

The Financial Situation

THE President yesterday sent to Congress the expected message concerning "certain large plans" of his Administration. It would be more accurate to say that he has handed to the press, and, through it, to the public, a kind of *apologia pro vita sua* to which certain vague promises for the future are attached, the whole of which constitutes an informal platform upon which he would like to see members of his party conduct their campaigns and be returned to Congress. The picture is doubtless "noble in motive," but it is shadowy in outline even for a political pronouncement. The President is, for the most part, engaged in articulate worship of ideals toward which we all like to believe the whole creation moves. His defense of the means that have been employed, and others that are suggested, for the realization of the dreams are, of course, no more convincing than such documents usually are—indeed, not even as convincing.

But submerged in this flood of words are a number of declarations that should not escape the attention of thoughtful men. In the first place, it is evident enough that the President is thinking of many parts of his direct and indirect relief program not in terms of temporary emergency, but of permanency. He speaks of "the appropriation of a large, definite annual sum" to be employed in the "attack on impossible economic and social conditions." Such statements, coupled with the child-like faith which the President clearly exhibits in what is known as "managed economy," ought to give every realistically minded citizen pause. They ought also to arouse him to the need of becoming courageously articulate before all this madness brings the whole economic structure down upon our heads.

Most important among the other proposals and implications of the President's message is the suggestion that "next winter we may well undertake the great task of furthering the security of the citizen and his family through social insurance." That the President is deadly in earnest in this matter is indicated by the fact that preparatory work for the formulation of a program of this sort has actually begun. Apparently the program that the President has in mind is to be a broad one, including all the branches of so-called (but not really) social insurance. The best social insurance is careful and efficient business and financial management. Any

other—particularly on the scale here suggested—is fraught with great hazard. The business man may well become anxious over the prospect of any such undertaking at present. The President's message is, or ought to be, a challenge to reasonable men and women throughout the land.

The Drouth and Its Consequences

THE attention of the entire business community, long largely centered upon Government policies, has now in substantial degree been turned to the disaster wrought by nature in the agricultural regions of the West. While it may well be that precipitation within the past few days has lessened and future rainfall will further ameliorate the hardships thus suffered—there is a possibility that the situation as it stands has been exaggerated—it would none the less be depreciating the present situation were it designated by a lesser name than "disaster."

The President has estimated that some 125,000 families in the worst of the drouth sections have been made destitute, and will be in actual want until next year's crops are harvested. Others are seriously though less drastically injured. Of course, there is no occasion, as Mr. Roosevelt points out, for hysteria concerning a national famine; however, the effect of the shortage upon the supply of food-stuffs will no doubt be sufficient to cause market and price disturbances that will have far-reaching consequences. These consequences will naturally be needlessly magnified if undue

speculation in the products in question is encouraged or even permitted.

Another Half Billion

Despite the enormous volume of funds already placed at the disposal of the President for direct relief—estimated by competent students of the appropriation bills at from \$3,200,000,000 to \$3,700,000,000—the President has decided to ask for another \$525,000,000 to be expended for special relief in the drouth regions. Of course, no one who has cut his eye teeth will fail to connect this action with the fact that this is an election year in which a great many officeholders must stand for re-election by the residents of the suffering States—as well as other States.

But however this may be, it would be inexcusable folly to ignore or to gloss over the effect such a

Taking Stock

It became known on Thursday that a gathering of leading industrial figures has been scheduled to take place at Hot Springs, Va., on June 16 for the purpose of comparing notes of their experience under the NRA codes. The roster of those expected to attend is impressive. The proceedings are to be conducted in private and discussion is, according to press accounts, to be "free and frank."

The Recovery Administration is to be represented in the person of Mr. Harriman, Special Assistant to the Director. Most of those attending are members of the so-called Business and Advisory Council of the Administration, and are therefore individuals whose opinion presumably is valued by the Government at Washington.

An opportunity to be of real service to the country at large is here presented. With perfect candor be it said, industrial leaders throughout the country can well do a little searching of mind and soul in connection with their relationship to the NRA program, and wise and honest ultmata are what is called for at this time.

It is to be hoped that these able leaders of the business world will go to this meeting determined to discuss the problems in hand as earnestly, as dispassionately and as unselfishly as is humanly possible, and to speak as frankly and as forcefully as they know how. Encouraging, also, to those to whom the welfare of the country is uppermost, would it be if reliable assurance could be obtained that the Government will listen sympathetically to the report to come.

A plain word, perhaps an unwelcome word, of caution, however, seems in order. Many business men in this country must relinquish their greed for monopoly if real progress is to be achieved in these matters. As long as so many are anxious to all but sell their souls for the privileges of price-fixing and controlling production in furtherance of their individual ends, we shall make little headway.

spending program must have, and indeed is having, upon the national budget. It requires an extraordinary degree of optimism or naivete to suppose that the Administration is likely so to alter its policy on such matters within the next year that a really balanced budget in 1936 will fall within the range of possibility, regardless of assurances given at the first of the year on the subject. Indeed the President is now reported by the press to be referring to future budget problems as "bridges to be crossed when they are reached."

It is of real importance that the public gain a clear understanding of this whole relief program and all that it implies. So far as the drouth areas are concerned, if conditions there are approximately as distressing as they are currently said to be, relief from some source is clearly imperative. Whether the task of affording this relief ought to be assumed in toto by the Federal Government is another and vastly different question which involves the addition of another half a billion or more to the budget for the purpose. To the man of prudence and foresight it seems clear that it would have been much wiser to do whatever is necessary in these districts with the funds already provided for direct and indirect relief.

The Relief "Complex"

It appears necessary once more, even at the risk of charges of inhumanity and slavishness to what some people are pleased to term "out-moded conservatism," to call attention to the effect this "relief" philosophy of the day will inevitably have, and indeed is already having, upon the habits, mode of thought and, consequently, the character of the American people. Time was when the American business man, finding himself in a difficult situation, went to work to save himself, neither seriously asking nor expecting anyone else out of kindness of heart to come to his rescue. The policy was of course not universal, else we should not have created our system of exorbitant tariffs or inaugurated our campaigns for ship subsidies and bimetallism. Nevertheless, it was the rule. To-day it seems that any and all business men, and for that matter anybody else who finds himself hard put to it, hasten to Washington or to some politician to set up a cry for "relief." Most of them, moreover, manage sooner or later to get at least a large part of what they demand, not realizing that they themselves will indirectly furnish the "relief" they are thus obtaining. It was upon a basis of reasonable self-reliance (*absit omen*) which asked no more than a fair field and no favor that the nation grew to greatness, and it is upon some such foundation that it will continue to maintain itself in real health and vigor. Such are the plain facts of the case. Let him who will dissent. The course we are now laying for ourselves can but lead to ultimate disaster. It is imperative that it be changed without delay, curtailing at every point possible instead of continuing to increase expenditures for "relief" and "recovery" purposes.

Strange Reasoning

UN SOUND ideas prevalent in official circles about practically everything that has to do with the principles of economics and finance curiously betray themselves from time to time in public utterances. The President in his interview with the press the other day is reported to have made the remark that the disaster produced by drouth in the agricultural

States of the West was worse than calamities of comparable proportions caused by a recent earthquake in certain large cities, since in the latter case much "employment" would be "created" in the process of removing debris and rebuilding. This seems to imply that in such disasters, the more extensive the destruction of capital goods the less severe the calamity. Stated baldly along these lines of reasoning, it is advantageous to destroy large amounts of wealth of one sort or another in order to provide employment in its re-creation. Such statements as this by a man under unusual stress and without opportunity for serious reflection could be excused, if so much of the program usually referred to as the New Deal did not seem at one point or the other to rest upon just such hopelessly fallacious conceptions of recovery and the means by which it can be induced.

