management to wind up the affairs of Yosemite Holding Corp. and Eastern Shares Corp. The effect of the elimination of these two companies, which is expected to be completed during February of this year, will be to place a substantial amount of liquid assets in the Equity Corp.'s own portfolio after giving effect to the liquidation of the bank loans and the accounts payable shown in the balance sheet.

Further simplification of the corporate structure of the Equity Group is expected to be effected by the consolidation of American Colony Insurance Co., American Merchant Marine Insurance Co. and Colonial States Fire Insurance Co., all controlled by Interstate Equities Corp. The combined statement of assets and liabilities of these three fire insurance companies as of Dec. 31 1933 showed a total excess of assets over liabilities amounting to \$1,177,219.

The progress that has been made by the Equity Corp. during the year is indicated in the following table:

	Dec. 31 '32.	Dec. 31 '33.
Assets of Equity Corp. (parent company basis) based on net asset value of stocks of controlled companies held directly	\$311,926	\$5,068,468
Excess of combined assets over combined liabilities (including controlled companies)	5,932,234	7,717,527
Total assets of controlled and associated companies	6,225,790	a50,000,000
Asset value of Equity Corp. common stock	None	15c.
Assets per share of Equity Corp. \$3 conv. pref. stock (pref. in liquidation to \$50 per share and accumulated dividends)	\$45.92	\$56.93
No. of shares of Equity Corp. stock issued or to be issued—\$3 convertible pref. stock	None	77,008,325
Common stock	1,700,000	3,000,000

a Approximate. Does not include the assets of General American Life Insurance Co., but includes assets of United Founders Corp. of Dec. 31 1933 there were 7,476 registered holders of corporation's stock.

General American Life Insurance Co.—General American Life Insurance Co. assumed control of the assets of Missouri State Life Insurance Co. as of Sept. 8 1933, according to the terms of the purchase agreement approved by the Judge of the Circuit Court of the city of St. Louis, Mo. On this same date General American Life Insurance Co. began writing life, group and accident insurance business on its own account.

At the close of business on Dec. 31 1933 the management of the General American Life Insurance Co. reported satisfactory results in the conservation of the life, group and accident insurance formerly carried by Missouri State Life Insurance Co. On Dec. 31 1933 total business in force, including group, was \$816,080,000 as compared with \$890,363,000 on Sept. 1 1933.

General American Life Insurance Co. is now licensed to operate in the District of Columbia, the Territory of Hawaii and in 17 States.

The following is of interest: (a) During the four months' period ended Dec. 31 1933 \$1,758,421 was paid to reduce the indebtedness to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and banks, obligations of the old Missouri State Life Insurance Co., assumed by the company under the terms of the purchase agreement.

(b) Cash balances have increased from \$600,000 on Aug. 28 1933 to \$2,832,802 on Dec. 31 1933.

(c) From Sept. 8 to and incl. Dec. 31 1933 4,181 people have been benefited by a distribution of \$3,509,734 on account of policy claims by the General American Life Insurance Co.

Distributors Group, Inc.—The sale, involving approximately 44% of the outstanding capital stock of Distributors Group, completes the program of divorcing this previously affiliated company, which is engaged in the business of distributing and selling securities from the Equity Group, whose primary activity is the administration of investment funds (see also V. 138, p. 885).

1934 Program.—During the current year the management plans to pursue its program of exchange and expansion with due regard to the fact that simplification of the structure of the Equity Group is of paramount importance.

In order to facilitate this program of the corporation for the year 1934, the directors have approved an increase in the authorized capital stock of the corporation and have called a special meeting of the stockholders to be held on Feb. 14 1934 for the purpose of voting on a proposed amendment to the certificate of incorporation. The primary purpose of this amendment is to increase the number of shares that may be issued by the corporation to 500,000 shares of pref. stock and 10,000,000 shares of common stock. The 500,000 shares of pref. stock are to be issuable in series; the first series thereof is to include 150,000 shares of \$3 conv. pref. stock, of which the \$3 conv. pref. stock now outstanding is to be a part. The designations, privileges and preferences as to other series may, subject to certain restrictions, be determined by the board. The present authorized capitalization consists of 150,000 shares of \$3 conv. pref. stock and 4,500,000 shares of common stock, of which 1,500,000 shares are reserved for conversion of the pref. stock.

Income Statement Year Ended Dec. 31 1933.

Income—Interest earned	\$104
Expenses	50,869
Excess of expenses over income	\$50,765
Loss on sale of securities	58
Net loss	\$50,824

Statement of Capital Surplus from Inception, Dec. 7 1932 to Dec. 31 1933.

Credit arising from (1) exchange of Equity Corp. capital stocks for the capital stocks and (or) warrants of companies controlled as of Dec. 31 1933, (2) cash sales of common stock and (3) donations of stock	\$6,530,941
Organization expenses of Equity Corp.	35,983
Net loss from operations:	
Period from Dec. 7 to 31 1932	107
Year ended Dec. 31 1933	50,824
Amount required to reduce investments in securities of controlled companies from book values to net asset values	2,436,578
Balance	\$4,007,449

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933 (Equity Corp. Only).

Assets—	
Cash in banks and on hand	\$37,496
Accounts receivable	5,214
Participation in United Founders Corp. syndicate at cost	260,000
Invest. in securities of controlled companies, at net asset values applicable thereto (partly pledged to secure loans, per contra)	4,764,917
Furniture and fixtures, less reserve of \$593	751
Deferred charges	88
Total	\$5,068,469

Liabilities—	
Bank loans payable (secured by capital stocks of two controlled companies having an aggregate net asset value on the basis stated per contra, of \$2,180,848)	\$ 600,000
Accounts payable—Controlled companies for security transac'ns	12,477
Allied Distributors, Inc.—Commissions	38,692
Securities purchased	9,442
Distributors Group, Inc.	1,052
Others	13,291
Accrued expenses	5,948
Reserve for Federal and franchise taxes	3,110
\$3 conv. pref. stock (\$1 par)—Issued 72,348 shares	72,348
To be issued in exchange for stock of controlled companies included in the assets—4,660,325 shares	4,660
Common stock (10c. par)—Issued 2,973,481 shares	297,348
To be issued in exchange for stocks of controlled companies included in the assets—26,519 shares	2,652
Capital surplus	4,007,449
Total	\$5,068,469

a Combined Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at Dec. 31 1933.

Assets—	
Cash in banks and on hand	\$178,289
Marketable securities owned—Bonds	165,921
Stocks	3,948,344
Miscellaneous	132,783

Invest. in stocks of associated companies, &c., at cost—	
Capital stocks of insurance companies representing control—	903,023
Interest in German American Life Insurance Co.—	
Held through syndicate	1,750,000
Held directly	190,000
Interest in securities of United Founders Corp. and subsidiaries held through syndicate (General Equities, Inc.)—	973,756
Silver (net)	76,856
Dividends receivable and interest accrued	6,926
Accounts receivable—For securities sold, regular deliv. Jan. 2 '34	64,303
For 139,550 shares of Distributors Group, Inc., capital stock sold, payment due on delivery	279,102
Other receivables	211,970
Other assets	41,694
Total	\$8,922,967
a The Equity Corp. and the following controlled companies: Yosemite Holding Corp., Chain & General Equities, Inc., Interstate Equities Corp., Allied General Corp. and Eastern Shares Corp.	
Liabilities	
Loans payable of controlled companies (secured)	\$430,648
Loans payable of Equity Corp. (secured)	600,000
Accounts payable, &c.—For securities purchased	33,034
Other payables	84,002
Accrued expenses	11,021
Reserve for Federal and franchise taxes	15,233
Reserve for contingencies	31,500
b Excess of assets over liabilities	7,717,527
Total	\$8,922,967

b Capital stocks outstanding in hand of public to which the foregoing \$7,717,527 is applicable (subject to hypothecation of securities against loans) on the basis of net asset values (intercompany holdings eliminated):				
	—Asset Value—	Per	Shares Outstand'g	in Hands of
	Amount.	Share.	Shares.	Public.
Yosemite Holding Corp.—				
\$3.50 cum. pref. stock (no par) entitled in liquidation to \$51 per share and divs. (divs. in arrears at Jan. 1 1934, \$3.50 per share)	\$231.83	\$.43	531.25	7.39
Common stock	None		23,655.8	3.66
Warrants (each warrant entitling holder to purchase 1 com. sh. at \$7 to Dec. 1 1934 and at \$10 from that date to Dec. 1 1939)	None		6,917.75	31.43
Chain & General Equities, Inc.—				
6½% cum. pref. stock (\$100 par) entitled in involuntary liquidation to \$100 per sh. and in voluntary liquidation to \$115 per sh. and divs. in each case (divs. in arrears at Nov. 1 1933, \$17.12½ per sh)	\$173,342.81	\$67.18	2,580	16.07
Common stock	None		164,104	26.16
Interstate Equities Corp.—				
\$3 cum. pref. stock, series A (\$50 par), entitled in liquidation to \$50 per sh. and divs. (divs. in arrears at Nov. 1 1933, \$6.75 per sh.)	\$2,979,987.79	\$41.02	72,647	52.20
Common stock	None		308,847	24.71
Allied General Corp.—				
\$3 conv. pref. stock (no par), entitled in liquidation to \$50 per sh. and divs. (divs. in arrears at Dec. 31 1933, \$7.50 per sh)	\$37,087.19	\$16.18	2,291	8.33
Class A stock	None		3,810	10.36
Common stock	None		33,606	13.66
Warrants (each 2 warrants entitling holder to purchase 1 com. share on or before Dec. 31 1935 at \$1 per share)	None		50,028	53.99
Eastern Shares Corp.—				
\$3 conv. pref. stock (\$1 par), entitled upon red. or voluntary liquidation to \$5 per sh. and upon involuntary liquidation to \$50 per sh. and divs. in each case (divs. in arrears at Jan. 1 1934, \$6.25 per share)	\$142,420.60	\$39.23	3,630	10.09
Common stock	None		2,280	1.34
Warrants (each warrant entitling holder to purchase a sh. of common stock at \$10 per share at any time)	None		56,016	56.54
Capital stocks of Equity Corp. (incl. shares to be issued in exchange for shares of the five other companies deposited or contracted for prior to Dec. 31 1933), to which \$4,384,457 is applicable, as follows:				
\$3 conv. pref. stock (\$1 par), entitled in liquidation to \$50 per sh. (accumulated divs. in arrears as at Dec. 1 1933 on 15,122 shs. at \$2.25 per sh. on 22,436 shs. at \$1.50 per sh. and on 2,043 shs. at 75c. per sh.)	\$3,919,627.00		77,008,325	
Common stock (10c. par value)	464,830.18		3,000,000	

—V. 138, p. 868.

Empire Steel Corp.—May Sell Falcon Plant.—W. Manning Kerr, President of the Ohio Corrugating Co. of Warren, O., on Feb. 2, announced that this company was negotiating to purchase the Falcon Steel Co.'s plant at Niles, O., now owned by the Empire Steel Corp. of Mansfield, O. When it was closed three years ago the Falcon plant employed 1,200 men, a Youngstown dispatch states.—V. 137, p. 3333.

Emporium Capwell Corp.—Retiring Bonds.—The corporation retired \$243,000 par value of its 15-year 5½% conv. bonds during January, thereby reducing the par value of the outstanding bonds, from \$6,130,000 to \$5,887,000. Pursuant to the retirement of the bonds the number of shares unissued but reserved for conversion of the bonds was reduced to 130,823 from 136,223. The bonds are convertible into stock on the basis of \$45 a share. The capitalization now consists of 412,853 shares of no par capital stock issued and outstanding, 7,147 shares issued but held in the company treasury and 130,823 shares unissued, but reserved for the conversion of the \$5,887,000 par value of bonds now outstanding.—V. 137, p. 3846.

Equity Fund, Inc.—Smaller Distribution.—The directors have declared a dividend of five cents per share on the capital stock, par 20 cents, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1. Distributions of 10 cents per share were made on June 15 and Sept. 15 last.—V. 137, p. 4703.

Fidel Association of New York, Inc.—Consolidated Report.—See Fidelity Investment Association below.—V. 137, p. 3846.

Fidelity Investment Association.—Consolidation Report.—The consolidated report for 1933 of the Fidelity Investment Association and the Fidel Association of New York reveals that at the close of the year the assets of the associations were \$24,285,057. During the year there was \$4,234,354 paid to contract holders and it is computed that during the 23 years of the Fidelity Association's existence more than \$30,000,000 has been paid, it was announced.

The statement of assets shows that the Associations hold \$16,625,702 of bonds, the largest bond portfolio in their history and \$3,316,028 higher than at the close of 1929. Total securities at the close of 1933 were \$18,160,177, a gain of \$1,558,349 over 1932 and represented entirely by additional bonds.

In his letter to the board of directors, President Howard Southerland, former Allen Property Custodian, writes: "It was necessary during the peak of the depression to maintain a strong cash position and this was done, but since the emergency demand has now passed, it is neither necessary nor desirable to maintain a large cash balance. It is better to keep these funds invested. Therefore, the item of cash in bank of \$562,995 is somewhat less than at the close of 1932. As a precautionary measure, however, the Association has at all times maintained a considerable investment in Government and municipal bonds so that our cash position could be increased, as and when needed, upon short notice. Reflecting improved business conditions, the demands for cash have de-

creased since early 1933 and have shown a very marked decrease in recent months. "The Associations have always operated with an extremely low overhead, and during the year just closed we have succeeded in developing further economies without, in any way, affecting our efficiency of operation."—V. 137, p. 4535.

59th Street & Madison Avenue Office Building, N. Y. City.—Report to Depositors.

The Real Estate Bondholders Protective Committee (George E. Roosevelt, Chairman) in a circular letter dated Feb. 6 to depositors of leasehold mortgage 6½% sinking fund gold bond certificates states: "The following figures, based on statements furnished the committee by the managing agent, indicate operating results on a cash basis for the years ended Dec. 31 1932 and 1933.

	1932.	1933.
Cash on hand at beginning of period	\$38,216	\$20,534
Cash receipts	348,132	360,821
	\$386,348	\$381,356
Operating disbursements	134,841	110,835
	\$251,506	\$270,520
Ground rent	120,136	103,074
Insurance	4,281	8,024
* Taxes and penalties paid during period	106,554	157,378

Cash on hand at end of period \$20,534
* Taxes levied for year 1932, \$174,200; for year 1933, \$145,800.

The committee is informed that in August 1931, prior to this committee's call for the deposit of bonds, it was necessary to raise approximately \$155,700 to pay real estate taxes in arrears and as a condition to the granting of a postponement of a portion of the ground rent by the owners of the fee. Certain of the depositing bondholders subscribed approximately \$123,600 and the balance was subscribed by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc. The trustee issued to the subscribers prior lien participating certificates, which constitute a lien on the leasehold prior to the lien of the bonds. Such certificates must be repaid with interest at the rate of 6% per annum before any payment may be made with respect to the bonds.

The postponed ground rent referred to provides that \$100,000 per year of the ground rent of \$220,000 per year is postponed for a three year period beginning Sept. 1 1931. The postponed rent, which will aggregate \$300,000, must be made up, over a four year period beginning Sept. 1 1937 in addition to the rent provided for in the lease (\$220,000), which again becomes payable beginning Sept. 1 1934.

It therefore appears that in addition to any tax arrearages and interest penalties or other charges which may have accumulated, there will be on Sept. 1 1934, prior charges in the amount of approximately \$455,700 (postponed rent \$300,000 and prior lien certificates approximately \$155,700) exclusive of accrued interest, which must be paid before any payments may be made with respect to the bonds.

According to the summary statements of operations above given, it is apparent that the property is falling to earn enough to meet current taxes and ground rent at the present reduced rate. Further, the managing agent reports that there are in arrears, exclusive of accrued interest penalties, real estate taxes for the year 1933, in the amount of \$145,800. It is obvious from the foregoing that a reorganization under present conditions is impossible.

The committee's main purpose at present is to keep the ground lease alive, with the hope that if it is successful, future business conditions will improve sufficiently to put the property on an earning basis which will permit the paying off of prior obligations. Whether or not this will be possible is extremely uncertain but if it is possible to maintain the bondholders' position it will require a great many years, if ever, before obligations prior in right of payment to the bonds can be paid in full and before there can be any income from the property available for bondholders.—V. 129, p. 483.

Finance Co. of America at Baltimore.—Earnings.

	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Calendar Years—				
Prurchases	\$13,906,581	\$14,780,614	\$16,838,737	\$20,622,401
x Gruchs inc. less charge-outs	\$295,679	\$307,326	\$476,820	\$578,396
Operating expenses	116,494	142,566	172,038	198,327
Interest	76,337	89,568	151,369	184,477
Federal income taxes	—	9,090	17,111	5,678
Net inc. avail. for divs	\$102,848	\$66,103	\$136,301	\$189,913
Preferred dividends	16,966	22,523	19,269	14,088
Common dividends	37,500	68,500	113,250	100,000
Added to surplus	\$48,382	def\$24,920	\$3,782	\$75,826
Common equity beginning of period	1,319,580	1,375,517	1,501,960	1,430,944
Net loss applic. to prior years—Dr	17,171	—	—	—
Deprec. of securities	Dr\$5,311	Dr\$31,600	Dr\$129,835	—
Additions to surplus	Cr\$9,545	Cr\$53	Dr\$390	Dr\$4,810
Common equity—end of period	\$1,305,024	\$1,319,581	\$1,375,517	\$1,501,960
x Includes dividends on company's own stock.				

	1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Cash on hand and on deposit	\$361,785	\$415,932	Coll. trust notes	\$736,000
a Open accts. rec. (quar.)	1,178,485	1,223,234	Accrued interest	5,386
b Sec. & unsecured notes receivable	525,618	666,418	7% pref. divs.	6,841
c Instalment liens	7,813	24,952	Common divs.	3,194
d Industrial liens	419,228	316,337	Fed. income taxes	2,478
Sundry accts. rec.	38,125	26,067	Common divs.	12,500
Marketable sec.	130,959	210,896	Sund. income taxes	10,689
Cash surr. value	—	—	Fed. accts. pay.	24,168
life insurance	4,115	—	Funded debt	331,500
U. S. Govt. bonds	—	99,120	Reserves	28,206
Treasury stock	42,175	48,570	7% pref. stock	175,000
Sundry securities	—	1,000	7% pref. stk. cl. A	155,840
Furniture & equip.	1	1	e Common stock	1,001,367
Due purch. of co's stock	42,531	48,443	Earned surplus	303,657
Prepaid & unamort. disc. & insurance	10,290	17,611		
Total	\$2,761,127	\$3,098,581	Total	\$2,761,127

a After deducting reserve due customers as and when accounts are paid of \$594,500 (\$887,634 in 1932) and reserves for doubtful accounts of \$34,330 (\$31,841 in 1932). b After deducting reserves for doubtful accounts of \$43,030 (\$37,381 in 1932). c After deducting contingent reserve and reserve for doubtful accounts of \$8,376 (\$10,797 in 1932). d After deducting reserve due customers of \$143,173 (\$92,718 in 1932) and reserves for doubtful accounts of \$1,587 (\$3,957 in 1932). e Represented by 75,000 shares of no par value class A stock and 50,000 shares no par value class B stock.—V. 137, p. 4535.

Fire Association of Philadelphia.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

	1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Real estate	\$ 357,463	\$ 282,399	Premium reserve	\$ 8,187,906
Mortgage loans	2,326,508	2,674,801	Res. for conting.	4,474,887
Bonds & stocks (market)	11,455,677	15,400,562	Losses in process of adjustment	1,288,681
Cash	1,250,624	1,288,862	Reserve for taxes, comm. & other	—
Prem. and reins. in course of collection	1,138,730	1,126,673	Liabilities	581,595
Other assets	346,380	346,644	Capital stock	2,000,000
			Surplus	4,817,199
Total	16,875,382	21,119,939	Total	16,875,382

—V. 137, p. 2814.

First Chold Corp.—Larger Distribution Declared.

The directors Feb. 3, declared a special div. of \$2.20 per share on the no par capital stock, payable Feb. 19 to holders of record Feb. 13. This compares with a dividend of \$2.20 per share paid on Nov. 18 last, which, after deducting the 5% Federal tax in effect at that time, resulted in a net distribution of \$2.15 per share. Distributions of \$2 per share were made on May 18 and Aug. 18 last.

Earnings.—For income statement for month of January 1933 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Jan. 31 '34.	Dec. 31 '32.	Jan. 31 '34.	Dec. 31 '32.
Cash.....	\$423,992	\$462,412	
Speculative long-positions at market.....		3,302	
Investments, long-positions at market.....	262,135	33,208	
Total.....	\$686,127	\$498,923	
a 4,554 no par shares.		b 3,842 no par shares.	
c Includes unrealized profit of \$2,110.			

Note.—In addition to stocks long above (in 1934) the corporation purchased 3,000 shares of stock for \$118,950 on Jan. 30 1934 for delivery Feb. 2 1934. The market price, at the close of Jan. 31 1934, was \$1,920 less than cost.

Liquidation value of outstanding shares considering all unrealized profits and losses was \$145.82.—V. 138, p. 869.

(M. H.) Fishman Co., Inc.—January Sales Up.

Month of January—	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
Sales.....	\$154,807	\$101,306	\$115,208	\$96,092

—V. 138, p. 332.

Fitz Simmons & Connell Dredge & Dock Co. (& Subs.).

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
x Net income.....	loss\$135,985	loss\$152,216	\$170,166	\$138,699
Preferred dividends.....			4,240	4,240
Common dividends.....	38,753	93,347	128,592	120,765
Common divs. (stock).....				31,386
Deficit.....	\$174,738	\$245,563	sur\$41,574	\$17,692
y Shs. common stock outstanding (no par).....	66,821	66,821	66,821	66,664
Earnings per share.....	Nil	Nil	\$2.54	\$2.06

x After charging all administrative and operating expenses, including depreciation (amounting to \$116,732 in 1933 and \$101,550 in 1932) and Federal taxes in 1931, and 1930. y Includes treasury stock.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1933.	1932.	1933.	* 1932.
y Land, plant, & equip, docks, &c.....	\$1,286,497	\$1,340,635	
Cash.....	144,651	140,047	
Marketable secur.....	73,998	71,099	
Notes & accts. rec.....	64,820	192,316	
Cash val. life ins.....	30,576	38,571	
Inventories.....	55,838	61,673	
Investments.....	30,000	30,000	
z Treasury stock.....	73,027	70,470	
Officers & employ. notes & accts. rec.....	5,434		
Long-term secur.....	15,440	22,440	
Long-term notes receivable.....	8,856	9,302	
Deferred charges.....	7,457	6,233	
Total.....	\$1,796,596	\$1,982,787	
x Common stock.....		\$1,259,105	\$1,259,105
Accts. payable, &c.....			
Incl. prov. for Fed. inc. taxes.....		22,450	28,973
Accrued insur. & taxes.....		33,800	26,825
Other accrued liab.....		6,297	8,598
Res. for conting.....		25,000	25,000
Operating reserves.....		138,945	138,945
Deferred income.....			9,603
Surplus.....		a\$10,998	485,737
Total.....		\$1,796,596	\$1,982,787

a Of the earned surplus \$73,028 is represented by 5,000 shares of treasury stock and this amount therefore is not available for dividends, for the purchase of company's shares. x Represented by 66,821 no par shares, including treasury stock. y After depreciation of \$728,607 in 1933 and \$629,677 in 1932. z Represented by 5,000 shares in 1933 and 4,698 in 1932.

Removed from New York Curb List.

The New York Curb Exchange has removed the capital stock (no par) from unlisted trading privileges.—V. 136, p. 3354.

Foreign Bond Associates, Inc.—Foreign Bonds Rise 13.9% During January.

The market performance of representative foreign Government and corporate issues was one of the features of the substantial rise of security markets during the month of January, according to Foreign Bond Associates, whose index of 50 representative foreign bonds rose during January from 51.80 to 59.02, or 13.9%. Latin American bonds, included in the index, appreciated 20.4% during January and European bonds 13.9%. Asiatic bonds showed a gain of 4.6%.

Much of this rise, President Robert S. Byfield says, can be accounted for by increased speculative interest in foreign bonds on the part of American investors and also by continued repatriation of foreign bonds on the part of foreign nationals.

The index of Foreign Bond Associates is compiled on a monthly basis. It consists of 16 Latin American bonds, 30 European bonds and 4 bonds representing Asia and Australia. The selection of bonds in the index has been based on the total amount of foreign dollar bonds of each individual country outstanding.—V. 138, p. 869, 332.

Fuller Cleaning & Dyeing Co.—Readjustment Plan.

The company is mailing to all holders of its \$278,000 1st mtge. real estate 6% serial gold bonds a readjustment plan with respect to this funded debt. In this connection the company points out that the plan was made necessary by the adverse effect of the long-continued depression in general business conditions upon the operations of the company. This situation culminated in the default of principal and interest on the bonds, due Oct. 1 1933.

The plan in brief provides for the extension of the maturity of each first mortgage bond for five years, with interest payable only as earned, but any difference between interest paid and the original 6% rate will be cumulative and payable at the maturity of the bond. If in any year 7% is earned on the outstanding bonds, such 7% will be paid, but this extra 1% will be not cumulative.

There is also provided a sinking fund for the retirement of the bonds consisting of all net earnings not required for the payment of interest. The plan also provides that no dividend will be paid on any class of stock until all accrued interest has been paid and until the deposited bonds have been retired.

The company has made arrangements with Otis & Co. for their cooperation in the consummation of the plan which may be declared effective when not less than 75% in principal amount of the bonds shall have been deposited.

Holders of the bonds are urged to deposit them with Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland. The bonds mature serially each Oct. 1 as follows: \$16,000 1933; \$18,000, 1935; \$20,000, 1936; \$20,000, 1937; 1938 and 1939; \$25,000, 1940, and \$125,000, 1941.

Statement of Income 6 Months Ended June 30 1933.

Net sales.....	\$168,778
Cost of sales.....	122,622
Selling and administrative expenses.....	49,495
Other charges (net).....	12,761
Interest on bonds.....	8,340
Depreciation, amortization of bond discount and expense.....	14,638
Net loss.....	\$39,078
Surplus at beginning of the period.....	4,883
Deficit at end of the period.....	\$34,194

Balance Sheet June 30 1933.

[Giving effect as of that date to the adjustment of book values of property to sound values.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash, current funds.....	\$4,031	Notes pay. to bank (unsecured).....	\$5,000
Cash with trustee.....	3,088	Accounts payable.....	51,093
Accounts receivable.....	59,925	Matured int. on bonds.....	6,522
Unbilled charges.....	13,296	Accrued accounts.....	24,943
Inventories.....	11,403	Notes payable to officers.....	13,179
Cash in closed banks.....	8,127	Loans from insurance cos.....	14,468
Due from subtr. to capital stk.....	6,675	1st mtge. 6% bonds.....	278,000
Investment in Fullerizing, Inc.....	3,500	Stockholders' equity, net.....	x\$390,046
Advances to Fullerizing, Inc.....	4,646		
Value of insurance.....	14,915		
Total property, sound value.....	628,664		
Deferred charges.....	24,981		
Total.....	\$783,252	Total.....	\$783,251

x Arrived at as follows: Capital stock (authorized, 6,000 shares no par value; outstanding, 5,300 shares), \$277,398; surplus arising from revaluation of property in accordance with appraisal, \$143,842; surplus arising from revaluation of investment in capital stock of Fullerizing, Inc., \$3,000; total, \$424,240; less deficit from operations, \$34,194.

Foster Wheeler Corp.—Large Foreign Contract.

The company's English subsidiary has obtained an order for oil refinery equipment for France to cost approximately \$1,000,000, it is reported.—V. 138, p. 690.

(H. H.) Franklin Mfg. Co.—January Business Higher.

Pres. H. H. Franklin states that January business showed an increase of 23% over December and that production schedules are being stepped up to take care of the increasing demand.

Mr. Franklin adds that merchandise obligations are being discounted wherever possible and none is overdue.—V. 138, p. 869, 690.

Gates Circle Apartments, Buffalo, N. Y.—Deposits Urged.

The real estate bondholders protective committee (George E. Roosevelt, Chairman), in a letter dated Jan. 31, to the holders of 1st mtge. fee 6% serial gold bond certificates, urging them to deposit their securities states that it is expected that the successor trustee in the near future will institute proceedings to foreclose the mortgage under which these bond certificates were issued.

The issue originally outstanding in the amount of \$425,000 has been reduced by amortization to \$345,000. The bond certificates are secured by the Gates Circle Apartments property, Buffalo, N. Y. The building is five stories in height, is of fireproof construction and is served by two elevators. It contains 76 apartments divided into units of one, two, three and four rooms. The building also contains a commissary, beauty parlor and tailor shop.

All real estate taxes have been paid with the exception of a portion of the real estate taxes for the year 1932 in the amount of \$2,500, exclusive of penalties. Defaults have occurred in the payment of the coupons which fell due on Feb. 1 and Aug. 1 1933, and in the payment of the various monthly instalments required to be paid on account of the coupons which will fall due on Feb. 1 1934. Defaults have also occurred in the payment of bond certificates which matured on Aug. 1 1933, and in the payment of the various monthly instalments required, under the terms of the mtge. to be made on Aug. 1 1934. These past due payments of interest and principal amount to \$27,600 and \$26,000, respectively, or a total of \$53,600.

Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., Buffalo, N. Y., successor trustee, is in possession of the property and is operating it for the benefit of the holders of the bond certificates. Gross collections for the calendar year 1933 were \$38,162 operating expenses, including insurance, \$23,777 and real estate taxes \$9,813, leaving a net income of \$4,572 before interest, principal or depreciation.

Bond certificate holders are urged to deposit their certificates at once with the depository of the committee, Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 70 Broadway, New York, N. Y.—V. 136, p. 850.

General Candy Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.
Consolidated net profits for year.....	\$74,159	\$119,356	\$72,627
Loss on sales of marketable investmts.....			18,654
Net profit.....	\$74,159	\$119,356	\$53,974
Previous earned surplus.....	193,625	146,775	161,933
Total earned surplus.....	\$267,785	\$266,131	\$215,907
Class A dividends paid (net).....	x\$3,463	53,463	66,882
Federal & N. Y. State income taxes.....		15,926	
Prior years' taxes.....		1,748	
Other taxes.....			2,249
Sundry adjustments, prior years.....	2,812	1,369	
Earned surplus, Dec. 31.....	\$211,510	\$193,625	\$146,775
Capital surplus, Dec. 31.....	326,796	348,096	366,162
Total surplus.....	\$538,305	\$541,721	\$512,937

x These dividends were paid (a) \$0.4756 directly to stockholders and (b) \$0.0244 withheld for tax on dividends.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.
Cash.....	\$111,901	\$140,367	
Marketable invest.....	175,848	249,842	
Accts. receivable.....	170,503	132,457	
Misc. rec. & adv.....	8,073	7,677	
Inventories.....	376,325	158,712	
Co's own stk (cost).....	101,998	101,998	
Prepaid expenses.....	23,343	17,499	
Deposit on lease.....	5,000	5,000	
z Mach'y, equip., furniture, &c.....	203,930	237,710	
Good-will, leases, options, &c.....	325,000	325,000	
Total.....	\$1,501,621	\$1,376,263	
Accounts payable.....		\$62,115	\$24,993
Notes payable.....		80,000	
Accts. rec., credit balance.....			5,501
Tax reserve.....		15,130	17,448
Sundry payables & deposits.....			7,700
Accruals.....		35,370	24,497
x Class A stock.....		732,500	732,500
y Class B stock.....		25,000	25,000
Capital surplus.....		326,796	348,096
Profit & loss surplus.....		211,510	193,625
Total.....		\$1,501,621	\$1,376,263

x Represented by 146,500 shares, par \$5 (of which 39,575 in treasury). y Represented by 5,000 shares, par \$5 (of which 4,112 in treasury). z After depreciation of \$565,196 in 1933 and \$527,061 in 1932.—V. 137, p. 4195.

General American Life Insurance Co., St. Louis.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in banks & on hand.....	\$2,832,801	Policy & other insur. res.....	\$123,432,967
a Bonds.....	19,019,884	Pol. claims in process of adj.....	1,862,629
a Stocks.....	3,788,823	Prem. & int. paid in adv.....	1,294,212
Collateral loans.....	1,454,326	Divs. left to accumulate & interest thereon.....	594,233
a Real est. mtge. loans.....	23,295,053	b Due RFC.....	5,445,841
Real est. sold under contract.....	1,014,312	Res. for Fed. inc., prem. & property taxes.....	1,541,733
a Real est., incl. home office building, \$950,000.....	15,652,403	Other liabilities.....	1,590,291
Int. & rents due & accrued.....	1,465,490	Divs. appor. to policyholders.....	513,658
Due & deferred premiums.....	3,459,408	Res. for reduction of policy liens.....	1,065,674
Loans to policyholders, incl. prem. notes, &c., \$643,873.....	36,193,898	Capital stock.....	500,000
Policy liens.....	30,776,908	Surplus.....	1,458,103
Other assets.....	346,063		
Total.....	\$139,299,345	Total.....	\$139,299,345

a The value as shown by the above balance sheet in respect to bonds represents the quoted market values thereof on June 30 1933. The values in respect to stocks, real estate mortgage loans and real estate are based on conservative appraisals thereof secured during the year 1933. b On Sept. 7 1933, the date on which General American Life Insurance Co. acquired the assets of Missouri State Life Insurance Co. from R. Emmet O'Malley, Superintendent of the Insurance Department of the State of Missouri, the Missouri State Life Insurance Co. owed to RFC and to

banks the aggregate sum of \$7,163,958. Since that time the sum of \$1,718,117 has been paid on this indebtedness, reducing the amount to \$5,445,841

Increase Reported in Newly Written Insurance.

Robert C. Newman, nationally-known insurance broker of St. Louis, has placed \$504,000 in newly-written business with the above company during the month of January, it was announced by President Walter W. Head.

Mr. Head also announced that the company had written during January a total of \$1,502,240 of new insurance. This is exclusive of several large policies written by the group department of the company.—V. 137, p. 2108.

General Electric Co.—Loses Light Bulb Patent Suit.

Federal Judge Paul Jones of Cleveland ruled Feb. 5 that the patent of the company on inside-frosted light bulbs is invalid because of the lack of "patentable ability." The ruling came in a suit brought by the General Electric against the Save Electric Co. of Toledo. Judge Jones overruled Percy Taylor, special master in the case, who held that the patent was valid.

The ruling is interpreted by officials of the Save Electric Co. as an end to the General Electric Co.'s control of the incandescent lamp industry of the country. Charles Owen, patent attorney for the Save Electric Co., said that virtually all other patented features of the incandescent bulb have expired.

The General Electric Co. when it sued the Toledo company filed similar actions against many other independent manufacturers and distributors. In most of these cases settlement was reached out of court, it is said.

Hubert Howson, patent attorney for the General Electric Co., said that an appeal from Judge Jones's decision would be taken to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.—V. 138, p. 690.

General Fireproofing Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Sales	\$2,848,100	\$2,600,963	\$4,548,240	\$7,635,211
Loss after Federal tax & preferred dividends	prof\$8,919	466,725	14,932	prof\$752,517
Common divs. paid	—	—	(1.50)478,655	(\$2)653,920
Deficit	sur\$8,919	\$466,725	\$493,587	sur\$98,597
Shs. com. stk. outstanding (no par)	315,200	315,200	315,100	326,960
Earned per sh. on com.	\$0.02	Nil	Nil	\$2.00

Note.—With exception of div. of \$1 per share paid in 1933 divs. are in arrears on 7% pref. stock since April 1 1932.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Land, buildings, equipment, &c.	\$2,244,419	\$2,279,473	Common stock	\$1,370,816	\$1,370,816
Cash	223,835	432,230	Preferred stock	777,700	778,300
Notes & accts. rec.	602,897	407,607	Notes & accts. pay	689,836	273,335
Inventories	1,148,114	815,130	Adv. charges and accrued accounts	58,433	77,360
Investments	131,889	133,015	Liab. insur. res. & contingencies	25,015	34,009
Value of life ins. policy	10,250	—	Surplus	1,646,797	1,742,660
Other assets	135,219	136,552			
Pats. & tr. marks	24,232	15,180			
Prepaid exp., &c.	47,743	57,280			
Total	\$4,568,598	\$4,276,481	Total	\$4,568,598	\$4,276,481

x After deducting depreciation, \$1,287,700 in 1933 (\$1,244,877 in 1932).
y Represented by 315,200 shares, no par value.—V. 137, p. 1943.

General Investors Trust.—Earnings.

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1933.	
Gross income	\$24,665
Expenses (incl. non-recurr. exp. items incident to cap. charges & Federal registration)	8,918
Net income	\$15,746
Undistributed income, beginning of period	5,291
Total surplus	\$21,037
Dividends paid	17,427
Undistributed income end of period	\$3,610

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Inv. (at mkt.)	\$348,853	\$287,516	Capital stock	b\$88,847	c\$297,653
Cash	20,147	17,540	Capital surplus	243,608	—
Acq. int. on bonds	1,227	389	Unrealized apprec.	31,994	—
			Undistrib. income	3,611	5,291
			Res. for unclaimed divs. & taxes	2,166	—
			Prov. for expenses contracted	—	2,500
Total	\$370,226	\$305,445	Total	\$370,226	\$305,445

a Cost \$316,859 in 1933 and \$274,585 in 1932. b Shares of \$1 par value.
c Represented by 78,094 no par shares.—V. 137, p. 4366.

General Mills, Inc.—New President of Subsidiary.

James F. Bell, President of General Mills, Inc., on Feb. 6 announced the election of J. S. Hargett as President of the Great West Mill & Elevator Co. at Amarillo, Texas. W. A. Barlow continues as heretofore as Vice-President and General Manager of the company. No other change in organization is contemplated.—V. 138, p. 510.

General Motors Corp.—Declares Regular Dividends.

The directors on Feb. 5 declared on the outstanding common stock par, \$10, the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share, payable March 12 1934, to holders of record Feb. 15 1934. In addition the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share was declared on the \$5 pref. stock, no par value, payable May 1 1934, to holders of record April 9 1934.

On Dec. 12 last, the corporation made an extra distribution of 25 cents per share in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of like amount on the common stock.

Sales for January Affected by Production Delays.—An official statement follows:

January sales of General Motors cars to consumers in the United States totaled 23,438. Corresponding sales in January a year ago were 50,653. Sales in December totaled 11,951.

January sales of General Motors cars to dealers in the United States totaled 46,190. Corresponding sales in January a year ago were 72,274. Sales in December totaled 11,191.

January sales of General Motors cars to dealers in the United States and Canada, together with shipments overseas, totaled 62,506. Corresponding sales in January a year ago were \$2,117. Sales in December totaled 21,295.

The decrease in January sales to consumers from a year ago does not reflect the current extent of consumer demand for automobiles. As a result of unavoidable delay in getting into production of the corporation's 1934 models, dealers' stocks of cars continue to be insufficient to supply the current demand for new models.

Sales to Consumers in United States.

Period—	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
January	23,438	50,653	47,942	61,566
February	—	42,280	46,855	68,976
March	—	47,436	48,717	101,339
April	—	71,599	81,573	135,663
May	—	85,969	63,500	122,717
June	—	101,827	56,987	103,303
July	—	87,298	32,849	85,054
August	—	86,372	37,230	69,876
September	—	71,458	34,694	51,740
October	—	63,518	26,941	49,042
November	—	35,417	12,780	34,673
December	—	11,951	19,992	53,588
Total	—	755,778	510,060	937,537

Sales to Dealers in United States.