The Labor Situation

THE labor situation seems to be less menacing than it was a week ago. Apparently the Minneapolis and Toledo crises have passed, and the threat of an immediate outbreak in the textile industry has been eliminated. In the iron and steel industry the situation is still critical, with the outcome as uncertain, at this writing, as when the first rumble of dissatisfaction was heard, but there is a rather widespread feeling of confidence in financial circles that ways and means will be found to avert for the time being at least an extended strike. At the same time many smaller and less dramatic labor situations continue in existence in various parts of the country, and no observable progress has been made in getting at the roots of the difficulties in the field of industrial relations, and not much need be expected unless and until there are some fundamental alterations in broad national policies which in the last analysis have given rise to existing difficulties. But if the country for a period at least is to be spared widespread strikes and outbreaks of violence, we have something of importance to be thankful for.

"Right Turns" and Inflation

ASSERTIONS, often rather confidently made, continue in a good many quarters to the effect that the President has turned definitely "to the right," whatever that means, and that the business community can with reasonable assurance count upon less troublesome administrative policies during the remainder of this year at any rate. Curiously enough such appraisals of the course of events at Washington are, as has often been the case in the past, accompanied by rumors of further reduction in the gold content of the dollar and other steps of a generally similar import. The differences of view and confusion of counsel are perhaps the unavoidable accompaniment of perplexingly conflicting policies, but they are remarkable for all that.

As to the idea, if any one seriously entertains it, that the Administration has seen a burning light from Heaven or heard a voice calling upon it to forsake its ways of the past and to guide its feet by more orthodox gospel in the future, it may be dismissed without further thought. There has been no basic consistency in its program from the first. It has always felt free to move in several directions at the same time. Several legislative enactments that have recently been placed upon the statute books with the approval if not at the insistence of the President, and a number of others, such for example as the Wagner

Bill and amendments to the Agricultural Adjustment measure apparently scheduled for adoption, as well as the program of social reform upon which the President is said to be planning to ask legislation next January, hardly proclaim an Administration devoted to financial and political conservatism. Just why the fact that the Treasury is determined to refund callable or maturing securities into obligations of somewhat longer terms than have unfortunately been the custom in the past should be construed as an indication of return to general orthodoxy, it would be difficult to say.

A Hidden Hazard

There is underlying danger in all this talk of an Administration suddenly turned conservative. The danger of the kind of inflation that is feared by all sensible men and desired only by the speculatively inclined elements and the monetary fanatics in the country would be enormously enhanced should the rank and file of the community finally come really to believe that the Government at Washington was done with the tactics that have seriously hindered business progress during the past year or a little more, while as a matter of fact it continued its tremendously extravagant program of spending and its other activities designed to lay the basis for and to encourage inflation. A wide range of price changes through tinkering with money values and credit is most likely to occur when the impression prevails that nothing out of the ordinary is being done.

Let the business community once more gain a feeling of assurance and the general public feel safe in spending its income more freely for articles it desires, and the danger of monetary and credit disaster will become formidable. It is therefore of first importance that the Government not be credited with a return to real orthodoxy in monetary and credit matters until more reliable indications are given. Otherwise continuance during the coming fiscal year of the enormous extraordinary expenditures by the Government—according to current estimates these may well run to \$6,000,000,000—can easily lead to catastrophe.

The New Tariff Program

OUR embarkation upon a new course in tariff making is now assured. The President is granted powers never before enjoyed by one holding his office. Heaven knows there is need enough for a sharp revision of virtually all tariff and kindred arrangements of the entire world, and ours are certainly no exception. There is a good deal to be said for the method now to be tried in an effort to institute needed reforms. The need of a realistic attitude toward such matters, however, demands that we employ a reasonable skepticism. The measure as it went to the President imposes troublesome restrictions in respect of most-favored-nation clauses, and furthermore entails the compromise arrangement under which the President must notify industries affected by proposed changes and hold formal hearings on the subject. Whatever may be said in favor of these provisions, they unquestionably to a great extent make progress with the actual work in hand more difficult and time-consuming.

But the real difficulty, apart from those inherent in the nationalistic philosophies of foreign peoples at present, will doubtless be found in the fact that

no political preparation for important tariff concessions has been made. The President, early in his campaign for election, gave some fairly explicit assurances on the subject, but they were so hedged about by later reservations and conditions that the campaign closed without anything remotely resembling a "mandate" on the subject. Many if not most of the national policies of the Administration have made more difficult any effective tariff reductions. The nationalistic spirit has been nurtured consistently by this Administration.

Pressure for Higher Rates

Already the President has felt it incumbent upon him to place "fees" upon the importation of cotton rugs as an offset to additional costs imposed upon domestic manufacturers subject to the National Recovery Administration codes. More recently he has notified a member of the Senate from a wool growing State that he has no intention of doing anything under the Act that would tend to depress the price of wool, or for that matter, apparently, any agricultural product. The textile industry, or some of it, is said already to be cultivating hopes that the new law will be used to raise rather than to lower tariff rates on its products, burdened as they are with arbitrarily imposed additional costs resulting from "new deal" legislation. No one can doubt that similar attitudes will be adopted by each and every industry that finds itself threatened with additional competitive imports. Meanwhile the country at large has been led not to feel the urgent need of permitting import trade to develop in a normal way. Where then will the President find a group of important competitive products, the present tariff rates upon which it will be politically feasible to reduce? Perhaps the best frame of mind we can adopt is to hope for reasonable success, but be prepared for failure. Certainly to hope for quick results of consequence would be unjustified.

The New Bankruptcy Law

ANOTHER of the current legislative projects to reach the statute book in the course of the week is the new bankruptcy law. Like so many of the enactments of recent months, this measure calmly ignores the time-honored principle of the inviolability of contracts. Creditors, if they do not happen to agree with reorganization managers who have succeeded in one way or another in obtaining the support of the holders of two-thirds of the claims against the concern in question, are dealt with as though they had no contractual rights at all. Those who become creditors in the future may reasonably be viewed, one supposes, as having done so subject to the provisions of this act. In that case the prudent among them will doubtless consider carefully before they commit themselves. To the ordinary layman, unversed in the intricacies of legal sophistry, it would appear that contracts, under which existing creditors hold claims upon corporations, are impaired by this law as truly as were those affected by the Arkansas law declaring a moratorium on liens on life insurance policies, an act that only last week the Supreme Court declared to be in direct violation of the Constitution of the United States. Evidently there are several sections of this new bankruptcy act which will be obliged to undergo judicial scrutiny. The law is offered by Washington as a long step toward promoting dispatch and justice in bank-

ruptcies and reorganizations, which have long been difficult business at best. As for ourselves, we find it difficult to suppress the suspicion that it is even more welcome to designing debtors and interests close to them. At any rate the act now takes its place along side of several others tending definitely to suggest that investors in the future exercise extraordinary caution in their commitments. The present trend is hardly conducive to that frugal saving and free investment of funds so essential to normal industrial progress.

To End Price Fixing?

THE National Recovery Administration on Thursday issued a statement which is described in Washington dispatches as indicating that an early end is to be made to price fixing under the codes except in clear-cut emergencies. There are many who will wish that the press accounts of what was actually said bore out more fully such a description of the new policies of that organization. What appears to have been decided upon is a modification of the collusive price practices now allowed, which may and probably will make outright price fixing less attractive. How much farther than this these changes will go remains for the future to determine. Certainly, he would be an optimist who supposed for a moment that any such policy as is described would bring an actual end to price fixing in American industry. A number of somewhat technical changes are, apparently, to be instituted in what are known as the "open price" provisions, and it is said that henceforth code agreements will specifically provide that no cost accounting methods may be forced upon any enterprise. Compulsory cost systems were, as is well known, often nothing more nor less than poorly concealed methods of dictating prices. At any event it is encouraging to note one more bit of evidence of even belated realization among public officials that the recovery program has been pursuing the wrong course, and an evidence of willingness to correct obvious blunders of the past.

National Credit

THE Federal Treasury has again during the past week undertaken to test its standing in the securities market, and has once more been able to express gratification at the response. The offerings of \$300,000,000 in twelve to fourteen year 3% bonds and \$500,000,000 in five year 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ % notes were, according to official information, subscribed for eight or nine times over, including of course all the "padded" subscriptions. Both issues promptly went to premiums in the over-the-counter market on a when-issued basis. Confidence in official circles that the Government can henceforth sell long-term obligations at very low rates of interest is said thus to have been greatly strengthened.