Period—	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
January	46,190	72,274	65,382	76,681
February	—	50,212	52,539	80,373
March	—	45,098	48,283	98,943
April	—	74,242	69,029	132,629
May	—	85,980	60,270	136,778
June	—	99,956	46,148	100,270
July	—	92,546	31,096	78,723
August	—	84,504	24,151	62,667
September	—	67,733	23,545	47,895
October	—	41,982	5,810	21,305
November	—	3,483	2,405	23,716
December	—	11,191	44,101	68,650
Total	—	729,201	472,859	928,630

Total Sales to Dealers in United States and Canada, Plus Overseas Shipments.

Period—	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
January	62,506	82,117	74,710	89,349
February	—	59,614	62,850	96,003
March	—	58,018	59,696	119,195
April	—	86,967	78,359	154,252
May	—	98,205	66,739	153,730
June	—	113,701	52,561	111,668
July	—	106,918	36,872	87,449
August	—	97,614	30,419	70,078
September	—	81,148	30,117	58,122
October	—	53,054	10,924	25,975
November	—	10,384	5,781	29,359
December	—	21,295	53,942	79,529
Total	—	869,035	562,970	1,074,709

Unit sales of Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Buick, La Salle and Cadillac passenger and commercial cars are included in the above figures.—V. 138, p. 870, 690.

General Railway Coupler Corp.—Receivership.

Receivers were appointed in Chancery Court, Wilmington, Del., Feb. 7, for the corporation on the ground that the concern is insolvent. The receivers are Arthur S. Snofsky, St. Louis and William Gamble Latrobe Jr. of Wilmington.

Suit was brought by Edmond P. Smith, a stockholder, of St. Louis. In its answer the concern admitted the allegations of insolvency made in the bill of complaint and agreed to the appointment of receivers.—V. 137, p. 1419.

Gimbel Brothers, Inc., N. Y.—New Controller.

Alfred Henry has been appointed successor to William Thomas as controller of Gimbel Brothers, it was announced on Feb. 5 by Ellis A. Gimbel, Jr., Vice-President and General Manager. Mr. Henry has been controller, treasurer and director of Martin's, Brooklyn, and last year was Chairman of the controller's congress of the National Retail Dry Goods Association. He will assume his new duties on Feb. 19. Mr. Thomas has joined the Schenley Corp.—V. 136, p. 2805.

Goldblatt Brothers, Inc.—Admitted to List.

The Chicago Stock Exchange has admitted to the list the 248,008 shares of common stock.—V. 138, p. 691.

Gosnold Mills Corp.—Resumes Preferred Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.50 per share on the 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Feb. 15 1934 to holders of record Feb. 7. Regular quarterly distributions of like amount were made on this issue up to and incl. Feb. 16 1932; none since.—V. 137, p. 4704.

Graham-Paige Motors Corp.—Orders Up 70%.

Orders received by this corporation in January were 70% greater than in January last year, President J. B. Graham announced on Feb. 6. The company, he added, received a record number of orders on Feb. 5.—V. 138, p. 332.

(F. & W.) Grand Properties Corp.—Time for Deposits Extended.

The reorganization committee in a notice to holders of 6% convertible sinking fund gold debentures due Dec. 15 1948 and holders of proved claims states:

Deposits under the plan now aggregate about 58% of outstanding debentures and a small amount of proved claims. The time for the deposit of debentures and claims with the committee at the principal office of Manufacturers Trust Co., depository, 55 Broad St., N. Y. City, has been extended to the close of business on Feb. 19. It is not anticipated that any further general extension will be made.—V. 138, p. 333.

(W. T.) Grant Co. (Del.)—January Sales.

Sales for Month and 12 Months Ended Jan. 31.					
1934—Month—	1933.	Increase.	1934—12 Mos.—	1933.	Increase.
\$4,832,562	\$4,272,879	\$559,683	\$78,206,121	\$73,086,856	\$5,119,265

x Largest in the history of the company.—V. 138, p. 156.

Gray Telephone Pay Station Co.—New Board Elected.

At the annual meeting held on Feb. 6 both factions, which until a week ago were battling for control, united by agreement in electing a new board of directors which later re-elected George A. Long as President.

A new board was elected as follows: George A. Long, Nathan D. Prince, Clayton R. Burt, James Lester Goodwin, Lucius Rossiter, H. Bissell Carey, Lester T. Shippe, Robert T. Stevens and Charles E. Wertman. The first six members were proposed by the management, while the last three were named to represent the group of large stockholders who had been seeking proxies to gain control of the meeting.

Replying to questions, President Long informed the meeting that the present market value of the company's portfolio of securities, which are carried at a book value of about \$2,700,000, was \$1,803,147 as of Feb. 1.

Mr. Long denied that the Western Electric Co. had recently made any formal offer for the purchase of the Gray concern. He said that in his opinion the company's stock was now worth \$187, a share including plant and equipment and \$100 for patents.

If the Western Electric Co. should proceed with its plans to put out a pay telephone box and to infringe on the basic Gray patent which runs five years more, the Gray company, Mr. Long, said, is prepared to manufacture a box complete in competition, at a price one-third lower than that now charged by the Western Electric Co. and the Gray company for the box made jointly by them.

The Gray company, Mr. Long said, now has 10 applications pending for improvements in the electrical part of the box. He asserted, however, that he did not believe that the Western Electric Co. would go through with its plans at this time, in view of the fact that it has recognized the patents as valid for the last 12 years. The contract with the Western Electric Co. he added, does not expire until the patents run out, or are proved invalid.—V. 138, p. 871.

Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.—Sales.

Period—	Sales		Tonnage Sales	
	1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.
Five weeks end. Apr. 1	\$74,981,144	\$88,923,239	495,192	520,262
Four weeks end. Apr. 29	61,055,824	72,368,706	405,660	422,714
Four weeks end. May 27	61,524,707	72,447,440	397,498	437,775
Five weeks end. July 1	79,503,203	86,061,988	507,361	531,082
Four weeks end. July 29	63,444,884	64,239,169	382,751	397,471
Five weeks end. Sept. 2	76,004,958	79,323,824	458,606	490,530
Four weeks end. Sept. 30	60,661,478	63,634,883	357,638	391,865
Four weeks end. Oct. 28	63,856,015	66,529,706	376,069	415,654
Five weeks end. Dec. 2	77,630,688	78,623,741	460,525	494,043
Four weeks end. Dec. 30	64,479,397	63,864,440	385,947	399,854
	1934.	1933.	1934.	1933.
Four weeks end. Jan. 27	59,922,780	57,242,421	356,514	371,438
Total, 48 weeks	\$743,065,078	\$793,259,557	4,584,761	4,872,688

—V. 138, p. 871, 511.

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co.—New Director.

William P. Feeley of Buffalo, N. Y., has been elected a director, succeeding Henry F. Niedeman, resigned.—V. 137, p. 1587.

Guardian Life Insurance Co. of America.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Mortgages on real estate.....	\$47,384,316	Reserves required by law.....	\$87,063,902
Gov., State, county, munic. & other bonds.....	9,066,511	Policy claims in course of pay	776,972
Home office buildings & oth. real estate.....	11,259,899	Unpaid divs. due policyholders	165,309
Loans on policies.....	22,909,378	Divs. to policyholders set aside for 1934.....	2,725,000
Cash.....	1,781,888	Real estate profit reserve.....	549,780
Int. accr. & other assets.....	5,862,906	Special res. for contingencies	1,500,000
		Surplus.....	5,483,936
Total.....	\$98,264,899	Total.....	\$98,264,899

Hamilton Watch Co.—New Directors.—

R. H. Dick and Ralph H. Matthiessen have been elected directors to fill the unexpired terms of J. W. B. Bausman and Robert E. Miller.—V. 136, p. 3546.

Hancock Oil Co. of California.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 6 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 138, p. 871.

(G.) Heileman Brewing Co.—Admitted to Dealing.—

The New York Produce Exchange has admitted to dealing the capital stock (par \$1).—V. 137, p. 3334.

Hercules Life Insurance Co.—Takes Over Reinsurance of 112,000 National Life Policyholders.—

The contract whereby this company, a subsidiary of Sears, Roebuck & Co., takes over the reinsurance of the 112,000 policyholders of National Life Insurance Co. of the U. S. A., was affirmed by Judge William J. Lindsay of the Superior Court on Feb. 7. The National Life company was placed in receivership on Oct. 17 last.

The contract provides that the assets are to be conveyed to and administered by the Hercules concern. The latter agrees to pay the full face value of all premium-paying policies in case of the death of any policyholder within the next 10 years, as well as those which occurred before the effective date of the contract, and full liability is assumed for supplementary contracts outstanding on Oct. 17, 1933, arising from such death claims. Waiver of premium disability benefits, double indemnity benefits and health and accident benefits are to be allowed in full. All other policy benefits are adjusted to a reduced basis. Income disability benefits are discontinued as of the date of the receivership. Premiums on participating policies of the National company are to be reduced immediately to a non-participating basis.

A moratorium on cash and loan values is to be in effect until five years from the effective date, Feb. 7 1934. Renewal commission may be paid to agents. National policies may be exchanged for Hercules policies but the profits on such exchanged policies are to be credited to the National Life fund and commission on such exchanges limited.

Owing to the shrinkage in the assets of the National Life company, the outstanding policies will be charged with an initial lien of 50% bearing interest at 4 1/2%. This lien is subject to decrease or increase as the assets increase or decrease in value and as profits on the National business are credited to the National Life fund. If these liens are not extinguished by Dec. 31 1948, the lien outstanding at that time becomes permanent, but the interest rate is reduced to the rate provided for the valuation of the individual policies. This lien is on the equity of each policy and not on the face value of the policy.

The average net equity of National Life policies is approximately \$180 per thousand dollars of insurance in force. The initial lien, therefore, will average less than \$100 per thousand dollars of insurance in force.

Both lien and accrued interest will be waived in connection with all death claims occurring prior to Dec. 31 1943, including claims for deaths occurring prior to the effective date of the contract, under policies which were paid up by their terms prior to the date of the receivership. The beneficiaries under other paid-up policies will, however, be given participation certificates for the amount of the lien deducted, and payments will be made under these certificates at the same time that liens on other policies are in the future reduced.

Taxes, renewal commission and investment expenses are to be directly chargeable to the reinsured business. For administration expenses, the Hercules is to receive \$1 per annum per thousand of extended insurance in force and \$2 per annum per thousand of other insurance in force.

Commenting on the contract, Carl L. Odell, Vice-President and General Manager of the Hercules company, said: "Our primary interest is in the National Life Insurance Co. We fully recognize our duty in this respect, and we are going to find plenty to do to carry out our obligation to the policyholders and to the Court in reposing this trust in the Hercules Life Insurance Co."

Mr. Odell asserted very strongly that Hercules will give present agents of National Life every possible co-operation in the conservation of the business now on the books of the company. Although Hercules has formulated no definite plans for new business, it can be definitely stated that National Life agents will be compensated for new business placed with the company.

No effort will be spared, Mr. Odell declared, that will increase the protection of the interests of the National Life policyholders, and in carrying out this aim, Hercules has no doubt that it will receive the loyal and whole-hearted support of the entire agency organization.

Holland Land Co.—\$1 Liquidating Dividend.—

A liquidating dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the common stock, par \$25, payable Feb. 23 to holders of record Feb. 15.

A similar distribution was made from earnings on Nov. 18 last, while during 1932 the following payments were made: \$2 per share on March 15, \$1 per share on Oct. 21, and 50 cents per share on Dec. 23.—V. 137, p. 3681.

Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd.—Extra Div.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 5 cents per share in addition to the usual monthly dividend of like amount, both payable Feb. 26 to holders of record Feb. 9. An extra of 5 cents per share was also paid on Dec. 30 last.—V. 137, p. 4367.

Homestake Mining Co.—Usual Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share in addition to the usual monthly dividend of \$1 per share on the capital stock, par \$100, both payable Feb. 26 to holders of record Feb. 20. Like amounts were distributed on Sept. 25, Oct. 25, Nov. 25, and Dec. 23 1933 and on Jan. 25 last.—V. 138, p. 156.

Household Finance Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Gross income from oper.	\$12,744,067	\$12,673,211	\$12,406,779	\$10,610,912
Operating expenses.....	7,622,569	7,309,594	6,355,181	5,145,705
Net income.....	\$5,121,497	\$5,363,617	\$6,051,597	\$5,465,207
Other income credits.....	9,981	64,376	20,562	32,352
Gross income.....	\$5,131,478	\$5,427,994	\$6,072,159	\$5,497,559
Interest paid.....	520,112	948,785	1,244,735	822,687
Federal income tax.....	642,346	625,412	588,188	569,619
Other charges.....	289,612	219,517	84,628	39,097
Prov. for losses on claims against closed banks.....	90,000			
Minority interest against earns. of sub. co.....	275			
Net income.....	\$3,589,132	\$3,634,280	\$4,154,608	\$4,066,156
Partic. preference divs.....	891,330	905,732	733,389	695,453
Class A dividends.....	547,092	632,522	369,033	291,595
Class B com. stock divs.....	1,224,412	1,548,301	1,684,692	1,588,444
Balance, surplus.....	\$926,297	\$547,726	\$1,367,494	\$1,490,664

* Includes instalment notes receivable written-off as uncollectible of \$7,309,594. † Includes instalment notes receivable written off as uncollectible, \$2,449,047 and less recoveries on notes previously written-off, \$260,473.

Summary of Consolidated Surplus Year Ended Dec. 31.

	1933.	1932.
Balance, Jan. 1:		
Capital surplus.....	\$64,029	\$230,087
Earned surplus.....	2,933,257	2,891,531
Net income (as above).....	3,589,132	3,634,280
Total surplus.....	\$6,586,418	\$6,755,897
Capital surplus charges and credits (net charge).....	143,286	166,057
Earned surplus charges:		
Addition to reserves for losses on instalment notes receivable.....		500,000
Organization expense of inactive sub. written-off.....		5,999
Balance, Dec. 31, before dividends.....	\$6,443,132	\$6,083,840
Dividends on—Participating preference stock.....		905,732
Class A common stock.....		547,092
Class B common stock.....	1,224,413	1,548,301
Balance Dec. 31.....	\$3,780,297	\$2,997,286
Capital surplus.....		64,029
Earned surplus.....	3,780,297	2,933,257

—V. 138, p. 334.

Home Insurance Co., N. Y.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—		Liabilities—		
	1933.	1932.		
Cash.....	10,051,290	9,691,680	Cash capital.....	12,000,000
U. S. Gov., State, county & munic. bonds.....	17,203,729	16,407,709	Rcs. for unearned premiums.....	35,789,411
Oth. bond stks.....	51,450,278	61,423,608	Reserve for losses.....	5,899,173
Prem. in course of collection.....	9,673,667	9,051,484	Reserve for unpaid reinsurance.....	1,003,423
Accrued interest.....	474,553	500,891	Reserve for taxes.....	900,000
Oth. admitt'd assets.....	825,866	954,966	Rcs. for contingencies.....	19,250,000
			Net surplus.....	27,492,698
Total.....	\$9,679,382	\$8,030,337	Total.....	\$9,679,382

* Contingency reserve represents the difference between value carried in assets and actual Dec. 31 1933 market quotations on all bonds and stocks owned.—V. 137, p. 1250.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—Speeds Production.—

President Roy D. Chapin stated on Feb. 3: "Production of Hudson eights and Terraplane sixes is now running over 400 cars daily and is being steadily increased. The introduction of the 1934 models brought a bank of retail orders which is constantly rising.

"Over 3,000 men were taken on this past week and there are now 11,000 men on the payroll as compared with 4,600 a year ago."—V. 137, p. 3501.

Hupp Motor Car Corp.—Fight on for Proxies.—

Charles D. Hastings, President of this corporation, and Charles E. Gambill, Chairman of its administrative committee, have sent a letter to stockholders asking them not to submit proxies for their stock to Hupp Stockholders, Inc. F. W. Burnside Jr., President of the latter corporation, requested the proxies in a recent communication.

The letter contends that the request for proxies by Hupp Stockholders, Inc., calls for an "irrevocable and exclusive" proxy for one year from Feb. 1 1934. It further states:

"It is untrue that your company is faced with a loss of \$2,000,000 in connection with deposits with private bankers. One of the former private bankers of the company was obliged to arrange, over a year ago, for repayment in instalments of the credit balance owing to the company. Every instalment of principal and interest due to date has been fully met and the amount owing has been reduced from \$1,882,037 to \$1,007,037. This balance is not included in cash or other current assets in our financial statement made to shareholders. Reserves have been set up with reference to this item the same as will have to be done in the case of the credit balance due to us from the receiver of the First National Bank-Detroit.

"It is untrue that your board of directors is under banker control. The private banking house referred to in the paragraph immediately preceding has no representation on your board of directors.

"The purchase of the Chandler-Cleveland plants in 1929 through delivery of 255,000 shares of Hupp Motor Car Corp. turned out to be unfortunate after the depression which set in at the end of October 1929. That purchase was unanimously approved at the 1929 meeting of the stockholders. The circular [asking for proxies] refers to profits made through dealings in Chandler stock by one of the directors of the company. These profits were not made at any expense to the company. When the acquisition of Chandler was under consideration the director in question disclosed his interest and declined to take part in the discussions.—V. 137, p. 4196.

Husmann-Ligonier Co.—Removed from List.—

The New York Curb Exchange has removed the common stock (no par) from unlisted trading privileges.—V. 137, p. 1420.

Indian Motorcycle Co.—Announces New Motorcycle.—

The company has introduced a new high-speed streamlined model, the Indian Sport Scout, with a two-cylinder 45 cubic-inch engine, it is announced.—V. 137, p. 3847.

Industrial Rayon Corp.—10 Rayon Concerns Called

Monopoly—Federal Trade Commission Brings Charge of a "Conspiracy" to End Price Rivalry—Also Name Accountants.

Ten companies making practically all of the viscose rayon yarn produced in the United States were accused by the Federal Trade Commission Feb. 7 of combining and conspiring to form a price-fixing monopoly.

The formal complaint included as respondents 22 members of the accounting concern of Price, Waterhouse & Co. of New York, who were retained, the complaint charged, to assist in maintaining fixed prices of rayon yarn by auditing the books of each company so as to detect any variations.

The group of accused concerns includes:

Viscose Co.	American Enka Corp.
Du Pont Rayon Co., Inc.	Skenandoo Rayon Corp.
Tubize-Chatillon Corp.	Delaware Rayon Co.
Industrial Rayon Corp.	Acme Rayon Corp.
American Glanzstoff Corp.	Belamost Corp.

The Trade Commission's announcement of its action read as follows:

The complaint charges that in October 1931 the 10 companies entered into "an agreement, combination, understanding and conspiracy among themselves," to eliminate price competition among themselves. According to the complaint they "have since carried out and are still carrying out" this agreement to fix and maintain uniform prices of viscose rayon yarn entering inter-State commerce.

Pursuant to the agreement, these companies have, according to the Commission's complaint, curtailed and limited their production of viscose rayon yarn, thus limiting the supply of that yarn, and of rayon cloth and rayon wearing apparel sold in inter-State commerce.

"Because the price of knitted rayon cloth influences the price of viscose rayon yarn and because a decrease in the price of knitted rayon cloth has a tendency to lower the price of viscose rayon yarn," the 10 companies have fixed and maintained uniform prices at which knitters of cloth manufactured from viscose rayon yarn purchased from the 10 companies should sell such cloth and thus have fixed the price of knitted rayon cloth entering inter-State commerce, according to the complaint.

"Other charges include securing agreements from knitters of viscose rayon yarn purchased from the 10 companies by which the knitters obligate themselves not to sell cloth at prices less than those fixed by the companies and refusing to sell to knitters who do not agree to the fixed prices, and the cutting off of knitters who did not maintain the fixed prices.

"Industrial Rayon Corp., described as a corporation of strong financial resources and large production capacity, is said to have undertaken the manufacture of knitted rayon cloth so that the other companies parties to the agreement, through Industrial Rayon, might punish price cutters of knitted rayon cloth by underselling them to take away their customers and thus force them, if they would remain in business, to sell at the fixed prices.

"These practices are alleged to have hindered and prevented price competition in the sale of viscose rayon yarn and knitted rayon cloth and to have increased the prices of the yarn paid by knitters and other users and the prices of the cloth paid by manufacturers of rayon garments and other rayon wearing apparel, as well as the prices paid by the public for

Jantzen Knitting Mills (Ore.).—To Pay One-Half of Accumulated Dividends.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.25 per share on account of accumulations in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 25. A quarterly distribution of \$1.75 per share was made on this issue on Dec. 1 last, as compared with 50 cents per share on June 1 and Sept. 1 1933. Previously, the company paid regular quarterly dividends of \$1.75 per share. After payment of the March 1 1934 dividends, accumulations will amount to \$1.25 per share.—V. 137, p. 4019.

Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.—Resignations.—

A. W. Barry, after having been connected with the company for 20 years, has resigned as Vice-President and General Sales Manager, it was announced on Feb. 2. Officials of the company said that no successor would be appointed immediately.

Resignation of six additional officials of this company this week brought forth the announcement from William H. Lalley, President, that "in the interests of economy of operation and efficiency certain desirable changes in the sales and manufacturing personnel have been effected." Among those who have resigned are: Louis Mueller, Vice-President and a director; G. A. Biddle, Assistant to the President; E. J. Langham, Advertising and Sales Promotion Manager; E. B. Byron, Assistant General Sales Manager; W. J. Nolan, Manager of Truck and Bus Tire Sales, and J. E. Powers, Eastern Divisional Sales Manager. The resignations became effective on Feb. 6.—V. 137, p. 1773.

Kelvinator Corp.—Shipments Rise.—

January shipments of 12,132 units were 223% of those shipped in January last year, and brought the total shipments during the first four months of the current fiscal year to 133% of the volume in the corresponding period of the previous year, according to H. W. Burritt, Vice-President in charge of sales.—V. 138, p. 693, 512.

Keystone Custodian Funds, Inc.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 3.91 cents per share on the series E-2 shares, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 31. Future payments will be made semi-annually, it was announced.—V. 138, p. 512.

Keystone Steel & Wire Co.—Removed from List.—

The New York Curb Exchange has removed the common stock (no par) from unlisted trading privileges.—V. 138, p. 158.

Kinner Airplane & Motor Corp., Ltd.—Change in Par.—

In order to avoid the expense of printing new stock certificates the company proposes to have all outstanding certificates returned to the transfer agent to be impressed with a stamp reading as follows:

"The shares of stock of this company represented by this certificate were changed as of Jan. 23 1934 from shares without nominal or par value to shares having a par value of \$1 each. The authorized capital stock now consists of \$2,000,000 shares of the par value of \$1 each, aggregating \$2,000,000."

Shareholders have been requested to forward stock certificates to W. G. Milne, the Transfer Clerk of the corporation, who, upon receipt thereof, will impress the stamp in the words and figures hereinabove set forth and return certificates promptly, it is announced.—V. 138, p. 873.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—January Sales.—

Month of January— 1934. 1933. 1932. 1931. Sales— \$8,824,820 \$7,706,388 \$8,845,394 \$9,824,933 At the end of January 1934, the company had 677 American and 44 Canadian stores in operation, a total of 721 stores, against a total of 719 on Jan. 31 1933.—V. 138, p. 334.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—January Sales Up 30.5%.—

Month of January— 1934. 1933. 1932. 1931. Sales— \$5,106,517 \$3,912,983 \$4,273,984 \$4,399,821 —V. 138, p. 873.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Extra Dividend of 50 Cents.—The directors on Feb. 9 declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 20. This is in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share previously declared on this issue and payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 9.

Four Weeks Ended— Jan. 27 1934. Jan. 28 1933. Jan. 30 1932. Sales— \$15,397,725 \$14,628,143 \$16,667,952 The average number of stores in operation for the first period of 1934 was 4,387 as against 4,730 for the corresponding period of 1933, or a decline of 7%.—V. 138, p. 335.

Lane Bryant, Inc.—January Sales.—

Month of January— 1934. 1933. 1932. 1931. Sales— \$952,108 \$804,217 \$949,643 \$1,482,849 —V. 138, p. 693, 335.

Lautaro Nitrate Co., Ltd.—Separation from Chile Nitrate Co.—

The following is taken from the London Stock Exchange "Weekly Official Intelligence" of Jan. 27:

Notice is given that the following statement was issued to the Chilean Press on Jan. 24 "Medley G. B. Whelpley, President of the Compania Salitrea Anglo-Chileana and the Lautaro Nitrate Co., announces that at meetings of the directors of these two companies held to-day, resolutions were taken regarding definitive separation of these companies from Cia. de Salitre de Chile in liquidation and their adherence to the Nitrate & Iodine Sales Corp. recently created.

"A resolution was adopted authorizing adherence of the companies to the Chilean Nitrate & Iodine Sales Corp. in due course, with advice of this adherence to trustees of bond issues of these companies.

"No resolution was taken regarding the appointment of directors corresponding to these two companies, which action was left over for the next board meeting."—V. 138, p. 158.

Lawyers Westchester Mtge. & Title Co.—Judge Not Disqualified—Investment in Company No Bar to Jurist's Sitting, It Is Held.—

A series of decisions affecting the rehabilitation of the company were made Feb. 5 by Supreme Court Justice William F. Bleakley at White Plains, N. Y. The court ruled that Justice George F. Taylor Jr. was not disqualified by an investment of \$7,500 in the company's issues to sit in rehabilitation matters affecting it.

Justice Bleakley denied the application of the owner of Chatworth Gardens, defaulting on a \$740,000 mortgage issued by the Lawyers company, for authority for the certificate holders to organize a trusteeship plan. He delayed his final decision on plans for rehabilitation of this mortgage pending action by the Legislature on a pending bill.

In a third case Justice Bleakley ruled that Ralph Gellich, an attorney, who had asked for the disqualification of Justice Taylor, could not be compelled to sign the transcript of his testimony given before the rehabilitator.—V. 137, p. 3336.

Lefcourt Empire Building.—Report Under Way.—

The real estate bondholders' protective committee (George E. Roosevelt, Chairman), in a circular letter dated Jan. 31 to the holders of 1st mtge. fee 5 3/4% serial gold bonds dated June 15 1926, states that the committee is preparing a detailed report with respect to the status and condition of the bonds of this issue and of the property which is security therefor and expects shortly to send this report to all of the bondholders who shall have deposited their bonds with the committee's depository. The letter further states in substance:

Under date of Jan. 16 1934 Justice Lockwood of the New York Supreme Court by an order entered directed the receiver for S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., to deliver to this committee full and complete lists of the names and addresses of all of the holders of bonds of all of the issues on deposits with this committee. This action of the court was taken with a view of facili-

tating the activities of this committee in communicating with the holders of bonds of this issue.

Pursuant to the order of the court, the receiver has delivered to this committee a list of the names and addresses of the holders of bonds of this issue. Out of a total principal amount (\$750,000) of the bonds of this issue outstanding, there have been deposited with the committee's depository as of Jan. 27 1934 \$418,000 in principal amount, or approximately 55.7% of the total amount of bonds outstanding.

In order that the committee may be in a position to take effective action for the protection of your bonds and the security therefor, the committee urges all holders of bonds of this issue, who have not already done so, to deposit their bonds with the committee's depository, City Bank Farmers Trust Co., 22 William St., New York.—V. 136, p. 1028.

Lessing's, Inc., N. Y. City.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Years Ended, Dec. 31—1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Sales, Cost of sales, operating & general expenses, Other charges, Prev. for State & Fed. taxes, Net loss from sale of sec., Operating profit, Previous surplus, Adjustments, Red in par of stock, Total surplus, Dividends paid, Deductions, Balance, Dec. 31, Shs. cap. stk. out (par \$3), Earnings per share.

x Includes other income of \$4,271. y Reduction of par of 31,579 shares of stock from \$5 to \$3 per share. z \$5 par value.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets—1933, 1932, and Liabilities—1933, 1932. Rows include Cash, Accts. receivable, Accrued interest, Inventories, Prepaid ins., Mar. sec. (at cost), Land, bldgs., &c., Deferred charges, Good-will & leases, Accounts payable, Notes payable, Loan pay. to oth., Fed. & State tax., Capital stock, Surplus.

Total— \$181,360 \$236,168 Total— \$181,360 \$236,168

x After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$143,385. y Par value \$3. z Shares of \$5 par value.—V. 138, p. 873.

Lima Locomotive Works, Inc.—Earnings.—

[Including Ohio Power Shovel Co.]

Table with columns for Calendar Years—1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Net loss, Reserve for depreciation, Reserve for taxes, Fed. capital stock tax, Net loss, Common dividends.

Deficit— \$646,894 \$890,536 \$1,799,183sur \$1382,318 P. & L. surplus 919,978 1,566,872 2,460,153 4,262,579 Earns. per sh. on com. stk. Nil Nil Nil \$6.55

x A special dividend of \$2 per share, amounting to \$422,114, was paid on Feb. 17 1931. Of this amount, \$37,060 applied to 18,530 shares included in the investment account of company, making a net charge of \$385,054.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets—1933, 1932, and Liabilities—1933, 1932. Rows include Land, bldgs., machinery, &c., Drawings, patt'ns, dies, &c., Good-will, Cash, U. S. Govt. secur., a Co.'s own stock, Cash in closed bks, d Bills & accts. rec., Inventories, Accident ins. fund, Deferred charges.

Total— 11,903,175 12,611,191 Total— 11,903,175 12,611,191 a 41,400 shares in 1933 and 40,800 shares in 1932 (at cost). b After reserve for depreciation amounting to \$3,510,987 in 1933 and \$3,453,383 in 1932. c 300,000 shares without par value authorized, 88,943 shares unissued, 211,057 shares issued (including shares held in treasury). d After reserve of \$40,000.—V. 138, p. 873.

Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.—Reduces Div.—

The directors recently declared a quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share on the outstanding 250,000 shares of capital stock, par \$10, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 23. During 1931, 1932 and 1933, the company made distributions as follows: 60 cents per share on Feb. 1, May 1 and Aug. 1 and 70 cents per share on Nov. 1.—V. 137, p. 4020.

Lincoln Stores, Inc.—January Sales Higher.—

Month of January— 1934. 1933. Increase. Sales— \$164,360 \$127,905 \$36,455 During January 1934, the company had 10 stores in operation against nine for the 1933 period. Sales of the original eight stores showed an increase for the month of 16.67%.—V. 137, p. 2282.

Lycoming Manufacturing Co. (& Sub.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Years Ended Nov. 30—1933, 1932. Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales, excluding depreciation, Operating income, Other operating income, Gross profit, General administrative expenses, Selling expenses, Advertising expenses, Engineering and experimental, Parts and service, Taxes, Net profit from operations, Other income, Total income, Other deductions, Depreciation, Net loss for the year, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Miscellaneous adjustments, Dividends paid on preferred stock, Surplus, Nov. 30.

the corporation at 50% of their face value of \$3,000,000 principal amount of the new debentures it is proposed to issue; and (5) the inclusion of the net assets in possession of West Virginia State receiver at their book values as at March 31 1933.

McLellan Stores Co.—Preferred Stockholders' Committee Cites Progress—Compares Dec. 31 Fiscal Position with Year Ago.

In a letter to holders of the 6% cumulative stock, the preferred stockholders' committee states that although various groups have offered suggestions since Jan. 1933 for reorganization of the company, up to this time the committee has felt that such suggestions were premature.

The petition in bankruptcy was filed so shortly after the close of the company's fiscal year on Dec. 31 1932 that no audited statement covering the operations for 1932 or audited balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1932 had become available to stockholders, the letter states.

Total assets of the company on Dec. 31 1933 amounted to \$7,340,658, of which \$4,967,296 consisted of cash, merchandise and accounts receivable, according to the committee.

At the time of the bankruptcy, company was operating 277 locations. The trustee has disaffirmed some leases, and as of Dec. 31 1933, 237 locations were operated.

On Dec. 31 1933 the trustee's figures showed total quick assets of \$4,967,296, with trustee's liabilities estimated at \$641,996, leaving net working capital of \$4,325,300, a net gain in working capital from Jan. 12 1933 of \$1,059,849.

Trustee's liabilities as of Dec. 31 1933 for merchandise accounts payable, etc., amounted to \$641,996, constituting the first claim against the trustee's assets.

On Jan. 26 1934 priority tax claims filed had been reduced to \$163,563 from \$1,419,655. Also other claims had been reduced to \$4,376,226, of which \$1,189,312 was for merchandise.

Majestic Household Utilities Corp.—Removed from List.

The Chicago Stock Exchange has removed from the list the 500,000 shares of common stock.—V. 132, p. 2006.

Manufacturers Finance Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1933, 1932, 1931, 1930) and rows for Earned compensation, Exps., Interest paid, Res. for losses & conting., Net income, Preferred dividends, and a2d pref. dividends.

Balance, surplus, \$210,607; In arrears from Sept. 30 1930, \$133,781; Includes \$133,781 for interest on mortgage company advances and instalment investment.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with 4 columns (1933, 1932, 1933, 1932) and rows for Assets (Cash, Open accts., etc.) and Liabilities (Coll. trust notes, Coll. tr. notes, etc.).

Total 12,367,959 11,826,642 x Represented by 80,000 no par shares.—V. 137, p. 4021.

Marine Midland Corp.—Changes Par Value of Shares.—

The stockholders on Feb. 7 approved a proposal to reduce the authorized capital stock from \$100,000,000, par \$10, to \$50,000,000, par \$5.

Paul H. Husted and Walter W. Schnockenburger, both of Buffalo, N. Y., have been elected directors to fill vacancies.

Maryland Casualty Co.—RFC Allows Refunding Plan—U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty and Maryland Casualty Win Loans for Sureties.—

Approval by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation of one of the largest refunding operations ever attempted in the United States was announced Feb. 4 by officials of the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. and Maryland Casualty Co. of Baltimore.

The RFC, according to the announcement, agreed to lend mortgage companies whose obligations are guaranteed by the two Baltimore surety companies sufficient funds to make a 30% cash distribution to bondholders.

The RFC has agreed to advance to Maryland Casualty Co. necessary funds to purchase \$7,500,000 of that company's preferred stock.

The net result of the advances was explained as providing for the distribution to bondholders of the mortgage company obligations of roughly \$17,300,000 in cash.

connected with issuance of new bonds and debentures under the terms of the plan can be completed.

The RFC has required that the new securities to be issued under the general refunding plan be qualified under the Securities Act of 1933.

The refunding plan was originally launched last June through MacKubin, Goodrich & Co. (now MacKubin, Legg & Co.); Baker, Waits & Co., and Stein Bros. & Boyce, all of Baltimore.

Of the \$51,000,000 bonds having the Maryland Casualty guarantee approximately 93% have been deposited under the refunding plan.

Of the \$31,000,000 bonds having the United States Fidelity & Guaranty guarantee, approximately 92% have been deposited under the refunding plan.

In addition to providing for the advance of funds necessary for the purchase of Maryland Casualty preferred stock it was announced by the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. that the RFC had agreed to purchase \$4,000,000 of a new issue of preferred stock which that company proposes to issue.

The United States Fidelity & Guaranty has a loan of \$4,900,000 from the Federal agency. This loan was reduced from \$5,200,000 in December, and it is now proposed to reduce the obligation a further \$900,000 bringing the total indebtedness down to \$4,000,000.

Sale of the preferred stock will increase the casualty companies' surplus to policyholders from \$7,200,000 to \$11,200,000, adding materially to the strength of the companies' position.

The Maryland Casualty Co. on Feb. 6 issued the following statement:

A subscription of \$7,500,000 in preferred capital stock of the company has definitely been agreed to by the RFC and approved by the United States Treasury Department.

Mr. Burns pointed out that there are two factors indicative of the financial strength of the company. First, the fact that the subscription of the RFC is not a loan, but is a real contribution to the capital and surplus of the Maryland Casualty Co.

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"While it is most gratifying to the company, its agents and policyholders that the company will occupy a strong financial position, one of the most satisfactory things in the entire situation is the fact that we have complied with the conditions imposed by the RFC."

Under the mortgage bond refunding plan, bondholders were offered their choice of two options, one of which provided for the exchange of bonds on this basis: for each \$1,000 of bond principal a cash payment to be made of \$300 and \$700 debentures, of a new mortgage company; all assets after repayment of RFC advance to be employed for benefit of debentures.

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Approximately 80% of depositing bondholders chose this option, to finance which the RFC had previously agreed to advance the necessary funds.

The other option, adopted by about 20% of depositing bondholders, called for the exchange of outstanding bonds for bonds of a new mortgage company maturing in 20 years, with graduated interest rate beginning at 2% and averaging 3.5% to maturity.

According to the registration statement filed with the Federal Trade Commission, the issuers of the proposed new securities as well as of the old bonds (guaranteed by Maryland Casualty Co.) are listed as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Issuer of New Bonds, Issuer of Old Bonds, and City. Lists various mortgage and bond companies such as Potomac Consol. Deb. Corp., Potomac Bond Corp., etc.

(1) Old issuers are as follows: Guaranty Mortgage Co., Tampa, Fla.; Lumbermen's Finance Corp. (later American Home Mortgage Co., now Instalment Mortgage Co.), Minneapolis; National Bond & Mortgage Trust Co. of Illinois (now National Bond & Mortgage Co., Chicago); Chicago; Seaboard Mortgage Co., Baltimore; Security Bond & Mortgage Co., Jacksonville, Fla., and United States Mortgage Bond Co., Detroit.

(2) Old issuers are the same as in footnote No. 1 and in addition the following: Potomac Mortgage Co., Baltimore; Franklin Bond & Mortgage Co. (of Louisville) (and its successor—Salem, N. C.); Realty Bond Securities Co., Durham, N. C., and Atlantic Mortgage Co., Durham, N. C.

(3) Old issuers are as follows: Realty Bond Co., Winston-Salem, N. C.; Realty Bond Securities Co., Durham, N. C., and Atlantic Mortgage Co., Durham, N. C.

The companies whose obligations have the guaranty of United States Fidelity & Guaranty are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Company Name and Location. Lists companies like Aetna Mtge. Corp., Bonded Mtge. Corp., Chesapeake Mtge. Co., etc.

—V. 137, p. 4368.

Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance Co.—Reduces Par.

At the annual meeting held on Jan. 30 the stockholders approved the proposition to reduce the par value of the stock of the company as of Dec. 30, last, from \$25 to \$12.50 per share, the proceeds of this reduction in par value to be transferred to surplus account.

After giving effect to this reduction the set-up of the capital structure is as follows: Capital, \$2,000,000; surplus, \$1,402,145; reserve for contingencies, \$1,300,000. The purpose of the reserve is to take up in full the gap between the actual market quotations and the Insurance Commissioners' appraised valuations of all stocks owned by the company and all bonds which are in default either in principal or interest as well as other bonds not amortized.

According to Mr. Falvey, the annual report of the company will show net premium writings in 1933 to have been the largest in the history of the company and \$1,365,000 larger than in 1932. Loss payments for 1933 were less than in the previous year by more than \$200,000, and, although there will be some underwriting loss, it will be materially less than in 1932. The company's cash balance at the end of 1933 was more than \$1,165,000, or larger than the year before by more than \$435,000.

The stockholders also elected Clarence L. Newton and Daniel J. Kiley as directors of the company, succeeding Joseph H. O'Neil and Walter Schroeder.

\$1,000,000 Suit Against Company.

Arthur Guy, Bank Commissioner of Mass., in possession of the Brockton Trust Co., Lawrence Trust Co., Bancroft Trust Co. of Worcester and Inman Trust Co. of Cambridge, recently entered in the Suffolk (Mass.) Superior Court four \$250,000 suits against the company to recover on four \$200,000 bankers' blanket bonds. The banks claim they are entitled to recover for criminal acts that caused loss to their banks (Boston "News Bureau").—V. 138, p. 694.

Massey-Harris Co., Ltd.—New Director.

G. W. Allan, K. C. of Winnipeg, Canada, has been elected a director. V. 137, p. 2282.

Oscar Mayer & Co.—Removed from List.

The New York Curb Exchange has removed the common stock (par \$10) from unlisted trading privileges.—V. 136, p. 4283.

May Oil Burner Corp.—Resumes Dividend.

The directors recently declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record the same date. Quarterly distributions of 10 cents per share were made on this issue up to and incl. Feb. 2 1932; none since.—V. 134, p. 3649.

Melchers Distilleries, Ltd.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 2 columns: 1933, 1932. Assets: Cash, Accts. receivable, Inventories, Land, bldg. & eq't., Trade-mks., good-will, &c., Deferred charges. Liabilities: Bank loan, Bills & accts. pay., Accrued liabilities, Provision for est. losses, &c., Mortgage payable, Capital stock, Profit & loss acct.

Total, \$3,946,238 / \$3,776,415. a Represented by 100,000 no par shares class A stock and 50,000 no par shares class B stock. b After depreciation reserves of \$307,979.—V. 138, p. 513.

Merchants' National Properties, Inc.—Off List.

The Chicago Stock Exchange has removed from the list the \$2,339,000 6% sinking fund gold bonds.—V. 137, p. 4199.

Metal Textile Corp.—Extra Pref. Dividend, &c.

The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, and an extra dividend of 25 cents per share on the partic. preference stock, no par value, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 20. A similar distribution was made on the common stock on Jan. 15 1930 and on Jan. 15 1931; none since.—V. 135, p. 142.

Michigan Steel Tube Products Co.—Removed from List.

The New York Curb Exchange has removed the common stock (no par) from unlisted trading privileges.—V. 137, p. 503.

Milnor, Inc.—Resumes Common Dividend.

A dividend of \$1.50 per share has been declared on the common stock, no par value, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. Quarterly distributions of 25 cents per share were made on this issue from July 1 1929 to and including Jan. 1 1931; none since.—V. 132, p. 2599.

Midland Steel Products Co.—Accumulated Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on account of accumulations on the 8% cum. 1st pref. stock, par \$100, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 20. This is on account of the balance due Jan. 1 1934 and clears up all accumulations on the pref. stock.—V. 137, p. 4707.

Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.—Earnings.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Calendar Years: Net sales, Cost of goods sold and operating expenses, Depreciation, Net profit, Int. & dividends receiv'd, Miscellaneous income, Gross income, Interest on bonds, Prov. for doubtful accts., Prov. for Fed. taxes, Loss on sale of securities, Miscell. deductions, Net income, Previous surplus, Net cap. surp. arising from acq. of pref. and com.shs. of co. cap.stk., Gross surplus, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Amortiz. of organz. exp., Patent costs written off, Amortization of patents, Res. for decl. in market value of securities, Res. of com. stk. purch. options, Surplus, Dec. 31, Shares com. stk. (no par), Earnings per share.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Balance Sheet Dec. 31: Assets: Cash, U. S. Govt. oblig., Securities (market), Tr. notes & accts. & acqr. inc. rec., Empls' stk. purch. &c. accounts, Inventories, Life ins. policies, Real est., plant, &c., Advances, Patents acqr. in 1933, Pat., good-will, &c., Prep'd lic. & franch, Other prep'd exp., Total. Liabilities: Accounts payable, Accrued taxes & exp. and res. for Federal taxes, Dividends payable, 1st mtge. 5s, ser. A, Serial 5s, series B, 6% pref. stock, Common stock, Surplus, d.—Total.

Total, \$6,454,969 / \$6,498,863. a After reserve for depreciation of \$1,142,727 in 1933 and \$1,053,224 in 1932. b Represented by 197,468 (197,500 in 1932) no par shares. c Called for redemption Feb. 1 1934. d Including paid in and other capital surplus amounting to \$475,322 in 1933 and \$467,289 in 1932.—V. 138, p. 513.

Minnesota & Ontario Paper Co.—Backus Answers Suit.

E. W. Backus, President of the company, now in receivership, filed an answer in Federal Court in Minneapolis Feb. 5 to the suit by which Eastern holders of 50 promissory notes seek collection of \$2,437,575. The answer alleges the suit violates an agreement by holders to extend the notes and that it was part of a conspiracy "to destroy him financially" and eliminate him as a factor in the company's affairs.

The suit to collect the notes was brought by 16 holders, most of them residents of New York and New Jersey, who claim Backus owes them from \$5,000 to \$1,511,894 each.

The suit is one of several now pending in which the paper company is involved. One was brought by the receivers, R. H. M. Robinson and C. T. Jaffray, seeking to recover \$7,000,000 which they allege Mr. Backus improperly diverted from the company's funds. In another Mr. Backus seeks ouster of the receivers, alleging they have lost more than \$12,000,000 of the company's money through their administration; and a third, brought by Mr. Backus, is a \$2,000,000 suit against the receivers for alleged libel.—V. 138, p. 336.

(J. S.) Mitchell & Co., Ltd.—Earnings.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Calendar Years: Gross profit, Expenses, Balance, Other income, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus, Previous surplus adj., Profit on sale of invest., Total surplus, Adj. prev. years inc. tax, Prem. on pref. stk. ret'd, Dom. of Canada bonds written down to mkt., Net surplus, Earnings per sh. on 15,000 shs. com. stk. (no par).

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31: Assets: Cash, Accts. & bills rec., Inventories, Cash surr. value, life insur. pol., Fixed assets, Unexp.insur.premis. Liabilities: Accounts payable, Dividends payable, x Acqr. liabilities, Mortgage payable, Preferred stock, y Common stock, Surplus.

Total, \$1,183,831 / \$1,167,874. Total, \$1,183,831 / \$1,167,874. x Including provision for income tax. y Represented by 15,000 shares no par.—V. 137, p. 2115.

Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc.—Financial Statement.

George McNeir, Chairman of the board, states in part:

During the period under review the capital structure of company was materially changed. The property, plant and equipment was revalued and reduced by \$3,000,000 to reflect the level of prices existing at Jan. 1 1933, and the stockholders authorized a corresponding reduction of \$3,000,000 in the stated value of the capital stock. A further reduction of \$1,000,000 was effected by the retirement and cancellation of 50,000 shares of the company's own stock, purchased in the open market, at an average price substantially lower than the book value or the present market value.

Income Account for Calendar Years.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Net sales, Cost of sales, Gross prof. on trading, Depreciation, Credits, allow. & disc'ts., Sell., gen. & admin. exps., Int. & misc. charges—net, Prov. for Fed. inc. taxes, Net profit, Dividends paid, Balance, surplus, Shares capital stock outstanding (par \$20), Earnings per share.

a Before inventory adjustments principally in respect of decline in wool prices amounting to \$751,536. b Charges hitherto classified as selling expenses (amounting to \$662,806 in 1933) are now deducted from sales. c No par shares. d Loss. Earnings per share, \$0.63 / Nil / \$0.50 / Nil.

Earned Surplus Account.

Table with 2 columns: 1933, 1930. Surplus as at Jan. 1 1933, Net income for year 1933, Amounts charged against earned surplus account in 1930 and 1931 to reduce treasury stock to market value now restored, on retirement.

Surplus as at Dec. 31 1933, \$4,603,629.

Capital Surplus Account.

Table with 2 columns: 1933, 1930. Credit arising from reduction of capital by retirement of 50,000 shares (par \$20) of capital stock in treasury, approved by stockholders June 27 1933, Cost of treasury stock (of which \$158,241 was previously charged on earned surplus).

Capital surplus as at Dec. 31 1933, \$424,113.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Assets: Land, bldg., equip-ment, &c., Prepayments, Cash & call money, Marketable sears, Accts. receivable, Notes and other accts. receivable, Inventories, Co.'s stk. acqr. Liabilities: b Capital stock, Accounts payable, Accruals, Reserve for Federal income tax, Capital surplus, Earned surplus.

Total, \$16,273,017 / \$19,179,240. Total, \$16,273,017 / \$19,179,240. a After depreciation of \$4,690,391. b Represented by 600,000 no par shares at stated value of \$25 per share in 1932 and by shares of \$20 par value in 1933.—V. 137, p. 1252.

Monarch Knitting Co., Ltd.—Accumulated Dividend Declared.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$3 per share on account of accumulations on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Feb. 20 to holders of record Feb. 10. Accruals on this issue, after the above payment, will amount to \$19.75 per share.—V. 137, p. 326.

Montgomery Ward & Co.—January Sales.

Table with 4 columns: 1934—Month—1933, Increase, 1934—12 Mos.—1933, Increase. \$14,733,847 / \$10,100,149 / \$4,633,698 / \$197,553,940 / \$17,814,334 / \$19,412,606.

Proxies Sought by Stockholders' Association.

The Montgomery Ward Stockholders' Association headed by Joseph Zook has begun mailing to approximately 67,000 Ward stockholders

printed copies of its suggested program for the company, which copies carry a request that stockholders send in at once to the Association their proxies for the annual meeting to be held on April 27. The program states that names of all new and continuing directors proposed by the Association are to be announced not less than 30 days before the meeting. V. 138, p. 874, 513.

Morris Plan Co. of New York.—Loan Volume Rises.—

An increase of 23% in loan volume for January of this year over last January and a gain of 29% to date in February over last year was reported on Feb. 5 by this company.—V. 138, p. 695, 513.

(G. C.) Murphy Co.—January Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: Month of January, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Values range from \$1,554,500 to \$1,221,313.

Murray Corp. of America.—Speeds Up Output.—

January shipments exceeded any month in 1933 and business booked for the current quarter is practically three times the volume turned out in the first quarter of 1933, it is stated.

The company's press shops are on a three-shift basis and automobile body, assembly and most other plants are working two shifts. Employment, which continues on the increase, now totals approximately 9,000 compared with around 5,500 at the peak of activity last year.

This corporation has a wood mill at Memphis, Tenn., which began the first of the year to manufacture porch furniture, cabinets and other wood products which are being sold to mail order houses.—V. 137, p. 3849.

Nash Motors Co.—Two New Directors.—

At the annual stockholders meeting held on Feb. 7, Frederick W. Sargent, President of Chicago & North Western Ry., and Sewell Avery, President of Montgomery Ward & Co., were added to the board of directors.

To Step Up Production.—

The first shipment of Lafayette cars to dealers was made on Feb. 2 from the Nash Lafayette plant at Racine, Wis. Actual production of the new Nash entry in the low price field began 17 days ago enabling the factory to start shipments at the rate of 100 cars per day.

Nine hundred men already have been added to the Racine plant payroll to take care of the present schedule of production. Another 900 men have been added to the Nash Seaman body plant in Milwaukee where bodies for the Lafayette are being built.

Income Account—Years Ended Nov. 30.

Large table with 5 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Sales, Costs and expenses, Depreciation, Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Net income, etc.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1933, 1932. Rows include Assets (Real est., Investments, Treasury stock, etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Accounts payable, etc.).

Total... \$41,702,545 43,175,670. x After depreciation of \$7,619,326 in 1933 (1932, \$7,410,291). y Represented by 2,730,000 no par shares (incl. 83,800 shares in treasury). z 83,800 shares at cost, which was less than market at Nov. 30 1933.—V. 138, p. 336.

National Cash Register Co. (Md.).—Domestic Sales Up.

Domestic sales in January 1934 were 63.7% above January 1933, according to S. C. Allyn, Executive Vice-President. Foreign sales particularly in England, also showed a substantial gain he stated.—V. 137, p. 4707.

National Aviation Corp.—Annual Report.—

E. O. McDonnell, President, says in part: The annual report includes corporation and its subsidiaries, National Airport Corp., National Air Lines, Inc., and Washington Air Terminals Corp.

The balance sheet reflects an indicated liquidating value for the stock of corporation of \$13.32 per share, based on the market value of listed securities and estimated value of securities not having an active market, plus other assets and less liabilities.

Notes payable of \$125,000 shown in the balance sheet has been paid in full since Dec. 31.

In October 1933 corporation purchased certain of the assets of Aviation Securities Corp. of New England, a company engaged in a similar business, with assets of slightly under a million dollars. The purchase was made with the stock of corporation and was effected on the basis of its indicated liquidating value and the then market value of the assets acquired.

In July 1933, as a result of a reorganization of the Washington Airport property, National Airport Corp., a new wholly-owned subsidiary, became the owner of that property, and Hoover Field, which adjoins it and comprises about 37 acres.

National Air Lines, Inc., another wholly-owned subsidiary, was organized in September 1933, with the purpose of entering into the air transport field. To date it has remained entirely inactive.

Investments Dec. 31 1933. (1) Stocks—Active Market.

Table with 4 columns: Shares, Security, Market Value, Cost. Lists various stocks like Curtiss-Wright Corp., Douglas Aircraft Co., etc.

(2) Stocks and Bonds—Inactive Market.

Table with 4 columns: No. Shs., Price Per Share, Security, Est. Value, Cost. Lists stocks like Glen L. Martin Co., Canadian Airways, Ltd., etc.

The corporation is holder of options and warrants as follows:

Table with 4 columns: No. Shs., Price Per Share, Security, Expiration Date. Lists various securities and their expiration dates.

Note.—The following securities (included above) are pledged to secure notes payable of \$125,000: 10,000 shares Pan American Airways Corp.; 3,800 shares Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc., and 5,000 shares United Aircraft & Transport Corp.

Income Account for Calendar Years.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Loss from sale of securities, Loss on aeronautical industries, Refund Fed. taxes 1928, Total deficit.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1933, 1932. Rows include Assets (Investment, Divs. receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Min. stockholders' interest, Accruals, etc.).

Total... \$6,092,290 \$4,849,104. x Represented by 477,352 no par shares in 1933 and 410,378 in 1932.—V. 137, p. 4707.

National Container Corp.—1934 Dividends.—

The directors have declared four quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share on the \$2 cum. conv. pref. stock, no par value, payable March 1, June 1, Sept. 1 and Dec. 1 1934 to holders of record Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15 and Nov. 15. Similar distributions were made during the year 1933 and each quarter from Sept. 1 1929 to and incl. Dec. 1 1931. No payments were made during the year 1932.—V. 136, p. 857.

National Distillers Products Corp.—Acquires Full Stock Control of Penn-Maryland, Inc.—

The corporation has acquired the 50% interest of the U. S. Industrial Alcohol Co. in Penn-Maryland, Inc., a corporation engaged in the manufacture and blending of whiskeys, thus making Penn-Maryland, Inc., a 100% owned subsidiary of the National Distillers corporation.

It is understood that U. S. Industrial Alcohol Co. will receive 138,000 shares of stock of National Distillers upon the transfer of its interest in Penn-Maryland, Inc. Charles E. Adams and Charles S. Munson will shortly be elected to the board of National Distillers. Application to list the stock will be promptly made.—V. 138, p. 875, 159.

National Gypsum Co.—Acquires Plant.—

The company has acquired from the Kalmann Steel Corp., a division of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., a metal lath plant at Niles, Ohio. The price was not announced. It is said the purchaser purposes to expand its output of materials for walls and ceilings.—V. 134, p. 4169.

National Life Insurance Co. of the United States of America, Chicago.—Court Approves Hercules Deal, Whereby Latter Will Reinsure 112,000 Policies.—See Hercules Life Insurance Co. above.—V. 138, p. 875.

Neisner Brothers, Inc.—January Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: Month of January, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Values range from \$984,463 to \$1,035,384.

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—January Sales Up 25.3%.—

Table with 4 columns: Month of January, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Values range from \$2,360,392 to \$1,769,392.

Newmarket Manufacturing Co.—\$1.25 Dividend.—

A dividend of \$1.25 per share has been declared on the capital stock, no par value, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 10. Three months ago the quarterly dividend was increased to \$1.25 from 75 cents per share.—V. 137, p. 4539.

New York Auction Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Total income from oper., Selling expenses, Admin. & general exp., Provision for bad and doubtful accounts, etc.

Total... \$1,157,221 \$1,046,425. x After deducting mortgages payable of \$352,000 in 1933 and \$352,000 in 1932. y Represented by 95,847 shares, no par value.—V. 136, p. 1899.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1933, 1932. Rows include Assets (Cash, Adv. to shippers & acct., etc.) and Liabilities (Notes payable to bank, Accounts payable, etc.).

New York United Hotels, Inc.—Receivership Made Permanent.

Federal Judge Alfred C. Cox, sitting in U. S. District Court in New York, Feb. 5, made permanent the appointment of ancillary equity receivers for the company, which owns and operates the Hotel Roosevelt, Frank A. Dudley, George DeB. Greene, and Hugh Morris are the receivers. —V. 138, p. 696.

North German Lloyd.—Plans Increase in Capital.

At a special meeting to be held on Feb. 26 the stockholders will vote on a proposed increase in capital by issuance of up to 7,985,000 reichsmarks of new shares to be held to permit the exercise by American bondholders of warrants entitling them to purchase shares at 105% of par.—V. 138, p. 696, 696.

Ohio Brass Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Calendar Years— 1933. 1932. 1931. 1930. Net loss—on prof. \$54,261 x \$878,829 x \$113,773 pf \$1,817,519 Earnings per sh. on 347,534 sh. com. stk. (no par) \$0.16 Nil Nil \$4.88 x After full depreciation charges (\$292,086 in 1933, \$341,532 in 1932 and \$370,231 in 1931).

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with Assets and Liabilities for 1933 and 1932. Assets include Mfg. pl'ts & equip. (\$3,220,513), Cash, Marketable securities, Notes receivable, Acc'ts. receivable, Inventory. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Com. stk., Accounts payable, Reserve for taxes.

—V. 138, p. 160.

Old Joe Distilling Co. (Ky.).—Prof. Stock Offered.

Offering of a new issue of 60,000 shares of 8% cum. partic. prof. stock (par \$5) is being made by F. J. Young & Co., Inc. The stock is priced at \$6.75 per share.

Proceeds of this financing will be used in part to rehabilitate and equip the company's distilling plant, to erect a warehouse, provide working capital and carry on the operations of the company.

The company has acquired the former Old Prentice Distillery property located near McBrayer, Ky. Upon completion of the rehabilitation, the company's operating properties will consist of a complete plant which will have a daily capacity of approximately 60 barrels of whiskey.

Upon completion of the present financing the authorized capitalization of the company will consist of 100,000 shares of preferred stock of which 60,000 will be outstanding, and 60,000 shares of common stock (\$1 par), all of which will be outstanding. Further details regarding the company are given in an issue of Dec. 2 1933, p. 4023.

Pacific Bancshares, Ltd.—Stock Offering, &c.

Duncan Collins & Co., Los Angeles, are offering to residents of California stock of this company. A prospectus issued by the bankers states in substance:

Custodian and Transfer Agent.—American Trust Co., San Francisco, Company.—Incorp. Aug. 31 1933 in Calif. Company has been organized primarily for the purpose of providing a group investment in the shares of the following outstanding Pacific Coast banking institutions:

- Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., San Francisco. Anglo California National Bank, San Francisco. Crocker First National Bank, San Francisco. Bank of California National Association, San Francisco. Security-First National Bank, Los Angeles. Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Los Angeles. Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles. California Bank, Los Angeles.

x The shares of Crocker First Federal Trust Co. are held in trust for the benefit of the shareholders of Crocker First National Bank of San Francisco.

In addition to investment in shares of the above-named banks, or their successors, the company is authorized by its articles of incorporation to:

- (a) Invest in the direct obligations of the U. S. Government, and (b) After having obtained the approval of the record holders of 51% of its outstanding shares, the company may invest in the shares of any other banking institution which at the time its shares are purchased shall be a member of a clearing house association, shall have paid dividends continuously on an annual and (or) shorter period basis for at least 10 years next preceding the date of such purchase and, as shown by its public statements, shall have aggregate deposits in excess of \$50,000,000.

The articles of incorporation further provide that the company shall not purchase or otherwise acquire securities on margin or engage in short selling or voluntarily pledge or hypothecate its assets or borrow money on the security of its assets or otherwise.

Capitalization.—Company is authorized to issue 1,000,000 shares (par \$1) and all of the same class and having equal voting rights. Shareholders have no pre-emptive rights to purchase or to subscribe for additional shares which may be issued by the company.

Dividends.—Dividends when declared shall be payable Q.-J. An initial dividend of 2 cents per share was paid Jan. 1 1934. Net earnings of the corporation for the fourth quarter of 1933 amounted to approximately \$.029 per share.

Market.—When all of its shares are issued and outstanding the company proposes to make application for listing of its shares on the San Francisco Stock Exchange and (or) the Los Angeles Stock Exchange.

The articles of incorporation of the company provide that prior to the listing of the company's shares on either of said exchanges the company shall re-purchase its shares, when tendered to it for that purpose, out of such funds as are made available and at such price and upon such terms and conditions as may from time to time be provided in the by-laws.

The by-laws of the company provide that the shares shall be re-purchased at the "net liquidating value" per share, which shall be determined by the board of directors as of the close of business on the first full business day following the tender of shares during which the San Francisco Stock Exchange and the Los Angeles Stock Exchange are open, as follows:

(a) The board of directors shall first determine the market value of the assets of the corporation. For that purpose, the market value of the securities owned shall, to the extent that the same are listed and traded on the San Francisco Stock Exchange and (or) the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, be based on the closing bid prices therefor on said exchanges or either of them, and if there be closing bid prices for any such securities on both of said exchanges, the lesser of such closing bid prices shall be used. The market value of the other assets of the corporation shall be determined by such methods as the board of directors shall determine to be proper.

(b) The board of directors shall next determine the amount of the corporation's liabilities, including such reserves for taxes and for other purposes as the board of directors shall determine to be proper.

(c) The amount of the corporation's liabilities, determined as provided in subparagraph (b), shall then be subtracted from the market value of the corporation's assets, determined as provided in subparagraph (a), and the figure resulting from such subtraction shall then be divided by the total number of shares which the board of directors shall determine to be then outstanding, and the quotient of such division shall be the net liquidating value per share.

The by-laws further provide: That the funds of the corporation with which its shares may be re-purchased shall be that portion of the earned surplus which results from a sale or other disposition of investments owned by the corporation, less such liabilities, expenses and losses as the board of directors shall determine should be deducted therefrom.

Price.—The company's shares are offered for sale at a price equivalent to their net asset value plus a premium of not to exceed 9½% thereof. The net asset value of the company's shares is computed by the board of directors or its delegated representatives as of noon on each business day on which the San Francisco Stock Exchange and Los Angeles Stock Exchange are open, except Saturdays. To the extent that the assets of the company are listed and traded on said exchanges or either of them, the last selling prices thereof on said exchanges or either of them, are used in computing said net asset value. The asset value of the other properties

of the corporation and the amount of liabilities to be deducted from gross asset value is determined by the board of directors or its representatives by such method as shall be selected by it. The offering price is adjusted in event of fractions to the next higher one cent.

The company receives the entire offering price of its shares less only the above premium.

Pacific Eastern Corp.—Investors' Right to Sue Upheld—Court Rules Pending Actions Have No Bearing on Case.

Pending suits by stockholders do not bar other stockholders' suits against the officers and directors of corporations, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn held Feb. 5 in an opinion written by Associate Justice Roland L. Davis and concurred in by the court unanimously.

The court, in its decision reversed the ruling of Supreme Court Justice James C. Cropsey, who dismissed two actions brought against the Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. (now Pacific Eastern Corp.), various officers and directors of that corporation on the ground that similar stockholders' actions already filed in the Supreme Court, New York County, debarred any further suits by stockholders.

The actions were brought against the Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. by Anna Dresdnier and Milton Weinstein in behalf of themselves and other stockholders and asked for an accounting of losses by the corporation estimated at upwards of \$150,000,000.

Pointing out that stockholders as a group are usually inert, "accepting their misfortunes as a decree of relentless fate," the court said that it hesitated to take a narrow view of the question and declared that, as "the wrong is common to all stockholders, the right to sue is, we think, alike common to them." The opinion continues:

"Speaking generally and not in relation to this particular case, the first action brought by a stockholder furnishes no adequate security that other stockholders will be assured of a complete remedy. The one first in the field of action may not be possessed of all the facts. He may omit from his complaint material allegations of facts which have been discovered by another more vigilant and industrious. His efforts may be thwarted by lack of funds, courage or determination, or lack of skill and initiative on the part of his counsel. There is always, as we have said, the strong possibility of a private settlement.

"There is no requirement that the stockholder who sues or the defendants shall give notice of the suit to other stockholders. It is left to chance for the latter to discover it. If in good faith other stockholders are unaware of the prior action and after much expense bring an action of their own, it is a harsh and drastic doctrine which compels dismissal solely on a rule of chronology, regardless of merit. There is little fundamental virtue in such a rule.

"Beyond all that, the door is opened to collusive actions. It would be very easy for offending officers and directors to obtain a friendly stockholder to begin an action and to suppress all information on the subject. The defendants and not stockholders would then be in control of the litigation. If the doctrine here advocated by the defendants prevails, all other stockholders are prevented from bringing actions in good faith—unless to their already great difficulties, to which we have referred, they must have added the duty of establishing by proof that the first action is in fact collusive. If other stockholders without intervention rely on the first action to furnish a remedy to all, then it may be permitted to drag along until the statute of limitations has run and be discontinued on a private settlement or otherwise; and other stockholders will be left remediless.

"Stockholders' actions (not collusive) may be brought for three distinct purposes: one, for the genuine purpose of benefit to all stockholders with a determination to pursue the suit to judgment, with all stockholders invited in good faith to join in labor and expense; two, for the purpose of individual benefit by private settlement, with the fact of the bringing of the suit kept secret; three, a suit brought purely for 'strike' purposes. We are concerned chiefly with the one denominated 'two.'

"Still speaking generally, parties and counsel may not apply the same degree of skill, diligence and good faith to the prosecution of an action. If it be left to the one who by the sheer rule of chronology is the only one entitled to prosecute, then the other stockholders who have had the temerity to sue may be left comparatively without remedy. The judgment when obtained is a bar to other actions, no matter what the result may be. Further than that, it is a bar not only as to the questions decided but as to those which might have been presented and tried but were not. "We are attempting to formulate a rule that may apply to any case in the future and are discussing a general principle in the light of possibilities. We believe there is not much virtue in the claim that the one who first brings suit is by that fact alone in such an advantageous position that all others must give way, regardless of the purposes of the one first on the field, his relations with the defendants, and the skill he brings to the conduct of the suit, ostensibly for the benefit of all others entitled to relief. If the first action is free from collusion and is being prosecuted with skill and in good faith, grounds for a stay of prosecution of the second action may be shown, but not, as we believe, for dismissal."

The decision was made conditional on the plaintiffs' agreement to a consolidation of their suit with the others pending against the same defendants.—V. 137, p. 3685.

Pan American Airways Corp.—Subsidiary Expands.

A franchise to operate an air line between Hermosillo, the capital of Sonora State, Mexico, and Tia Juana, Lower California, with a stop at Mexicali, has been granted Aerovias Centrales de Mexico, a subsidiary of the Pan American Airways Corp., by the Ministry of Communications and Public Works of Mexico. The new route will expand by 740 kilometers the company's lines from Mexico City to El Paso, Texas, and in central and western Mexico. The enterprise will soon take delivery of six multi-motor planes it has ordered in the United States.—V. 136, p. 2625.

Park & Tilford, Inc.—Appointed Agents.

This corporation has been appointed sole United States agent and representative for Apollinaris water by Apollinaris Co., Ltd., of London. Gordon Stewart, President of Park & Tilford, Inc., said his company would conduct an extensive advertising campaign, and that it plans to increase employment in its offices throughout the country. This increase is due to the fact that its business has shown a considerable increase over last year, he said.—V. 137, p. 4200.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—January Sales Increase.

Table with monthly sales for 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Sales for Jan 1934: \$12,444,239; 1933: \$8,689,376; 1932: \$9,285,577; 1931: \$9,727,116.

Peoples Drug Stores, Inc.—January Sales Higher.

Table with monthly sales for 1934, 1933, 1932. Sales for Jan 1934: \$1,322,137; 1933: \$1,310,613; 1932: \$1,152,424.

Petroleum Corp. of America.—Removed from List.

The New York Curb Exchange has removed the warrants from unlisted trading privileges.—V. 138, p. 877.

Phoenix Hosiery Co.—87½ Cent Dividend.

A dividend of 87½ cents per share has been declared on the 7% cum. 1st pref. stock, par \$100, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 20. A similar distribution was made on this issue on June 1, Sept. 1 and Dec. 1 last, as compared with 88½ cents per share on March 1 1933 and 87 cents per share on Dec. 1 1932.—V. 137, p. 3504.

Pioneer Gold Mines of British Col., Ltd.—Earnings.

For income statement for month of January 1934 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 138, p. 161.

Pleasant Valley Wine Co. (N. Y.).—Stock Offered.

Public offering of 150,000 shares of capital stock is being made by Tobey & Co., New York. The offering includes 42,000 shares for the account of the company and 84,000 shares for the account of the stockholders, all at \$7.75 per share. In addition, 24,000 shares, plus such other shares as may have been sold and repurchased in the market, are being offered for the account of the underwriters at the market price in the event the shares are listed on a recognized exchange, otherwise at such price as may be fixed by the underwriters. Stock is offered as a speculation.

Schenley Distillers Corp.—Signs Agreement on Share Options.—

Harold Jacobi, President of the corporation, announced Feb. 2 that the company had voluntarily signed a new agreement with the New York Stock Exchange requiring notice and full disclosure of options and of all transactions of the company in its own stock.—V. 137, p. 3160.

Schiff Co.—January Sales Higher.—

Table with 4 columns: Month of January, 1934, 1933, Increase. Sales: \$486,530 vs \$357,430, increase of \$129,100.—V. 138, p. 339.

Schulze Baking Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Years Ended, 1933, 1932, Increase. Income from operations: \$137,289 vs \$145,426. Total deficit: \$558,629 vs \$254,663. Balance, deficit, Dec. 30: \$654,583 vs \$282,384.—V. 136, p. 860.

Scott Paper Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years, 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Net sales: \$7,612,940 vs \$8,007,190 vs \$8,816,411 vs \$8,483,361. Total income: \$1,035,731 vs \$968,339 vs \$1,156,964 vs \$1,157,438. Earnings per share: \$4.01 vs \$3.90 vs \$4.94 vs \$5.06. * Amount charged to earnings at \$2 per share in respect of common stock issued to common stockholders.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets: Land, bldgs., machinery, eq., &c. \$3,764,762 vs \$4,177,687. Total: \$7,098,007 vs \$6,789,414. Liabilities: 7% pref. A stock \$1,770,100 vs \$1,825,600. Total: \$7,098,007 vs \$6,789,414.

a After deducting reserve for depreciation and depletion of \$2,610,620 in 1933 (1932, \$2,137,448). b Represented by 168,917 no par shares in 1933 (including scrip equivalent to 68,988 shares) and 168,839 shares in 1932. c Represented by 1,212 shares, series A pref. (723 in 1932); 1,058 shares, series B pref. (440 in 1932), and 25 shares of common in 1933.—V. 137, p. 4541.

Scullin Steel Co.—Removed from List.—

The New York Curb Exchange has removed the participating preference stock (no par) from unlisted trading privileges.—V. 138, p. 878.

Sears, Roebuck & Co.—Insurance Contract Affirmed.—

See Hercules Life Insurance Co. above.

Tire Sales.—

An exhibit introduced at the Federal Trade Commission hearing on Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.'s sale of special brand tires to Sears, Roebuck & Co. showed that in the past nine years Sears has sold 22,277,029 automobile tires. The table shows sales by years since 1925, segregated into mail order and retail store sales for the past seven years:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Mail Order, Retail Stores, Total. 1925: \$700,916. 1926: \$1,087,923. 1927: \$1,238,158 vs \$553,412 vs \$1,791,570. 1928: \$1,221,933 vs \$2,025,530 vs \$3,247,463. 1929: \$1,328,516 vs \$3,051,151 vs \$4,379,667. 1930: \$801,414 vs \$2,661,444 vs \$3,462,858. 1931: \$630,242 vs \$2,607,776 vs \$3,238,016. 1932: \$506,158 vs \$2,019,734 vs \$2,525,892. 1933: \$444,550 vs \$1,398,174 vs \$1,842,724.

* In these years sales were mostly by mail. Sales of tubes by Sears run approximately 80% of tire sales, according to a statement in the exhibit.—V. 138, p. 878.

Shawmut Association.—Tax Ruling on Dividends.—

The Association is informing its shareholders that in the opinion of its counsel, dividends paid on Association shares in 1933, totalling 55 cents, are exempt under existing Federal tax laws from Federal income tax for that year. However, amount of the dividends should be deducted from the original cost price in determining profit or loss for Federal tax purposes, if shares are sold.—V. 137, p. 4709.

Shell Union Oil Corp.—To Acquire Own Pref. Stock.—

The stockholders on Feb. 5 approved the proposed amendment to the certificate of incorporation which will empower the corporation, in the discretion of the directors, to acquire shares of its 5½% cum. pref. stock out of capital for retirement. There are 400,000 shares of the stock outstanding.—V. 138, p. 699.

Signode Steel Strapping Co.—Removed from List.—

The New York Curb Exchange has removed the common stock (no par), and the preference stock (par \$30) from unlisted trading privileges. The Chicago Stock Exchange has removed from the list the 80,000 common stock purchase warrants.—V. 138, p. 161.

Simmons Co.—January Sales.—

Table with 3 columns: Month of January, 1934, 1933. Net sales, exclusive of subsidiaries: \$847,228 vs \$659,190. Net sales, including subsidiaries: \$1,402,581 vs 973,458. January 1934 sales comprised approximately 100,000 units with orders for 70,000 units carried over into February.

February sales, based on orders already on hand, are expected to show a substantially larger percentage increase over a year ago than was shown last month, according to Z. G. Simmons, Chairman. The company has been discouraging forward commitments by dealers for speculative purposes, but the results of the December furniture shows are being reflected in the influx of orders, Mr. Simmons said.—V. 138, p. 340.

(A. O.) Smith Corp.—Production Increased.—

Production in the automobile frame division of this corporation has jumped 400% above the levels of a year ago, with output running at 7,000 units a day, a Milwaukee (Wis.) dispatch stated. Present operations are at full capacity and the auto frame division has sufficient orders on hand to continue at capacity for the next four months, it was said.

The corporation has recalled 4,500 men to work, the greatest portion being employed in the frame department, the dispatch added.—V. 137, p. 2650.

Socony-Vacuum Corp.—15-Cent Dividend.—The directors on Feb. 6 declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on the capital stock, par \$25, payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 23. A distribution of 25 cents per share was made on Dec. 15 last, the first since March 15 1933, when the last quarterly dividend of 10 cents per share was paid.—V. 137, p. 4372.

(A. M. & J.) Solari, Ltd., New Orleans, La.—Charter Amended.—

Amendment of the charter of this company, prominent retail grocery establishment, has been effected, fixing capital authorization at \$350,000, represented by 1,000 shares of common stock, 500 shares of 1st preferred stock and 1,123 shares of A pref. stock, all of \$100 par value. Authority is granted to increase the capital to \$5,000,000. The charter provides that the salary of the president shall not be above \$10,000 until the 1st pref. stock has been retired, and not above \$15,000 until the class A stock, additionally, has been retired. No other employee may draw in excess of \$3,600. The salary limitations are effective Jan. 1.

In the election of officers Omar H. Cheer Sr., was named President; Omar H. Cheer Jr., Vice-President; Joseph H. Bergeron, Secretary-Treasurer, and David Mahoney, Burt W. Henry, Herman L. Barnett and A. John Solari members, with the officers, of the board of directors.

(A. G.) Spalding & Bros.—No Bank Loans.—

At the annual meeting of stockholders held on Feb. 6 J. W. Curtiss, Chairman, said the company had paid off all its bank loans last year and had not found it necessary to borrow since.—V. 138, p. 340.

Spiegel, May, Stern Co.—January Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: Month of January, 1934, 1933, Increase. Net sales: \$927,916 vs \$320,710 vs \$607,206.—V. 137, p. 4710.

Spirekles Sugar Corp. (Del.).—Hearing Delayed.—

Federal Judge John C. Knox postponed on Feb. 7 for 10 days a hearing on a motion to delay the sale of properties of the corporation until March 26. He granted also a motion of a creditors' group that the sale be in subdivided lots instead of disposing of the entire property to one bidder.—V. 138, p. 878.

Standard Fruit & Steamship Corp. (& Subs.).—

Annual Report.—

Felix P. Vaccaro, Chairman, states in part: At the stockholders' meeting held Sept. 14 1933, the plan of reorganization (V. 137, p. 1594, 1780), including the merger of Eastern Seaboard Corp. and its subsidiaries with Standard Fruit & Steamship Co., was approved. Effective as of May 1 1933 all property so acquired was included in the consolidated statement of Standard Fruit & Steamship Corp. In connection with the reorganization, the values of our properties, including those then acquired, were adjusted, and such adjusted values appear on the balance sheet presented.

At Dec. 31 1933 the holders of all except 26,036 shares of cumulative \$7 preferred stock have either converted or agreed to convert the same into participating preference stock and common stock.

Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931. Gross earnings: \$3,046,961 vs \$1,532,888 vs \$1,585,437. Depreciation: 925,588 vs 989,997 vs 843,452. Net earnings: \$2,121,373 vs \$542,891 vs \$741,985.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933 (Incl. Subsidiary Companies)

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933. Assets: Cash \$767,897. Total: \$23,675,611. Liabilities: Partic. preference stock \$87,996,625. Total: \$23,675,611.

a Payable in equal instalments on Oct. 1 1935 and Oct. 1 1936; also after deducting \$679,000 owned and pledged to secure indebtedness of \$80,096 on SS. Contessa and Cefalu, and \$23,894 included in current liabilities. b Equivalent to \$80,096 (at \$4.86) payable during period from Oct. 1 1934 to Oct. 1 1936. c Equivalent to \$138,500 (at \$4.86), payable \$1,500 monthly after June 30 1934 until 1942. d Payable monthly until August 1936. e Due on construction of motorships Masaya and Matagalpa, and balance due on purchase of motorship Sama, payable monthly until July 1936. f Payable in semi-annual instalments beginning June 30 1935 until Dec. 31 1942. g Represented by 84,175 shares of no par value. h Represented by 45,213 shares, no par value. Of these, 45,213 shares, holders of 19,177 shares had agreed at Dec. 31 to convert same into partic. pref. and com. shares but certificates had not been actually transferred. i Represented by 251,507 ¼ shares of no par value. j After arbitrary writedowns aggregating \$13,448,116. k Representing instalments due on vessels, &c., maturing within six months.—V. 137, p. 3851.

Sterling Products (Inc.).—Dividend No. 2.—

The directors on Feb. 2 declared a quarterly dividend (No. 2) of 95 cents per share on the capital stock, par \$10, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. An initial quarterly distribution of like amount was made on this issue on Dec. 1 1933.—V. 137, p. 4372.

Superior Steel Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 138, p. 340.

Sutherland Paper Co.—10-Cent Dividend.—

A dividend of 10 cents per share has been declared on the common stock, par \$10, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 17. A similar distribution was made on this issue on Nov. 15 and on Dec. 15 1933. The only payment made in 1932 was a quarterly dividend of 10 cents per share paid on Jan. 30.—V. 137, p. 3161.