The showing thus made is remarkable in more ways than one. Let us be perfectly candid with ourselves about this matter of the national credit. If we are willing to face the facts squarely we shall have, first of all, to remind ourselves that the market for Government obligations is thoroughly and systematically "rigged" for the purpose of keeping prices at high levels. Not only are all these issues now being offered partly or completely tax exempt, but they are likewise specially favored by admission to the Federal Reserve banks as collateral for loans.

Official Manipulation.

Nor is this all, or nearly all of the story. The present Administration has in its maze of corporations, funds, and other accounts developed a mechanism admirably adapted to conceal support and "boosting" of the market for its obligations by the employment of methods repeatedly and uncompromisingly condemned in Washington during the investigations leading up to the Securities Act of 1933 and the National Securities Exchange Act, and in the provisions of these acts themselves from which all Government securities are completely exempted. Moreover, sundry Government policies, including those designed to regulate with a trend toward suppression of ordinary transactions in securities, have succeeded in absorbing the flow of new securities at the same time that excess reserves in the banks of the country have been enormously enlarged by Government action. Just what the ability of the Treasury would be to place its obligations with investors, or any one else, under normal conditions remains a subject about which we can only conjecture. What its credit standing would be if full and candid consideration were given to the true state of Government finances is equally open to question.

The Securities Act Amendment

AS LAWYERS and others have been studying the terms of the amendments to the Securities Act of 1933, now a part of the law of the land, there has developed a rather marked, and to many a surprising, difference of opinion on the subject. One well known firm of lawyers specializing in the financial field has definitely taken the position that these amendments go so far toward correcting the faults of the original act that issuers and bankers can afford now to proceed with new offerings with immunity. On the basis of these changes statements have once again become common that a substantial volume of new issues, chiefly refunding in nature, are being prepared for offering within the next few months. Predictions of a volume of such new offerings running as high as several billions before the end of the year have been heard in financial districts. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States estimates the volume of new offerings during the remainder of the year at \$1,000,000,000. It is unfortunately necessary in the interest of truth to add, however, that this more roseate view of the matter is by no means unanimously held by those in financial circles who are in a position to judge, or even among most expert legal authorities. Quite to the contrary, there is excellent opinion that the amendment in question is grossly inadequate, while other equally authoritative opinion take the middle course. With all this divergence of view the average man can only hope that the more encouraging appraisals will prove eventually to be correct.

A somewhat more hopeful attitude concerning the effect of the National Securities Exchange Act is likewise to be observed. Wall Street during the past week has been notably inclined to find encouragement in the reflection that with a reasonable and efficient administrative body it may well prove possible to conduct a reasonably satisfactory business in securities under the act, although the fact is appreciated by all that a hostile administration can harass a broker to a most annoying degree. It is to

be hoped that responsible groups in the Street who are building hopes of a sympathetic administration of the law will not be disappointed.

The Federal Reserve Bank Statement

CHANGES in the current condition statement of the twelve Federal Reserve banks reflect only a continuance of tendencies previously noted. The Treasury again deposited large amounts of gold certificates with the institutions, the scale of such deposits far exceeding the actual receipts of gold from abroad and from American mines. The certificates deposited amounted to \$58,126,000, although imports were approximately \$10,000,000 in the week covered, while receipts from American mines were a further \$4,000,000, indicating that some \$44,000,000 of the certificates represented "profit" arising out of the devaluation of the dollar to 59.06% of its former gold content. It is assuredly open to serious question whether this practice is advisable at the present time, since it tends sharply to accentuate the glut of funds already available in the money market and raises the potentialities of credit expansion to a degree that can only be regarded as dangerous. Charges for accommodation in the money market are hardly more than nominal, but despite this there is no effective demand for credit and the Treasury deposits of certificates are tending merely to increase further the unprecedented total of excess reserves of member banks with the Reserve System, which are now computed at approximately \$1,700,000,000. Surely, a more opportune time could be found for this Treasury procedure, especially as it has again been demonstrated this week that no difficulty whatever is encountered in borrowing huge sums at very reasonable rates.

The deposit or sale of gold certificates by the Treasury to the Reserve banks increased the total of such holdings by the institutions to \$4,706,157,000 on June 6 from \$4,648,031,000 on May 30. Changes in the reserves otherwise were nominal. Discounts continued their downward course, the borrowings falling to \$28,997,000 from \$33,700,000. Bankers' acceptance holdings of the banks increased slightly to \$5,221,000 from \$5,178,000, while holdings of United States Government securities were not materially changed at \$2,430,236,000. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation were up to \$3,068,807,000 on June 6 from \$3,051,604,000 on May 30, but the Federal Reserve bank note circulation fell further to a net figure of \$58,748,000 from \$60,422,000. Deposits of member banks on reserve account advanced to \$3,787,048,000 from \$3,762,920,000, while total deposits showed an even larger advance to \$4,092,308,000 from \$4,047,746,000. The large increase in gold certificate holdings more than offset the advance in circulation and deposits, and the ratio of total reserves to deposit and note liabilities combined advanced to 69.3% from 69.0%.

Corporate Dividend Declarations

DIVIDEND declarations the current week again are of a largely favorable nature. Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railway declared a regular semi-annual dividend of \$2.50 a share on its 5% non-cumul. preferred stock, payable Aug. 1; a year ago only \$1.50 a share was paid, but on Feb. 1 last \$3.30 a share was paid; from 1901 to and including Feb. 1 1933, regular semi-annual dividends of \$2.50 a share were paid. Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR. de-

clared a dividend of 2% on the capital stock, par \$100, payable June 25; 3% was paid Dec. 26 last, which was the first distribution since June 25 1932, when 3% was also paid; prior to the latter date semi-annual dividends of 5% were paid. Kennecott Copper Corp. declared a dividend of 15c. a share on the common stock, payable June 30; this is the first payment since Jan. 2 1932, when 12½c. a share was paid; in the two preceding quarters 25c. a share was paid. United States Tobacco Co. increased the quarterly dividend to \$1.25 a share, to be paid July 2; from April 1 1931 to and including April 2 1934 quarterly dividends of \$1.10 a share were paid; a special dividend of \$5 a share also was paid Jan. 2 last. Action of an adverse nature was taken by the New England Power Association, which reduced the quarterly distribution on the common stock to 25c. a share, payable July 16; previously, 50c. a share was paid quarterly; heavy burdens placed on the company by the Government are responsible for the cut, according to a statement by that company.

Government Crop Report

THE June crop report, issued in advance by the Department of Agriculture at Washington, late yesterday afternoon, on the condition of this year's crops, proved to be quite as bad as the early indications had shown. The damage by drouth has been very severe. Some slight betterment in some sections has appeared in the last few days, since the date of the June report, but the important crops are so far advanced toward maturity that it is doubtful whether they will materially improve before harvest.

The June 1 condition of winter wheat was 55.3% of normal, the lowest on record. This compares with 70.9% on May 1, a loss during the past month of 15.6 points. The early progress of the crop was not favorable. At the close of the winter season the crop on April 1 was conditioned at 74.3% of normal. A very much higher average for every year prior to this year has been recorded. Last year, when the condition was exceptionally low, the April report showed a condition of 59.4% of normal. The yield of winter wheat this year is now placed at 400,000,000 bushels, a reduction of 61,000,000 bushels below the yield indicated a month ago. This compares with an estimated yield for last year's crop on June 1 1933 of 341,017,000 bushels, and an actual harvest of winter wheat last year of 351,000,000 bushels.

The condition of spring wheat was also very low. For all spring wheat a condition of 41.8% of normal was reported on June 1 this year. For the crop harvested last year the June 1 1933 condition was 84.9% of normal and last year's yield was 176,373,000 bushels. For durum wheat the June 1 condition this year was down to 29.6%, and other spring wheat to 42.4%.

The injury to rye has also been severe. Prospects for the crop this year, based on the June 1 condition of 43.5% of normal, are for a yield of 18,800,000 bushels. The indicated yield of rye on May 1 was 27,900,000 bushels, the condition at that time being placed at 67.8% of normal. Last year's harvest of rye was 21,200,000 bushels, which was very low, the average production for the five years, 1927-31, inclusive, being 40,900,000 bushels. For oats, the June 1 condition was 47.2% against 72.1% a month earlier, and for barley, 44.7% of normal. Production per

acre for winter wheat this year is now estimated at 11.5 bushels, against 12.4 bushels last year, and for rye, only 6.4 bushels per acre, while last year's production was 9.0 bushels.

Business Failures

INSOLVENCIES in business lines in the United States for the month of May this year were again reduced in number to the lowest point since October 1920. The records of Dun & Bradstreet show 977 business defaults last month involving a total of \$22,560,835 of indebtedness. For April this year there were 1,052 business failures, the liabilities for that month amounting to \$25,786,975, while for May a year ago the number was 1,909, and the indebtedness \$47,971,573.

The change for the better in regard to the insolvency record has been almost continuous for more than a year. It took shape quite definitely with the declaration of the bank holiday in March 1933. Previously business defaults had been very numerous and losses were very high. In this respect the year 1932 was one of the most disastrous in the history of the country. Failures were more numerous than in any preceding year. The record each month was the highest for that month. For the first two months of 1933 the number of defaults was quite as high as those in the same two months of the previous year. The decline in March 1933 was very pronounced, and this continued, almost without interruption throughout that year.

For 1934 to date, covering five months, there were 5,544 business failures against 11,075 during the same period for 1933, a reduction of 5,531 or 49.9%. The reduction in the number of business defaults in May this year, compared with that month last year was 48.8%. The change for the better for the first five months this year was quite fully maintained in May. Liabilities for the first five months of this year have amounted to \$127,925,467; in the corresponding period of 1933 the total was \$292,245,839.

All trade classes have participated in the improvement shown in the May failures record. The large trading section, especially the retail division, contributed slightly better conditions than the other classes. In retail lines there were 550 defaults reported last month for \$7,645,034 of indebtedness; a year ago the number of retail failures was 1,152 for \$15,891,976 of liabilities. In the manufacturing division, 246 defaults were recorded last month for \$9,675,606; compared with 466 in May 1933, involving a total of \$19,020,191. Failures in wholesale lines in May this year numbered 82 for \$1,899,999 while a year ago there were 130 involving \$5,035,098 of indebtedness. The remaining defaults that occurred last month are in the division covered by agents and brokers and for this class 99 were reported, against 161 in May of last year. Liabilities last month for these failures amounted to \$3,350,196 compared with \$8,073,708 a year ago.

The New York Stock Market

DULNESS and uncertainty was the rule on the New York Stock Exchange this week, until yesterday's session, when the market shook off its lethargy and engaged in a spirited rally that carried many issues to the highest levels of the week. The session yesterday was the first since May 17 in which the trading exceeded 1,000,000 shares, the total turnover amounting to slightly more than 1,600,000

shares. This, as it happens, is not far short of the total transactions for all the preceding four days of the week, since the totals remained far under 1,000,000 shares on such days. Dealings Monday were only 357,980 shares, while on Tuesday they increased to 740,800 shares. This was followed by a decrease to 664,790 shares on Wednesday, and a further decline to 467,460 shares Thursday. The session yesterday thus stands out in sharp contrast with earlier dealings, and this holds true also of the price tendency, which was distinctly favorable, with all groups of stocks affected.

Although dealings were dull earlier in the week, the price tendency was not generally unfavorable. Movements were small, and in both directions, but from Monday to Wednesday, inclusive, small advances predominated over the equally small declines. The advancing tendency was pronounced in some groups of stocks on Tuesday, owing in part to the resumption of dividend payments on Kennecott Copper stock. This had the effect of stimulating the metals groups. Thursday's dealings witnessed a down-turn in the general market, but shares of some of the metals and petroleum companies moved against the trend and registered small gains. Pessimism on Thursday was due mainly to the difficulties experienced that day in the efforts to avert a labor controversy in the steel industry. The news yesterday was much more encouraging in this respect, as there appeared to be a likelihood that the steel strike could be averted. This, of course, would be a matter of great significance to American industries as a whole.

Contributing not a little to the improvement yesterday were reports of fairly extensive rains in the drouth regions of the West and the Middle West. The drouth and its serious consequences to many thousands of farmers has been a matter of deep concern for some weeks, and the indications that part of the crops in the area affected may yet be rescued occasioned an increase of optimism. Quotations for grains and cotton moved rapidly downward and upward all week, on varying reports of showers and relaxation of the heat wave that accompanied the drouth, but these figures now are comfortably above the recent lows, and the variations did not affect the stock market nearly to the same degree as the reports yesterday that moisture had fallen over much of the area. Also very favorable was the excellent result attending the offering by the United States Treasury for cash of \$300,000,000 3% bonds and \$500,000,000 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ % notes. It was indicated in Washington that approximately \$7,000,000,000 had been offered to the Treasury by investors. Outstanding issues of United States Government securities were stimulated by this factor, and other high-grade bonds also gained. Speculative and semi-speculative bonds followed much the same course pursued by the stock market.

Signature by President Roosevelt of the Stock Exchange Control Bill on Wednesday brought at least the negative satisfaction that the worst now is known, so far as Congressional action in this regard is concerned. In the financial community all interest now centers on the personnel of the commission to be named by the President for administration of the Act. Hopes that the commission will be liberal in the true sense of the word probably contributed to the optimism apparent yesterday. Trade and industrial reports for the week were not

of a conclusive nature. Steel production for the week beginning June 4 was reported at 57.4% of capacity by the American Iron and Steel Institute, or an improvement of 1.3 points over the preceding week. Electric power production in the United States for the week ended June 2 was reported by the Edison Electric Institute at 1,575,828,000 kilowatt hours, against 1,654,903,000 kilowatt hours in the preceding week, but as the later period included a holiday, this was regarded as not unfavorable. Carloadings of revenue freight were 578,541 cars in the week ended June 2, as against 624,567 cars, or 7.3% less than for the previous week, but here also a reservation must be made because of the holiday.

As indicating the course of the commodity markets, the July option for wheat in Chicago closed yesterday at 97 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. as against 102 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. the close on Friday of last week. July corn at Chicago closed yesterday at 56c. as against 59c. the close on Friday of last week. July oats at Chicago closed yesterday at 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. as against 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. the close on Friday of last week. The spot price for cotton here in New York closed yesterday at 12.15c. as against 11.55c. the close on Friday of last week. The spot price for rubber yesterday was 13.63c. as against 12.94c. the close on Friday of last week. Domestic copper remained unchanged at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., the same as on Friday of previous weeks. With the pending silver legislation still to be disposed of, activity in the silver market remained exceedingly dull, and a slight advance in the price of silver was noted. In London the price yesterday was 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ pence per ounce as against 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ pence per ounce on Friday of last week, and the New York quotation yesterday was 45.35c. as against 44.92c. on Friday of last week. In the matter of the foreign exchanges, cable transfers on London yesterday closed at \$5.06 $\frac{1}{2}$ as against \$5.06 $\frac{3}{4}$ the close on Friday of last week, while cable transfers on Paris closed yesterday at 6.61 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. as against 6.58c. the close on Friday of last week. On the New York Stock Exchange, 26 stocks reached new high levels for the year, while 50 stocks touched new low levels. On the New York Curb Exchange, 10 stocks touched new high levels for the year, while 22 stocks touched new low levels. Call loans on the New York Stock Exchange remained unchanged at 1%.