Taylor-Colquitt Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Years Ended Sept. 30—, 1933, 1932. Rows include Net income after Fed. taxes & other charges, Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1933, Assets, and Liabilities.

x Represented by 35,500 no par shares. y After depreciation allowances of \$241,500.—V. 137, p. 2476.

Texas Corp.—Plans Changes in Directorate.—

The report of the stockholders' investigating committee of this corporation, mailed to stockholders on Feb. 5, recommends that the Lapham family be represented by a single director, to be chosen by Lapham stockholders, and that R. C. Holmes, former President, be not re-elected a director.

The investigation resulted from a controversy arising from charges made by Mr. Holmes against the Lapham family and the present executive management of the company. The stockholders' investigating committee was created at the instance of Charles B. Ames, chairman of the board.

The recommendations of the committee in full were as follows:

Notwithstanding the fact that the executive officers are honest and experienced, the committee recommends that the present management be supplemented by the addition of an executive of outstanding experience and proven ability, who has an extensive acquaintance with the leaders of the oil industry, who will command its respect, and who is believed able to work effectively with the organization.

That the 15 directors to be elected at the next annual meeting of the stockholders to be held on April 24 1934, shall be representative more adequately than heretofore of the ownership of the stockholders; that not more than four directors shall be executive officers and that the remaining directors shall be selected from stockholders owning or representing a sufficient number of shares to insure their active interest and participation in the affairs of the corporation.

That although the stockholdings of the Lapham family justify that they be represented on the board, one director, to be chosen by them, be elected, but no more. That such antagonism has developed between Mr. Holmes and the operating executives that his re-election as a director is undesirable and unwise.

That the board to be elected take steps, by the adoption of appropriate by-laws or otherwise, to separate effectively the power to determine financial questions from the control of those entrusted with the conduct of the business of the corporation.

To accomplish these results, that, in issuing proxies for the next annual meeting, the corporation designate, as the persons authorized thereby to vote and select the new board, Walter G. Dunnington of New York, Lester J. Norris of St. Charles, Ill.; William H. Mitchell of Chicago, William M. Garland of Los Angeles and David O. Dunbar of Chicago, or a majority of them.

The five proxies so designated are nominated because it is believed that, as proxies, they will vote for the election of a board of directors which will carry into effect the recommendations herein made.

Rescinds Bonus Plans.—Two plans under which officers and directors of the Texas Corp. participated in earnings have been discontinued by the corporation, following the revelations made as the result of the inquiry conducted into the management by a committee of stockholders headed by A. L. Humes as Chairman.

Texas Gulf Producing Co.—2 1/2% Stock Distribution.—A 2 1/2% stock dividend has been declared on the capital stock, payable March 31 to holders of record March 2. A similar distribution was made on Feb. 25, May 27, Aug. 31 and Dec. 23 last.—V. 138, p. 700.

Thermoid Co.—Plan Accepted by Large Majority.—The company on Feb. 5 announced that over 75% of the outstanding \$2,700,000 of its 6% notes that matured Feb. 1 1934, have been extended for a three year period under the plan of extension announced last December (see V. 137, p. 4203). This represents about 87% of the total number of known noteholders.

It is believed by this company's management that the fairness of the company's plan is demonstrated by its overwhelming acceptance in the short period of two months, since the plan has been issued, stated Joseph Baur, Treasurer of the company. "In view of this general acceptance, it is the determination of this company to pay off no notes, to defend itself by all legal means to that end, believing that it is not legally proper or moral treatment to those noteholders who have co-operated in extending their notes."

Thompson Products, Inc.—Gross Sales.—Month of—Jan. 1934, Dec. 1933, Jan. 1933. Gross sales—\$465,519, \$330,042, \$272,761.—V. 137, p. 4204.

Transue & Williams Steel Forging Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years—, 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross profit, Depreciation, Net loss, Dividends, and Deficit.

Table with columns for Balance Sheet Dec. 31., 1933, 1932. Rows include Assets and Liabilities.

a After depreciation of \$1,559,910 in 1933 and \$1,478,901 in 1932. b Represented by 128,000 no par shares in 1933 and 100,000 in 1932. c After deducting earned deficit of \$625,010 in 1933 and \$415,482 in 1932. Capital surplus was increased by 1,500,000 during 1933 by reducing stated value of common stock from \$20 per share to \$5 per share.—V. 137, p. 3161.

Tri-Continental Corp.—New Director.—

Walter Seligman of J. & W. Seligman & Co. has been elected a director.—V. 138, p. 517, 499.

United Aircraft & Transport Corp.—Subsidiary to Accept Air Express.—

Effective Feb. 1, traffic offices of the United Air Lines at key cities throughout the country will operate as receiving stations for air-express matter. This expansion of air-express service will permit the shipment of air-express at all times through United's ticket offices in 15 terminal cities throughout the nation-wide system of air transport routes.

These stations will serve supplementary to the special pick-up and delivery service offered at all times by Railway Express, air division.—V. 138, p. 342.

United Business Publishers, Inc.—Collateral to Be Disposed of March 2.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee for the 15-year 5 1/2% sinking fund secured notes due April 1 1943, of which \$1,473,500 are outstanding, and 15-year 5 1/2% secured notes due Feb. 1 1944, of which \$1,909,000 are outstanding, will auction the collateral behind these issues on March 2 1934. The collateral behind the 5 1/2% notes due 1943 consists of 73,922 shares (no par) of United Publishers Corp. common stock, and 4,000 shares (\$100 par) preferred stock of the same corporation.

United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Referee Rejects Offer for Whelan Drug Stores—Instructs Trustee to Bid Against Branfield if Sale Is Ordered.—

After objections by creditors that the offer was inadequate, Irwin Kurtz, referee in bankruptcy, at a hearing Feb. 3 in the Federal Building instructed the trustee in bankruptcy to reject the offer of the Branfield Corp. to buy the assets of the Whelan Drug Stores, a subsidiary. The Irving Trust Co., as trustee, was instructed to ask Oscar W. Ehrhorn referee, before whom the matter will come up Feb. 10, to reject the offer.

United Milk Products Co. (& Sub.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1933. Rows include Net earnings from operations, Depreciation, Reserve for Federal income tax, Estimated loss on impounded bank deposits, Earned surplus at Dec. 31 1933, Statement of Capital Surplus Year Ended Dec. 31 1933.

Table with columns for Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933. Rows include Assets and Liabilities.

a Dividends on preferred stock of \$165,312 declared during 1933 were charged to reserve provided for that purpose at inception of company. b After depreciation reserve of \$93,787. c Represented by 53,844 no par shares. d Represented by 34,832 no par shares.—V. 136, p. 2444.

West Point Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Fiscal Year Ended Oct. 28 1933. Net sales of cloth and yarn... \$10,965,092. Operating profit of cloth mills... \$1,075,726. Total operating profit... \$1,130,059. Net profit... \$947,292.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets— Oct. 28 '33, Oct. 29 '32. Real estate, plant and equipment... \$9,111,463. Liabilities— Capital stock... 7,200,000. Total... 16,692,452.

West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Years Ended Oct. 31— 1933, 1932, 1931. Total earnings from operations... \$1,906,154. Total income... \$2,371,310. Net income... \$78,855.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

Assets— 1933, 1932. Prop. & plant... 32,176,902. Liabilities— Preferred stock... 15,612,600. Total... 50,048,066.

Whitaker Paper Co.—Pays All Pref. Div. Accruals.—

The directors on Jan. 20 declared a dividend of 5 1/4% (not 3 1/4% as previously reported) on the 7% cumulative preferred stock, par \$100, payable Feb. 10 to holders of record Jan. 31.

Wilcox-Rich Corp.—Larger Class B Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 20 cents per share on the class B common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 5.

Williams Oil-O-Matic Heating Corp.—Earnings.—

Years Ended Oct. 31— 1933, 1932, 1931. Sales... \$1,554,267. Operating profit... \$71,943. Total income... \$86,697. Net profit... \$46,712.

Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

Assets— 1933, 1932. Permanent assets... \$723,860. Liabilities— Capital stock... \$2,150,000. Total... \$2,846,774.

Willys-Overland Co.—Admitted to Dealing.—

The New York Produce Exchange has admitted to dealing the common stock (par \$5) certificates of deposit therefor.—V. 138, p. 880.

Winn & Lovett Grocery Co.—January Sales.—

Four Weeks Ended— Jan. 27 '34, Jan. 28 '33, Jan. 30 '32. Sales... \$413,393. Total... \$780,587.

Witherbee Court Apartment Building, Pelham, N. Y.—Deposit of Bonds Urged.—

The Real Estate Bondholders Protective Committee (George E. Roosevelt, Chairman), in a circular letter dated Jan. 31, to the holders of 1st

mtg. sinking fund 6% coupon gold bonds, due June 1 1937 states that the committee is preparing a detailed report with respect to the status and condition of the bonds of this issue and of the property which is security therefor and expects shortly to send this report to all of the bondholders who shall have deposited their bonds with the committee's depository. The letter further states:

Under date of Jan. 16 1934, Justice Lockwood of the New York Supreme Court by an order entered, directed the receiver for S. W. Straus & Co., Inc. to deliver to this committee full and complete lists of the names and addresses of all of the holders of bonds of all of the issues on deposit with this committee. This action of the court was taken with a view of facilitating the activities of this committee in communicating with the holders of bonds of this and the other issues now on deposit with it.

Pursuant to the order of the court, the receiver has delivered to this committee a list of the names and addresses of the holders of bonds of this issue. Out of a total \$371,000 of the bonds of this issue outstanding, there have been deposited with the committee's depository as of Jan. 27 1934, \$204,500, or approximately 55.1% of the total amount of bonds outstanding.

In order that the committee may be in a position to take effective action for the protection of the bonds and the security therefor, the committee urges all holders of bonds of this issue, who have not already done so, to deposit their bonds with the committee's depository, City Bank Farmers Trust Co., 22 William St., New York.—V. 136, p. 1040.

Wolverine Portland Cement Co., Coldwater, Mich.—

Year Ended Dec. 31— 1933, 1932. Net sales... \$240,855. Operating deficit, Dec. 31 1932... \$96,429.

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1933, 1932. Cash... \$79,514. Liabilities— Accounts payable... \$8,841. Total... \$1,009,678.

Removed from List.—

The Chicago Stock Exchange has removed from the list the 100,000 shares of capital stock.—V. 136, p. 1040.

Wolverine Tube Co.—Removed from List.—

The New York Curb Exchange has removed the common stock (no par) from unlisted trading privileges.—V. 137, p. 332.

Woodley Petroleum Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1933, 1932, 1931. Gross income... \$540,871. Net income... \$153,746.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1933, 1932. Cash... \$39,623. Liabilities— Vouchers payable... \$57,158. Total... \$1,949,139.

(F. W.) Woolworth & Co., Ltd.—Dividend Dates.—

The final dividend of 2s. 6d. on the American depository receipts for ordinary regular shares for the year ended Dec. 31 1933 is equivalent to 45.7 cents per share and was payable Feb. 8 to holders of record Jan. 12. See also V. 138, p. 342.

Month of January—

1934, 1933, 1931. Sales... \$18,137,341. Total... \$18,405,159.

Yosemite Holding Corp.—Annual Report.—

Richard J. Cornell, President, says: After allowing for the value in liquidation and the accrued and unpaid dividends on the outstanding preferred stock of Chain & General Equities, Inc., as of Dec. 31, the common stock of Chain & General Equities, Inc., had no asset value on that date.

Earnings for the Year Ended Dec. 31 1933.

Interest received, \$33; dividends received, \$146; total income... \$179. Transfer agents' fees, \$1,530; printing and stationery, \$609; legal and accounting fees, \$1,191; taxes, \$76; miscellaneous expenses, \$537.

Net loss (without giving effect to security transactions)... \$3,764. Capital Surplus Dec. 31 1933.—Balance as at Dec. 31 1932, \$648,963; adjustment of div. of Jan. 1 1933 on \$3.50 cum. pref. stock, representing excess accrual in 1932, \$44; adjustment of franchise taxes for 1932, representing excess accrual in that year, \$219; final liquidating dividend received from Granger Trading Corp., \$710; total, \$649,936.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Assets— Cash in bank... \$3,043. Liabilities— Div. pay. prior to Jan. 1 1932... \$28. Total... \$780,587.

In common stock of Chain & General Equities, Inc., at cost (over 51% owned—324,739 shares with par value of 10 cents per share). The accounts of Chain & General Equities, Inc., indicate that there is no asset value applicable to the common stock as of Dec. 31 1933.

Note.—The dividends on the preferred stock for the year ended Jan. 1 1934 were not declared.—V. 138, p. 163.

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 the paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

Friday Night, Feb. 9 1934.

COFFEE futures on the 3rd inst. were quiet and 14 to 27 points higher. Spot coffee was quiet but firm with Santos 4s offered at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Cost and freights were firm. A sale of Manizales for March-April shipment was reported at 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. ex-dock New York basis. Medellins for February-March shipment were held at 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. with a bid of 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. reported to have been turned down. On the 5th inst. futures were more active and higher, Santos advancing 19 to 20 points and Rio 25 to 32 points after sales of 20,250 bags of the former and 15,750 bags of the latter. Demand was stimulated by the firmness of the spot price. On the 6th inst. Santos futures closed 13 to 14 points lower on sales of 26,000 bags and Rio futures 15 to 17 points lower on sales of 9,000 bags. Early prices were stronger but reaction set in later on under realizing and liberal trade offerings. On the 7th inst. Santos futures closed 15 to 19 points lower on sales of 13,000 bags and Rio futures ended 16 to 19 points lower on sales of 11,000 bags. Early prices were higher. On the 8th inst. Santos futures ended with gains of 12 to 17 points and Rio futures were 18 to 20 points higher with sales of 29,000 of Santos and 4,750 bags of Rio. Scattered covering and renewed buying aided the rise. To-day Santos futures ended 8 to 10 points higher and Rio futures 16 to 17 points higher.

Rio futures closed as follows:

March	7.90	July	8.15
May	8.02	September	8.27

Santos futures closed as follows:

March	10.01	September	10.71
May	10.25	December	10.85
July	10.37		

COCOA futures on the 3rd inst. were quiet and 3 to 4 points higher at the close with March at 4.75¢., May at 4.92¢., July at 5.09¢., Sept. at 5.25¢., Oct. at 5.33¢., Dec. at 5.48¢. and Jan. at 5.55¢. On the 5th inst. futures advanced 11 to 13 points with sales of 5,199 tons. March ended at 4.87¢., May at 5.04¢., July at 5.20¢., Sept. at 5.38¢., Oct. at 5.46¢., Dec. at 5.61¢. and Jan. at 5.61¢. On the 6th inst. futures closed 1 to 3 points higher on sales of 4,060 tons. March ended at 4.90¢., May at 5.07¢., July at 5.22¢., Sept. at 5.40¢., Oct. at 5.48¢., Dec. at 5.63¢. and Jan. at 5.69¢. On the 7th inst. prices after an early advance reacted and closed with net losses of 5 to 8 points. Sales amounted to 5,023 tons. March ended at 4.83¢., May at 4.99¢., July at 5.17¢., Sept. at 5.33¢., Oct. at 5.41¢. and Jan. at 5.62¢. On the 8th inst. the reactionary tendency of the market of the last few days was reversed and prices showed net gains in the end of 6 to 9 points after sales of 1,434 tons. March closed at 4.89¢., May at 5.06¢., July at 5.24¢., Sept. at 5.40¢., Oct. at 5.49¢. and Dec. at 5.64¢. To-day futures closed 9 to 12 points higher with sales of 471 lots. March ended at 4.98¢., May at 5.16¢., July at 6.34¢., Sept. at 5.50¢., Oct. at 5.59¢. and Dec. at 5.75¢.

SUGAR futures were more active on the 3rd inst. and advanced 2 to 6 points. Sales were 22,500 tons. A leading Wall Street house was a good buyer and there was some new speculative buying for trade and commission house accounts on reports from Washington that the Administration was working on a sugar plan which would make this product a basic commodity. Also included in this plan is a reduction in the Cuban duty and a bounty of a like amount to United States producers of beet and cane sugar. There was heavy hedge selling by commission houses against production in Cuba. A sale of 30,000 bags of Puerto Rico, due Feb. 19 sold at 3.30¢. for raws. On the 5th inst. futures after showing some early strength reacted and closed unchanged to 2 points lower under profit taking and hedge selling. Sales were 24,800 tons. On the 6th inst. futures closed unchanged to 3 points higher on a turnover of 34,850 tons. Cubas were sold for March delivery at an advance of 20 points. On the 7th inst. futures advanced 1 to 4 points to new high levels for the movement on buying stimulated by reports that an announcement on sugar was imminent from Washington. Sales totaled 45,250 tons. Raws advanced to 3.39¢., the highest price since Oct. 9. Some refiners advanced the price to 4.50¢. On the 8th inst. the market was more active and closed 3 to 4 points higher on buying stimulated by reports that the President would send a message to Congress, which he did after the close. To-day futures closed 1 to 3 points lower under profit taking sales. Closing quotations follow:

March	1.65	September	1.74
May	1.67	December	1.78
July	1.69	January	1.78

LARD was in moderate demand and futures on the 3rd inst. closed unchanged to 5 points higher on buying stimulated by smaller hog receipts. Exports were 491,755 lbs.

to Liverpool, Antwerp and Bremen. Hogs were practically unchanged with receipts light; top price \$4.50. Cash lard in tierces 5.80¢.; refined to Continent 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢., South America 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢. On the 5th inst. a falling off in hog receipts and the strength of other commodities influenced speculative and trade buying and futures closed 7 to 10 points higher. There was some hedge selling and general liquidation on the upturn. Exports were 308,000 lbs. to London. Cash lard in tierces 5.90¢.; refined to Continent 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢.; South America 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. On the 6th inst. a good demand from trade interests influenced by the continued light run of hogs resulted in an advance of 8 to 13 points. Hogs were 25 to 35¢. higher with the top \$4.65. Cash lard in tierces 6.02¢.; refined to Continent 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢.; South America 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Exports of lard were 269,600 lbs. to Rotterdam. On the 7th inst. futures closed 5 to 7 points lower on selling influenced by the weakness in grain. Early prices were firmer owing to smaller hog receipts. Liverpool was unchanged to 3d. lower. Exports were only 44,800 lbs. to Havre and Naples. Cash lard in tierces 5.95¢., refined to Continent 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢., South America 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢. On the 8th inst. futures closed 10 to 13 points higher on buying by the trade with hog receipts smaller. Profit taking and hedge selling caused an early decline. Exports were larger totaling 1,120,975 lbs. to Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow and Belfast. Hogs were unchanged to 5¢. higher. Cash lard in tierces 6.07¢.; refined to Continent 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; South America 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢. To-day futures closed 5 points lower to 7 points higher.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May (new)	6.20	6.27	6.40	6.32	6.42	6.45
July	6.22	6.32	6.42	6.35	6.45	6.52
September	6.37	6.47	6.60	6.52	6.65	6.72

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May	6.72	Nov. 14 1933	May	4.80	Dec. 21 1933
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PORK firm; mess \$19.50; family \$20.50; fat backs \$14 to \$17. Beef steady; mess nominal; packet nominal; family \$10 to \$11.50; extra India mess nominal. Cut meats firm; pickled hams, 4 to 8 lbs., 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢.; 8 to 10 lbs., 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; 14 to 16 lbs., 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; 18 to 20 lbs., 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢.; 22 to 24 lbs, 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢. Pickled bellies, 6 to 8 lbs., 11 $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢.; 8 to 10 lbs., 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢.; 10 to 12 lbs., 10 $\frac{7}{8}$ ¢.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, New York, 14 to 16 lbs., 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢.; 18 to 30 lbs., 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢. Butter, creamery, firsts to higher score than extras, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Cheese, flats, 15 to 20¢. Eggs, mixed colors, checks to special packs, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢.

OILS.—Linseed was quoted by leading crushers at 8.3¢. but it was reported that 8.2¢. could be done in some directions. Indian seed shipments since April 1933 total 14,196,000 bushels as compared with 2,504,000 bushels in the like period of 1932. Argentine shipments are also large. Demand, however, was rather quiet. Coconut, Manila, tanks, spot, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢. to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; tanks, New York, spot, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢. Corn, crude tanks, f.o.b. Western mills, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢. China wood, New York, drums, delivered, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 8¢.; tanks, spot, 7.3 to 7.5¢. Olive, denatured, spot, Greek, 83 to 84¢.; Spanish, 86 to 88¢.; nearby Spanish, 86 to 88¢. Soya bean, tank cars, f.o.b. Western mills, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; cars, New York, 6.5 to 6.6¢.; less than carload, 6.9 to 7.0¢. Edible, olive, \$1.85 to \$2.20. Lard, prime, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; extra strained winter, 8¢. Cod, Newfoundland, nominal. Turpentine, 60 to 64¢. Rosen, \$5.05 to \$6.45.

COTTONSEED OIL sales to-day, including switches, 58 contracts. Crude S. E. 4@4 $\frac{1}{4}$. Prices closed as follows:

	June	July	August	September
Spot	5.32	5.50	5.56	5.69
February	5.05	5.12	5.12	5.29
March	5.12	5.12	5.12	5.12
April	5.12	5.12	5.12	5.12
May	5.29	5.29	5.29	5.29

PETROLEUM.—The summary and tables of prices formerly appearing here regarding petroleum will be found on an earlier page in our department of "Business Indications," in the article entitled "Petroleum and Its Products."

RUBBER futures closed 6 to 15 points higher with sales of 2,080 tons. March was 10.01 to 10.05¢.; May at 10.32¢.; July, 10.59¢.; Sept., 10.82¢.; Oct., 10.92¢. and Dec., 11.12¢. On the 5th inst. futures after advancing 25 to 31 points in the early trading met considerable profit taking and sold off somewhat, closing with net gains of 10 to 23 points. Sales were 6,320 tons. Spot prices advanced. March ended at 10.20¢.; May at 10.50¢.; July at 10.78¢.; Sept. at 10.98¢.; Oct. at 11.09¢. and Dec. at 11.35¢. On the 6th inst. a wave of buying orders and short covering encouraged by rumors of favorable restriction developments caused a sharp advance in prices and the ending was 34 to 41 points higher with sales of 8,980 tons. March ended at 10.57¢.; May at 10.85¢.; July at 11.16¢.; Sept. at 11.39¢.; Oct. at 11.50¢. and Dec. at 11.72¢. On the 7th inst. prices closed 21 to 29 points lower in active trading. Sales amounted to 7,230 tons. Spot rubber declined. March ended at 10.34¢.; May at 10.64 to 10.65¢.; July at 10.87¢.; Sept. at 11.11 to 11.14¢.; Oct. at

11.22c. and Dec. at 11.44c. On the 8th inst. futures ended with losses of 2 to 9 points. Sales amounted to 5,600 tons. The local spot price was unchanged. March ended at 10.30c.; May at 10.55c.; July at 10.83 to 10.84c.; Sept. at 11.09c.; Oct. at 11.20c. and Dec. at 11.42c. To-day prices closed 33 to 40 points higher on a better demand stimulated by reports from Amsterdam that the Dutch Government has worked out a plan to restrict native production. Sales were 885 lots. March closed at 10.65c.; Apr. at 10.76c.; May at 10.88 to 10.96c.; July at 11.18c.; Sept. at 11.45c. to 11.48c.; Oct. at 11.60c. and Dec. at 11.75 to 11.80c.

HIDES futures on the 3rd inst. closed 3 to 8 points higher at 11.38c. for June and 11.78c. for Sept. The market opened easier. On the 5th inst. prices steadied after some early weakness and closed 10 to 25 points higher with sales of only 720,000 lbs. March ended at 10.50c., June at 11.55c. and Sept. at 12.00c. On the 6th inst. futures after an early decline of 10 to 20 points rallied and closed unchanged to 5 points higher; sales, 1,240,000 lbs. March ended at 10.55c., June at 11.58c. and Sept. at 12.00c. On the 7th inst. prices closed 33 to 35 points with sales of 1,200,000 lbs. June ended at 11.25 to 11.30c. and Sept. at 11.65 to 11.70c. On the 8th inst. futures were active and after displaying some early weakness recovered somewhat and ended 5 points lower to 13 points higher with sales of 1,280,000 lbs. March ended at 10.15c., June at 11.38c., Sept. at 11.75 to 11.85c. and Dec. at 12.05c. To-day futures closed 5 to 15 points lower with sales of 21 lots. June ended at 11.25c., Sept. at 11.60 to 11.70c. and Dec. at 11.90c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS were dull.

CHARTERS included: Grain booked.—Eight loads range to Rotterdam, 8c.; eight to Hamburg, 8c.; two to Antwerp, 10c. Sugar.—Cuba, late April, to Montreal, 15c. Trips.—West Indies, round, prompt, \$1.

COAL was in only fair demand at best. The production of anthracite in January was 6,127,000 or 74,000,000 tons a year. The gain over November was 1,700,000 tons and over January 1933, 1,900,000 tons. Combined bituminous, and hard coal and beehive coke output in January was 39,159,000 tons as against 34,113,500 tons in November, 1933 and 30,948,900 tons a year ago. Hampton Roads loadings for this year to Jan. 27 were 166,000 tons less than a year ago.

SILVER futures on the 3rd inst. were active and closed 97 to 138 points higher. The volume reached 6,250,000 ounces. At the finish March was 44.50c., May 45.05c., July 45.45c. and Sept. 46.10c. On the 5th inst. futures closed 12 to 35 points lower with sales of 5,700,000 ounces. The market was much weaker in the early trading. The local bar price fell 1/8c. to 44c. March ended at 44.35c., May at 44.90c., July at 45.35c. and September at 45.75c. On the 6th inst. futures closed 10 to 29 points higher with sales of 6,825,000 ounces. The local bar price rose 1/8c. to 44 1/2c. March ended at 44.50c., May at 45.00c., July at 45.45c. and September at 46.94c. On the 7th inst. futures closed 21 to 27 points higher with sales of 6,325,000 ounces. A broader speculative demand and increased covering stimulated by reports from Washington that the Administration was considering the silver question. The steadiness in Shanghai and sterling were also bracing factors. March ended at 44.75c., May at 45.25c., July at 45.70c., and September at 46.25c. On the 8th inst. futures closed 5 to 20 points higher with sales of 5,275,000 ounces. The bar price here remained at 44 1/2c. March ended at 44.92c., May at 45.45c. to 45.46c., July at 45.80c., September at 46.30c.; October at 46.57c. and December at 47.11c. To-day prices closed 14 to 25 points lower with sales of 8,800,000 ounces. February ended at 44.71c., March at 44.70 to 44.72c., May at 45.20c., July at 46.10 to 46.20c., and December at 46.91c.

COPPER was dull for domestic delivery at 8c., while the European market was active at 8.15 to 8.36c. In London on the 7th inst. standard fell 1s. 3d. to £33 12s. 6d. for spot and £33 16s. 3d. for futures; sales 50 tons of spot and 650 tons of futures; electrolytic bid unchanged at £36 10s.; asked off 10s. to £37; at the second London session standard advanced 1s. 3d. on sales of 250 tons of futures.

TIN advanced recently to 51.35c., but demand was small. Tin plate operations are expected to increase sharply in the next few months and a sharp increase in tin consumption is looked for. In London on the 7th inst. spot standard dropped 10s. to £226 15s.; futures off 7s. 6d. to £226; sales 20 tons of spot and 170 tons of futures; spot Straits dropped 17s. 6d. to £231 5s.; Eastern c. i. f. London was unchanged at £230 12s. 6d.; at the second London session standard was unchanged with sales of 35 tons of spot and 35 tons of futures.

LEAD recently was in better demand with prices strong at 4c. New York and 3.90c. East St. Louis. In London on the 7th inst. spot fell 1s. 3d. to £11 13s. 9d.; futures dropped 2s. 6d. to £11 18s. 9d.; sales 100 tons of spot and 250 tons of futures.

ZINC was quiet at 4.40c. East St. Louis. Stocks of slab zinc in the United States increased 6,422 tons during January according to the American Zinc Institute to 111,982 tons, the largest supplies since last June. Production for the month was 32,954 tons against 32,004 tons in the preceding month. Shipments were 26,532 tons against 27,607 tons in December. The daily production averaged 1,063 tons as against 1,032 tons in the preceding month. In London on the 7th inst. prices dropped 1s. 3d. to £14 17s. 6d. for spot and £15 5s. for

futures; sales 400 tons of spot and 50 tons of futures; at the second session prices advanced 1s. 3d. on sales of 300 ton of futures. Producers expect the ore price to be lifted another \$2 Saturday to \$30. Surplus stocks in January increased over 6,000 tons.

STEEL.—A feature in the trade was the wide distribution of orders recently over the country. Automobile makers in order to get quick delivery have spread their orders quite widely now that the steel code makes it impossible to obtain the usual price concessions. Heretofore if a steel mill secured all of a certain order it would make a deep cut in the price. Orders for steel for freight cars were also well distributed. Light steel was in good demand while that for heavy steel was light. This condition will be remedied, it is said, when the 200,000 tons of steel for new freight cars are distributed.

PIG IRON showed little if any improvement. Stocks in the hands of many consumers are large. Yet there are some whose stocks are not so large and it is from this class of consumer that buying orders are expected in the next few months. The 'Iron Age' estimated production in January had increased 2.8%. The output was 1,215,226 tons or 39,201 tons daily as against 1,182,079 tons or 38,131 tons daily in December. There were 87 furnaces in blast on Feb. 1.

WOOL was in moderate demand and steady. Finer territory wools sold the best, although there was some interest shown in fine fleeces. Strictly combing 58s, 60s, half blood, territory wools sold at 82 to 85c., scoured basis and bulk average French combing 64s and finer territory wools in original bags were selling at 82 to 84c. scoured basis.

SILKS on the 5th inst. continued to advance despite realizing sales and hedging and closed 2 to 4 1/2c. higher after sales of 1,350 bales. March ended at \$1.52, April at \$1.53, May and June \$1.53 1/2, July \$1.54 and August and September \$1.54 1/2. On the 6th inst. futures closed 1/2 to 3c. lower with sales of 950 bales. March ended at \$1.51, April at \$1.51 1/2, June at \$1.52 1/2, and July, August and September at \$1.53 1/2. On the 7th inst. futures closed unchanged to 3 1/2c. lower with sales of 1,150 bales. March, April and May ended at \$1.49 to \$1.50, June at \$1.49 1/2, July at \$1.50 1/2 to \$1.53, August at \$1.50 to \$1.51 and Sept. at \$1.50. On the 8th inst. prices eased under profit taking sales and ended unchanged to 1 1/2c. lower with sales of only 840 bales. March closed at \$1.48, April at \$1.48 to \$1.49, June at \$1.48 1/2 to \$1.49 1/2 and July, August and September at \$1.50. To-day prices closed 1c. lower to 1c. higher with sales of 110 lots. March and April ended at \$1.48 to \$1.49, May and June at \$1.48 1/2, July at \$1.51, August at \$1.50 to \$1.51 and September at \$1.50.

COTTON

Friday Night, Feb. 9 1934.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 85,311 bales, against 100,030 bales last week and 114,611 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1933 6,011,550 bales, against 6,808,302 bales for the same period of 1932, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1933 of 796,752 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston.....	2,039	2,338	8,887	2,334	1,916	2,807	20,321
Texas City.....	—	—	—	—	—	813	813
Houston.....	3,949	3,227	5,517	2,128	2,910	9,075	26,806
Corpus Christi..	—	1,241	—	—	—	—	1,241
New Orleans.....	6,614	4,730	6,714	1,878	2,749	3,037	25,722
Mobile.....	65	53	354	133	56	33	694
Pensacola.....	1,998	—	—	—	—	2,602	4,600
Jacksonville....	—	—	—	—	—	158	158
Savannah.....	76	148	130	107	370	60	891
Brunswick.....	—	—	—	—	100	—	100
Charleston.....	25	25	335	200	—	774	1,359
Lake Charles....	—	—	—	—	—	387	387
Wilmington.....	7	2	—	—	25	232	282
Norfolk.....	121	20	23	43	104	61	372
Baltimore.....	—	—	—	—	—	1,565	1,565
Totals this week.	14,894	11,784	21,961	6,848	8,220	21,604	85,311

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1933 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Feb. 9.	1933-34.		1932-33.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1933.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1932.	1934.	1933.
Galveston.....	20,321	1,735,506	22,312	1,646,666	797,159	825,485
Texas City.....	813	170,539	4,867	204,477	43,112	67,163
Houston.....	26,806	2,014,237	47,287	2,351,032	1,379,458	1,812,496
Corpus Christi..	1,241	313,178	971	281,628	79,400	78,123
Beaumont.....	—	8,767	—	28,494	5,588	25,004
New Orleans.....	25,722	1,064,202	34,468	1,390,984	772,370	1,047,428
Mobile.....	694	123,301	4,297	238,511	111,095	151,877
Pensacola.....	4,600	119,658	—	108,483	22,579	33,288
Jacksonville....	158	12,598	43	8,281	7,002	14,159
Savannah.....	891	147,707	3,211	123,291	125,502	168,863
Brunswick.....	100	25,133	—	34,415	—	—
Charleston.....	1,359	111,485	773	134,606	52,881	66,449
Lake Charles....	387	95,997	1,177	147,296	36,827	79,425
Wilmington.....	282	18,588	798	46,113	19,890	25,478
Norfolk.....	372	32,452	611	43,654	19,927	55,052
Newport News, &c	—	—	—	8,689	—	—
New York.....	—	—	—	—	89,117	198,805
Boston.....	—	—	—	—	10,442	18,558
Baltimore.....	1,565	18,202	348	11,076	2,657	2,019
Philadelphia....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals.....	85,311	6,011,550	121,163	6,808,302	3,577,606	4,669,672

ness. All deliveries are now above the 12c. level. Final prices show a rise for the week of 72 to 75 points. Spot cotton ended at 12.55c. for middling, an advance for the week of 75 points.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table with columns: Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Middling upland prices.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing futures prices for various months from Feb. 1934 to Jan. 1935. Columns include Date, Range, Closing, and Nominal values.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Feb. 9 1934 and since trading began on each option:

Table with columns: Option for—, Range for Week, Range Since Beginning of Option. Lists options from Feb. 1934 to Jan. 1935.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday) we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

Table showing visible supply of cotton. Columns: Location (e.g., Liverpool, Manchester, Hamburg, Bremen), 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931.

Total visible supply 9,723,180 10,455,560 10,225,773 9,900,721

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

Table showing American and other descriptions of cotton supply. Columns: Description (e.g., American, East Indian, Brazil, &c.), 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931.

Total visible supply 9,723,180 10,455,560 10,225,773 9,900,721

Table showing midling uplands and other cotton types. Columns: Type (e.g., Middling uplands, New York), 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931.

Continental imports for past week have been 95,000 bales. The above figures for 1934 show a decrease from last week of 114,051 bales, a loss of 732,380 from 1933, a decrease of 502,593 bales from 1932, and a decrease of 223,541 bales from 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:

Large table showing movement to Feb. 9 1934 and movement to Feb. 10 1933. Columns: Towns, Receipts (Week, Season), Shipments (Week, Season), Stocks (Feb. 9, Feb. 10).

Total, 56 towns 78,717 4,134,617 141,287 1,964,746 89,544 4,360,775 123,652 2,208,4026

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 62,960 bales and are to-night 119,280 bales less than at the same period last year. The receipts of all the towns have been 10,827 bales less than the same week last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

Table showing New York quotations for 32 years. Columns: Year, Price (1926-1934), 1918, 1917, 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

Table showing market and sales at New York. Columns: Date, Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, SALES (Spot, Contr't, Total).

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—

We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table showing overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1. Columns: Date, 1933-34 (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1932-33 (Week, Since Aug. 1).

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 17,798 bales, against 12,083 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the

aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 202,194 bales.

part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table showing cotton statistics for 1933-34 and 1932-33, including In Sight and Spinners' Takings, Receipts at ports to Feb. 9, and Total marketed.

Movement into sight in previous years:
Week— Bales Since Aug. 1— Bales.
1932—Feb. 12 337,079 1932 12,588,609
1931—Feb. 13 180,791 1931 11,620,443
1930—Feb. 14 132,532 1930 12,520,129

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table titled 'Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—' showing prices for Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Norfolk, Montgomery, Augusta, Memphis, Houston, Little Rock, Dallas, and Fort Worth from Saturday to 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 showing New Orleans contract market data, including dates from Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, and prices for various contracts.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that the extreme cold weather that hit a good part of the country did not extend into the more southern parts of the cotton belt as it did last week.

Memphis, Tenn.—It has been dry all week and the weather has been suitable for farm work.

Table titled 'Weather Reports by Telegraph' showing rain, rainfall, and thermometer readings for various cities like Galveston, Amarillo, Austin, Abilene, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Del Rio, El Paso, Houston, Palestine, San Antonio, Oklahoma City, Fort Smith, Little Rock, New Orleans, Shreveport, Meridian, Vicksburg, Mobile, Birmingham, Montgomery, Jacksonville, Miami, Pensacola, Tampa, Savannah, Atlanta, Augusta, Macon, Charleston, Asheville, Raleigh, Wilmington, Memphis, Chattanooga, and Nashville.

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 New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Shreveport, and Vicksburg for Feb. 9 1934 and Feb. 10 1933.

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

Table showing weekly receipts at ports, stocks at interior towns, and receipts from plantations for 1933 and 1932, covering months from Nov. to Feb.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1933 are 6,690,633 bales; in 1932-33 were 7,426,863 bales and in 1931-32 were 9,055,375 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Table titled 'Cotton Takings, Week and Season' comparing 1933-34 and 1932-33 data for visible supply, total supply, and total takings.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.
c This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,579,000 bales in 1933-34 and 2,669,000 bales in 1932-33—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 8,333,334 bales in 1933-34 and 7,820,552 bales in 1932-33, of which 5,794,934 bales and 5,337,552 bales American.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Table showing India cotton movement from all ports, including Bombay, for 1933-34, 1932-33, and 1931-32, with weekly and since Aug. 1 data.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 17,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and in cloths is firm. Demand for both yarn and cloth is improving.

Table showing Manchester market data for 1933 and 1932, including cotton prices for 32s Cop Twists, 8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, and 8 3/4 Lbs. Common to Finest.

Canadian—	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
Montreal.....	4,339,000	-----	438,000	452,000	344,000
Ft. William & Port Arthur	5,280,000	-----	4,863,000	2,146,000	4,686,000
Other Canadian and other water points.....	40,731,000	-----	4,047,000	544,000	923,000
Total Feb. 3 1934.....	110,360,000	-----	9,348,000	3,142,000	5,953,000
Total Jan. 27 1934.....	110,648,000	-----	9,661,000	3,152,000	6,098,000
Total Feb. 4 1933.....	101,179,000	-----	4,401,000	3,368,000	2,767,000
Summary—					
American.....	109,528,000	65,357,000	43,201,000	12,833,000	14,095,000
Canadian.....	110,360,000	-----	9,348,000	3,142,000	5,953,000
Total Feb. 3 1934.....	219,888,000	65,357,000	52,549,000	15,975,000	20,048,000
Total Jan. 27 1934.....	222,993,000	65,058,000	53,263,000	16,145,000	20,499,000
Total Feb. 4 1933.....	252,317,000	31,819,000	29,022,000	11,276,000	11,455,000

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Feb. 2, and since July 1 1933 and July 2 1932, are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	Week Feb. 2, 1934.	Since July 1 1933.	Since July 2 1932.	Week Feb. 2, 1934.	Since July 1 1933.	Since July 2 1932.
North Amer.	5,055,000	137,049,000	204,226,000	38,000	451,000	4,344,000
Black Sea...	912,000	34,315,000	18,472,000	222,000	20,605,000	40,523,000
Argentina...	3,561,000	67,363,000	38,781,000	5,512,000	142,390,000	141,711,000
Australia...	2,646,000	55,802,000	73,210,000	-----	-----	-----
Oth. countr's	336,000	18,704,000	20,125,000	451,000	7,017,000	21,512,000
Total	12,510,000	313,233,000	354,814,000	6,223,000	170,464,000	208,090,000

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDED FEB. 7.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Feb. 7, follows:

For the country, as a whole, the weather of the week was characterized by extremely wide variations in temperature and a general absence of precipitation, except in rather limited areas. The first part of the period had abnormally cold weather in the East, with freezing temperatures extending southward into northern Florida, and zero to some middle Appalachian sections, but at the same time it had become much warmer in the northwest. On Feb. 1 and 2, a depression of considerable energy moved from the east Gulf northeastward over Atlantic States to North Carolina, and thence offshore to New England. It was attended by precipitation over the Atlantic seaboard, with rather heavy snows in a narrow eastern belt. Thereafter, moderately cold weather prevailed in the East, but abnormal warmth persisted in the northwest. The lowest temperature reported from a first-order station was 30 degrees below zero at northfield, Vt., on the last day of January.

Data in the table show marked contrasts between the northeast and the northwest in the average temperature of the week. In the former area the weekly means ranged from 10 to 19 degrees below normal, while in the latter they averaged from 15 to 25 degrees above normal. Over the northern and northwestern Great Plains it was one of the warmest winter weeks of record. In the middle and south Atlantic areas the averages were 4 to 10 degrees subnormal, and in central and southern sections west of the Mississippi River mostly from 3 to 15 degrees above normal, except along the Pacific Coast.

The table shows also that precipitation in substantial amounts occurred in the extreme South and in Atlantic districts, while moderate falls are shown for the upper Lake region and the far northwest. Otherwise, there was practically no precipitation anywhere in the country. The soil has become extremely dry in large interior and western sections.

The abnormally cold weather at the close of last week and the beginning of the current period caused considerable harm to winter truck crops in the southeastern sections of the country, from southeastern Virginia southward to northern Florida, and thence westward to Mississippi. At the same time, the low temperatures were favorable in retarding fruit buds, as these were becoming unseasonably advanced. There was more or less damage to winter oats in the northern portions of the east Gulf States.

East of the Mississippi River outside operations were largely at a standstill, especially in central and northern States, because of the rains and snows and generally wintry weather conditions. West of the Mississippi the week was favorable for seasonal farm work rather generally, and some activity was noted, such as disking, as far north as Montana. Southern districts experienced no material harm from the cold weather. The Pacific Coast States have a generally favorable condition with regard to weather.

As affecting agriculture, a decidedly apprehensive situation has developed in the matter of soil moisture. An unusually large area of the West has become critically dry, resulting in drifting of soil by high winds and a general deterioration in winter crops. This is especially true in the western sections of the main Winter Wheat Belt, and extends, to a lesser degree, eastward to the lower Missouri, central Mississippi, and much of the Ohio Valley areas. Considerable hauling of stock water is necessary in some central Valley sections, and the subsoil is very dry. Rains of the week brought at least temporary relief to the drouthy south Atlantic area where the soil is now in better shape for plowing.

SMALL GRAINS.—The severe cold wave that overspread eastern wheat districts at the close of last week caused some injury in the Ohio Valley, with plants showing brown in many localities, but in others dry soil was favorable in preventing later serious lifting; in central and western Valley areas apparently as much harm occurred through high winds blowing the soil. Severe injury was noted in the southeast, principally in northern Alabama, where oats were reported killed.

Dust storms were widespread in western grain areas, with damage from soil blowing reported from Missouri, Iowa, and Kansas northwestward; moisture is seriously needed in the first two States, although no serious injury from the cold weather is probable. In Kansas winter wheat was unfavorably affected in the western area and many central counties by continued dryness, with rather severe damage from soil blowing in the southwestern quarter; little change was noted in the eastern part. Widespread deterioration was reported from Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, and eastern Colorado, where the moisture situation is acute, with much drifting soil and dust storms. In the entire western Wheat Belt the crop is in bad shape. In eastern Texas fall crops were favored, but in the western part and also in western Oklahoma, moisture is still seriously deficient. In the Pacific northwest the continued mild weather was very favorable for winter grains and growth continued. Some plowing and preparation for spring oat seeding was done in Oklahoma and Arkansas and some have already been planted.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Feb. 9 1934.

While the present cold spell has stimulated buying of winter goods, it has naturally put a damper on efforts to promote early spring sales. January sales figures of chain stores now at hand fully confirm the optimistic estimates, showing increases in dollar volume up to 45% over January 1933, although it should, of course, be taken into account that price advances ranging from 20% to 25% are prevailing at present, and that, furthermore, comparisons are now being made with the period of last year, during which the banking crisis and general depression were approaching

their climax. Much uncertainty still exists among retailers regarding the willingness or ability of consumers to pay the higher prices demanded, particularly since it has been observed that goods move freely only in departments where prices have been maintained at about the same level as last year. In many instances this has made necessary the substitution of qualities inferior to those offered last year. While this attitude on the part of the retail merchants and their resultant persistent quest for low-priced goods is deplored by the wholesalers and manufacturers, a real advance in the purchasing power of the broad middle class will be required to overcome this problem.

Activity in the wholesale dry goods markets was somewhat hampered by the continued cold weather, which had the effect of temporarily slowing up buying of spring lines. The strong tone of the market was, however, fully maintained, and prices continued their upward trend, with activity broadening later in the week. The number of buyers operating in the market reached a new peak. Price advances were put into effect on denims and percales, and business in towels, as well as sheets and pillow cases, showed considerable expansion. Re-orders for wash goods were received in heavy volume. Wholesalers, on their part, continued to place a fairly substantial volume of orders in the primary markets, confident that the next few weeks will see another active spurt in spring orders. Trading in silk goods showed some expansion, partly under the influence of the improved statistical position of the raw silk market. Silk sheers are gaining in popularity, and silk crepes for printing are none too plentiful in the greige goods market. Taffetas and printed chiffons are in good demand. Pronounced strength and activity continued to feature the rayon market. The opening of producers' books for April orders disclosed the fact that the larger firms are sold up through March. In some finer yarn numbers a scarcity of spot goods is said to exist. Rumors of pending price advances are not credited, however.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Trading in gray cloths was active during the greater part of the week, with prices continuing to point upward. The strength of raw cotton and reports of heavy movements of finished goods acted as stimulants. Some speculative buying also was noted. Prices on some constructions came very close to the high quotations reached last August, and still higher prices are confidently predicted. The figures published by the Cotton Textile Institute, on conditions in the cotton goods industry, fully confirmed previous optimistic reports. Sales for the first five weeks of the current year were 50% in excess of output, and present unfilled orders amount to 847,000,000 yards, or the equivalent of seven weeks' current production. Narrow brown sheetings moved in heavy volume at higher prices. Active trading prevailed in fine goods, with considerable business being booked on combed and carded lawns, voiles, organdies, piques, pique voiles and a number of types of fancy cloths. Not in years has the fine goods market been in as satisfactory a condition as at present, and the current good demand is expected to continue at least for the balance of the first quarter. Closing quotations in print cloths were as follows: 39-inch 80's, 9 3/4 to 9 1/2c.; 39-inch 72x76's, 9 1/8 to 9 1/4c.; 39-inch 68x72's, 8c.; 38 1/2-inch 64x60's, 7 1/8 to 7 1/4c.; 38 1/2-inch 60x48's, 6 1/4 to 6 1/2c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Trading in men's wear goods continued inactive, reflecting the present lull in retail sales pending the advent of warmer weather and the approach of the Easter season. Views of clothing manufacturers are reported to be spotty, ranging from virtual idleness, to some plants, particularly in the Middle West, enjoying full employment. Retail promotions of men's clothing met with fair success, centering, however, mainly in low-priced merchandise. Business in women's wear fabrics continued active, with substantial business being booked on suitings, dress goods and worsted cloakings. Complaints are heard, however, about unsatisfactory prices obtained in this field, with the result that a number of mills has turned to the manufacture of cloths containing a substantial mixture of cotton, for which a lively demand is said to have developed. Hope is expressed that as the season progresses demand will shift to higher priced materials.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Although the unsettled exchange situation continues to exert a retarding influence on trading in linens, a fair amount of activity is reported both in colored dress goods and in household linens. Retail sales of household linens during January are said to have been quite satisfactory. Business in burlaps kept within narrow limits, with a moderate amount of trading in shipments being reported. The rally in sterling and slightly firmer Calcutta quotations, the latter in the face of a substantial increase in mill stocks during the month of January, resulted in a slight improvement in prices. Domestically, lightweights were quoted at 4.85c., heavies at 6.50c.

Committee Supports Program.

Consideration already has been given the refunding program by the State of Arkansas Bondholders' Protective Committee, which met last week and decided unanimously to recommend its acceptance by the creditors it represents. The committee is acting in behalf of holders of the \$91,000,000 highway and toll-bridge bonds, who are believed to be the most vital factor in the program, other than the State itself. The attitude of holders of close to \$47,000,000 Arkansas road-district bonds, which have been assumed in part by the State, remains to be determined.

The program proposed in the bill is a complicated one, but it deals seriatim with every type of Arkansas indebtedness outstanding, and thus provides a unified plan which is held feasible of execution from every point of view. The principles of the City of Detroit debt readjustment are embodied in this plan, which calls for immediate resumption of interest payments on a reduced scale, with larger payments to be made in 1937 and full interest in 1939 and thereafter.

Special series of bonds are to be issued to cover interest now in default and unpaid balances of interest in the years to 1939. In recognition of the State's financial problem, an extension of bond maturities is proposed for a term of 10 years. Special bond-redemption funds are to be set up immediately, however, and these are to be employed in retirement on a corresponding scale of the new refunding bonds by the sealed-bid method. This will supply an added feature of marketability for all Arkansas bonds and will tend to keep market quotations up, with attendant benefits for all holders of these issues.

Gasoline Tax Made 6½ Cents.

As an insurance of performance the State covenants to keep gasoline and automobile license taxes at levels that will produce not less than \$8,537,000 annually, which is sufficient for highway maintenance as well as all debt charges of the refunding program, a gasoline tax of 6½ cents a gallon is fixed and license fees are brought to a level that, together with the gasoline tax, will assure required revenues. If revenues from these sources exceed \$10,000,000 a year the State may reduce the gasoline tax slightly.

Bonds to be issued by the State for refunding present highway and toll-bridge bonds, certificates of indebtedness and other direct obligations of the State are to be made general obligations, for payment of which the State will pledge its full faith and credit. Holders of the road-district bonds will suffer no impairment of their present rights. The State, in consideration of the concessions made by the creditors, declares specifically that the act constitutes a contract between it and the creditors, which it guarantees never to impair by subsequent legislation.

Arkansas highway and toll-bridge bonds in the amount of \$91,000,000 now outstanding are to be translated under the program into related series of highway refunding and toll-bridge refunding bonds, which will carry interest initially at 3½% with the rate to be raised to 4% in 1937 and to the contractual level of present bonds in 1939. They are to mature "in such manner that the bonds and notes refunded may be exchanged for refunding bonds maturing on April 1 of the 10 years subsequent to the calendar year in which the bonds and notes refunded mature, or shall mature."

Provision is made for two additional series of highway and toll-bridge bonds, which will represent interest now unpaid and the balance of interest on the contractual basis remaining unpaid until 1939. Such bonds are to bear interest at the rate of 3½% and their maturities shall be fixed by a refunding board at not less than 15 years from their date.

Road-district bonds which are not in litigation and which may be declared by the courts to be payable by the State are to be refunded into a special series of road refunding bonds, bearing 3% interest, which will be general obligations of the State. Such refunding bonds are to mature 1940. Unpaid interest on road-district bonds is to be funded into a further series of road-district refunding bonds, bearing no interest, and redeemable 1949.

Bonds issued for acquisition of the DeValls Bluff toll-bridge are to be refunded by an issue of DeValls Bluff refunding bonds as general obligations of the State. The new issue will carry 3% interest and mature in 1950. Legal holders of certain short-term notes are to receive refunding notes, also general obligations, carrying 3% interest and payable 1954. Provision also is made for claims of municipalities upon the State in connection with the construction of roads that are part of the State highway system.

Colorado.—Delinquent Tax Compromise Bill Voted.—We are informed by our Western correspondent that Governor Edward Johnson vetoed House Bill No. 46, passed at the recent special legislative session, which would permit all those paying their 1933 taxes before Oct. 25 1934 to compromise all delinquent taxes for 1931 and prior years on a 50% basis. Attorney General Paul Prosser is said to have advised the Governor that the bill conflicted with the Federal and State constitutions.

Connecticut.—Statistical Compilation Prepared on Legal Investments.—A booklet has been prepared by R. L. Day & Co., containing a complete list of the securities which were legal investments for savings banks in this State as of Jan. 2 1934, together with a concise analysis of the railroad and public utility companies. Also, there have been included the latest available financial statements of all Connecticut municipalities which have bonds outstanding.

Kansas.—State Treasurer to Resign March 1.—It was announced recently by Dr. W. M. Jardine, State Treasurer, that he will accept the Presidency of Wichita University. Press advices from Topeka reported that his resignation will become effective March 1, when he assumes his new duties. Mr. Jardine replaced Tom B. Boyd, recently convicted on charges in the municipal bond scandal—V. 138, p. 891. A successor to Mr. Jardine has not been announced as yet by Governor Landon.

State Auditor Acquitted of Impeachment Charge.—A Topeka dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" of Feb. 7 reported as follows on the acquittal of Will J. French, State Auditor, of impeachment charges that had been brought in connection with the above mentioned bond forgery:

The Kansas Senate to-day acquitted Will J. French, State Auditor, of impeachment charges growing out of State forged bond scandal.

French was accused of destroying refunded municipal warrants and signing affidavits certifying to the destruction for Ronald Finney, convicted forger and central figure in the \$1,000,000 bogus bond swindle. Many of the warrants supposedly destroyed actually were retained by Finney for use in his operations while he presented bogus warrants at the Auditor's office for destruction.

The Auditor admitted signing one certificate, but said no law prohibited such an act. He also said he told Finney not to present any more warrants for destruction and later instructed his assistant, J. E. Voorhees, not to continue the practice. He denied having authorized Voorhees to sign any certificates for Finney.

The vote on the one article remaining against French was 22 to 18, 5 fewer than the necessary two-thirds for conviction. Three other impeachment articles previously had been dismissed.

Roland Boynton, State Attorney-General, was acquitted of impeachment charges by the Senate last week. French's case completed the impeachment trials. Tom Boyd, who was State Treasurer when the bond forgeries came to light last year, is under conviction on criminal charges of illegally removing warrants from the State Treasury and awaits sentence in District Court to-morrow.

Massachusetts.—Addition to List of Legal Investments for Savings Banks.—The State Bank Commissioner has added to the list of securities legal for investment by Massachusetts savings banks: Union Electric Light & Power

Co. of Missouri 5% series A gen. mtge. bonds due Dec. 1 1954, according to Boston advices on Feb. 8.

Minnesota.—New Income Tax Becomes Effective.—The following report on the new income tax for this State, which went into effect recently, is taken from the Jan. 20 issue of the "Commercial West" of Minneapolis:

Minnesota's new income tax law is in effect. Returns must be made by March 15. Constitutionality of the law has been attacked in the courts by the law firm of Fowler, Carlson, Furber & Johnson, Minneapolis, representing a taxpayer, but the State's Attorney-General has ruled returns must be made and part of the tax paid irrespective of the impending court action.

All whose gross income exceeds \$5,000 must make returns. Exemptions are \$1,200 for a single person, \$2,000 for a married person or head of family, and \$250 for each dependent. Other exemptions include taxes paid, interest, losses in business and securities, rent on Minnesota real estate, &c. There is no prison penalty for failure to make proper return, but civil actions may involve heavy costs.

Rate is 1% up to \$1,000 and the increase is by fractions in a \$1,000 ratio up to \$10,000 or over, on which 5% must be paid.

Missouri.—Governor Park Signs Sales Tax.—A Jefferson City dispatch of recent date stated that Governor Park had signed the one-half of 1% sales tax bill, which will provide funds for Missouri to pay its share of the cost of relief to needy and unemployed. The measure is said to have been passed after a long controversy in the recent special legislative session, and it is estimated that it will yield between four and seven million dollars. The tax on all retail sales, amusements, public utility services, newspaper advertising and newspaper services became effective on Jan. 15.

Montana.—Special Legislative Session Ends.—A 54-day special session, which witnessed the passage of legislation designed to relieve burdened taxpayers, debt-ridden cities, counties and school districts, and the unemployed, came to an end on Jan. 19. It also passed tax bills which are designed to bring in an estimated yield of \$750,000 in new revenue. The Helena "Record" of Jan. 19 reported in part as follows on the closing of the session:

Montana's 23rd Legislative Assembly, having been in extraordinary session for 54 days, adjourned sine die this morning at 11:35.

Called into session Nov. 27 to raise funds for relief of destitution in the State, it has passed tax measures which it has been estimated will bring in \$750,000, with which Federal and county funds will be matched.

It has passed legislation for relief of burdened taxpayers, debt-ridden cities, counties and school districts and the unemployed.

It has limited the hours of labor in stores, appropriated funds with which to set up the State liquor system, reduced the license fee for owners of small cars, revised the beer dispensing law, created a Montana Water Conservation Commission which will have authority to plan and supervise construction of irrigation projects under a Federal loan; authorized the erection of buildings at several State institutions; moved the school for the deaf and blind from Boulder to Great Falls, if a Federal loan is approved; created an Oil Conservation Board; and passed many other bills of smaller moment.

Bills Turned Down.

The extra session also will be remembered for some of the many bills it refused to pass. Among them were several bills for private sale of liquor, a cosmetics tax, a licensed gambling bill, and a bill to set up a State Industrial Recovery Board. One bill would have unified the University of Montana and placed it at Lewistown.

Convening this morning at 10 o'clock after a night spent in bitter debate on proposed impeachment of State officials, the Legislature presented a marked contrast to its recent scenes. Member after member arose to his feet and remarked upon the friendship he has formed, upon the accomplishments of the Assembly, paid tribute to the special committees and the standing committees upon which fell a majority of the work of the sessions, and invited all other members to "come up and see me some time."

New Jersey.—U. S. Supreme Court Decision in Delaware Boundary Dispute.—Associated Press dispatches from Washington on Feb. 5 reported that the long-standing dispute between New Jersey and Delaware to determine jurisdiction over portions of the Delaware River and Bay was given a compromise settlement on that day in the Supreme Court of the United States in an opinion by Justice Benjamin A. Cardozo. The decision is said to uphold the finding of a special master that the Delaware boundary along the Delaware River side was the low-water mark on the New Jersey shore within the radius of a twelve-mile circle around New-castle, Del. New Jersey filed exceptions to this finding, it is said, claiming the centre of the channel as the boundary. In the Delaware River and Bay below the said circle the court also upheld the special master, establishing the boundary in the middle of the channel. Delaware asserted the boundary should follow the geographic centre of the stream and bay.

New Orleans, La.—Semi-Annual Financial Statement Issued by City Board.—The semi-annual statement of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, for the six months ending Dec. 31 1933 has been issued recently. The report of the Board's transactions includes a detailed statement of the bonded debt, cash receipts and expenditures, statement of account of the Sewerage and Water Board, and a statement of bonds purchased and owned by the Board of Liquidation.

New York City.—Bonded Debt Total on Dec. 31 1933 Put at \$2,368,437,704—Increase of \$802,583,978 in Eight Years.—In a report made public on Feb. 2 by Comptroller W. Arthur Cunningham the bonded debt of the city on Dec. 31 1933 was put at \$2,368,437,704. This is an increase of debt in the amount of \$802,583,978 during the eight years preceding, he stated. The Comptroller added that this report did not give a true picture of the city's condition and within the near future he intends to issue reports more clearly indicating just what constitutes the city's expenditures and financial standing.

The city's debt increased 3.214% last year, compared with 2.163% in 1932 and 5.557% in 1931, according to the report. During the year new debt added totaled \$89,915,000, and redemptions totaled \$16,165,487. Of the new debt, \$77,000,000 was for relief purposes. The Comptroller's report showed that in 1933 the city received a total

of \$1,100,212,037 and expended \$1,058,599,127. Exclusive of borrowings, the receipts were \$640,300,148.

New Basic Tax Rate Tentatively Set at \$2.70.—City tax bills this year will show a substantial increase over those of last year due to the higher rate, Comptroller Cunningham revealed on Feb. 8. Estimates of the tax rate made by the Comptroller are said to have shown that the new basic rate will be \$2.70, an increase of 37 cents per \$100. The large last minute assessment reductions granted by the outgoing Tammany Administration will force a higher rate, according to report.

City's Budget Approximately \$31,000,000 Out of Balance—Over \$167,000,000 Obligations Due in 1934.—The following statement was issued by the Department of Finance on Feb. 7, in connection with the statement made public at that time by Comptroller W. Arthur Cunningham, intended as a preliminary to the detailed statement which is being prepared, and was issued in accordance with his promise to present a "clear and concise picture of the financial status of the city," as mentioned above. The statement reads:

Comptroller W. Arthur Cunningham issued to the public to-day the first of the series of statements he promised before Election showing in a clear and concise way the condition of the city's finances. To-day's statement was not intended, of course, as a substitute for the Comptroller's first balance sheet. That he will issue later in connection with the annual report, which is required by the charter and which will be handed up just as quickly as the accountants can complete it. They have been engaged at the task since Jan. 1 and because of the immensity and complexity of the job, and the Comptroller's requirement that there be absolute accuracy, it probably will be several weeks before it is ready.

The Comptroller's statement of to-day shows in a series of tables how the budget is approximately \$31,000,000 out of balance, due to a difference in estimating expected revenues between the estimates compiled by the Bureau of Accountancy of the Finance Department and the estimates upon which the budget was balanced by the previous Board of Estimate. Alongside these parallel columns the Comptroller has appended two other parallel columns showing the relatively high degree of accuracy of the Bureau of Accountancy in estimating revenues of the General Fund for 1933. But if it had not been for the unexpected beer and liquor tax, amounting to \$2,192,000, and the unexpected fees from temporary beer permits which amounted to \$544,000, the receipts would have been \$2,300,000 short of the estimate.

In addition to these tables the Comptroller made public summaries of the city's bonded debt, including the funded debt and the temporary debt, and also tables of the floating capital indebtedness. Along with these tables and summaries the Comptroller included a short resume of the capital financing and refunding which must be completed before May 1 1935, and also a statement of cash payments that must be made from the sinking fund. These last two items total \$266,108,000.

In making public these tables and summaries the Comptroller said, "This is the clearest, most concise and most graphic presentation of the financial dilemma now facing this city that I believe it is possible to make. It shows exactly why the budget is out of balance, and in addition to that it shows why the budget must be balanced if we are to pay off approaching maturities of the city's indebtedness, and maintain its credit. Even a layman unacquainted with public finance knows that to obtain new credit or an extension of old credit the person applying for credit must show that his house is in order. I am showing here how much in disorder our house is. We cannot balance the budget until the Legislature gives us the authority to place our house in order through the economy bill which is now pending in Albany. If anyone can show me how \$103,200,000 of maturing corporate stock notes, the bulk of which is now in the hands of the public, can be refunded next September or next February without first restoring the city's credit, I will be glad to have the details of his plan. And not only must that refunding be accomplished, but at the same time we must pay out \$82,022,000 for city construction and land awards, as is shown in these summaries, while conserving \$52,000,000 in our sinking funds to meet our May 1 maturities."

South Dakota.—\$12,000,000 Reduction in Net Indebtedness Reported During Past Seven Years.—Commenting on the annual financial statement recently issued by the State Treasurer, Governor Tom Berry reported that it indicates the total net indebtedness of the State has been reduced over \$12,000,000 from the fiscal year ending June 30 1926 to Dec. 31 1933. The statement further indicates a reduction of \$1,293,316 during the last calendar year, a reduction which, he asserts, was accomplished under very adverse conditions. The Governor stated that he has every reason to feel very optimistic about the financial future of South Dakota. The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 1 carried the following report on the financial statement and the Governor's comments:

Net indebtedness of the State of South Dakota was reduced over \$12,000,000 from June 30 1926 to Dec. 31 1933, Governor Berry pointed out in connection with annual financial statement.

The statement further indicates a debt reduction of \$1,293,316 during the last calendar year.

"Decrease in the total net indebtedness during the last calendar year was accomplished under very adverse conditions," the Governor stated. "Approximately 67% of the 1932 ad valorem tax has been paid up to Dec. 31 1933, the date of the report. In spite of this fact, through the reduction of governmental State expense and constructive legislation, the statement reflects a very favorable showing as compared with the previous year."

Optimistic on Future.

"Inasmuch as agriculture is the predominant industry of the State, and with the favorable and constructive attitude towards agriculture in Washington, and in view of the above record, I have every reason to feel very optimistic about the financial future of South Dakota," he said.

Total bonded debt as of Oct. 31 1933 consisted of \$2,000,000 internal improvement bonds, \$6,000,000 of soldiers' bonus bonds, rural credit bonds of \$40,000,000 and a Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan of \$3,844,738, secured by pledge of \$5,600,000 rural credit bonds, or a total debt of \$51,844,738, State Treasurer J. G. Siewert reports. After deduction of various sinking funds the net bonded debt was reported as \$47,900,153. As of Dec. 30 1933, the net bonded debt had been reduced to \$47,406,234.

Report on Collections.

Gasoline tax collections, of which one-half go to service on the rural credit bonds, totaled \$4,088,661 for the 1932-33 year against \$4,682,680 in the preceding year and \$5,398,371 for 1930-31. For the months of July to October inclusive of 1933-34 gasoline tax collections were \$1,445,518.

State general tax collections for the 1932-33 year aggregated \$3,569,564 against \$4,220,829 the preceding year and \$4,902,767 in 1930-31. For the first four months of the 1933-34 year such collections were \$676,981.

Total receipts for 1932-33 were \$22,425,017 against disbursements of \$21,476,784, the Treasurer reports, thereby increasing the treasury balance to \$6,315,169 from \$5,427,953.

New York State.—Next Hearing on New York City Economy Bill Set for Feb. 13.—It was announced on Feb. 7 by Senator Samuel Mandelbaum, Democratic chairman of the Senate Cities Committee, that the committee would conduct its third hearing on Mayor La Guardia's economy bill Feb. 13. The hearing was originally scheduled for Feb. 8 but neither Comptroller W. Arthur Cunningham nor former

Comptroller George McAneny could appear. At the same time Governor Lehman sought to enlist the aid of Edward J. Flynn, Secretary of State, in the passage of this bill. The Governor has consistently urged the 65 Democratic Assemblymen to submerge their political feelings in this matter and pass the economy bill as a sorely needed emergency measure. The opposition of the Democratic faction has been so steadfast that the bill has been deadlocked since its introduction.

United States.—Federal, State and City Debt Total Placed at \$42,223,249,000.—The public debt of Federal, State, county and municipal governments was reported on Jan. 29 by the Census Bureau to have aggregated \$39,171,587,000 in 1932. Since that time the gross debt of the Federal Government is said to have increased \$3,051,622,000 up to June 30 1933, bringing the total of all debts to \$42,223,249,000. The gross debt of the Federal Government on June 30 1933 is placed at \$19,487,010,000. In 1923 it was \$22,349,688,000, and in 1913, before the World War, it was \$1,566,863,480. The gross debt reported for 1932 of all public indebtedness of States, counties, cities and all other subdivisions with the power to incur debt, amounted to \$19,684,577,000. Ten years ago the aggregate debt was \$10,255,458,000, while 20 years ago it was \$4,379,079,000. (This subject was treated in greater detail in V. 138, p. 786.)

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, Pa.—BOND ISSUE DEFEATED.—At a special election held on Feb. 6 the proposal to issue \$1,000,000 sewer system construction bonds was defeated by a vote of 3 885 to 491. The issue was expected to be offered for purchase by the Public Works Administration.

AFTON, Union County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,500 issue of water works bonds offered for sale on Feb. 2—V. 138, p. 893—was purchased by the Commercial State Bank of Afton as 5s, paying a premium of \$50, equal to 100.28. No other bids were received.

ALBANY, Albany County, N. Y.—PROPOSED \$1,500,000 REFUNDING ISSUE.—A bill empowering the city to issue \$1,500,000 refunding bonds was introduced in the State Senate on Feb. 1 by William T. Byrne of Albany.

ALBIA, Monroe County, Iowa.—SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED.—The City Council is said to have set Feb. 16 as the date for a special election to decide on the construction of a municipally owned and operated light and power plant to cost \$363,880 and to be financed by a bond issue to be retired from plant earnings.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY (P. O. Pittsburgh), Pa.—\$2,000,000 LOAN REPAYED.—Payment was made on Feb. 1 of the \$2,000,000 loan which the County obtained two months ago from the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh. The money was obtained from the proceeds of the recent sale of \$6,806,000 4% bonds at par—V. 138, p. 528. This includes \$3,500,000 uncollected taxes, bonds purchased by the County Sinking Fund Commission and \$3,306,000 uncollected taxes, road and park bonds sold to Brown Bros. Harriman & Co. and the Philadelphia National Co., jointly. The bankers later purchased from the sinking fund a block of \$1,115,000 bonds of the original amount absorbed by that body. This was done in accordance with an option made at the time of the award of the entire offering.

ALLIANCE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Stark County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were obtained at the offering on Feb. 5 of \$40,150 5% refunding bonds dated Jan. 26 1934 and due serially on Aug. 1 from 1937 to 1945, incl.—V. 138, p. 711.

ARCHBALD, Lackawanna County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$120,000 5% coupon bonds offered on Feb. 6—V. 138, p. 528, failed of sale, as no bids were obtained. Dated Feb. 15 1934 and due \$6,000 annually on Feb. 15 from 1935 to 1954 incl. In announcing the offering, the Borough stated that although default had never occurred general obligation issues, the failure to collect specific assessments resulted in the non-payment of bonds secured by such liens. Judgments were permitted to be entered against such bonds in order to make them general obligations. Int. payments have been fully maintained on such judgments, while the prin. amount has been substantially reduced. The proceeds of the present bond issue were to be applied to the payment of such judgments in their entirety, as well as to retire certain other floating indebtedness.

ARDSLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ardsley), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND ISSUE VOTED.—W. C. Lawrence, Clerk of the Board of Education, reports that an election held on Jan. 8 the proposal to issue \$100,000 school addition construction bonds was approved by a vote of 203 to 187.

ASHEVILLE, Buncombe County, N. C.—NOTE SALE.—A \$10,000 issue of 3% notes is said to have been purchased at par by the Board of Fiscal Control of the city.

ATHENS COUNTY (P. O. Athens), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Maude W. Lowry, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on Feb. 23, for the purchase of \$55,000 not to exceed 6% interest poor relief bonds, of which \$30,000 will be sold to retire notes previously issued for relief. The balance of \$25,000 was authorized recently—V. 138, p. 711. The entire issue will be dated Jan. 15 1934. Due as follows: \$10,400 Sept. 1 1934; \$10,700 March and \$11,000 Sept. 1 1935; \$11,300 March and \$11,600 Sept. 1 1936. Interest is payable semi-annually. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.

AUBURN, Androscoggin County, Me.—PRICE PAID.—E. H. Rollins & Sons of Boston, which purchased privately on Jan. 2 an issue of \$150,000 3% junior high and grammar school bonds—V. 138, p. 893—paid a price of 97.26 for the obligations, the net interest cost of the financing to the city being about 4.01%. Dated Nov. 15 1933 and due \$5,000 on Nov. 15 from 1934 to 1963, inclusive.

AUSTIN, Travis County, Texas.—DETAILS ON FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—It is stated by the City Manager that although the proceedings on the \$13,000 allotment by the PWA for water works system improvements—V. 138, p. 711—have not been far enough advanced to permit of detailed information on the bonds to secure the loan, he considers it quite certain that the bonds will bear interest at 4% and will be retired over a period of 10 years.

BASIN, Big Horn County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—A \$45,000 issue of 4% refunding bonds is reported to have been purchased at par by the State of Wyoming.

BATH, Sagadahoc County, Me.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Lincoln R. Young & Co. of Hartford recently obtained award of an \$80,000 revenue anticipation loan at 3.19% discount basis. Due on Aug. 6 1934. Bids for the issue were as follows:

Bidder	Discount Basis.
Lincoln R. Young & Co. (purchasers)	3.19%
National Shawmut Bank	3.23%
F. S. Moseley & Co.	4.83%

BAY VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31 (P. O. Mt. Vernon), Skagit County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,500 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Jan. 31—V. 138, p. 355—was purchased by the State of Washington as 5s at par. Coupon bonds dated Feb. 10 1934. Due in 1944, optional two years after date of issue. Denom. \$200 and \$300. Interest payable annually.

BELPRE, Washington County, Ohio.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration has allotted \$72,000 for water works construction. This includes a grant equal to 30% of the approximately \$54,000 to be used in the payment of labor and the purchase of materials. The balance is a loan, secured by 4% revenue bonds.

BEMIDJI, Beltrami County, Minn.—BOND ELECTION.—It is stated by the City Clerk that an election will be held on Feb. 20 in order to have the voters pass on the issuance of \$70,000 in sewage disposal plant bonds.

BENAVIDES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Benauides), Duval County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters are said to have unanimously approved the issuance of \$86,000 in school building bonds.

BEXAR COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. San Antonio), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—It is said that an election will be held on Feb. 27 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$159,000 in sewer bonds. (An allotment for this amount has already been announced by the PWA—V. 138, p. 711.)

BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 10 a. m. on Feb. 9, by J. M. Jones, President of the City Commission, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,700,000 drainage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1930. Due on April 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1939 to 1942; \$70,000, 1943 to 1952, and \$100,000, 1953 to 1960. Interest rate not to exceed 5%, payable A. & O. Prin. and int. payable at the City Treasurer's office, or at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York, in such funds as are, on the respective dates of payment of the principal and interest on the bonds, legal tender for debts due the United States. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York, will be furnished.

(This report supplements the tentative offering notice given in V. 138, p. 894.)

BLAKESBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Blakesburg), Wapello County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Jan. 25 the voters are said to have approved the issuance of \$5,000 in school gymnasium and auditorium bonds.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Columbia), Mo.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration recently announced an allotment of \$41,000 for jail construction. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$39,200, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds. (A \$40,000 jail bond issue was approved by the voters on Jan. 24—V. 138, p. 894.)

BOSTON, Suffolk County, Mass.—DEFICIT IN 1933 OPERATIONS.—A final summary of the financial operations of the city during the fiscal year which ended on Dec. 31 1933 reveals a deficit in the period of \$13,500,000, consisting entirely of revenue loans payable during 1934. These, it is said, are secured by \$21,000,000 in taxes which remained uncollected as of Jan. 1 1934.

BOSTON METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, Mass.—PROPOSED BOND FINANCING.—Trustees of the District have been conferring with investment bankers with respect to the terms on which an issue of bonds could be sold to finance the \$2,098,000 6% Boston Elevated Railway Co. bonds which mature on March 1 1934. It is possible that something definite may be announced next week, it is said.

BOTHELL, King County, Wash.—BONDS VOTED.—It is stated by the Town Clerk that the voters approved a \$12,500 bond issue for constructing a municipal building and that approval of the State and Federal Governments on applications for grants is now pending. If the plan is approved the PWA is expected to take the bonds.

BOULDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Boulder), Col.—BOND ELECTION CONTEMPLATED.—It is stated by the Secretary of the Board of Education that a bond election will have to be held before any definite information will be available on the bonds to secure the loan portion of the \$468,000 allotment for school construction, recently announced by the PWA—V. 138, p. 711.

BOVEY, Itasca County, Minn.—MATURITY.—The \$42,000 4 3/4% semi-ann. village bonds that were purchased at par by the First National Bank of Bovey—V. 138, p. 894—are stated to mature \$6,000 from Aug. 1 1935 to 1941, inclusive.

BRADFORD, McKean County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—M. E. Cornelius, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. on Feb. 19 for the purchase of \$40,000 5% coupon bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$4,000 annually on Jan. 1 from 1935 to 1944, incl. Bonds are registerable as to principal only and the proceeds of sale will be used to pay general operating expenses. Interest is payable in J. & J. A certified check for 5% of the issue must accompany each proposal.

BRIDGEPORT, Fairfield County, Conn.—SPECIAL TAX LEVY ENJOINED.—Judge John Richards Booth in Superior Court on Jan. 31 issued an order restraining until Feb. 13 collection of the 4.6 mill special tax which became payable on Feb. 1. In issuing the restraining order, Judge Booth declared that he wanted sufficient time in which to study the entire question before making a definite decision in the matter. The tax is being opposed by several large manufacturing concerns, also by individual property owners.

BRISTOL COUNTY (P. O. Fall River), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$300,000 revenue anticipation loan offered on Feb. 6—V. 138, p. 894—was awarded to the Second National Bank of Boston at 1.64% discount basis. Due on Nov. 6 1934. Bids for the loan were as follows:

Bidder	Discount Basis
Second National Bank (purchaser)	1.64%
Fall River National Bank	1.67%
Machinists National Bank of Taunton	1.75%
W. O. Gay & Co.	1.88%
First National Bank of Attleboro	2.17%
Whiting, Weeks & Knowles	2.20%

BUNNELL, Flagler County, Fla.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—It is reported by the Town Attorney that the election scheduled for Dec. 12 1933 to vote on the issuance of \$15,000 in various purpose bonds—V. 137, p. 3867—was indefinitely postponed.

BURKESVILLE, Cumberland County, Ky.—DETAILS ON FEDERAL ALLOTMENT.—In connection with the loan and grant of \$48,000 for water works construction, recently announced by the Public Works Administration—V. 138, p. 529, it is stated by the Consulting Engineer that the bonds to be issued to secure the loan portion of the allotment will be water revenue and will be taken by the Federal Government.

BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Burlington), Alamance County, N. C.—NOTE SALE.—It is reported that an \$8,000 issue of 6% notes has been purchased by the National Bank of Burlington.

BUTLER COUNTY (P. O. Hamilton), Ohio.—PRICE PAID.—The \$160,000 5 1/4% poor relief bonds purchased recently by the McDonald-Callahan-Richards Co. of Cincinnati—V. 138, p. 894—were sold by the county at a price of par plus a premium of \$256, equal to 100.16.

CACHE COUNTY (P. O. Logan), Utah.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of refunding bonds is reported to have been purchased by the Cache Valley Banking Co. of Logan, as follows: \$20,000 as 5s, and \$5,000 as 4 1/2s.

CALAVERAS COUNTY (P. O. San Andreas), Calif.—PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT CREATED.—The Calaveras Public Utility District is said to have been formed in the northern part of this county, with the purpose of petitioning the Federal Government for a loan of \$210,000 with which to purchase the system and water rights of the Mokelumne River Water & Power Co.