On the New York Stock Exchange the sales at the half-day session on Saturday last were 410,110 shares; on Monday they were 357,980 shares; on Tuesday, 740,800 shares; on Wednesday, 664,790 shares; on Thursday, 467,460 shares, and on Friday, 1,608,090 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 65,980 shares; on Monday, 98,010 shares; on Tuesday, 131,305 shares; on Wednesday, 125,680 shares; on Thursday, 113,045 shares, and on Friday, 247,855 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, prices on the whole show marked improvement. General Electric closed yesterday at 20 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 19 $\frac{3}{8}$ on Friday of last week; North American at 18 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 16 $\frac{1}{4}$; Standard Gas & Elec. at 11 against 9 $\frac{3}{4}$; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 33 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 31 $\frac{5}{8}$; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 17 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 16 $\frac{3}{4}$; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 12 $\frac{1}{4}$; Electric Power & Light at 6 against 5 $\frac{1}{4}$; Public Service of N. J. at 37 against 35; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 54 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 47 $\frac{1}{4}$; International Harvester at 33 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 30 $\frac{3}{4}$; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 43 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 38 $\frac{3}{8}$; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 28 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 23 $\frac{3}{4}$; Woolworth

at 50 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 48 $\frac{7}{8}$; Western Union Telegraph at 47 against 42 $\frac{1}{2}$; Safeway Stores at 50 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 46 $\frac{7}{8}$; American Tel. & Tel. at 118 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 112 $\frac{1}{2}$; American Can at 98 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 92 $\frac{1}{4}$; Commercial Solvents at 24 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 21 $\frac{1}{4}$; Shattuck & Co. at 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 9 $\frac{5}{8}$, and Corn Products at 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 63 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 138 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 132 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Associated Dry Goods at 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 12 $\frac{1}{4}$; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 90 against 82; National Cash Register A at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 15 $\frac{1}{8}$; International Nickel at 26 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 25; Timken Roller Bearing at 30 against 27 $\frac{3}{4}$; Johns-Manville at 51 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 46; Gillette Safety Razor at 11 against 10 $\frac{1}{2}$; National Dairy Products at 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 16 $\frac{3}{4}$; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 35 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 33 $\frac{1}{8}$; Freeport-Texas at 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 39; United Gas Improvement at 16 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 15 $\frac{5}{8}$; National Biscuit at 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 33 $\frac{3}{4}$; Continental Can at 78 against 73 $\frac{3}{4}$; Eastman Kodak at 97 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 93 $\frac{1}{2}$; Gold Dust Corp. at 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 18 $\frac{3}{4}$; Standard Brands at 20 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 19 $\frac{3}{8}$; Paramount Publix Corp. cfs. at 47 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 43 $\frac{3}{8}$; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at 367 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 325 $\frac{5}{8}$; Columbian Carbon at 70 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 65; Reynolds Tobacco class B at 45 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 43 $\frac{1}{8}$; Lorillard at 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 17; Liggett & Myers class B at 96 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 94; Yellow Truck & Coach at 47 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 41 $\frac{1}{4}$; Owens Glass at 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 74; United States Industrial Alcohol at 42 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ bid; Canada Dry at 23 against 20 $\frac{5}{8}$; Schenley Distillers at 31 against 25 $\frac{3}{4}$; National Distillers at 27 against 24 $\frac{3}{8}$; Crown Cork & Seal at 26 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 25 $\frac{1}{4}$, and Mengel & Co. at 81 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 73 $\frac{1}{4}$.

The steel stocks followed the upward trend of the market. United States Steel closed yesterday at 42 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 38 $\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday of last week; United States Steel preferred at 86 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 80; Bethlehem Steel at 34 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 30 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Vanadium at 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 18 $\frac{1}{2}$. In the motor group, gains were the rule. Auburn Auto closed yesterday at 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 34 on Friday of last week; General Motors at 33 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 30; Nash Motors at 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 16 $\frac{3}{8}$; Chrysler at 43 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 38 $\frac{1}{8}$; Packard Motors at 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 3 $\frac{7}{8}$; Hupp Motors at 4 against 3 $\frac{5}{8}$, and Hudson Motor Car at 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 12 $\frac{3}{4}$. In the rubber group, Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 26 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 147 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 125 $\frac{5}{8}$, and United States Rubber at 20 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 18.

The railroad list displayed a decided upturn in values. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 30 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 29 on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at 59 against 53 $\frac{1}{8}$; Atlantic Coast Line at 42 against 38 $\frac{1}{4}$; New York Central at 30 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 26 $\frac{7}{8}$; Baltimore & Ohio at 24 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 21 $\frac{7}{8}$; New Haven at 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 14 $\frac{5}{8}$; Union Pacific at 123 against 119 $\frac{3}{4}$; Missouri Pacific at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 4; Southern Pacific at 24 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 20 $\frac{5}{8}$; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 8 $\frac{7}{8}$; Southern Railway at 27 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 23 $\frac{1}{2}$; Chesapeake & Ohio at 47 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 45 $\frac{1}{2}$; Northern Pacific at 26 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 22 $\frac{3}{4}$, and Great Northern at 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 19.

The oil stocks advanced to higher levels than one week ago. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 45 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; Standard Oil of Calif. at 37 against 32, and Atlantic Refining at 27 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 24. In the copper group, Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 21 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 18 $\frac{3}{8}$; American Smelting & Refining at 41 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 37; Phelps Dodge at 17 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 15; Cerro

de Pasco Copper at $37\frac{1}{4}$ against $33\frac{3}{4}$, and Calumet & Hecla at $4\frac{1}{2}$ against $4\frac{1}{8}$.

European Security Markets

DEFINITE trends were lacking this week on stock markets in the important European financial centers. Prices were weak in some sessions and strong in others on the exchanges in London, Paris and Berlin, with the movements of the several markets quite unrelated. In London there was a good deal of concern early in the week regarding the German position and the apparent possibility of a new devaluation of the mark. The pessimism entertained on this score soon was overcome, however, and advances were more frequent than declines on the London Stock Exchange. In Paris and Berlin the downward and upward movements were approximately equal. No great changes are reported currently in the trade and industrial indices of the United Kingdom, and in this situation international developments are playing a more important role. In France the financial position seems secure, owing to recent heavy gold receipts from other Continental countries, but the continued high price levels of merchandise are occasioning increasing difficulties for the Doumergue Cabinet and the outlook is not happy. The German position is distinctly gloomy, owing to the diminished exports and reduction of the note coverage to unprecedented levels. European political affairs remain profoundly unsettled, and the renewed evidence afforded by the Geneva disarmament negotiations of the diverse views entertained added to the unsettlement on the leading stock markets.

The London Stock Exchange was quiet and lower in the initial session of the week. British funds were slightly lower, but larger declines appeared in a long list of industrial stocks. Other departments of the market also were affected. In the international group heavy recessions occurred in German bonds, while Anglo-American trading favorites likewise dropped. The tone Tuesday was somewhat better, but trading again was in small volume and price movements were quite unimportant. British funds showed fractional gains, partly because of the decision of the British Government to suspend all payments to the United States on war debt account. Industrial stocks were uncertain, but some of the leading issues improved. German bonds again declined, but the international group otherwise was firm. Cheerfulness and activity both increased in Wednesday's trading at London. British funds were firm and most industrial stocks also improved. German bonds were easier at the start but they rallied later, while Anglo-American specialties were well maintained. In a further good market Thursday, small advances were registered in many sections of the list. British funds eased a little, but a majority of the industrial shares continued their advance. International securities also were in some favor. Prices eased slightly yesterday, both gilt-edged and other issues being affected, but there was no weakness.

Dealings in the Paris market were started very quietly on Monday, with the general trend toward lower levels. Rentes declined only a little, but some of the metal stocks were very weak. French bank and industrial issues declined and sizable recessions also appeared in most of the international securities listed on the Bourse. The downward tendency was accentuated Tuesday and severe losses

occurred in all sections of the market. There was general uneasiness regarding affairs both at home and abroad, reports said, and securities were liquidated all day. Prices at the end were the lowest of the session. Some improvement occurred Wednesday in quiet trading. Rentes were a little better, and many bank and industrial stocks likewise participated in the modest advance. In Thursday's session the gains were continued on a more vigorous scale. Rentes were marked up and most French equities also improved, but international issues were not greatly changed. Gains were general on the Bourse yesterday, and the advances were pronounced in some stocks.

The Berlin Boerse was active and firm in the first session of the week, with equities of almost all descriptions in keen demand, although bonds were neglected. Advances in important stocks were as much as seven points in some instances. The shares of the shipping companies represented the only important group that did not participate. Gains were general at Berlin in another active market Tuesday. Bonds as well as stocks were in demand in this session. The gains in leading stocks on this occasion were as much as eight points, while many issues showed advances of two and three points. The good tone was maintained until the close. Wednesday's session at Berlin was unsettled, partly as a result of extensive profit-taking. Most stocks lost a little ground, but the recessions were not large in comparison with the previous advances. The downward movement was resumed Thursday, on a larger scale. Losses of two to three points were registered in the principal stocks, and bonds also were lower. The movement was reversed yesterday, with small gains recorded in the active stocks.

Intergovernmental Debts

OWING in good part to the provisions of the Johnson Act, it is now evident that the problem of the debts owed by European governments to the United States Government is farther from a solution than ever before. For some weeks diplomatic explorations of this problem have been in progress, with especial reference to the new aspect introduced by the Johnson Act, which makes it impossible for nations making token payments to avoid the status of defaulters. Faced with the alternative of making full payment of the instalment due June 15 as well as all past due instalments, or of being regarded in the United States as a defaulter, the British Government decided that the default status was preferable. In these circumstances the entirely logical course was pursued of electing to make no payment whatever on June 15, and notification to this effect was conveyed to the Secretary of State by the British Embassy in Washington on Monday. The British action, moreover, is almost certain to influence Italy, Czechoslovakia and other countries effecting token payments heretofore, to take a like course. The net result probably will be a discard of the system of token payments and a correspondingly diminished likelihood of any substantial payments on these debts in the future. Only Finland, it appears, intends to maintain full payments, and the Finnish indebtedness is of relatively small proportions.

The British decision regarding the impending instalment obviously was delayed pending the delivery of President Roosevelt's war debts message to Congress. Although that message was directed as much

to the European debtor nations as to Congress, Mr. Roosevelt took a rather non-committal stand. Review of the situation occupied most of the communication, which was delivered June 1, but the President also commented on the fact that the debts have gravely complicated our trade and financial relationships with the borrowing nations for many years. He remarked on the important part the loans played in the war and the subsequent reconstruction period, and pointed out that the funds were borrowed by the United States Government from its own citizens, who would have to be taxed to the degree payments are not made. Calling upon the debtors to make a determined effort to meet their obligations, Mr. Roosevelt added that the American people would not be disposed to place an impossible burden upon their debtors. "The people of the debtor nations will also bear in mind," the President declared, "the fact that the American people are certain to be swayed by the use which debtor countries make of their available resources—whether such resources would be applied for the purposes of recovery as well as for reasonable payments on the debts, or for purposes of unproductive nationalistic expenditure or like purposes." The American position that the debts have no relation whatever to reparations payments was reiterated, and Mr. Roosevelt also declared again that the door always is open to individual discussion, by any debtor, of the problem with the United States Government.

In a negative sense, the message left no doubt that the token payments would not permit the debtors to escape the stigma of default, but it was nevertheless assumed in some quarters that the British Government would continue to effect such partial payments. These thoughts were dispelled rapidly and finally by the publication in Washington, on Monday, of the British note. In this communication, his Majesty's Government restated cogently the arguments advanced on Dec. 1 1932, when it was pointed out that the whole system of intergovernmental war debt obligations had broken down. To date Great Britain has paid the United States twice what she has received from her own war debtors, the note said, and figures were cited to show that the present settlement imposes upon the British people "a burden which is both unreasonable in itself and inequitable in relation to the treatment accorded other countries." The balanced budget attained by the British Government is of no significance in this connection, as the problem is really one of transfers, and "the attempt to transfer amounts of this magnitude would as its immediate effect cause a sharp depreciation of sterling against the dollar, which, as his Majesty's Government understand, would not be consistent with the monetary policy of the United States Government."

Taking all circumstances into consideration, the British Government would have been quite prepared to make a further payment on June 15 in acknowledgment of the debt and without prejudice to their right again to present the case of its readjustment, on the assumption the President again would declare he did not consider Great Britain in default, the note stated. But it appears that in consequence of recent legislation no such declaration would now be possible, and in this situation the procedure adopted by common agreement in 1933 no longer is practicable. Setting forth the alternatives of complete payment or suspension, the British Government remarked

with regret that "they could not accept the responsibility of adopting a course which would revive the whole system of intergovernmental war debt payments." Resumption of full payments to the United States would necessitate corresponding demands by Great Britain for full payment from her own war debtors, it was remarked. "Such procedure," it is added, "would throw a bombshell into the European arena which would have financial and economic repercussions over all five continents and would postpone indefinitely the chances of world recovery. Accordingly, his Majesty's Government are reluctantly compelled to take the only other course open to them. But they wish to reiterate that, while suspending further payments until it becomes possible to discuss an ultimate settlement of intergovernmental war debts with a reasonable prospect of agreement, they have no intention of repudiating their obligations, and will be prepared to enter upon further discussions of the subject at any time when in the opinion of the President such discussion would be likely to produce results of value."

The aggregate of payments due June 15 is \$477,843,644, this sum including not only the ordinary instalments of \$174,647,439 due under the funding agreements, but also the \$303,196,205 of postponed instalments. On the same day that Great Britain made its position clear, Finland took a like step, and, as indicated above, signified her intention of paying the full instalment of \$166,538 due June 15 from that country. No official comment was made in Washington on these developments, but it was noted in a dispatch to the New York "Times," as the impression of "some official persons, that because the debt problem has been brought down to realities, the President is not displeased with the British suspension." It brings the whole question down, the report adds, to a basis from which a fresh start can be made toward liquidating the war debt problem under new conditions. In the British press unqualified approval was expressed of the stand taken by the National Cabinet, and when Chancellor of the Exchequer Neville Chamberlain announced the action in the House of Commons on June 5 cheers from all parts of the House greeted the statement. In other debtor countries the British declaration was read with the greatest sympathy, and it was held apparent that the debtors generally will be inclined to follow the British example, while taking care to address notes of refusal to pay based in every instance upon the individual situations.

Disarmament Conference

SINCE the British and French delegates at the Geneva Disarmament Conference engaged in an acrimonious dispute on the second day of the resumed discussion, last week, attempts have been made in private meetings to find some formula for continuance of the Conference. Results of the private meetings are permitted to become known in a general sense, and it does not appear that any real progress has been made. "New deadlocks constantly supersede the old whenever these are solved or sidetracked," Frederick T. Birchall, special correspondent of the New York "Times," remarked in a dispatch of Tuesday. Owing in large part to the Russian espousal of the French cause of security, disarmament seems to have been sidetracked entirely for the time being, and almost all discussions at Geneva centered on means of obtaining the security

desired by France as the price for any measure of disarmament. Norman H. Davis, head of the United States delegation, was said on Monday to have demanded that any security pacts such as France and Russia desired should be negotiated outside the Conference. British representatives at Geneva were quite pessimistic in their talks with press correspondents. The prospect of a real disarmament agreement was held to be very slim. There has developed at the gathering a Franco-Russian-Balkan group that is not interested in disarmament, but is intent on the diplomatic encirclement of Germany through security pacts. British and American delegates are still trying to find a way to achieve real disarmament. It is recognized, however, that this could only be done if Germany were to return to the Conference.

The only authoritative indications of the course of the Geneva gathering were furnished by Arthur Henderson, its President. In a statement issued June 1, Mr. Henderson made it plain that he took a very serious view of the situation. The wide differences disclosed in the speeches clearly made an adjournment desirable, and Mr. Henderson accordingly moved for a suspension of open meetings in the hope that "it may be possible to find a road upon which we can travel." In a Bureau, or Steering Committee, session on Tuesday, the debate again was so acrimonious that Mr. Henderson threatened to resign and to terminate the Conference. He sought to compose the differences of the two chief groups at the gathering, but failed and charged Foreign Minister Louis Barthou of France with responsibility for the failure of his efforts. The result was another heated exchange, but feelings were soothed to a degree when M. Barthou appealed to Mr. Henderson to retain his post. The French were reported as having proposed a general plan on Wednesday for a combined plan of security pacts, limitation of aerial armaments and a permanent conference. This plan the British Cabinet considered on Thursday, but London dispatches indicate that the consideration was unfavorable. Captain Anthony Eden, the chief British delegate at Geneva, was said to have been instructed to continue his efforts for agreement along the lines suggested by the British. After a further session lasting far into the night, it was reported yesterday that a tentative agreement had been reached for a method of procedure involving an attempt to bring Germany back to the Conference. This plan, designed to permit the Conference to resume at a future date, was submitted for the approval of the governments at Paris, London and elsewhere. Norman Davis, of the United States, is said to have taken a leading part in effecting this compromise.