CAMDEN COUNTY (P. O. Camden), N. J.—BONDS REPORTED LOST.—The Philadelphia Stock Exchange recently announced the disappearance of the following described County bonds: "5% County building and highway refunding bond, \$2,000, due Jan. 1 1936. No. 9 and 10: \$2,000 due Jan. 1 1937. No. 19 and 20; \$2,000 due Jan. 1 1938. No. 29 and 30; \$2,000 due Jan. 1 1939. No. 39 and 40; \$3,000 due Jan. 1 1940. No. 49 to 51; \$3,000 due Jan. 1 1941. No. 60 to 62; \$2,000 due Jan. 1 1942. No. 72 and 73; \$2,000 due Jan. 1 1943. No. 83 and 84; \$2,000 due Jan. 1 1944. No. 94 and 95. County of Camden 5% county vocational school refunding bonds: \$2,000 due Jan. 1 1936, No. 1 and 2; \$2,000 due Jan. 1 1937, No. 3 and 4; \$2,000 due Jan. 1 1938, No. 5 and 6; \$2,000 due 1939, No. 7 and 8; \$2,000 due Jan. 1 1940, No. 9 and 10; \$2,000 due Jan. 1 1941, No. 11 and 12; \$2,000 due Jan. 1 1942, No. 13 and 14; \$3,000 due Jan. 1 1943, No. 15 to 17; \$3,000 due Jan. 1 1944, No. 18 and 20. If found please notify the Secretary's office, Philadelphia Stock Exchange."

CAMERON COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (P. O. Harlingen), Tex.—BOND REFUNDING NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESSING.—The following report is taken from a Harlingen dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 6:

"W. D. Lewis of Harlingen, attorney for the Cameron County Water Improvement Districts No. 1 and No. 2 in their bond refunding negotiations, is in San Antonio to complete details of the transactions. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has allowed District No. 1 \$402,500 with which to buy up outstanding bonds and District No. 2 \$264,500. More than 75% of the bondholders of the former district agreed to sell their holdings to the district at a big discount. Many of the bonds are held in Sweden and some in Belgium. The bonds had been sold in small blocks and there are numerous owners."

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY (P. O. Salamanca), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The N. W. Harris Co., Inc., of New York was the successful bidder for the issue of \$150,000 coupon or registered highway refunding bonds offered on Feb. 8. The accepted bid was an offer of 100.07 for the bonds as 3.70s, the net int. cost basis being about 3.69%. The issue is dated Feb. 15 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 15 as follows: \$5,000 from 1935 to 1944 incl. and \$50,000 in 1945 and 1946. Prin. and int. (F. & A. 15) are payable in lawful money of the United States at the Salamanca Trust Co., Salamanca. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York. Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., of New York were the next highest bidders, with an offer of 100.14, based on an interest coupon of 3.80%. E. H. Rollins & Sons and A. C. Allen & Co., both of New York, jointly bid 100.05 for 3.90s, while Blyth & Co., Inc., of New York named a price of 100.20 for 4s.

CENTER TOWNSHIP (P. O. Marion), Grant County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Joel Messick, trustee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on March 5 for the purchase of \$18,190 not to exceed 5% interest judgment funding bonds. Dated March 1 1934. Due as follows: \$1,000 July 1 1936; \$1,000 Jan. and July 1 1937 to 1944 incl. and \$1,190 Jan. 1 1945. Int. is payable in J. & J. The approving opinion of Matson, Ross, McCord & Clifford of Indianapolis will be furnished the successful bidder.

CENTERVILLE, Queen Annes County, Md.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration has agreed to allot \$34,300 for sewer plant construction. This includes a grant of 30% of the approximately \$32,000 to be spent for labor and materials. The balance is a loan, secured by 4% general obligation bonds. An allotment of \$33,000 was originally announced, but a review of the probable cost of the project resulted in an increase in the amount approved.

CERRO GORDO COUNTY (P. O. Mason City), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$43,000 issue of funding bonds is reported to have been purchased recently by the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport, as 4 1/4s, paying a premium of \$396, equal to 100.92.

CHOTEAU, Teton County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION.—The Town Clerk reports that an election will be held on April 2 to have the voters pass on the issuance of water supply bonds. (An allotment of \$22,000 for this project has already been announced by the PWA—V. 138, p. 712.)

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—PUBLIC WORKS ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration recently agreed to provide \$168,000 for water mains construction. In October 1933 the amount so allotted was announced as being \$792,000. On Jan. 9 1934 the amended application of the City, asking for a grant of only \$222,600, was approved. Since then the City has reduced its program and the original allotment has been correspondingly lowered.

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BONDED DEBT.—The report of the Board of Sinking Fund Trustees, covering the financial condition of the City at the close of business on Jan. 31, is as follows:

Assets.		
Total cash	-----	\$497,613.49
Due from interest fund	-----	62,600.41
Redemption fund	-----	\$560,213.90
Investments	-----	35,610,296.77
Total sinking fund	-----	\$36,170,510.67
Balance—Excess of liabilities over sinking fund	-----	62,884,195.93
Total	-----	\$99,054,706.60
Liabilities.		
Gen. bonds (other than waterworks and Cin'ti Sou. Ry.)	-----	\$57,642,232.43
Waterworks bonds	-----	14,968,030.48
Cin'ti Sou. Ry. bonds—Construction	-----	\$14,932,000.00
Terminal	-----	6,900,000.00
Total general bonds	-----	\$94,442,262.91
Assessment debt (paid by special property assessment)	-----	4,289,343.69
Assessment bonds	-----	323,100.00
Assessment notes	-----	
Total	-----	\$99,054,706.60

Bonded Debt of the City of Cincinnati, Jan. 31 1934.		
Waterworks bonds	-----	\$14,968,030.48
Cincinnati Southern Ry. construction bonds	-----	\$14,932,000.00
Cincinnati Sou. Ry. Term. & betterment bds.	-----	6,900,000.00
Other general bonds	-----	\$36,800,030.48
Total general debt	-----	\$94,442,262.91
Assessment debt (paid by special assessm't)	-----	4,612,443.69
Total bonded debt	-----	\$99,054,706.60
Sinking fund for all bonds	-----	36,170,510.67
Deduct sinking fund for water and railway bonds, which are self-supporting and for which the sinking fund is:	-----	
Water	-----	\$9,250,757.08
Railway	-----	7,439,681.52
Deduct assessment fund	-----	12,477.60
Total	-----	16,702,916.20
Net amount not self-supporting	-----	\$38,174,637.96

CLALLAM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320 (P. O. Port Angeles), Wash.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$30,000 issue of refunding bonds offered on Feb. 2—V. 138, p. 712—was not sold as no bids were received, reports the County Treasurer. Interest rate not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually.

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 105 (P. O. Westfield), Ill.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration allotment of \$8,000 for school building construction, recently announced, includes a grant equal to 30% of the amount to be spent for labor and materials. Such expenses are estimated at \$7,700. The balance is a loan, secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

CLEARWATER COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Orofino), Ida.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. on Feb. 19 by Frank Gaffney, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$38,500 issue of school bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated Jan. 1 1934. Due as follows: \$1,500 from 1935 to 1942; \$2,000, 1943 to 1949, and \$2,500, 1950 to 1954, ali incl. All bonds maturing after 10 years shall be redeemable at the option of the district any time thereafter. Principal and interest payable at the District Treasurer's office. The bonds will not be sold for less than par value. The voters approved these bonds at the election on Dec. 28—V. 138, p. 180.

CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—PLANS REFUNDING OF GENERAL BONDS.—It was stated on Jan. 31 that starting with the Feb. 1 maturities the city would discontinue payments on account of general bond principal issues in the hope that the State Legislature will hasten action on the city's request for authority to refund such obligations. The general bond principal which came due on Feb. 1 and was not paid amounted to \$1,199,000, it is said. Payment, however, was made of \$88,845 general bond interest and of \$135,275 on account of principal and interest on light and water works bonds—V. 138, p. 895. Another bill before the Legislature, according to report, would empower the city to use for general purposes a sum of \$6,000,000 which would ordinarily be applied to debt payments.

COFFEE COUNTY (P. O. Manchester), Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Feb. 1—V. 138, p. 712—the voters approved the issuance of \$72,000 in bonds, divided as follows: \$50,000 for the county high school at Manchester; \$13,800 for the Tullahoma high school, and \$8,200 for improvements to the Manchester grammar school. The money is to be secured from the Public Works Administration, according to report.

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, Anoka County, Minn.—BONDS DEFERRED.—At the election held on Nov. 27—V. 137, p. 3701—the voters rejected the proposed issuance of \$12,500 in building purchase bonds.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$110,000 coupon or registered street flushing and cleaning (1934) fund assessment bonds offered on Feb. 8—V. 138, p. 895—were awarded as 5/8% to the BancOhio Securities Co. of Columbus, at par plus a premium of \$165, equal to 100.15, a basis of about 5.40%. Dated Feb. 15 1933 and due on Sept. 1 1935.

COOPER, Delta County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election is said to be scheduled for Feb. 20 to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of water and sewer bonds. (A \$30,000 allotment for water system improvements has been announced already by the PWA—V. 138, p. 713.)

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—George H. Stahler, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, reports that bids were obtained for the \$2,270,000 6% bonds offered on Feb. 8. The total includes \$2,175,000 poor relief and \$95,000 road improvement bonds—V. 138, p. 830 and 895. It is reported that a block of \$1,000,000 bonds of the poor relief issue was later sold privately.

DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—BONDS DECLARED INELIGIBLE FOR POSTAL SAVINGS.—The following report is taken from a Dallas press dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 5:

"City Manager John N. Eddy said that bonds of the City of Dallas have been declared ineligible as security for postal savings. He attributed this to the rule that for bonds to be eligible the bonded indebtedness of the city must not exceed 15% of the assessed valuation."

DANVILLE, Pittsylvania County, Va.—BOND ELECTION.—It is said that an election will be held on Feb. 20 to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$3,000,000 in electric plant bonds.

DAYKIN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Daykin), Jefferson County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Jan. 30—V. 138, p. 713—the voters approved the issuance of the \$10,000 in school building bonds. It is planned to erect a \$25,000 building, using an \$8,000 surplus and a \$10,000 Federal loan and grant of about \$6,000.

DEDHAM, Norfolk County, Mass.—AWARD OF TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. recently purchased a \$72,000 revenue anticipation loan at 1.60% discount basis plus a premium of \$3. Due Nov. 19 1934. Bids for the issue were as follows:

Bidder	Discount Basis.
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. (plus \$3 premium)	1.60%
Second National Bank of Boston	1.64%
Merchants National Bank	1.67%
G. M. P. Murphy & Co.	1.74%
Faxon, Gade & Co.	1.78%
Dedham National Bank	2.08%

DEERFIELD-SHIELDS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lake Forest), Lake County, Ill.—BOND ISSUE VOTED.—At an election held on Jan. 20 the proposal to issue \$275,000 school building construction bonds was approved by a vote of 1,999 to 1,037.

DE WITT COUNTY (P. O. Clinton), Ill.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held on April 10 the voters will consider the question of issuing \$55,000 debt payment bonds.

DULUTH, St. Louis County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 issue of refunding bonds offered for sale on Feb. 5—V. 138, p. 713—was awarded to the First & American National Bank of Duluth as 4 1/8%, paying a premium of \$26, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 4.49%. Dated Jan. 1 1934. Due \$50,000 from Jan. 1 1938 to 1942 inclusive.

The following bids were also received:

Name of Bidder	Interest Rate.	Premium.
John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago	5%	\$951
Phelps, Fenn & Co. of New York and Justus F. Lowe & Co. of Minneapolis	5%	1,425

DULUTH, St. Louis County, Minn.—DETAILS ON FEDERAL ALLOTMENT.—The City Auditor, reporting on the \$70,000 allotment recently announced by the Public Works Administration for street improvements—V. 138, p. 713—states that a resolution adopted on Nov. 23 1933 provided for a loan of \$50,000, dated Dec. 1 1933 and due in 5 years from date.

DURANT, Bryan County, Okla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$50,000 offered on Feb. 1—V. 138, p. 895—were not sold, as no bids were received. The issues are divided as follows: \$37,500 sewage disposal and incinerator plant and \$12,500 water works bonds. Due from 1937 to 1954.

EASTCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1 (P. O. Tuckahoe), Westchester County, N. Y.—SEEKS PWA FUNDS.—In connection with the \$371,000 school building construction and site purchase bond issue voted on Dec. 19—V. 138, p. 357—Edward F. Bremser, Clerk of the Board of Education, states that an application has been made to the Public Works Administration for a loan and grant to finance the project.

EL PASO, El Paso County, Tex.—DETAILS ON FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The loan and grant of \$440,000 by the Public Works Administration for sewer extension, that was announced recently—V. 138, p. 713—has been officially confirmed, according to the City Plan Engineer. He states that an election will be held on the establishment of a service charge by means of which the loan will be liquidated should the election carry. It is said that plans are nearly completed and the project will get under way as soon as funds are provided.

ELMIRA, Chemung County, N. Y.—BONDS APPROVED.—The School Board on Jan. 23 approved the issuance of \$225,000 school building construction bonds.

EMINENCE, Henry County, Ky.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration recently announced an allotment of \$90,000 for water works construction. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$68,000, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% revenue bonds.

ERIE COUNTY (P. O. Sandusky), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Lester E. Curtis, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on Feb. 23 for the purchase of \$35,000 6% poor relief bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1933. Due March 1 as follows: \$11,000, 1935; \$11,700 in 1936, and \$12,300 in 1937. Int. is payable in M. & S. Bids for the bonds to bear int. at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for must accompany each proposal.

FARGO, Cass County, N. Dak.—DETAILS ON FEDERAL ALLOTMENT.—In connection with the loans and grants aggregating \$645,000 that have been approved by the Public Works Administration for sewer construction projects—V. 138, p. 713—it is stated by the City Auditor that the estimated grant will amount to \$165,000, the balance to be improvement bonds which will be taken by the Federal Government at 4%, maturing annually in 20 years.

FARRELLY LAKE LEVEE DISTRICT (P. O. Gillett), Jefferson and Arkansas Counties, Ark.—LOAN SOUGHT TO REFERENCE BOND DEBT.—The following report is taken from a Little Rock dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal":

"Charles Walls, attorney for Farrelly Lake Levee District of Jefferson and Arkansas counties, states application has been filed with the RFC for a loan to refinance \$2,144,000 outstanding bonds plus accrued interest. Bondholders have agreed to settlement on a 50% basis. District has operated three years under Federal District Court receivership. Bayou Meto Drainage Improvement District of Lonoke County will apply for loan to refinance \$392,000 bond issue. Former Governor Harvey Parnell is the RFC appraiser on improvement district loan applications.

FILLMORE UNION GRAMMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ventura), Ventura County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Feb. 16 by L. E. Hollowell, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$7,500 issue of 4 1/8% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$500. Dated March 15 1934. Due on March 15 as follows: \$500

in 1936; \$1,000, 1937 to 1943 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S. 15) payable at the County Treasury. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the County Clerk, is required. The following information is furnished with the offering notice:

"Fillmore Union Grammar School District of Ventura County was established in July 1918 and the boundaries thereof have remained unchanged since its formation. These bonds were authorized by an election held on the 5th day of January 1934 within the district at which there were 474 votes cast—447 of said votes were cast in favor of issuing said bonds and 26 of said votes were cast against issuing said bonds. There has been no default in payment of any of its obligations and there is no controversy or litigation pending concerning the validity of these bonds. The present estimated population of the district for 1934 is 5,000. The assessed valuation of taxable property is \$2,820,400 and the total bonded indebtedness is \$60,000."

FLORENCE, Lauderdale County, Ala.—FEDERAL FUND RE-ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration announced a loan and grant of \$436,000 for the construction of an electrical distribution system. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$401,000, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% revenue bonds.

The Special Board of Public Works recently approved an allotment of \$412,000 for this project—V. 138, p. 713, but additional engineering data submitted by the city indicated that the project will cost \$436,000.

FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Worth), Texas.—DETAILS ON FEDERAL ALLOTMENT.—It is stated by the Business Manager that the report given in V. 138, p. 714, of a PWA allotment of \$4,198,300 for school construction is correct, and the total amount includes \$3,000,000 of bonds dated Feb. 1 1934, bearing 4% interest and maturing over a 40-year period.

FRANKLIN, Johnson County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$10,000 public works improvement bonds offered on Feb. 6—V. 138, p. 530—was sold at a price of par to the Union Trust Co. of Franklin.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—LEGAL OPINION.—The \$312,000 6% refunding bonds awarded on Jan. 31 to the Banc Ohio Securities Co. of Columbus and associates at 100.37, a basis of about 5.91%—V. 138, p. 896—will be approved as to legality by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

FRESNO COUNTY (P. O. Fresno), Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election on Dec. 19 the voters approved the issuance of the \$280,000 in Hall of Records bonds by a count of 21,793 to 4,919. Int. rate is not to exceed 4 1/2%. Dated Jan. 1 1934. Due in 1970. (This report supplements the preliminary notice given in V. 138, p. 181.)

GALLIPOLIS, Gallia County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$797.31 6% street assessment bonds offered on Feb. 2—V. 138, p. 530—were purchased by James L. Davis of Patriot, Ohio, for a sum of \$810.03. The issue is due Jan. 31 as follows: \$77.31 in 1935 and \$80 from 1936 to 1944 incl.

GRAND HAVEN, Ottawa County, Mich.—BOND ISSUE VOTE QUESTIONED.—A dispatch from the city to the Grand Rapids "Press" of Jan. 31 stated that a question has arisen as to the legality of the special election held on Nov. 14 1933, at which a \$36,500 bond issue for municipal building purposes was authorized. It is asserted that the election was not advertised as required by the city charter, according to report. A block of \$12,500 bonds, bearing 5% interest, was sold recently at par to local banks after no bids had been obtained at a public offering—V. 138, p. 896.

GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—CONTRACT FOR \$4,583,000 BOND REFUNDING PROGRAM AWARDED.—The Refinance Corp. of Chicago is reported to have been awarded the contract for handling the projected \$4,583,000 bond refunding program. The city had invited sealed bids until Jan. 8 from those banks, investment houses or others who deemed themselves capable of arranging for the refunding. The contract now awarded provides that the corporation will receive a commission of 1% of the amount of bonds which it brings under the refunding plan. No payment, of course, will be made on account of the \$1,250,000 bonds which are held in the city's sinking funds. It is stated that Frank V. Smith, City Treasurer, will act as depository for the transfer and exchange of the bonds—V. 138, p. 531.

GRAND RIVER DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Trenton), Mo.—RFC LOAN APPROVED.—It is stated by Chas. M. Foster, Clerk and Assessor, that the Reconstruction Finance Construction approved the district's application for a loan of \$51,000 to permit the refinancing of outstanding indebtedness. Before the money will be made available it is required that a resolution be passed by the Board of District Managers and a report by municipal bond attorneys as to the validity of the district's old bonds, of which nearly 90% are now in the hands of a bondholders' committee.

GRANITE, Greer County, Okla.—FEDERAL FUND RE-ALLOTMENT.—A loan and grant of \$35,000 for sewer construction was announced recently by the Public Works Administration. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$30,600, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

The Special Board of Public Works recently approved an allotment of \$51,000 for this project—V. 138, p. 714, but since then the Town has reduced the scope of the work and requested that the allotment be reduced proportionately.

GRAY COUNTY (P. O. Pampa), Tex.—PRICE PAID.—The \$30,000 issue of 4% semi-ann. special road, series G bonds that was purchased by the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita—V. 138, p. 896—was awarded at par. Due on March 1 1935.

GREENBURGH (P. O. Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William G. Duell, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 10:30 a. m. on Feb. 15 for the purchase of \$276,000 not to exceed 6% interest bonds, divided as follows:

\$176,000 street improvement bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1935; \$2,000, 1936; \$3,000, 1937; \$10,000, 1938; \$11,000, 1939; \$12,000, 1940; \$14,000, 1941; \$15,000, 1942; \$16,000, 1943; \$17,000 in 1944, and \$15,000 from 1945 to 1949 incl.

100,000 Parkridge Sewer District bonds. Due \$5,000 annually on March 1 from 1939 to 1958 inclusive. Each issue is dated March 1 1934. Bidder to name a single interest rate for all of the bonds, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (M. & S.) are payable at the Washington Irving Trust Co., Tarrytown, or at the First National Bank, New York. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Xenia), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Board of Sinking Fund Trustees has purchased at a price of par the issue of \$30,000 6% poor relief bonds authorized by the State Tax Commission in January—V. 138, p. 358.

GREENFIELD, Dade County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that at an election held recently the voters approved the issuance of \$75,000 in bonds, to be used in conjunction with \$30,000 furnished by the Public Works Administration, in the construction of a court house.

GUERNSEY COUNTY (P. O. Cambridge), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 poor relief bonds offered on Feb. 6—V. 138, p. 714—were awarded as 4 1/8% to the Banc Ohio Securities Co. of Columbus, at par plus a premium of \$48, equal to 100.16, a basis of about 4.67%. Dated Dec. 1 1933 and due on March 1 as follows: \$9,400, 1935; \$10,000 in 1936 and \$10,600 in 1937.

HAMDEN (P. O. Hamden), New Haven County, Conn.—PRICE PAID.—A price of par was paid for the issue of \$700,000 4% high school building construction bonds sold on Jan. 26 to a group headed by Estabrook & Co. of Boston—V. 138, p. 896.

HARRIS COUNTY (P. O. Houston), Texas.—VALUATIONS TO BE REDUCED 10%.—The following report on a reduction in the assessed valuation of this county is taken from a recent issue of the Houston "Post": "County Tax Assessor F. W. Witt Thursday announced he has ordered his deputies to reduce county valuations 10%, which will mean an assessed valuation reduction of approximately \$28,000,000.

"The reduction will be effective on 1934 assessments. Mr. Witt estimated the gross reduction in county revenue after the slash is made will be \$463,567, with a net reduction of \$326,000. An increase in assessment of petroleum in storage will offset part of the revenue decrease. Mr. Witt's official announcement was made in a letter to J. S. Bracowell, President of the Harris County Taxpayers' Association.

"In response to your request for a definite statement from this office with reference to a 10% reduction in real estate values," the Assessor wrote, "I will state that it is to be the policy of the office in taking assessments for 1934 and in assessing unrenumbered property. Of course, we will continue to equalize values as we have done heretofore, but where property is already equalized with that surrounding the same, it will be given a 10% reduction."

HAWTHORNE, Los Angeles County, Calif.—DETAILS ON FEDERAL ALLOTMENT.—The City Clerk confirms the report given in V. 138, p. 531, that the PWA recently announced an allotment of \$226,000 for sewer construction. She states that the proceedings for the improvement are being done under the Sewer Revenue Bond Act, and a protest hearing was held on Jan. 30. Under the provisions of the said Act, if a petition is signed by 50% of the property owners in the district with improved property, the proceedings are automatically dismissed, while if a petition is presented with the signatures of 15% of the owners, then an election is required.

ILLINOIS (State of).—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The report of John C. Martin, State Treasurer, covering receipts and disbursements of the State Treasury during the month of January includes the following: *Statement of Indebtedness of the State Outstanding Feb. 1 1934.*

Called bonds outstanding which have ceased to draw interest, viz.:	
New Internal improvement stock.....	\$4,000
New Internal imp. interest stock, payable after 1878.....	500
One old internal improvement bond.....	1,000
12 canal bonds.....	12,000

Total.....	\$17,500
State highway bonds.....	143,010,000
Soldiers' compensation bonds.....	34,673,000
Waterway bonds.....	6,015,000
Emergency relief bonds.....	20,000,000

Total bonded debt.....	\$203,715,500
Tax anticipation notes held by:	
Motor fuel tax fund for revenue.....	6,400,000
Motor fuel tax fund for waterway bond.....	810,000
Motor fuel tax fund for soldiers' compensation bond.....	2,500,000
Agricultural premium fund for revenue.....	500,000

Total.....	\$213,925,500

INDEPENDENCE, Montgomery County, Kan.—FEDERAL LOAN APPLICATION FILED.—It is stated by the City Clerk that an application has been made to the Public Works Administration for an allotment of \$60,000, to be used on a water works improvement project.

INDIANA (State of).—NEW SINKING FUND PAYS \$736,309.64 IN FIRST YEAR.—The Indianapolis "News" of Jan. 26 reported as follows on the initial year's operation of the new State sinking fund: "In the first year of operation the new State sinking fund paid \$736,309.64 in claims to 206 political subdivisions of Indiana, it was revealed Thursday in a report by the State Board of Accounts. The fund closed the calendar year of 1933 with a balance of \$138,556.76 after payment of administrative expenses.

"The 1932 Legislature passed a law doing away with surety bonds on public deposits and authorizing the State Treasurer to hold in trust the interest earned by public money on deposit for the purpose of creating a sinking fund.

"Units of Government, excepting the State, with money on deposit in closed banks are enabled to have losses covered by the fund. The interest in public deposits earned for the year and diverted to the fund amounted to \$922,683.61, the report showed."

INDIANA (State of).—COUNTY TAX COLLECTIONS.—The Indianapolis Bond & Share Corp. of Indianapolis has prepared for distribution a report dealing with the percentage volume of taxes collected by the counties in the State during the past three years.

TAX SALES POSTPONED.—It is reported that numerous counties are postponing for one year forced sales of real estate to meet tax levies. Governor Paul V. McNutt has decided that the State administration will maintain a hands-off policy, it is stated. It is also declared that the Governor acting pursuant to a resolution adopted by the 1933 Legislature, has appointed a commission to investigate ways of reducing governmental costs. The results of the Commission's activities will be transmitted by the Governor to the 1935 State Legislature.

IVA, Anderson County, S. C.—FEDERAL LOAN APPLICATION FILED.—This town is said to have applied for a loan and grant of \$56,300 from the Public Works Administration for the construction of a new school building.

JACKSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jackson County, Mich.—FURTHER NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.—In addition to the notices issued under date of Jan. 3—V. 138, p. 359, and Jan. 27, p. 897—the city made public the following as of Jan. 15:

"We are pleased to announce that funds are now available to meet payment of all our interest coupons which matured Aug. 15 1933, and also all interest coupons which matured Oct. 1 1933, on outstanding bonds of the Union School District, City of Jackson, Mich."

The series numbers of these issues upon which these interest installments are being paid and also the name of the paying agents are designated below:

- "Series No. 11, interest due Aug. 15 1933, formerly payable at Peoples National Bank, Jackson, or National Park Bank, New York, funds now on deposit at National Bank of Jackson.
- "Series No. 6, interest due Aug. 15 1933, formerly payable at Jackson City Bank, or American Exchange National Bank, New York, funds now on deposit at Jackson City Bank, Jackson.
- "Series No. 8, interest due Oct. 1 1933, formerly payable at National Union Bank, Jackson, funds now on deposit at National Bank of Jackson.
- "Series No. 7, interest due Oct. 1 1933, formerly payable at National Union Bank, Jackson, funds now on deposit at National Bank of Jackson.
- "Series No. 5, interest due Oct. 1 1933, formerly payable at Peoples National Bank, Jackson, or National Park Bank, New York, funds now on deposit at National Bank of Jackson.
- "Series No. 2, interest due Oct. 1 1933, formerly payable at Jackson City Bank or American Exchange National Bank, New York, funds now on deposit at Jackson City Bank, Jackson."

It was announced as of Jan. 31 that funds are available to meet all interest coupons due Feb. 1 1934. The money is on deposit at the Jackson City Bank & Trust Co., Jackson.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Oskaloosa), Kan.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration announced recently an allotment of \$75,600 for highway bridge construction. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$68,500, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

This is in the nature of a re-allotment. A loan and grant of \$82,000 was approved on Oct. 27 by the Special Board of Public Works—V. 137, p. 3357. The county later revised its original plans and requested the above allotment.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Birmingham), Ala.—REPORT ON 1934 MATURITIES.—The following report on obligations of this county that fall due in 1934, is taken from the Birmingham "Age-Herald" of recent date:

"Bonds and warrants totalling \$1,074,500 must be paid or refunded by Jefferson County during 1934, records in the County Commission office show. The first payment is scheduled for April 1 when bonds totalling \$280,000, floated over a period dating from 1922 and bearing interest at 4 1/2 to 6%, fall due. Included in this indebtedness is \$55,000 in new courthouse construction bonds, floated in 1925. Members of the commission expect to be able to refund these securities by giving new paper at a slightly higher interest rate. Sewage construction bonds amounting to \$15,000 fall due July 1. These securities, floated in 1911 and refinanced in 1931, probably will be paid off. The largest amount due for payment during the year becomes payable May 1. On that date a total of \$559,500 in road warrants, bearing interest at 6% is due. Fifteen days later additional road warrants, amounting to \$210,000 become due. These warrants were refunded in 1928-29, having been floated prior to that time. These obligations probably will be met by issuing new warrants. Another \$10,000 payment on the old courthouse becomes due Dec. 10, and this is expected to be paid, which will leave \$30,000 still owing on the old building. "The county's present bonded indebtedness is shown by commission records to be \$1,974,500, bearing an average interest of 5.2% and payable over a period of years through 1965. The yearly interest bill is more than \$600,000."

JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Iowa City), Iowa.—BOND EXCHANGE.—It is stated by the County Auditor that \$21,900 5% semi-ann. poor fund bonds have been exchanged with the First Capital National Bank of Iowa City, for a like amount of warrants. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$900. Due \$4,000 on May 1 and \$3,000 Nov. 1 1940 and 1941, and \$4,900 on May 1 and \$3,000 Nov. 1 1942.

JUNCTION CITY, Boyle County, Ky.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration recently announced an allotment of \$52,000 for water works construction. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$40,000, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% revenue bonds.

KALISPELL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kalispell), Flathead County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION.—An election is said to be scheduled for Feb. 24 to vote on the proposed construction of a high school building to cost about \$209,905. Of this amount, approximately \$52,000 will be a grant by the Federal Government, the remainder will be a loan or bond issue.

KENNET SQUARE, Chester County, Pa.—PWA ALLOTMENT RESCINDED.—It is reported that the Public Works Administration allotment of \$120,000 for a sewage disposal plant, announced in November 1933—V. 137, p. 3703—has been rescinded.

KENT, Portage County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Landerbaugh, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Feb. 19 for the purchase of \$8,000 6% refunding bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1933. Denom. \$250. Due \$1,000 annually on Nov. 1 from 1935 to 1942, incl. Interest is payable M. & N. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. The bonds to be refunded matured on Nov. 1 1933. This issue was authorized recently by the City Council—V. 138, p. 715.

KENTUCKY, State of (P. O. Frankfort).—REPORT ON DEBT OF COUNTIES.—The following information is taken from a recent Frankfort dispatch to the Louisville "Courier-Journal": "The total indebtedness of Kentucky's counties during 1933 was \$35,703,349.70, State Inspector and Examiner Nat B. Sewell said to-day in a report on the financial condition of the counties. Against this debt was \$2,329,416.57 worth of assets in the various sinking funds.

"The major portion of the total indebtedness was made up of road and bridge bonds, which amounted to \$24,741,600. Other items in the total were: Road and bridge funding bonds, \$4,085,967.24; other county bonds, \$1,407,544.16; county warrants and claims, \$3,606,299.31; money borrowed on anticipated revenue, \$1,861,938.99.

"Twelve counties, Sewell reported, have no bonded indebtedness, and four have no indebtedness of any nature. The twelve that had no bonded indebtedness were Allen, Clark, Hancock, Hardin, Jefferson, Madison, Marion, Nelson, Powell, Simpson, Taylor and Woodford. The four with no bonded or floating indebtedness were Clark, Hancock, Madison and Woodford."

KERRVILLE, Kerr County, Texas.—BOND REFUNDING ELECTION.—It is stated by Mayor Holdsworth that an election will be held on Feb. 14 to vote on refunding \$251,000 outstanding 6% warrants into 5 1/2% bonds. (In V. 138, p. 715, we reported that the interest rates were 5 1/2% and 5%, respectively.)

KEWAUNEE COUNTY JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Algoma), Wis.—PWA ALLOTS FUNDS.—A loan and grant of \$148,000 for school construction has been announced by the Public Works Administration. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$169,400, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Knoxville), Tenn.—DETAILS ON NOTE SALE.—The \$30,000 tax anticipation notes that were sold to the Equitable Securities Corp. of Nashville, as 6s at par—V. 138, p. 897—are dated Jan. 25 1934 and mature on June 25 1934.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—In connection with the sale of \$205,000 6% refunding bonds on Jan. 29 to John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago, at slightly above par—V. 138, p. 897—we learn that the issue will be approved as to legality by Matson, Ross, McCord & Clifford of Indianapolis and Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. The County collected 86.2% of its 1933 taxes, as compared with 82% in 1932.

<i>Financial Statement (As Officially Reported Jan. 29 1934).</i>	
Estimated full value of taxable property.....	\$706,937,800
Assessed valuation, 1933.....	353,468,900
Bonded debt (less than 1%).....	3,289,150
Population: 1930 census, 261,310.	

LAKELAND, Polk County, Fla.—BONDED DEBT REDUCED \$1,223,000.—The following report is taken from a Lakeland dispatch to the Jacksonville "Times-Union" of Feb. 1:

"A reduction of more than a million dollars in the bonded debt of the City of Lakeland in the past three years is revealed in a comparative statement prepared by City Comptroller J. L. Davis. The statement shows that the bonded debt was \$9,231,184 on Aug. 31 1930, and that it had been reduced more than \$1,223,000 to \$8,017,500 on Jan. 1 of this year. "It was explained that the reduction was made possible through the city's policy of accepting bonds for delinquent taxes and paving assessments, and of purchasing bonds with any extra money which was available."

LEBANON, Warren County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Sinking Fund Commission has purchased at par \$10,000 supplementary Town Hall construction and equipment bonds. The original \$60,000 bonds authorized for that purpose will be offered for sale on Feb. 27.

LEESVILLE, Vernon Parish, La.—BOND ELECTION.—An election is said to be scheduled for March 6 to vote on the proposed issuance of \$50,000 in sewer bonds.

LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lexington), Fayette County, Ky.—DETAILS ON BOND OFFERING.—In connection with the report given in—V. 138, p. 715—that the Board of Directors of this District would offer for sale \$350,000 4% coupon school bonds in the near future, it is announced by the Continental Bank & Trust Co. of New York, that it will supervise the preparation and certify to the genuineness of the signatures and seal on these bonds.

LOOGOOTEE, Martin County, Ind.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.—The taxpayers have approved of issuing \$8,500 bonds to provide funds for the construction of lateral and intermediate sewers.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS OFFERED.—It is reported that sealed bids were received by the City Clerk until Feb. 9 for the purchase of a \$5,000,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. water works bonds. Due \$125,000 from Feb. 1 1935 to 1974, inclusive.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—A \$5,000,000 issue of 5% semi-annual water works bonds was offered for sale on Feb. 9 and awarded to a syndicate composed of the National City Co. of New York, R. H. Moulton & Co. of Los Angeles, the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, the Anglo-California Co. of San Francisco, the Bancamerica Co. of Los Angeles, R. W. Pressprich & Co. of New York, Kelley, Richardson & Co. of Chicago, the First of Michigan Corp. of Detroit, Eldredge & Co. of New York, Heller, Bruce & Co. of San Francisco, W. R. Staats Co. of Los Angeles, the Union Bank & Trust Co. of Los Angeles, Blyth & Co. of New York, the First of Boston Corp., Dean Witter & Co. of San Francisco, the Security-First Co. of Los Angeles, Kean, Taylor & Co. of New York, and Griffith-Wagenseller & Durst of Los Angeles, paying a premium of \$10,232, equal to 100.2046, a basis of about 4.99%. Due \$125,000 from Feb. 1 1935 to 1974 incl.

LOUISIANA, State of (P. O. Baton Rouge).—BONDS CALLED.—It is reported by the State Highway Commission that the following bonds are called for payment: Nos. 1501 to 2000, for \$1,000 each, of highway, Series I bonds, payable on April 15 1934; Nos. 4501 to 6000, for \$1,000 each, of highway, Series H bonds, payable on Sept. 30 1934. The Series I bonds are dated Oct. 15 1932, and due on Oct. 15 1939, while the Series H bonds are dated Sept. 30 1932 and are due Sept. 30 1939. The holders of these bonds are notified to present them for redemption at the Chase National Bank in New York City, or at the State Treasurer's office in Baton Rouge, on the dates called. All of said bonds not so presented for redemption on the above dates will cease to bear interest from and after those dates.

LOVELL, Big Horn County, Wyo.—DETAILS ON FEDERAL ALLOTMENT.—It is stated by the Town Clerk, in connection with the Public Works Administration loan and grant of \$140,000 for water system improvements—V. 138, p. 715—that the loan has been granted and the bonds were not voted as yet. They will mature serially, \$3,363.35 annually beginning in 1940. The maturity dates are all July 1, and the interest dates are Jan. 1 and July 1.

LOWELL, Middlesex County, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—Abel R. Campbell, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Feb. 14 for the purchase of \$500,000 notes, issued in anticipation of revenue for the year 1934. Dated Feb. 14 1934 and payable on Nov. 26 1934 at the First National Bank of Boston. Denoms. to suit purchaser. The Bank will certify as to the genuineness and validity of the notes, under advice of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston. Delivery to be made on or about Feb. 15 at said Bank. Bidder to indicate denoms. desired.

LYNBROOK, Nassau County, N. Y.—PROPOSED FINANCIANG.—Under the provisions of bills recently introduced in the State Legislature, the Village would be empowered to issue the following \$71,500 refunding bonds to meet obligations maturing in the fiscal year beginning March 1 1934. The maturity of such bonds is to be not longer than that of the original loans; also \$97,000 not to exceed 6% int. 4-year bonds to fund outstanding temporary loans made in anticipation of taxes levied for the fiscal year March 1 1933 to Feb. 28 1934.

LYON COUNTY (P. O. Marshall), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on Feb. 19, according to reports, by B. Foss, County Auditor, for the purchase of a \$44,000 issue of funding bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1934. Due in from 3 to 12 years.

McKEESPORT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—William V. Campbell, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Feb. 26 for the purchase of \$163,000 4½% bonds. Dated March 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 1944. Interest is payable in M. & S. A certified check for 1% of the issue must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Burgwin of Pittsburgh must accompany each proposal. Sale is subject to approval of issue by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs.

MADISON, Lake County, S. Dak.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—It is stated by Geo. H. Simpson Jr., City Auditor, that the sale of the three issues of bonds aggregating \$34,500, previously scheduled for Feb. 5—V. 138, p. 182—has been deferred until March 5. The issues are as follows: \$17,500 water tower bonds. Due in 20 years. \$10,000 swimming pool bonds. Due in 10 years. 7,000 city garage bonds. Due in 10 years. Interest rate is not to exceed 5%, payable semi-annually.

MADISON METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Madison), Dane County, Wis.—DETAILS ON FEDERAL ALLOTMENT.—In connection with the loan and grant of \$913,000 for sewer construction approved by the PWA (V. 137, p. 2840), it is stated by the Chief Engineer that \$750,000 in bonds have been authorized to be issued and sold—V. 137, p. 3704. No further action has been taken in the marketing of these bonds as the district is said to be awaiting the execution by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works of a bond purchase contract.

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. E. Lancaster, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Feb. 19 for the purchase of \$450,000 6% poor relief bonds. Dated March 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$150,000 on March 1 from 1935 to 1937, incl. Interest is payable in M. & S. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. The bonds are being issued pursuant to the provisions of the State Selective Sales Tax Law, filed in the office of the Secretary of State on Feb. 28 1933, after having been duly approved by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor. Bids for the issue must be accompanied by a certified check for \$10,000, payable to George P. Lewis, County Treasurer. A complete transcript of proceedings is on file in the County Commissioner's office. Purchaser must be prepared to accept the bonds not later than March 5 1934 and the money for same is to be delivered at one of the local banks in Youngstown or at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees.

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. E. Lancaster, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (eastern standard time) on Feb. 26 for the purchase of \$450,000 6% poor relief bonds. Dated March 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$141,000, 1935; \$150,000, 1936; and \$159,000 in 1937. Interest is payable semi-annually in M. & S. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$4,500, payable to the order of George P. Lewis, County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland will be furnished the successful bidder.

MARINE PARKWAY AUTHORITY, N. Y.—BILL CREATING THIS BODY INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE.—A bill introduced in the State Legislature on Feb. 5 by Senator Philip M. Kleinfeld of Brooklyn provides for the creation of the above Authority, under the jurisdiction of the New York City Park Department. The Authority would be empowered to obtain \$10,000,000 Public Works Administration funds with which to build a self-liquidating motor causeway from Marine Park in Brooklyn to Jacob Riis Park on the Rockaway Peninsula. The project contemplated is similar to the \$5,000,000 Jones Beach causeway now under construction with the Reconstruction Finance Corp. funds by an authority headed by Robert Moses as Chairman of the Long Island State Park Commission. The \$10,000,000 PWA funds for the proposed causeway would be sought on the basis of a loan of \$7,500,000 and a grant of \$2,500,000.

MARION, Marion County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The City Council recently passed an ordinance providing for an issue of \$1,755,755 4% municipal water works mortgage bonds, to be dated April 1 1934 and mature \$70,230.20 annually on April 1 from 1936 to 1960 incl. Principal and annual interest (April 1) payable in lawful money of the United States at the City Treasurer's office. The bonds are to be payable solely from revenues derived through operation of the water plant.

MARTIN, Floyd County, Ky.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration recently announced an allotment of \$43,000 for water works construction. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$33,000, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% revenue bonds.

MARYLAND (State of).—\$5,411,866 PWA CONTRACT EXECUTED.—It was announced on Feb. 4 that the contract under which the Public Works Administration will furnish \$5,411,866 to the State for road construction work had been fully executed. The total includes a grant of about \$1,412,000, with the balance representing a loan to the State, secured by 4% bonds maturing serially to 1949. The allotment of a loan and grant was made by the PWA on Dec. 7 1933, subject to the passage of a law by the State Legislature which would qualify acceptance of the State's bonds under the "reasonable security" requirements of the Public Works Act. An Act fully complying with the wishes of the PWA in the matter was passed by the Legislature on Dec. 12 1933. The projects to be undertaken include improvements to the Philadelphia and Bel Air Roads and upon roads leading to the Choptank River Bridge or on the bridge itself.

MASON COUNTY (P. O. Shelton), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,000 issue of coupon indigent relief bonds offered for sale on Feb. 5—V. 138, p. 897—was purchased by McInnis, Vandusen & Co. of Seattle, as 6s. Due in from 2 to 10 years after date of issuance. No other bids were received.

MIAMI, Dade County, Fla.—SUPREME COURT DENIES REHEARING ON CERTIFICATES.—The State Supreme Court on Jan. 23 denied the petition of Joseph S. Diver for rehearing of his effort to restrain, by injunction, the issuance of the \$560,000 of "water revenue certificates" by the city as security for a loan to repair and improve the city's water distribution system—V. 138, p. 716.

MILBANK, Grant County, S. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Jan. 30—V. 138, p. 716—the voters approved the issuance of the \$16,000 storm water sewer bonds by a count of 478 to 171. Due serially in 20 years. The date of sale was to be set at a meeting on Feb. 5. Interest rate not to exceed 5%.

MILLS COUNTY (P. O. Glenwood), Iowa.—BONDS SOLD.—The County Auditor is said to have stated that a \$12,000 issue of funding bonds authorized by the Board of Supervisors in September has been sold to an undisclosed purchaser. Dated Sept. 1 1933.

MILWAUKEE, Milwaukee County, Wis.—PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS.—At a recent meeting the Common Council is said to have placed in the 1934 budget an item of \$15,000,000 of revenue bonds with the purpose of applying to the Federal Government to take over these bonds for the construction of a power plant, and for the acquisition, if possible, of part of the existing distribution system.

MINEOLA, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Dwight G. Hunt, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on Feb. 13 for the purchase of \$12,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered sewer bonds. Dated March 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 annually on March 1 from 1935 to 1946, incl. Bidder to name a single interest rate for all of the bonds, expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (M. & S.) are payable in lawful money of the United States at the First National Bank, Mineola, or at the Chase National Bank, New York. A certified check for \$250, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

MINNESOTA, State of (P. O. St. Paul).—CERTIFICATE SALE.—It is reported by the State Treasurer that local banks have purchased an aggregate of \$5,000,000 in short-term certificates at 2½%.

MINNESOTA, State of (P. O. St. Paul).—PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS APPROVED.—The following report is taken from the Jan. 20 issue of the "Commercial West" of Minneapolis: Public Works Administration projects for Minnesota approved up to Jan. 13 by the Public Works Department in Washington aggregated \$24,176,526, according to a report prepared for "Commercial West" by F. W. Murphy, Regional Adviser. The list, together with estimated costs of the projects, follows:

	Est. Cost.
Albert Lea, water works	\$11,750
Albert Lea, paving	166,300
Minnesota Lake, water works	9,250
St. Paul, paving	29,600
Warroad, dredging and parks	18,000
East Grand Forks, dam	19,200
Gilbert, paving	43,087
Thief River Falls, power plant extension	54,490
Elbow Lake, auditorium and library	33,120
Janesville, paving	17,405
McLeod County, road construction	120,608
Marshall, sewage plant	36,020
Springfield, water works	10,000
Waconia, sewage plant	25,000
Austin, repairing water reservoir	12,450
Kasson, village well	1,168
Wilkin, school building (Brocktonridge)	218,548
Austin, warehouse and garage	36,910
Rochester, sanitary sewers and bridges	92,331
Alexandria, heating and power plant addition	84,000
Hutchinson, sewage disposal plant	72,520
Blue Earth, power plant addition	100,126
St. Louis, grading and graveling	490,000
Stearns, school buildings (Morris)	87,478
Rice County, court house	114,305
Lincoln County, highway construction	41,310
Wykoff, water works	5,750
Appleton, sewage disposal plant	41,300
Sibley County, school building (Arlington)	98,400
Redwood Falls, sewers and treatment plant	21,855
University of Minnesota, dormitory	340,000
Ramsey County, school building (No. St. Paul)	72,000
Paynesville, water works	3,285
Hanley Falls, water works	5,883
Jackson County, highway construction	62,255
Redwood County, highway construction	138,400
Yellow Medicine County, highway construction	12,132
Monetvideo, sewers and treatment plant	72,681
Redwood County, heating, ventilating (Sanborn)	7,344
Fergus Falls, sewage disposal plant	251,000
Ashby, water works	23,000
Cyrus, water works	21,600
Sauk Center, sewage treatment plant	54,050
Mound, water works	66,000
University of Minnesota, health service addition	35,019
Northfield, sewage treatment plant	100,000
Nobles County, highway improvement	29,000
Itasca, poor house, hospital, &c.	95,000
Ortonville, sewage treatment plant	32,000
Lake City, sewage plant and harbor improvements	79,856
Bemidji, sewage disposal plant	87,800
Watsonwan County, highway and bridge construction	39,764
University of Minnesota, indoor sports building	350,000
Rollingstone, water works, &c.	1,477
Dundas, village hall and auditorium	10,825
Hoffman, water works	27,640
Preston, electric district system	21,500
Harmony, paving, water works and buildings	42,530
Goodhue County, school building (Pine Island)	91,650
Genoa County, school building (Cambridge)	80,330
Blooming Prairie, water works and sewage plant	13,273
Osakis, water supply system	12,102
Ely, water works	60,000
Rockville, water works and sewers	25,340
Winona, sewers and sewage plant	270,000
Bovey, hall and auditorium	63,951
Cologne, water works	24,000
Hibbing, sewage plant and general improvements	1,035,456
Minneapolis, sewers and sewage plant	11,525,000
St. Paul, sewers and sewage plant	6,521,000
Total	\$24,176,526

MISSOURI, State of (P. O. Jefferson City).—BOND ISSUANCE PLANNED.—In connection with the report given in—V. 138, p. 898—that this State intends to offer \$3,000,000 long-term highway bonds in the near future, we give the following from the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 30: "An important borrower which has not been in the market since last June, the State of Missouri, plans to offer \$3,000,000 long-term highway bonds in February. New York houses are advised. The State Funding Board will meet in a few days to fix the exact date of sale and set the coupon rate and maturities.

"The forthcoming issue represents part of \$10,000,000 balance remaining of \$75,000,000 highway bonds authorized in 1929. In the past four years \$65,000,000 have been sold at rates varying from 3½% to 4½%. The most recent block consisted of \$5,000,000 4s due in 17 to 21 years, which fetched a syndicate bid of 101.4311. Six groups bid for the Missouri offering last June. The bonds reached the market at prices to yield 3.80%.

"From 1922 to 1927, the State marketed \$60,000,000 highway bonds. More than one-quarter of that total has been retired to date. Missouri's highway debt service averages around \$8,500,000 annually. Gasoline tax and automobile licenses average more than double that amount. The highway bonds, while general obligations of Missouri, are primarily payable from gasoline tax and automobile license receipts."

MOHALL, Renville County, N. Dak.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on Jan. 30 the voters are said to have rejected the proposed issuance of \$24,000 in school erection bonds, by failing to provide the required two-thirds majority.

MONTCLAIR, Essex County, N. J.—PWA ALLOTMENT RE-SCINDED.—The allotment of \$40,000 by the Public Works Administration for sewer construction reported in V. 138, p. 360, has been rescinded.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Rockville), Md.—BOND SALE.—Brown Bros. Harriman & Co. of Philadelphia, purchased on Feb. 6 an issue of \$847,000 5½% bonds, dated Jan. 1 1934 and due serially on Jan. 1 from 1936 to 1954 incl. Interest is payable semi-annually.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—LOCAL BANKS TO PURCHASE BONDS.—F. E. Treon, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, reports that no bids were obtained for the \$350,000 6% poor relief bonds offered on Feb. 3—V. 138, p. 533. Mr. Treon states that local banks have purchased a similar amount of notes and will accept the present bond issue in payment of the temporary obligations at maturity on March 1 1934. The bonds bear date of Dec. 1 1933 and are to mature on March 1 as follows: \$110,000, 1935; \$116,500 in 1937, and \$132,500 in 1938. Last

week a group of Dayton institutions headed by the Winters National Bank & Trust Co. agreed to purchase \$450,000 poor relief notes—V. 138, p. 898.

MOORHEAD, Clay County, Minn.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration recently announced a loan and grant of \$170,000 for sewer construction. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$161,000, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

MORRISTOWN, Morris County, N. J.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the proposed award on Feb. 14 of \$58,000 bonds, notice and description of which appeared in V. 138, p. 898—the following has been issued:

Financial Statement. Gross Debt. Outstanding bonds (for water) \$2,410,000 (Other purposes) 1,302,000 Floating debt 136,532 \$3,848,532 Deductions. Sinking funds and cash on hand 187,777 Water bonds 2,410,000 \$2,597,777 Net debt \$1,250,754

The \$58,000 water refunding bonds will fund water bonds in like amount and are included in statement of water debt above.

Assessed Valuations. Date— 1933. 1932. 1931. Real \$17,632,875 \$17,898,950 \$17,853,135 Personal 1,414,200 1,444,950 1,513,600

Tax Collections. Date— 1933. 1932. 1931. Amount of levy \$782,371.52 \$1,020,278.07 \$970,462.01 Collected prior to Dec. 31, year of levy 477,638.63 599,148.19 643,325.60 Uncollected Feb. 1 1934 270,388.37 168,903.07 68,128.79

MOUNT LEBANON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Mount Lebanon), Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$70,000 not to exceed 5 1/4% interest coupon bonds offered on Feb. 1—V. 138, p. 361—failed of sale. An effort will be made to dispose of the issue at private sale, it is said. Dated Feb. 1 1934 and due \$7,000 annually on Feb. 1 from 1935 to 1944, inclusive.

MOUNT STERLING, Brown County, Ill.—PWA ALLOTMENT.—In allotting \$80,000 for water works improvements, the Public Works Administration made provision for a grant equal to 30% of the amount to be spent for labor and materials on the project. Such expenditures are estimated at \$69,225. The balance is a loan secured by 4% revenue bonds.

MOUNT VERNON, Montgomery County, Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held recently the voters are reported to have approved the issuance of \$18,000 in water works bonds.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Portland) Ore.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of refunding bonds aggregating \$39,000, offered on Feb. 8—V. 138, p. 898—were not sold as all the bids received were rejected. The issues are divided as follows: \$26,000 5 1/4% series A bonds. Due from Jan. 1 1941 to 1946. 13,000 6% series B bonds. Due from Jan. 1 1938 to 1941.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Portland) Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Feb. 13 by E. T. Stretcher, District Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 6% coupon or registered refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 26 1934. Due on June 15 as follows: \$30,000 in 1934 and \$35,000 in 1935 and 1938. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in lawful money at the fiscal agency of the State in New York or at the County Treasurer's office. Bids must be submitted on blank forms furnished by the Clerk. No bid for less than par and accrued interest will be considered. The approving opinion of Storey, Thornndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston will be furnished. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the Clerk, is required.

MUNCIE, Delaware County, Ind.—BOND AND NOTE FINANCING.—The \$26,500 4 1/4% refunding bonds and \$18,000 6% notes offered on Jan. 22—V. 138, p. 361—were sold at a price of par to the Muncie Banking Co.

NATIONAL CITY, San Diego County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election is scheduled for Feb. 19 to have the voters pass on the issuance of \$26,000 in city hall bonds. Should the bonds be approved by a two-thirds majority it is said that they will be offered to the Federal Government under the usual borrowing plan. They will bear interest at 4% and will mature over a 30-year period.

NEW CHEROKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Cherokee), Iowa.—DETAILS ON FEDERAL ALLOTMENT.—In connection with the allotment of \$37,000 to this district by the Public Works Administration for school building construction—V. 138, p. 716—it is stated by the Secretary of the Board of Education that the resolution authorizing the bonds for this purpose provides for \$25,000, maturing \$5,000 yearly from 1945 to 1949.

NEW EFFINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Effington), Roberts County, S. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on Feb. 24 to have the voters pass on the issuance of \$5,000 in school building bonds.

NEW HAMPSHIRE (State of)—BOND OFFERING.—Charles T. Patten, State Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Feb. 15 for the purchase of \$2,400,000 3 1/4% coupon bonds, divided as follows: \$1,200,000 general impt. bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$300,000 in 1935; \$225,000 in 1936 and 1937, and in 1941 and 1942. The bonds, which are being issued pursuant to Chapter 150 of Laws of 1933, include \$300,000 to be sold for the purposes as stated in Section 9 of the law, while the remainder will be sold for the purposes outlined in Section 5 of aid statute. 1,200,000 relief bonds. Due \$300,000 on March 1 in 1936 and from 1938 to 1940 incl. Issued pursuant to Chapter 160 of the Laws of 1933.

Each issue will be dated March 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds may be converted, at holder's option and according to the date of maturity, into registered bonds of \$1,000 each. Upon such conversion the principal and interest (M. & S.) will be payable at the State Treasurer's office. Bids are to be made on the basis of "all or none." The legality of the bonds will be certified to by the Attorney-General of the State and by Storey, Thornndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. Bonds will be delivered at the National Shawmut Bank of Boston as soon after March 1 as they can be prepared.

NEW HAVEN, New Haven County, Conn.—REDUCES NEW DEBT.—In reporting a reduction in the net indebtedness of the city from \$19,270,204.41 to \$17,143,491.46 during 1933, the New Haven "Register" of Jan. 31 contained the following with respect to the new indebtedness created and the reduction effected in that year:

Table with columns: Increase (Bonds, Notes), Decrease (Bonds, Notes). Shows bond increases of \$2,250,814.15 and \$2,250,814.50, and a net decrease of \$2,126,712.95.

* Note.—An item of \$17,102.45 for purchase of a site for a fire house in Park Street has been excluded in the above figures although it is carried on

the books of the Comptroller as an item of loans payable in bond accounts. If considered as an item of bonded indebtedness rather than an inter-department transfer, it would add its cost to the floating indebtedness, thereby reducing the net decrease of all indebtedness to \$2,109,610.50, the conservative figure used by Mayor Murphy in his address to the Board of Aldermen.

NEW JERSEY (State of)—HOUSE PASSES TOLL BRIDGE BILL.—The Walter Bill, which would empower the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania to construct a toll bridge across the Delaware River between Phillipsburg, N. J., and Easton, Pa., was passed on Feb. 6 by the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Senate.

NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I.—LOAN OFFERING.—W. Norman Sayer, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. on Feb. 15 for the purchase at discount basis of an \$80,000 revenue anticipation loan, dated Feb. 19 1934 and due on Aug. 24 1934. Demos. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Notes, issued as evidence of the indebtedness, will be authenticated as to genuineness and validity by the First National Bank of Boston, under advice of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston. They will be payable at that institution or at the First of Boston International Corp., New York. Delivery of the notes will be made at either of the two places on or about Feb. 19.

NEW YORK (State of)—BILL PROVIDES FOR \$10,000,000 PARK BOND ISSUE.—A bill has been introduced in the General Assembly providing for the issuance of \$10,000,000 not to exceed 5% interest Catskill Park improvement bonds. It also calls for a popular referendum on the question at the general election in November 1934. The bonds would mature serially in from 1 to 10 years.

NICOLLET COUNTY (P. O. St. Peter), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 issue of refunding bonds offered for sale on Feb. 5—V. 138, p. 533—was purchased by Thrall, West & Co. of Minneapolis, according to the County Auditor.

Table listing bids for bonds with columns: Bidder, Rate, Premium. Includes Justus F. Lowe* (4% \$137.00), Thrall, West & Co. (4% 679.50), etc.

NOBLE COUNTY (P. O. Caldwell), Ohio.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the proposed award on Feb. 10 (to-day) of \$15,000 6% poor relief bonds, notice and description of which appeared in V. 138, p. 898, the following has been issued:

Financial Statement (Sept. 1 1933). Assessed valuation as follows: Year— 1930. 1931. 1932. Real property \$9,619,220 \$10,992,620 \$9,546,420 Personal property 4,867,690 635,342

Total amount of delinquent as of Sept. 1 1933, \$62,852.61. Debt report summary of gross debt of all overlapping taxing districts as of Jan. 1 1933:

Table with columns: County, Out-standing, Redeemed, Balance, New Issues, Total Outstanding. Lists counties like County, Villages, Townships, City school, Rural school.

Since this report was made up the county has issued bonds under Sec. 2293-2 in the amount of \$20,000. No bank failures.

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN AWARD.—The \$100,000 current year tax anticipation loan offered on Feb. 6—V. 138, p. 717—was awarded to the Second National Bank of Boston at 1.37% discount basis. Dated Feb. 6 1934 and payable on Nov. 8 1934 at the First National Bank of Boston. Bids for the loan were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Discount Basis, Bidder, Discount Basis. Lists Second National Bank of Boston (1.37%), Lee Higginson Corp. (1.43%), etc.

NORTH BEND, Soos County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Feb. 13 by Fred B. Hollister, City Recorder, for the purchase of a \$23,000 issue of 6% refunding bonds. Dated Feb. 15 1934. Denom. \$500. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Bonds will not be sold for less than par and accrued interest. (An issue of \$30,500 bonds was offered for sale without success on Oct. 24 1933—V. 137, p. 3179.)

NUTLEY, Essex County, N. J.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the proposed award on Feb. 13 of \$125,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered assessment bonds, notice and description of which appeared in V. 138, p. 898, the following information has been issued:

Table with columns: Gross Bonded Debt (Dec. 31 1933), Current—Tax revenue bonds, Capital (town share), Assessment—Term bonds, Serial bonds, Temporary loan bonds, Water—Term bonds, Serial bonds, Temporary loan bonds, Schools—Term bonds, Serial bonds. Total amount outstanding on Dec. 31 1933 \$5,009,578.75.

Sinking Funds.	
General	\$141,988.68
Assessment	112,634.00
Water	17,788.78
Schools	75,739.74
Total (Dec. 31 1933)	\$348,151.20
Total reduction of term bonds during 1933, \$171,000.00.	

Assessed Valuations 1933.	
Real property	\$27,096,958.00
Personal property	1,065,825.00
Total	\$28,162,783.00

Note.—Since Jan. 1 1934 school bonded indebtedness for serial bonds has been paid off in the amount of \$43,000.00.

Tax Collections.
Unpaid taxes for all years as of Jan. 6 1934 aggregated \$979,963.96. This figure includes tax liens of \$462,792.07. Taxes delinquent for 1933 total \$384,238.40.

NORTH HAVEN, Knox County, Me.—PUBLIC WORKS ALLOTMENT.—In allotting \$6,000 for water works improvements, the Public Works Administration made provision for a grant equal to 30% of the amount to be expended for labor and materials. The loan portion of the allotment will be secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

NORWOOD, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. M. Schoneberger, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Feb. 19 for the purchase of \$12,000 not to exceed 6% interest street, curb, gutter and sewer bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 annually on Feb. 1 from 1936 to 1941, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. are payable at the First National Bank of Norwood. A certified check for 5% of the bonds, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, is required. The favorable final opinion of Peck, Shaffer & Williams of Cincinnati will be furnished at the expense of the successful bidder. No conditional bids will be accepted.

OAKLAND COUNTY (P. O. Pontiac), Mich.—NOTICE TO BOND-HOLDERS.—C. E. Huyette, Secretary of the Bondholders' Protective Committee, 1263 National Bank Bldg., Detroit, announces that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 12, Article VII, of the Deposit Agreement, there has been filed with each depository an account of receipts, expenses and disbursements to Dec. 31 1933, and all depositors affected thereby may file objections thereto with depositories on or before March 5 1934.

OGDENSBURG, St. Lawrence County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—M. M. Morse, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 for the purchase of \$100,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered general municipal bonds of 1934. Dated Feb. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$10,000 from 1936 to 1943, incl., and \$20,000 in 1944. Bidder to name a single interest rate for the bonds, expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ or 1-10th of 1%. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) are payable in lawful money of the United States at the City Treasurer's office or at the City Bank Farmers Trust Co., New York, at holder's option. A certified check for \$2,000, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

Financial Statement (Feb. 1 1934).

Assessed valuation, incl. public service & special franchise	\$9,609,188.00
Actual valuation, estimated	14,000,000.00
Total bonded debt, including this issue	1,020,185.37
Assessment debt, included above	61,549.21
Water debt, included above	260,500.00

Funds are provided for in the 1934 budget to redeem \$62,638.42 bonds maturing in the fiscal year 1934-1935.

Tax Data.

Year—	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
Amount of levy	\$467.953	\$482,590	\$435,530	\$353,471
Uncollected at close of year of levy	None	None	None	x\$10,000
Tax rate per \$1,000	\$48.00	\$49.00	\$44.30	\$36.30

x Will be paid by Feb. 15 1934.
Population: 1920 Federal Census, 14,609; 1930 Federal Census, 16,915; 1933 (estimated), 17,000.

OLEAN, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—LEGISLATURE APPROVES BOND MEASURES.—The State Legislature on Feb. 6 passed the Riley bill amending the charter of the City so as to permit the issuance of bonds for projects undertaken in connection with the program of the Public Works Administration. Another measure providing for similar financing in conjunction with the program of the OWA has been passed by the Assembly and transmitted to the Senate.

OLIVE HILL, Carter County, Ky.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration recently announced an allotment of \$26,000 for filter plant construction. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$17,000, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% revenue bonds.

OMAHA, Douglas County, Neb.—CITY AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BRIDGE REVENUE BONDS.—In a decision recently given by the District Court authority is given to the city to issue \$1,650,000 of revenue bonds to pay for the proposed South Omaha bridge. It is required that such bonds must be paid through toll collections. It is also set out that the city is not to be liable in case of default.

ONEIDA COUNTY (P. O. Utica), N. Y.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.—Under the provisions of a bill introduced in the Senate on Feb. 7 by Michael J. Kernan of Utica, the County would be empowered to issue \$450,000 not to exceed 6% interest 10-year bonds in order to pay general claims and other obligations.

ORLEANS COUNTY (P. O. Albion), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Francis W. Buell, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. on Feb. 15 for the purchase of \$160,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows: \$90,000 tax revenue bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1934. Due \$18,000 on Feb. 1 from 1935 to 1939 incl. Int. is payable in F. & A.

70,000 highway bonds. Dated Feb. 10 1934. Due \$35,000 on Oct. 10 in 1937 and 1938. Int. is payable on A. & O. 10. Bonds will be in denom. of \$1,000. Bidder to name the same interest rate for all of the bonds, expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ or 1-10th of 1%. Prin. and semi-ann. int. are payable in lawful money of the United States at the Orleans County Trust Co., Albion. The bonds will be certified as to their genuineness by the trust company. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Treasurer. The approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

OTSEGO COUNTY (P. O. Cooperstown), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Robert J. Smith, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. on March 1 for the sale at public auction of \$190,000 not to exceed 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % interest coupon highway bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$20,000 from 1935 to 1943 incl. and \$10,000 in 1944. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) are payable at the First National Bank, Cooperstown. Proposals must be accompanied by a deposit of \$2,500, payable to the order of the County Treasurer. No legal opinion will be given except that of the County Attorney who prepared proceedings and resolutions.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation (1933)	\$52,689,539
Total bonded debt (excluding this issue)	720,000
Tax rate per \$1,000	\$7.99

Population, 1930 census, 46,657.
PATRIOT AND POSEY TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Switzerland County, Ind.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.—It is planned to issue \$8,100 bonds to finance the construction of a school building at Patriot.

PAWNEE, Pawnee County, Okla.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENTS RESCINDED.—It is now stated that the loans and grants aggregating \$11,420, which had been announced by the PWA—V. 138, p. 534—have been rescinded. The allotments were as follows: \$8,000 for road improvement and \$3,420 for swimming pool construction.

PEABODY, Essex County, Mass.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—An official report dealing with the financial position of the city shows that on Feb. 1 1934 bonds outstanding amounted to \$1,001,500, while revenue anticipation loans of 1933, payable in 1934, aggregated \$365,000. The report also includes the following:

Uncollected Taxes as of Feb. 1 1934.

Year—	Tax Rate	Valuation	Tax Levy	Uncollected Feb. 1 1934.	Uncollected.
1933	\$33.40	\$23,734,900	\$791,092.36	\$287,311.12	36.3%
1932	33.80	24,051,200	\$12,930.56	45,704.97	5.6%
1931	35.80	24,189,200	\$65,973.36	6,708.68	.007%
Previous				\$17.06	

Uncollected Tax Titles as of Feb. 1 1934.

Number outstanding, 354.....\$65,912.38

PENNSYLVANIA (State of)—HOUSE PASSES TOLL BRIDGE BILL.—The Walter bill, to authorize the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey to construct a toll bridge across the Delaware River between Easton, Pa., and Phillipsburg, N. J., was passed on Feb. 6 by the House of Representatives and sent to the Senate.

PHILIP, Haakon County, S. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.—It is stated by the City Auditor that an \$8,000 issue of bonds was approved by the voters recently to secure the loan portion of the \$10,000 allotment by the PWA for water works improvements—V. 138, p. 534.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—INCREASE IN ASSESSED VALUATION PROVIDES BORROWING MARGIN.—As a result of an increase of \$48,269,455 in the assessed valuation of real and personal property the city for the first time in over a year has a borrowing capacity within the legal limit, according to a recent statement by City Comptroller Wilson. The additional borrowing margin is \$2,700,000, it is said. Figures released by the Board of Revision of Taxes place the real property valuation at \$3,071,877,946, while personal property is assessed at \$836,391,509.

PIERCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 319 (P. O. Tacoma), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10:30 a. m. on March 3 by J. E. Tallant, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of school bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%. Bonds will be issued in denominations of \$100 each, or any multiple thereof, not exceeding \$1,000, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, said bonds to mature and be payable in their numerical order, lowest number first, on their annual interest dates, interest payable annually. Due in from 2 to 10 years after the date of issue. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office, the State Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of the State in New York. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

PLAINFIELD, Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—George B. Wean, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p. m. on Feb. 19 for the purchase of \$675,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

\$500,000 drainage and sewer bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$15,000 from 1936 to 1943, incl., and \$20,000 from 1944 to 1962, incl.

175,000 emergency relief bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$20,000 from 1936 to 1940, incl., and \$25,000 from 1941 to 1943, incl.

Each issue is dated Feb. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Bidder to name the rate of interest in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%. Different rates may be named for the two issues, but all of the bonds of each issue must bear the same interest coupon. Principal and interest (F. & A.) are payable in lawful money of the United States at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for each issue bid for, in amount of 2% of the bonds of such issue, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

PLAINS RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration allotment of \$30,000 for sewer construction includes a grant equal to 30% of the approximately \$28,400 to be spent for labor and materials. The balance is a loan, secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Sale was made recently of a \$50,000 tax anticipation issue due Nov. 15 1934, as follows: \$20,000 to the Plymouth National Bank at 1.95% discount basis; \$20,000 to the Whitman National Bank at 2.05% and \$10,000 to the National Bank of Wareham at 2.23%.

PONTIAC, Oakland County, Mich.—NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.—It is announced by C. E. Huyette, Secretary of the Bondholders' Protective Committee, 1263 National Bank Bldg., Detroit, that in accordance with the provisions of Section 12, Article VII, of the Deposit Agreement, there has been filed with each depository an account of receipts, expenses and disbursements to Dec. 31 1933, and all depositors affected thereby may file objections thereto with depositories on or before March 5 1934.

REFUNDING PLAN REJECTED.—Announcement was made on Jan. 29 of the rejection by the bondholders' protective committee of the refunding program promulgated by city officials. The committee, it is said, expressed the opinion that the city would find it difficult to sell the refunding bonds on the terms offered.

PORT JERVIS, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—John F. Cleary, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Feb. 14 for the purchase of \$60,000 not to exceed 6% interest series A coupon or registered relief bonds of 1934. Dated Feb. 14 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$10,000 from 1939 to 1942, incl., and \$20,000 in 1943. Bidder to name a single interest rate for all of the bonds, expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ or 1-19th of 1%. Principal and interest (M. & N.) are payable in lawful money of the United States at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$500,000 tax anticipation notes has been sold to Bond & Goodwin of Boston at 3% discount basis. Dated Feb. 2 1934 and due on Oct. 10 1934.

ADDITIONAL \$500,000 SOLD.—Bond & Goodwin also purchased, at 2.56% discount, an additional \$500,000 notes, due Nov. 1 1933. The First of Boston Corp. bid a rate of 2.59% for the November maturity.

PORTSMOUTH, Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—William N. Gableman, City Auditor and Treasurer, will receive sealed bid until 2 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Feb. 20 for the purchase of \$96,800 not to exceed 6% interest property portion refunding bonds. Dated March 1 1934. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,800, 1938, and \$10,000 from 1939 to 1947 incl. Principal and interest (A. & O.) are payable at the City Treasurer's office. The bonds to be refunded mature in January, April, May and June of 1934. Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for and payable to the order of Mr. Gableman. Legal opinion, other than that of City Solicitor, to be paid for by the bidder.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dutchess County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—LeGrande Crippen, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Feb. 16 for the purchase of \$140,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered general bonds of 1934. Dated Feb. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$30,000 from 1940 to 1942, incl., and \$25,000 in 1943 and 1944. Bidder to name a single interest rate for the entire issue, expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (F. & A.) are payable in lawful money of the United States at the Fallkill National Bank & Trust Co., Poughkeepsie. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

PRICE COUNTY (P. O. Phillips), Wis.—BONDS PARTIALLY SOLD.—It is stated by the County Clerk that of the \$60,000 5% semi-annual county bonds offered for sale without success on Dec. 4—V. 137, p. 4224—a block of \$46,000 has been sold to the State Annuity and Investment Board. Dated June 1 1933. Due from June 1 1935 to 1938.

PRINCETON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mercer County, N. J.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held on Feb. 13 the voters will consider the question of issuing \$85,000 school building construction bonds. The Public Works Administration will be asked to finance the project if it is favorably voted.

PROVIDENCE, Providence County, R. I.—BOND OFFERING.—Walter F. Fitzpatrick, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Feb. 21 for the purchase of \$1,000,000 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

\$450,000 school bonds. Due \$15,000 on March 1 from 1935 to 1964 incl. 200,000 sewer bonds. Due \$10,000 on March 1 from 1935 to 1954 incl. 200,000 bridge bonds. Due \$10,000 on March 1 from 1935 to 1954 incl. 150,000 highway bonds. Due \$10,000 on March 1 from 1935 to 1949 incl. The bonds will be dated March 1 1934 and issued in coupon form in \$1,000 denoms. and registered in denoms. of \$20,000, \$10,000, \$5,000 or \$1,000. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) will be payable in gold coin of the United States. Equal to present value of fineness and weight, at the fiscal agency of the City in New York City. In this connection, the official call for bids points out that provision for such payment has been made in compliance with the provisions of the statutes under which the bonds were authorized. Such statutes, it is said, were enacted prior to the approval on June 5 1933 of Public Resolution No. 10 of the 73d Congress, which provided for the abrogation of the gold payment clause in all contracts. This resolution, the City notes, provides that all obligations, notwithstanding previous declarations, shall be paid in any coin or currency which at the time of payment is legal tender for public and private debts. All of the bonds and coupons of the present offering will be inscribed with that part of the Public Resolution. The City requests that all proposals be accompanied by a certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer. Bids of less than par will be considered. Successful bidder to furnish his own legal opinion. Previous mention of this offering was made in—V. 138, p. 899.

Financial Statement (Officially Reported).

Population: 1910 census (Federal) 224,326; 1920 census (Federal), 237,595 1930 census (Federal), 252,981. City's fiscal year Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

Assessor's Valuation.

Table with financial data for 1933. Rows include Real Estate (Tangible personal, Intangible personal), Total, Estimated Income (1933-1934), Tax of 1933, Amount appropriated for fiscal year ending Sept. 30 1934, Water Works (1932-1933), Receipts (Cost of Managing, Interest on water debt, Depreciation and extension fund), Surplus, Bonded (a Unfunded, b Floating), Total water debt included in above, Net water debt, All notes representing unfunded debt and tax anticipation borrowing are held by our Sinking Fund Commissioners and Trust Funds. No notes of the City of Providence are held by banks or others. b Net debt—Dec. 31 1932—\$47,740,451.15.

Note.—Sinking funds \$3,733,037.12 over and above requirements figured on 4% actuarial basis.

Principal and Interest Requirements on All Bonded Debt (Except Water).

Table showing Principal and Interest Requirements on All Bonded Debt (Except Water) for years 1934-1938. Columns: Serial Bonds, Sinking Funds, Interest, Totals.

Record of Tax Assessment and Collection.

Table showing Record of Tax Assessment and Collection for years 1928-1933. Columns: Assessment, Collection, Uncollect. % Uncollect.

* 1933 collection to Jan. 31 1934—Collection started Oct. 1 1933. "The City of Providence annually conducts a sale of properties upon which taxes remain unpaid. This year's sale will occur on Thursday, June 7 1934. Entire proceeds from this bond sale will be applied toward a reduction of our unfunded indebtedness by purchasing notes thereof, said notes having been issued during the course of completion of the projects for which this bond issue is now being sold. The City of Providence has never defaulted in the payment of interest or principal on any of its obligations. No previous issue has ever been contested."

RADNOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wayne), Delaware County, Pa.—BONDS APPROVED.—The Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania on Feb. 2 issued its certificate of approval covering an issue of \$25,000 school insurance purchase bonds.

REDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Redan), De Kalb County, Ga.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT RESCINDED.—It is now reported that the loan and grant of \$17,000 to this district by the Public Works Administration for school building construction—V. 137, p. 4561—has been rescinded.

REMBRANDT, Buena Vista County, Iowa.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration recently announced an allotment of \$13,000 for water works construction. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$11,000, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

RENWICK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Renwick), Humboldt County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Feb. 1—V. 138, p. 363—the voters approved the issuance of the \$7,500 in school construction bonds by a count of 162 to 102. The District Secretary reports that no date of sale has been fixed as yet.

REYNOLDSVILLE, Jefferson County, Pa.—BOND ISSUE APPROVED.—An issue of \$18,000 municipal building bonds was approved on Feb. 2 by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs. A loan and grant of \$24,000 for the project was announced recently by the Public Works Administration—V. 138, p. 718.

RIDGE FARM, Vermilion County, Ill.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration allotment of \$53,000 for water works construction includes a grant equal to 30% of the approximately \$47,900 to be expended in the payment of labor and the purchase of materials. The balance is a loan, secured by 4% revenue bonds.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Paul B. Aex, City Comptroller, reports that the \$3,000,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on Feb. 8 were awarded to a syndicate composed of Lehman Bros., Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Ladenburg, Thalman & Co., Blyth & Co., Inc., Phelps, Fenn & Co., Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, F. S. Moseley & Co., R. W. Pressprich & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co., G. M.-P. Murphy & Co. and Rutter & Co., all of New York City, also Sage, Wolcott & Steele of Rochester. This group paid a price of par for the bonds as follows: \$500,000, due in 1935, as 5 1/8%; \$500,000, due in 1936, as 4 1/4%, while the balance of \$2,000,000, due \$600,000 in 1937 and \$700,000 each in 1938 and 1939, were purchased as 4s. The net interest cost of the financing to the City is about 4.15%. The offering of \$3,000,000 bonds included the following:

\$2,000,000 public welfare bonds of 1934. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$200,000, 1935; \$300,000, 1936; \$400,000, 1937; \$500,000, 1938 and \$600,000 in 1939.

1,000,000 tax revenue bonds of 1934. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$300,000, 1935; \$200,000 from 1936 to 1938 incl. and \$100,000 in 1939. All of the bonds are dated Feb. 1 1934. Principal and interest (F. & A.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Legality to be approved by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York.

BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—Members of the successful group made formal re-offering of the \$3,000,000 bonds on Feb. 9 at prices to yield 3% for the 1935 maturity; 1936, 3.50%; 1937, 3.75%; 1938, 3.90%, while the bonds due in 1939 were priced at 100.25. The securities are described as being legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State and general obligations of the City, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes on all the taxable property therein. A summary of the unsuccessful bids for the bonds is as follows:

The Guaranty Co. of New York and associates submitted the second highest tender of 100.02 for all the bonds as 4 1/4s. Other members of this account were the First of Boston Corp., Estabrook & Co., the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Co. of Buffalo, Dick & Merle-Smith, Stone & Webster and Budget, Inc., Edward B. Smith & Co., R. L. Day & Co., Bacon, Stevenson & Co., George D. Gibbons & Co., Inc., and Wallace & Co.

A tender of 100.01 for \$900,000 bonds as 4s and \$2,100,000 as 4 1/4s was named by a syndicate composed of the City Co. of New York, Inc., the Bankers Trust Co., the Chase National Bank, the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo, L. F. Rothschild & Co., and Hannabs, Ballin & Lee. The final bid was 100.10 for \$1,000,000 bonds as 5 1/4s, and \$2,000,000 as 5 1/8s, named by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. (Officially Reported Feb. 6 1934)

Table with financial data for Feb. 6 1934. Rows include Assessed valuation of real estate, 1934, Total bonded debt, Less water bonds, Less cash and sinking funds, Net bonded debt, Population.