Saar Plebiscite

ARRANGEMENTS were completed at Geneva on Monday for the plebiscite in the Saar area, which will decide whether the inhabitants of that territory wish to rejoin Germany, become part of France, or remain under League of Nations control. This problem has been under consideration for some time by the League Council, which appointed a special committee early this year to determine the procedure and name a date for the balloting. Baron Pompeo Aloisi, Chairman of the Committee, submitted a report at the May meeting of the Council,

and this document was published Sunday and approved Monday. The voting will take place Sunday, Jan. 13 1935, with freedom and secrecy fully safeguarded in accordance with the terms of the Versailles treaty. There is little doubt that the inhabitants of the area, who number approximately 800,000, will vote for adherence to Germany. Even in France this result is accepted as all but a foregone conclusion, but all precautions to insure the fairness of the plebiscite nevertheless are to be taken. The Saar area is a rich coal mining region, and the right to exploit the mines was given to France under the Versailles treaty as compensation for the destruction of mines in northern France during the World War. The population is overwhelmingly German.

The voting early next year will be organized and supervised by a special commission of three members, to be set up not later than July 1. Results will be determined by the voting in unions of communes, or where the commune is not a part of such a union, by separate communes. The German and French Governments are invited to contribute 5,000,000 French francs each to cover the costs, and the funds will be placed at the disposal of the special plebiscite commission. A supreme plebiscite tribunal having eight divisional tribunals will be set up to decide disputes regarding the right to vote, offenses against rules and other matters. Order is to be maintained by special police, to be recruited by the commission, preferably from among inhabitants of the area. The attitudes of the French and German Governments toward the plebiscite are considered satisfactory, as both Governments addressed notes to the League Council Committee guaranteeing the absence of any pressure likely to influence the voting. They also gave undertakings to abstain from any reprisals or discriminations against inhabitants because of political attitudes that may be revealed in the balloting. Any differences that may arise between either Government and the League over these matters is to be settled by The Hague Court. The special plebiscite tribunal is to remain in existence for one year after the voting, to deal with complaints. Baron Pompeo Aloisi, in presenting his report, expressed appreciation of the co-operation and "spirit of comprehension" shown by both the German and French Governments in the negotiations for these arrangements. The League Council adopted the report in a spirit of warm approval on Monday, reports said, and the hope was expressed by some members that the agreement would prove a happy augury of Franco-German agreement in other directions as well.

Cuban Monetary Measures

CLOSE control of all foreign exchange operations of any importance was established by the Cuban Government last Saturday, under a decree that is clearly designed to impede any abnormal outflow of funds from the Island. Together with a decree published last month prohibiting the exportation of gold from Cuba, this measure is generally believed to foreshadow action by the Cuban authorities for the establishment of a Cuban bank of issue. Many Cuban authorities have maintained that the Havana Government ought to create its own bank of issue, and the recent treaty with the United States whereunder the Platt amendment is to be abrogated, apparently has given fresh impetus

to this project. The decree signed last Saturday by President Carlos Mendieta provides that proceeds of the sale of Cuban products abroad must be returned to Cuba within three months. Funds may be sent abroad only in payment for imported merchandise, for the maintenance of offices and personnel abroad, for expenses of not more than \$500 annually of Cubans or of foreign residents temporarily absent, and for debt service, dividend payments and the like. Cuban banks are permitted to issue foreign drafts only after proof by the drawer or drawee that the funds are to be used for purposes stipulated. Cuban banks early this week refused to issue any foreign drafts, owing to uncertainty regarding the working of the decree, but Dr. Joaquin Martinez Saenz, Secretary of the Cuban Treasury, announced on Tuesday that the banks in the Havana Clearing House had agreed to comply with the requirements.

Vying in interest with the decree published last Saturday is one dated May 22, whereunder the Cuban Government prohibited the exportation of gold and authorized the Treasury Department to call in all Cuban gold coins in order to reduce their gold content. Cuban gold coins consist of \$25, \$10, \$5 and \$2 pieces, which were issued originally under the currency legislation of 1914 in an amount of \$20,000,000, but it is not believed that more than \$6,000,000 remains in Cuba in the original form, and the actual circulation naturally is negligible. The decree last month provided for payment to the holders of such coin in silver at the rate of \$35 a troy ounce. The gold coins are 97.73% pure and it was proposed to reduce this to 88.86%. When the decree was published it was estimated by Cuban authorities that \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 of gold remained in Cuba, but by June 4 the estimate had been reduced to \$6,000,000, which is sufficient indication that they were not meeting with any great success in their endeavors to call in such coins. It was suggested that a good part of the original gold coinage had been melted and paid on foreign obligations by former Government, or clandestinely taken out of the country.

Discount Rates of Foreign Central Banks

THERE have been no changes the present week in the discount rates of any of the foreign central banks. Present rates at the leading centers are shown in the table which follows:

DISCOUNT RATES OF FOREIGN CENTRAL BANKS.

Country.	Rate in Effect June 8	Date Established.	Pre-vious Rate.	Country.	Rate in Effect June 8	Date Established.	Pre-vious Rate.
Austria	5	Mar. 23 1933	6	Hungary	4½	Oct. 17 1932	5
Belgium	3	Apr. 25 1934	3½	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	2½	May 31 1934	3	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	2	Dec. 1 1933	3
Holland	2½	Sept. 18 1933	3	Switzerland	2	Jan. 22 1931	½

Foreign Money Rates

IN LONDON open market discounts for short bills on Friday were ⅞%, as against ⅞% on Friday of last week and ⅞@15-16% for three months' bills, as against ⅞@15-16% on Friday of last week. Money on call in London yesterday was ¾%. At Paris the open market rate remains at 2½%, and in Switzerland at 1½%.

Bank of England Statement

THE Bank of England statement for the week ended June 6 shows a gain in bullion of £13,759 but as this was attended by an expansion of £775,000 in note circulation, the result was a loss of £761,000 in reserves. The Bank's gold holdings now total £192,102,316 as compared with £187,737,544 a year ago. Public deposits rose £2,238,000 while other deposits decreased £1,527,512. Of the latter amount £1,415,339 was from bankers' accounts and £112,173 from other accounts. Proportion of reserve to liability is at 48.74% as compared with 49.48% a week ago and 46.31% at the corresponding date a year ago. Loans on Government securities increased £886,000 and those on other securities £646,252. The latter consists of discounts and advances and securities which increased £479,748 and £166,504 respectively. No change was made in the 2% discount rate. Below are listed the different items with comparisons for earlier years.