ROGERS COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 (P. O. Claremore), Okla.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration recently announced a loan and grant of \$15,000 to this District for school building. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$14,100, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

ROME, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND ISSUE AUTHORIZED.—Lynn C. Butts, City Treasurer, reports that \$30,000 bonds will be sold in order to finance the purchase of materials and supplies for work under the Civil Works Administration.

SACRED HEART, Renville County, Minn.—BONDS SOLD.—It is reported by the Village Recorder that the \$6,000 water supply bonds approved by the voters at the election on Oct. 17—V. 137, p. 4562, have been taken by the State of Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Feb. 20 by Harold F. Goodrich, City Comptroller, for the purchase of a \$600,000 issue of coupon public welfare bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5%, payable F. & A. Bonds must bear one rate of interest. No bid for less than par and accrued interest will be considered. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1934. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$48,000, 1935; \$50,000, 1936; \$53,000, 1937; \$55,000, 1938; \$58,000, 1939; \$61,000, 1940; \$64,000, 1941; \$67,000, 1942; \$70,000, 1943, and \$74,000 in 1944. Bonds will be furnished by the city, and delivered at purchaser's expense. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York will be furnished. Authority: Chap. 120, P. L. 1933, and C. F. No. 97132, approved Jan. 18 1934. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the city, is required. (The preliminary report on this offering appeared in V. 138, p. 718.)

SAFFORD, Graham County, Ariz.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—It is stated by the Town Clerk that the election originally scheduled for Feb. 5 on the proposed issuance of \$133,000 in 4% water works system bonds—V. 138, p. 185—has been postponed.

SAN ANTONIO, Bexar County, Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on Jan. 27—V. 137, p. 4729—the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$1,430,000 in revenue bonds, which were to be used as collateral for a Federal loan for extending the municipal sewer system.

SANDERS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Thompson Falls), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on Feb. 28 by R. E. Snider, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$13,675 issue of school bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. A certified check for \$600 must accompany the bid.

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County), Calif.—NOTE OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until Feb. 19 by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for the purchase of an issue of \$1,500,000 tax anticipation notes. Due on May 15 1934.

SAUGUTUCK, Allegan County, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a recent election the voters for the third time defeated a proposal providing for an issue of \$32,000 road construction bonds. The vote on this last occasion was 178 for and 102 against, or slightly less than the required two-thirds majority.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY (P. O. Schenectady), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$750,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on Feb. 7—V. 138, p. 900—were awarded as 3.80s jointly to Dick & Merle-Smith and Roosevelt & Weigold, both of New York, at a price of 100.10, a basis of about 3.78%. The sale consisted of: \$550,000 series A emergency relief bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$61,000 from 1936 to 1943 incl. and \$62,000 in 1944. 200,000 series B emergency relief bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$24,000 from 1936 to 1943 incl. and \$8,000 in 1944.

Each issue is dated Feb. 1 1934. The bankers are re-offering the bonds for general investment at prices to yield from 3 to 3.75%, according to maturity. The obligations are described as being legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State, and exempt from all Federal and New York State income taxes.

Table listing Name of Bidders, Rate of Interest, and Amount Bid for Schenectady County bonds. Includes bidders like Dick & Merle-Smith, Chase National Bank, etc.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greentree Pike, Route No. 8, Crafton Branch, Pittsburgh), Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Feb. 6—V. 138, p. 363—the proposal to issue \$190,000 school building construction bonds was approved by a vote of 541 to 352.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT RESCINDED.—It is reported that the Public Works Administration allotment of \$111,160 to this city for bridge construction—V. 137, p. 3179—has been rescinded.

SHAMOKIN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Northumberland County, Pa.—*BONDS APPROVED*.—Approval of an issue of \$210,000 school funding bonds was announced on Jan. 29 by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Center), Tex.—STATE ASSUMPTION OF BOND DEBT ARGUED.—The State Supreme Court is said to be hearing arguments on the assumption by the State of a \$262,000 county road bond issue. The Attorney-General refused to approve refunding bonds, authorized by a special Act of the Legislature with a proviso that the bonds be retired with part of the State's gasoline tax. He contended that the money was not used for construction purposes as originally intended and the Act was an unauthorized grant of that much money to the county.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Memphis), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$397,000 4% semi-ann. county institutions bonds offered for sale on Feb. 5—V. 138, p. 900—was purchased at par by the Public Works Administration. Dated Nov. 1 1933. Due from Nov. 1 1934 to 1959. No other bids were received, according to the Chairman of the County Court.

SHOREWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4 (P. O. Milwaukee), Wis.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$175,000 4% semi-ann. school auditorium bonds that were approved by the voters on Jan. 23—V. 138, p. 900, are more fully described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1 1934. Due \$35,000 from April 1 1945 to 1949 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Oakland Ave. Bank in Milwaukee. Legality to be approved by the Attorney General.

SHREVEPORT, Caddo Parish, La.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENTS.—The following allotments aggregating \$543,000 have been announced by the Public Works Administration:

\$200,000 for the construction of an incinerator plant. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$158,600, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

5,000 for the installation of a police radio station. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$4,800, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

60,000 for installation of fire equipment. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$50,000, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

40,000 for city hall repairs. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$30,100, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

10,000 for engine house improvements. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$7,700, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

150,000 for street improvement. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$127,500, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

40,000 for repairs to the municipal auditorium. The cost of labor and material totals \$30,800, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

18,000 for repairs and alterations to the municipal court house. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$16,200, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

20,000 for fire station construction. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$16,000, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

SOUTH CAROLINA, State of (P. O. Charleston).—NOTE RENEWAL ARRANGED.—The State Finance Committee, acting through New York and local banks, is said to have made arrangements for the renewal of notes aggregating \$4,230,000, which matured on Feb. 1. At the same time the State is paying \$470,000 principal and \$141,000 interest on a deficit of \$5,000,000. Of the general property tax, the Legislature last year set aside 2½ mills for the retirement of this deficit. The new notes are for a six months' period, exchange for 1-6 year refunding notes, callable on any interest-paying date.

SPARKS, Washoe County, Nev.—DETAILS ON FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The City Clerk states that the loan portion of the Public Works Administration allotment to this city of \$45,000 for sewer extension—V. 138, p. 719—is secured by bonds described as follows: Dated Jan. 1 1934. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1935 to 1944; \$3,000, 1945 to 1949, and \$2,000, 1950 to 1954. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office.

SPICKARD, Grundy County, Mo.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration recently announced an allotment of \$11,000 for water works improvement. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$10,000, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

SPOKANE, Spokane County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—It is announced by H. D. Dearing, Secretary of the Sinking Fund Commission, that sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on March 1 for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 coupon or registered general bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable M. & S. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1 1934. Due on March 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1936 to 1939; \$6,000, 1940 and 1941; \$7,000, 1942 to 1944; \$8,000, 1945 and 1946; \$9,000, 1947 to 1949; \$10,000, 1950 and 1951; \$11,000, 1952 and 1953, and \$12,000 in 1954. The approving opinions of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago and Burcham & Blair of Spokane will be furnished. Said bonds are issued pursuant to the terms of Ordinance No. C5272 passed by the City Council Jan. 22 1934, and under authority of and in strict compliance with the charter of the city and the laws and constitution of the State. Bidders are requested to name the price and rate of interest at which they will purchase the whole of said bonds or any of said series separately, the rate, however, in whatever form the same may be offered, shall not exceed a cost to the city of more than 6% per annum. No bid will be accepted for less than the par value of said bonds and accrued interest, and the said commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Delivery is demanded outside of the city, it shall be at the purchaser's expense. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the city, is required.

SPOKANE, Spokane County, Wash.—BONDS CALLED.—The City Treasurer is said to be calling for payment at his office on Feb. 15 various local improvement district bonds.

SPOKANE COUNTY (P. O. Spokane), Wash.—WARRANTS CALLED.—The County Treasurer is reported to have called for payment at his office on Jan. 26 various local improvement district and irrigation district warrants.

SPRINGVILLE, St. Clair County, Ala.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration recently announced an allotment of \$36,000 for water works construction. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$32,400, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% revenue bonds.

STUEBENVILLE, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND ISSUE APPROVED.—The City Council recently passed an ordinance providing for an issue of \$49,525 4% water system bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1933. One bond for \$525, others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,525 in 1935; \$3,000 from 1936 to 1949 incl., and \$4,000 in 1950. Principal and interest (A. & O.) are payable at the Peoples National Bank, Steubenville.

STOUGHTON, Dane County, Wis.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT RESCINDED.—The Public Works Administration allotment of \$16,000 to this city for water filtration plant construction—V. 137, p. 2673, is said to have been rescinded.

SUFFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Riverhead), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$875,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on Feb. 7—V. 138, p. 900—were awarded as 3.90s to a group composed of Estabrook & Co., Phelps, Fenn & Co., and Graham, Parsons & Co., all of New York, at a price of 100.699, a basis of about 3.82%. The sale included: \$711,000 series of 1934 highway bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$21,000, 1935; \$20,000, 1936; \$30,000 from 1937 to 1944 incl.; \$40,000, 1945 to 1951 incl., and \$50,000 from 1952 to 1954 incl.

164,000 series of tuberculosis hospital bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$4,000 in 1935 and \$10,000 from 1936 to 1951 incl.

Each issue is dated March 1 1934. The bonds, which are being re-offered for general investment at prices to yield from 2.50 to 3.75%, according to maturity, are, in the opinion of counsel, direct obligations of the county, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied on all the taxable property therein. They are also stated to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State.

The following is an official list of the bids submitted at the sale:

Bidder	Int. Rate.	Rate Bid.
Phelps, Fenn & Co., Estabrook & Co. and Graham, Parsons & Co.	3.90%	100.669
Suffolk County National Bank	3.90%	100.319
Dick & Merle-Smith, Eldredge & Co., Inc. and Roosevelt & Weigold, Inc.	3.90%	100.109
Adams, McEntee & Co., Inc. and Salomon Bros. & Tuttle	4.00%	100.659
Halsey, Start & Co., Inc. and Bancamerica-Blair Corp.	4.00%	100.351
Bankers Trust Co., Chase National Bank and Suffolk Co. Trust Co.	4.00%	100.227
Lehman Bros. & Associates	4.00%	100.179
Guaranty Co. of New York and First of Boston Corp.	4.20%	100.01

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were obtained at the offering on Feb. 8 of \$420,000 not to exceed 6% interest poor relief bonds, dated March 1 1934 and due on March 1, as follows: \$132,000, 1935; \$140,000, 1936, and \$148,000 in 1937.

TACOMA, Pierce County, Wash.—BOND ELECTION.—It is stated by the City Clerk that an election will be held on March 13 in order to have the voters pass on the issuance of \$3,000,000 in sewer bonds. (At an election held Sept. 26 the voters approved this proposal but the election was held invalid by the State Supreme Court on Dec. 19—V. 138, p. 186.)

TALMADGE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 91 (P. O. Talmadge), Oteo County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Jan. 30—V. 138, p. 364—the voters approved the issuance of the \$23,000 in 4½% school building bonds by a count of 181 to 96. The bonds mature \$1,000 annually from 1939 to 1961 incl. The date of sale has not as yet been fixed.

TAMPA, Hillsborough County, Fla.—BOND REFUNDING PLAN RECEIVES INITIAL APPROVAL.—The following report is taken from a Tampa press dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 3: "A plan whereby \$1,547,000 City of Tampa bonds, due in 1936, 1937 and 1938, will be refunded over a 15-year period has been approved unanimously by the Board of Aldermen. The resolution approving the measure specified that the transfer should be included in the 1934 budget, but that no payments should be made to the fiscal agents prior to Aug. 15 1934; and that no fee should be paid for refunding bonds owned by the city."

TERRE HAUTE, Vigo County, Ind.—WARRANT OFFERING.—James M. Carlos, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Feb. 14, for the purchase of \$77,000 5½% time warrants. Dated Jan. 23 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 22 1934. Payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for \$200, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal.

TAYLOR COUNTY (P. O. Butler), Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 17, according to report, in order to vote on the issuance of \$20,000 in court house bonds.

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin).—PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL RELIEF BONDS DEFEATED.—In connection with the report given in V. 138, p. 901, that the Governor had asked the Legislature to authorize the issuance of \$10,000,000 in additional relief bonds, we give the following Austin dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 8: "The House defeated by a vote of 120 to 13 the proposal to authorize issuance of \$7,500,000 additional relief bonds. Most of the opposition was based on the failure of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson to submit to the legislature the method of providing new sources of revenue to take care of the bond maturities. It was also argued that no emergency exists since not all of the most recently authorized bonds have been sold as yet."

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin).—WARRANT CALL.—The following report is taken from an Austin dispatch to the Dallas "News" of Feb. 1: "State Treasurer Charley Lockhart issued a call Wednesday for payment of general revenue warrants embracing all the old series issued prior to September 1933, and all of the new series up to No. 40364. The call embraces all general revenue warrants issued up to and including Nov. 15 1933, amounting to \$2,415,954.83."

"The deficit in the general revenue fund is \$4,477,722.33 and in the Confederate pension fund, \$4,418,880.17. The Treasurer is paying Confederate pension warrants including September 1932 regardless of whether discounted, and up to and including the August 1933 issue if not discounted."

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin).—BOND OFFERING.—It is stated by Geo. H. Sheppard, Secretary of the Bond Commission, that the said Commission will receive sealed bids at the office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, until 1:30 p. m. on Feb. 20 for the purchase of the \$2,750,000 4% relief first series bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 15 1933. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$250,000 in 1935; \$265,000, 1936; \$275,000, 1937; \$287,000, 1938; \$300,000, 1939; \$313,000, 1940; \$325,000, 1941; \$350,000, 1942, and \$387,000 in 1943. Bonds maturing on and after Oct. 15 1939 may be redeemed on any int.-paying date on or after Oct. 15 1938 at par and accrued interest, after 30 days' notice shall have been given as required in the proceedings authorizing the bonds. The bonds are issued under and in strict conformity with Article 3, Section 51-A of the Constitution of Texas and the Enabling Act, designated Senate Bill No. 46, passed by the 43rd Legislature at its First Called Session.

Bids will be considered for all or any portion of the bonds, provided no bids shall be considered for less than \$1,000 par value of the bonds. The law provides that the bonds sold shall mature over a period of nine years, beginning with Oct. 15 1935, and shall mature in the same proportion as set out in the maturity of the entire \$2,750,000 worth of bonds hereby advertised for sale. Under the Constitution and the law the bonds cannot be sold for less than par and accrued interest and no form of commission shall be allowed or paid in any transaction involving their sale. The bonds are offered subject to the final approving opinions of John D. McCall, Attorney-General, and Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York. The approving opinions are to be furnished at the expense of the State. A certified check for 1% of the par value of the bonds for which any bid may be submitted, payable to the State Treasurer, is required.

(The preliminary notice of this offering was given in V. 138, p. 719.)

TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—\$209,000 BOND PRINCIPAL UNPAID.—The City made payment on Feb. 1 of \$60,000 water works bonds and \$39,700 general bond int., although no provision was made to meet the \$209,000 general bonds which matured at that time. The bonds, it is said, are included in the refunding program covering all issues maturing in 1934, which is being prepared by Earle Peters, Director of Finance—V. 138, p. 901.

TOMAH, Monroe County, Wis.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT RESCINDED.—The Public Works Administration allotment of \$48,700 to this city for municipal building construction—V. 138, p. 3180, is said to have been rescinded.

TOOLE COUNTY (P. O. Shelby), Mont.—BOND ELECTION.—It is said that an election will be held on Feb. 15 in order to have the voters pass on the issuance of \$57,219 in court house bonds. (The PWA recently announced an allotment of \$75,000 for this project, of which these bonds are a part—V. 138, p. 535.)

TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE AUTHORITY (P. O. New York), N. Y.—NEW MEMBER APPOINTED.—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia on Feb. 3 removed John Stratton O'Leary from his post as a member of the Authority and named Robert Moses, Park Commissioner, as his successor. This action followed a report by Bernard S. Deutsch, President of the Board of Aldermen, who conducted a hearing on charges of neglect of duty filed against Mr. O'Leary by Paul Blanchard, Commissioner of Accounts. Mr. Deutsch held that most of the charges had been fully sustained as a result of testimony adduced at the hearings. Mr. O'Leary's dismissal came about shortly after the resignation from the Authority of Fred C. Lemmer, man, against whom charges had been filed by Mr. Blanchard. This vacancy was filled by George V. McLaughlin, President of the Brooklyn Trust Co.—V. 138, p. 719.

\$1,500,000 BRIDGE FUNDS AVAILABLE.—Following a conference between Mr. LaGuardia and Harold L. Ickes, Public Works Administrator on Feb. 5, it was announced that \$1,500,000 would be made immediately available to the Bridge Authority for the purpose of letting contracts for steel work on the bridge project. The Public Works Administration, which has agreed to furnish the entire \$42,000,000 needed for the structure, had refused to make a distribution of funds pending the adjustment of the situation with respect to the membership of the bridge body.

TROY, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Lawrence J. Collins, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Feb. 15 for the purchase of \$144,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

- \$60,000 public improvement bonds. Due \$6,000 annually on Feb. 1 from 1935 to 1944, incl.
60,000 refunding bonds. Due \$5,000 annually on Feb. 1 from 1935 to 1946, inclusive.
24,000 highway bonds. Due \$2,000 annually on Feb. 1 from 1936 to 1947, inclusive.

Each issue is dated Feb. 1 1934. Bidder to name a single interest rate for all of the bonds, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Principal and interest (F. & A.) are payable in lawful money of the United States at the City Treasurer's office. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check for \$3,000, payable to the order of the city.

ADDITIONAL ISSUE.—Mr. Collins will receive sealed bids at the same time for the purchase of \$108,813 4 1/2% coupon tax refund bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1934. One bond for \$813, others for \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$12,813 in 1935 and \$12,000 from 1936 to 1943, incl. A certified check for \$2,000 is required. Legality of all four issues approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York.

TUCSON, Pima County, Ariz.—BOND ELECTION CONTEMPORATED.—It is stated by the City Auditor that the allotment of \$254,000 for water works, recently announced by the Public Works Administration—V. 138, p. 901—is dependent upon a bond election that is yet to be called.

TULSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (P. O. Tulsa), Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. on Feb. 12, by J. H. Yearout, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$15,500 issue of school bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1939 to 1953, and \$500 in 1954. A certified check for 2% is required. (These bonds were offered for sale without success on Jan. 16.)

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY (P. O. New Philadelphia), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. A. Neff, Clerk and Auditor of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Feb. 26 for the purchase of \$45,000 5% poor relief bonds. Dated March 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$7,000 March and Sept. 1 1935 and 1936; \$8,000 March 1 and \$9,000 Sept. 1 1937. Interest is payable in M. & S. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the County Commissioners, must accompany each bid. Bonds are being issued in accordance with the State selective sales tax law.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. La Grande), Ore.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The three issues of bonds, aggregating \$48,000, offered on Feb. 7—V. 138, p. 901—were not sold as no bids were received, according to the County Clerk. The issues are divided as follows:
\$24,000 5 1/2% refunding bonds. Due \$6,000 from Jan. 15 1936 to 1939.
13,500 5 3/4% refunding bonds. Due from Jan. 15 1940 to 1942.
10,500 4 3/4% refunding bonds. Due on Jan. 15 in 1942 and 1943.

VALENCIA, Butler County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held on Feb. 20 the voters will consider the question of issuing \$13,499.85 street improvement bonds.

VALLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Arcadia), Neb.—DETAILS ON FEDERAL ALLOTMENT.—In connection with the Public Works Administration allotment of \$74,518 to this district for building construction—V. 138, p. 719—it is stated by the Secretary of the Board of Education that with the funds now on hand the district will expend about \$90,000 for this project. The Government will take over \$49,000 in bonds to secure the loan, as soon as they have been prepared.

VALLEY POINT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dalton), Whitfield County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Feb. 19 by H. S. Huston, Secretary-Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of 5% school building bonds. Due \$1,000 from Feb. 1 1935 to 1954 incl. These bonds were voted on Jan. 12—V. 138, p. 719.

VARYSBURG WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Varysburg), Wyoming County, N. Y.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.—The Town Board on Jan. 26 voted in favor of the installation of a \$20,000 municipal water system. The Public Works Administration will be asked to finance the project and to accept 4% bonds as security for the town's portion of the expense.

VERSAILLES, Darke County, Ohio.—NOTES AUTHORIZED.—The Village Council has passed an ordinance providing for an issue of \$2,000 6% notes, to be dated Feb. 1 1934 and mature on or before Feb. 1 1936. Payable at the First National Bank, Versailles. Proceeds will be used to purchase materials in connection with projects to be undertaken jointly by the village and the Civil Works Administration.

VIENNA, Johnson County, Ill.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration has allotted \$60,000 for water works improvements. This includes a grant equal to 30% of the approximately \$54,000 to be spent for labor and materials. The balance is a loan secured by 4% revenue bonds.

WABASHA, Wabasha County, Wis.—BOND ELECTION.—It is stated that an election is scheduled for Feb. 21 to vote on the issuance of \$38,000 in sewer plant bonds. (A loan and grant of \$51,000 for this project has been announced by the PWA—V. 138, p. 720.)

WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—Harlan W. Cutter, City Treasurer and Tax Collector, has issued the following:

Condensed Financial Statement—Jan. 1 1934. Assessed Valuations.—1929, \$60,050,536, 1930, \$62,283,555, 1931, \$61,140,720, 1932, \$60,711,140, 1933, \$59,192,770. Fiscal Year Ended. Total Bonded Debt. Net Bonded Debt (Less Water & S.F., Other than water).

Amount of tax titles, \$438,115.93. Tax title loan, \$352,000. Tax anticipation notes outstanding at the present time, \$560,000. Cash on hand, \$114,722.12. Cash in closed banks, \$18,819.14. New financing proposed. Temporary loans. Date taxes due, Oct. 15. Penalty date and rate, Nov. 2—6%—Jan. 15. Excess of \$300, 8% from Oct. 15.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Marietta), Ohio.—MATURITY.—The issue of \$40,500 5 1/2% poor relief bonds scheduled for sale on Feb. 12—V. 138, p. 901—will be dated Dec. 1 1933 and mature serially on March 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1935; \$13,500 in 1936, and \$14,000 in 1937.

WASHINGTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washington County, Pa.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$179,000 5% refunding bonds purchased by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., of New York, at 100.31, a basis of about 4.97%—V. 138, p. 536, are dated Oct. 1 1933 and mature serially on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1933; \$6,000, 1939 and 1940; \$8,000, 1941 and 1942; \$10,000, 1943; \$12,000, 1944; \$14,000, 1945 to 1948 incl.; \$12,000 in 1949 and \$14,000 from 1950 to 1953 incl.

WATERBURY, New Haven County, Conn.—RATE OF INTEREST.—The \$20,000 coupon or registered bonds awarded on Jan. 31 to Lehman Bros. of New York and associates, as fully detailed in V. 138, p. 901, bear interest at 4 1/2%. In connection with the sale, the following has been issued:

Financial Statement (Jan. 20 1934). Grand list, 1932 \$195,731,894.00 Tax rate on list 1932, payable May 1 and Oct. 1 1933 32.50 mills

Revenues for Year 1933. \$5,507,750.00 Taxes Miscellaneous items, including State school funds, licenses, assessments, water rents, grants and gifts, &c. 616,147.61 Total \$6,123,897.61 Bonded Indebtedness. Water bonds \$7,169,000 School bonds 1,448,000 Sewage disposal bonds 418,000 City hall, police and fire station bonds 520,000 Sewerage bonds 1,588,000 Brooklyn Bridge bonds 100,000 W. Main St. Bridge bonds 150,000 Bridge bonds 542,000 Total bonded indebtedness \$15,834,000.00 Less water bonds outstanding 7,169,000.00 \$8,665,000.00

Amounts in sinking funds 176,079.75 Net bonded indebtedness \$8,488,920.25

Statistics of the City of Waterbury—Population at Different Periods. 1880 20,270 1890 33,202 1900 51,139 1910 73,141 1920 91,715 1930 101,025

The Water Department is owned and operated by the municipal government and has a total storage capacity in excess of 3,000,000,000 gallons.

WATERTOWN, Carver County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Jan. 23—V. 138, p. 536—the voters approved the issuance of the \$7,500 in sewerage disposal plant bonds by a count of 92 to 18. It is stated that they will bear interest at 4 1/2%.

WAVELAND, Hancock County, Miss.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—A loan and grant of \$49,000 for drainage construction was announced recently by the Public Works Administration. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$46,000, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

WEIMAR, Colorado County, Tex.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration recently announced a loan and grant of \$10,000 for water works improvement. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$9,800, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% revenue bonds.

WELLINGTON, Larimer County, Colo.—FEDERAL FUND ALLOTMENT.—The Public Works Administration recently announced a loan and grant of \$5,000 for water works improvement. The cost of labor and material totals approximately \$4,825, of which 30% is a grant. The remainder is a loan secured by 4% general obligation bonds.

WEST CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Garfield Park, Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BOND EXCHANGE PLAN OFFERED TO BONDHOLDERS AND OTHER CREDITORS.—Formal announcement was made on Feb. 8 of a plan providing for the exchange of \$19,650,000 refunding and funding bonds for a like amount of outstanding obligations of the district. The total includes \$12,450,000 refunding bonds which will be issued to take up the entire funded debt of the district outstanding and in the hands of the public. The remainder of \$7,200,000 represent funding bonds which will be issued to cover outstanding obligations other than bonds. These obligations, which have been incurred in the ordinary operations of the Commissioners, include accumulated unpaid interest on the bonded debt up to July 1 1933; accounts due and payable for supplies, materials and merchandise furnished to July 1 1933; unpaid salaries of municipal employees to Feb. 28 1933; inter-fund borrowings; income due the employees' pension funds, and tax anticipation warrants issued against the 1929 tax levy. In connection with the refinancing program, which is announced by A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., of Chicago, who have been employed by the district to negotiate its completion, it is pointed out that the district first defaulted on principal and interest charges on Nov. 1 1931. Both the refunding and funding bonds will be subject to the legal opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago and all exchanges are to be made on the basis of par for par. Such exchanges will be made, when bonds are ready for delivery, at the offices of A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., of Chicago or at the Administration Building of the Park Commissioners, Garfield Park. Another feature of the plan for readjusting the district's finances provides for the issuance of \$2,000,000 revolving fund bonds, as authorized by the State Legislature, for the purpose of restoring its operations to a cash basis. The new bonds will be offered to the present bondholders and creditors in the following manner:

- Refinancing Plan. (1) \$12,450,000 20-year refunding 4%, 4 1/4%, 4 1/2%, 4 3/4% and 5% bonds, to be dated July 1 1933 and to mature July 1 1953, without option of redemption prior to maturity. These bonds will be exchanged par for par for the present outstanding bonds. The holder will receive in exchange for his bond a new refunding bond bearing the same rate of interest. All unpaid interest accrued up to July 1 1933 upon all bonds of the West Chicago Park Commissioners will be funded by the issuance of (2) 1,025,000 20-year funding 4% bonds, series A, to be dated July 1 1933 and to mature July 1 1953. These bonds will be redeemable on any interest date by lot after due notice, at par and accrued interest. (3) 625,000 20-year funding 4% bonds, series A, to be dated Feb. 1 1934 and to mature Feb. 1 1954, to pay accounts due for supplies, materials and merchandise to July 1 1933. These bonds will be redeemable on any interest date by lot after due notice, at par and accrued interest. (4) 2,400,000 20-year funding 4 1/2% bonds, series A, to be dated Feb. 1 1934 and to mature Feb. 1 1954, to pay salaries and pay-rolls of employees to and including Feb. 28 1933. These bonds will be redeemable on any interest date by lot after due notice, at par and accrued interest. (5) 1,850,000 20-year funding 4% and 4 1/2% bonds, series A (\$425,000 will be 4 1/2% bonds), to be dated Feb. 1 1934 and to mature Feb. 1 1954, to pay inter-fund borrowings from the public benefit, special assessment, and additional land funds, and to pay park employees' annuity and benefit fund and the park policemen's annuity and benefit fund, for monies due said funds. These bonds will be redeemable on any interest date by lot after due notice, at par and accrued interest. (6) 1,300,000 20-year funding 4 1/2% bonds, series B, to be dated Feb. 1 1934 and to mature Feb. 1 1954, to pay principal and interest to Feb. 1 1934 on outstanding warrants issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for the year 1929. These bonds will be redeemable on any interest date by lot after due notice, at par and accrued interest. Before these bonds are delivered it will be necessary to obtain a decision from the Illinois Supreme Court that bonds may be issued for such purpose.

Financial Statement. Estimated value of taxable property \$1,742,535,290 Assessed valuation 1931 (37%) (latest available) 644,638,053 Bonded debt upon completion of the new financing 21,650,000 Population (1933 estimate) 1,333,000

WEST VIRGINIA, State of (P. O. Charleston).—BOND SALE.—The \$2,500,000 issue of coupon or registered refunding bonds offered for sale on Feb. 6—V. 138, p. 901—was awarded to a syndicate composed of the First National Bank; Halsey, Stuart & Co.; the Bancamerica-Blair Corp.; Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, and Phelps, Fenn & Co., all of New York, paying a premium of \$101, equal to 100.004, a net interest cost of about 4.21%, on the bonds divided as follows: \$1,625,000 as 4 1/2%, maturing \$125,000 from June 1 1934 to 1946, and \$875,000 as 4s, maturing \$125,000 from June 1 1947 to 1953, all incl.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful bidders offered the above bonds for public subscription priced as follows: 4 1/2% bonds are to yield from 1.50 to 4.15%, according to maturity, while the 4% bonds are priced at 99 and interest. The offering circular furnishes the following information:

*Issued for refunding purposes, the bonds constitute, in the opinion of counsel, general obligations of the State of West Virginia, for the payment of which unlimited ad valorem taxes may be levied against all taxable

property therein. The assessed valuation, 1932, is officially reported as \$1,671,276.370 and total bonded debt, including this issue, amounts to \$88,937,700.

"The State reports that at the conclusion of this financing it will have no floating debt unprovided for. The Supreme Court of Appeals of the State of West Virginia recently ruled these bonds an exception to the limitation on property taxes and declared that principal and interest are payable from unlimited taxes."

The other bids were reported as follows:
Second high bid of par plus a nominal premium for \$540,000 4s and the balance 4 1/8s was submitted by Guaranty Co.; Bankers Trust Co. & Co.; First of Boston Corp.; First of Michigan Corp.; Hannahs, Ballin & Lee; First National Bank of New York; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Moore & Co. of Charleston.

Bid of par plus nominal premium for \$525,000 4s and the balance 4 1/8s was submitted by City Co. of New York, Inc.; Brown Bros. Harriman & Co.; Eldredge & Co.; Schaumburg, Rebhann & Osborne; Mercantile Trust Co.; Baker, Watts & Co., and Kanawha Banking & Trust Co. of Charleston.

Chase National Bank; Blyth & Co., Inc.; R. L. Day & Co.; Kean, Taylor & Co.; F. S. Moseley & Co.; Mercantile-Commerce Co., Inc.; J. & W. Seligman & Co., and Charleston National Bank bid \$500 premium for \$1,875,000 4 1/8s and \$625,000 4 1/8s.

WEST VIRGINIA.—DEALERS' REFERENCE LIST.—A complete list of dealers interested in West Virginia municipals is contained in the revised edition of "Classified Markets," just recently off the press. Firms who specialize in these bonds are indicated by a star placed before their listing. The lists are alphabetically arranged under the cities in which the firms are located, making an ideal mailing and prospect list. Over 150 other classifications are covered, including municipal bonds of all States in this country besides the various Provinces in Canada. Published by Herbert D. Seibert & Co., 126 Front St., near Wall, New York City. Price, \$6 per copy.

WHITE PLAINS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BUDGET RE-OPENING AUTHORIZED.—Governor Herbert H. Lehman on Feb. 3 signed a bill authorizing the Common Council to re-open the 1934 budget in order to make such adjustments as conditions may dictate. It is reported that the city obtained a loan of \$255,000 recently in order to provide for March 1 1934 debt service charges. Further maturities between that date and Dec. 31 1934 amount to \$671,000, it is said. The city failed to obtain a bid at the offering on Jan. 23 of \$807,000 6% bonds—V. 138, p. 720.

WILLIAMS, Coconino County, Ariz.—BOND SALE CONTEMPLATED.—The Town Clerk reports that the \$87,000 4% water works bonds approved by the voters on Jan. 19—V. 138, p. 720—will be sold to the Federal Government.

WILLIAMSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lycoming County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Feb. 6—V. 138, p. 536—were awarded as 3 3/4s to E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc., of Philadelphia and Singer, Deane & Scribner, Inc., of Pittsburgh, jointly, at par plus a premium of \$3,210, equal to 101.07, a basis of about 3.65%. Dated Feb. 1 1934 and due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$8,000 from 1936 to 1940, incl.; \$10,000, 1941 to 1945, incl.; \$12,000, 1946 to 1950, incl.; \$14,000, 1951 to 1955, incl., and \$16,000 from 1956 to 1960, incl. The following is an official list of the bids submitted at the sale:

Bidder	Interest Rate	Rate Bid
E. H. Rollins & Son, Inc., Philadelphia, and Singer, Deane & Scribner, Inc., Pittsburgh (Purchaser)	3 3/4%	101.07
The First of Boston Corp.	3 3/4%	100.631
W. H. Newbold's Son & Co. and E. W. Clark & Co., Philadelphia	3 3/4%	100.3501
R. M. Snyder & Co. and A. C. Wood, Jr., & Co., Philadelphia	3 3/4%	100.177
West Branch Bank & Trust Co., Williamsport	3 3/4%	100.176
Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., Philadelphia	4%	101.389
The City Co. of New York	4%	101.1699
M. M. Freeman & Co., Inc., E. Lower Stokes & Co., and Glover & MacGregor, Inc., Philadelphia	4%	100.6333

BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The bonds are being offered for general investment at prices to yield 3.25% for the 1936 maturity; 1937, 3.50%; 1938 to 1950 incl., 3.55%, and 3.60% for the maturities from 1951 to 1960 incl. They are described as being legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the States of Pennsylvania and New York.

WILKINSBURG, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—John C. Deal, Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. on Feb. 26 for the purchase of \$200,000 4 1/4, 4 1/2, 4 3/4 or 5% coupon bonds. Dated March 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$10,000 from 1941 to 1952 incl. and \$40,000 in 1953 and 1954. Int. is payable semi-ann. in M. & S. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the borough, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Burgwin of Pittsburgh will be furnished the successful bidder. Sale is subject to approval of issue by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs.

WILLIAMSVILLE, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$52,000 coupon or registered tax refunding bonds offered on Feb. 5—V. 138, p. 1902—were awarded as 6s, at a price of par, to the Marine Trust Co.

of Buffalo, the only bidder. Dated Feb. 1 1934 and due \$13,000 on Feb. 1 from 1935 to 1938 incl.

WINTER HAVEN, Polk County, Fla.—REFUNDING PLAN APPROVED BY MAJORITY OF BONDHOLDERS.—The following report is taken from a Winter Haven dispatch to the Jacksonville "Times-Union" of Feb. 1:

"Characterized by Northern bankers and bond finance institutions as the 'soundest and fairest refunding plan ever adopted by a Florida city,' the refunding plan of Winter Haven has gone over the top with more than 75% of the bondholders owning the \$1,973,000 worth of Winter Haven municipal bonds pledged to its support.

"This was the cheering news brought back to Winter Haven by H. L. Jellay, city attorney, who has just returned from a 12-day trip, in which he visited Detroit and Lansing, Mich., Toledo, Ohio and Chicago in the interest of the plan.

"Prior to going North, Mr. Jellay learned that more than \$1,000,000 worth of Winter Haven municipal bonds had been placed on deposit in Chicago to enter the refunding plan while his trip added \$450,000 additional to the amount, putting it over the \$1,500,000 mark."

YAKIMA COUNTY (P. O. Yakima), Wash.—BONDS AND WARRANTS CALLED.—The County Treasurer is said to have called for payment at his office on Jan. 29, various school district, current expense, road district, drainage, irrigation and dike warrants, and school district bonds.

YANKTON, Yankton County, S. Dak.—DETAILS ON FEDERAL ALLOTMENTS.—Reporting on the allotments totaling \$162,700, recently approved by the Public Works Administration—V. 138, p. 902—it is reported by the City Auditor that the loan portions of these allotments are secured by the 4% semi-ann. bonds aggregating \$114,250 that were offered for sale without success on Oct. 23 1933—V. 137, p. 3180.

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—PWA LOAN AND GRANT RESCINDED.—The loan and grant of \$106,000 by the Public Works Administration for dam repairs, noted in V. 138, p. 720, has been rescinded.

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—HIGHER TAX RATE ORDERED.—The "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 19 contained the following: "State Attorney General John W. Bricker has ruled that Youngstown's tax rate on real estate shall be advanced 80 cents per \$1,000 to \$22.80 to meet an additional levy asked by the Mahoning Sanitary District. The water district requires \$868,854 from the Youngstown water department for annual bond charges. The city council had allotted \$638,854 for this purpose in its 1934 budget fixing the tax rate at \$22. The attorney general held that when a water district levied an annual assessment upon the city to provide for bond retirement and interest, it is the duty of the city to set forth in its tax budget the full amount of such assessment."

CANADA, Its Provinces and Municipalities

CANADA (Dominion of).—DEBT MATURITIES IN 1934.—A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto have issued a compilation showing the monthly bond principal and interest charges to be met in 1934 by the Dominion Government, its Provinces and municipalities, and by Canadian corporations. The report indicates the amounts payable individually in Canada, the United States and London, England. The aggregate of maturities in 1934 amounts to \$835,335,278, including bond principal of \$415,813,957 and interest of \$419,521,321.

PROPOSED BOND REFUNDING.—According to the "Monetary Times" of Toronto of Feb. 2, financial authorities are giving consideration to the possible refunding by the Dominion of the \$423,000,000 bonds maturing this year. In addition, new money in amount of \$150,000,000 may have to be obtained in order to cover the deficit for the current fiscal year, it is said.

EDMONTON, Alta.—TAX PREPAYMENTS.—A. Templeton, Assistant City Treasurer, recently stated that prepayments of 1934 taxes amounted to \$618,492, as compared with \$552,000 in 1933. Last year the city inaugurated a plan of offering a discount on taxes paid in advance of the due date.

HULL, Que.—BOND AUTHORITY SOUGHT.—The city is seeking Provincial authority to issue \$535,000 bonds for local improvements.

MONCTON, N. B.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Council has approved the issuing of \$125,000 5% bonds, due in 20 years.

QUEBEC (Province of).—\$21,000,000 OBTAINED ON SHORT-TERM LOANS.—Hon. R. F. Stockwell, Provincial Treasurer, recently informed the Legislature that during the period from March 20 1933 to Jan. 1 1934 short-term loans in amount of \$21,000,000 were negotiated, of which \$6,000,000 has been repaid, reports the "Monetary Times" of Toronto of Feb. 2. The Treasurer stated that three loans had been contracted, one of \$6,000,000 at 5% interest, another of \$5,000,000 at 4 1/2% and a third issue of \$10,000,000 at 4 1/4%. This latter loan was negotiated on Dec. 5 1933 and is due on April 7 1934.

SOUTHAMPTON, Ont.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.—An issue of \$3,000 poor relief bonds has been approved by the Council.

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