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	June 6 1934.	June 7 1933.	June 1932.	June 10 1931.	June 11 1930.
Circulation	£ 378,886,000	£ 378,462,948	£ 357,238,159	£ 354,250,870	£ 364,002,267
Public deposits	16,253,000	8,925,218	25,577,108	9,627,017	8,238,879
Other deposits	133,949,692	140,643,302	119,318,300	102,828,387	94,205,674
Bankers' accounts	97,992,427	102,409,999	85,846,068	69,561,406	58,822,236
Other accounts	35,957,265	38,233,303	33,472,232	33,266,981	35,383,438
Govt. securities	77,780,807	76,288,503	74,259,656	33,120,906	46,310,547
Other securities	17,049,571	21,831,574	38,233,205	35,123,247	20,747,452
Disct. & advances	6,128,333	11,073,188	12,611,580	6,597,037	6,804,409
Securities	10,921,238	10,758,386	25,621,625	28,526,210	13,943,043
Reserve notes & coin	73,217,000	69,274,596	50,223,346	62,036,653	53,178,140
Coin and bullion	192,102,316	187,737,544	132,461,505	156,287,523	157,180,407
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	48.74%	46.31%	34.66%	55.16%	51.90%
Bank rate	2%	2%	2½%	2½%	3%

Bank of France Statement

THE Bank of France statement for the week ended June 1 shows another gain in gold holdings, the current advance being 811,518,381 francs. Gold holdings now total 78,277,100,643 francs, in comparison with 81,061,689,310 francs a year ago and 80,170,597,588 francs two years ago. Credit balances abroad, bills bought abroad and advances against securities record increases of 1,000,000 francs, 44,000,000 francs and 109,000,000 francs respectively. The Bank's ratio is now at the high level of 78.98%, which compares with 78.18% last year and 73.47% the previous year. Notes in circulation reveal a large increase, namely, 1,575,000,000 francs. The total of circulation is now 81,566,612,470 francs; compared with 84,615,324,665 francs a year ago and 82,406,093,520 francs the year before. A decrease appears in French commercial bills discounted of 978,000,000 francs and in creditor current accounts of 1,128,000,000 francs. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for three years:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	June 1 1934.	June 2 1933.	June 3 1932.
Gold holdings	+811,518,381	78,277,100,643	81,061,689,310	80,170,597,588
Credit bals. abroad	+1,000,000	14,218,612	2,456,562,019	5,413,874,940
French commercial bills discounted	-978,000,000	4,033,784,759	2,946,161,995	3,379,460,092
Bills bought abrd	+44,000,000	1,124,710,461	1,490,642,079	3,984,762,258
Adv. agst. secur.	+109,000,000	3,170,666,248	2,737,996,035	2,799,271,510
Note circulation	+1,575,000,000	81,566,612,470	84,615,324,665	82,406,093,520
Cred. current accts.	-1,128,000,000	17,547,281,031	19,064,581,020	26,718,878,636
Proportion of gold on hand to sight lab.	+0.47%	78.98%	78.18%	73.47%

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

Bank of Germany Statement

THE Reichsbank's statement for the last quarter of May reveals another decline in gold and bullion, the current loss amounting to 16,847,000 marks. The total held is now down to 130,104,000 marks, in comparison with 372,329,000 marks last year and 832,209,000 marks the previous year. A

decrease appears in reserve in foreign currency of 1,800,000 marks, in silver and other coin of 79,117,000 marks, in notes on other German banks of 9,838,000 marks, in investments of 2,482,000 marks, and in other liabilities of 7,796,000 marks. Notes in circulation show a gain of 271,882,000 marks, bringing the total of the item up to 3,635,376,000 marks. Circulation a year ago stood at 3,468,796,000 marks, and two years ago at 3,984,207,000 marks. The proportion of gold and foreign currency to note circulation is now only 3.7%, compared with 10.1% last year and 24.1% the previous year. Bills of exchange and checks, advances, other assets and other daily maturing obligations register increases of 282,122,000 marks, 50,085,000 marks, 57,774,000 marks, and 15,811,000 marks, respectively. Below we furnish a comparison of the different items for three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	May 31 1934.	May 31 1933.	May 30 1932.
Assets—				
Gold and bullion	Reichsmarks. —16,847,000	130,104,000	372,329,000	832,209,000
Of which depos. abroad	No change	23,868,000	21,569,000	87,150,000
Reserve in foreign curr.	—1,800,000	5,726,000	76,998,000	129,688,000
Bills of exch. and checks	+282,122,000	3,287,809,000	3,139,842,000	3,102,382,000
Silver and other coin	—79,117,000	228,290,000	253,219,000	190,855,000
Notes on other Ger. bks	—9,838,000	4,648,000	3,249,000	2,528,000
Advances	+50,085,000	124,543,000	165,744,000	261,318,000
Investments	—2,482,000	643,013,000	317,338,000	364,431,000
Other assets	+57,774,000	626,713,000	379,129,000	844,492,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation	+271,882,000	3,635,376,000	3,468,796,000	3,984,207,000
Other daily matur. oblig	+15,811,000	537,679,000	438,793,000	472,682,000
Other liabilities	—7,796,000	170,586,000	159,108,000	703,588,000
Proport. of gold & for'n curr. to note circula'n.	—0.9%	3.7%	10.1%	24.1%

New York Money Market

ACTIVITY increased slightly in the New York money market this week, but the level of rates remained unaltered. The official easy money policy again was in evidence as a result of large deposits of "free" gold certificates by the Treasury with the Reserve banks, and there appears to be no prospect for any upward movement of rates. Funds are available in tremendous amounts, and an ample illustration of this was afforded by offerings of \$7,000,000,000 on Treasury flotations of \$800,000,000 in 3% bonds and 2 1/8% notes. Call money on the New York Stock Exchange was 1% for all transactions of the week, whether renewals or new loans. In the unofficial street market loans were reported done every day at 3/4%, or a reduction of 1/4% from the official rate. Time money held to its range of 3/4@1%. Both the usual compilations of brokers' loan totals were made available this week. The comprehensive report of the New York Stock Exchange for the full month of May reflected a decrease for that period of \$71,839,674 to an aggregate of \$1,016,386,685. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York report for the week to Wednesday night reflected an increase of \$82,000,000 to a total of \$997,000,000.

New York Money Rates

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 activity in maturities up to six months, but considerable business has been transacted in eight and nine months maturities at 1%. Rates are nominal at 3/4@1% for two to five months, and 1@1 1/4% for six months. The demand for prime commercial paper has been unusually brisk this week. Offerings have been plentiful and the volume of business has shown a sharp increase. Rates are 3/4% for extra choice names running from four to six months and 1@1 1/4% for names less known.

Bankers' Acceptances

THE offerings for prime bankers' acceptances has shown a moderate increase this week, and the volume of business has been somewhat larger. Rates are unchanged. Quotations of the American Acceptance Council for bills up to and including 90 days are 1/4% bid and 3-16% asked; for four months, 3/8% bid and 1/4% asked; for five and six months, 1/2% bid and 3/8% 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 \$5,178,000 to \$5,221,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents also decreased from \$2,730,000 to \$2,447,000. Open market rates for acceptances are nominal in so far as the dealers are concerned, as they continue to fix their own rates. The nominal rates for open market acceptances are as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.

	—180 Days—	—150 Days—	—120 Days—
	Bid. Asked.	Bid. Asked.	Bid. Asked.
Prime eligible bills	1/2 3/4	1/2 3/4	1/2 3/4
	—90 Days—	—60 Days—	—30 Days—
	Bid. Asked.	Bid. Asked.	Bid. Asked.
Prime eligible bills	1/2 1/16	1/2 1/16	1/2 1/16

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks	1/2% bid
Eligible non-member banks	1/2% bid

Discount Rates of the Federal Reserve Banks

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

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on June 8.	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	2	Feb. 3 1934	2 1/2
Richmond	3	Feb. 9 1934	3 1/2
Atlanta	3	Feb. 10 1934	3 1/2
Chicago	2 1/2	Oct. 21 1933	3
St. Louis	2 1/2	Feb. 8 1934	3
Minneapolis	3	Mar. 16 1934	3 1/2
Kansas City	3	Feb. 9 1934	3 1/2
Dallas	3	Feb. 8 1934	3 1/2
San Francisco	2	Feb. 16 1934	2 1/2

Course of Sterling Exchange

STERLING exchange suffered wild gyrations this week. While in noticeable demand in some quarters, it seems to have been under correspondingly great pressure in others. The pound is particularly easy in terms of French francs, or gold, and in Monday's trading on the other side moved down as low as 76.40 francs to the pound. In terms of the old gold dollar it was estimated here that this gold price for sterling was equivalent to \$2.99 1/4. The lowest actual dollar rate ever quoted was \$3.14 1/2 on Nov. 29 1932. The range for sterling this week has been between \$5.03 3/8 and \$5.07 3/4 for bankers' sight bills, compared with a range of between \$5.06 1/4 and \$5.09 1/8 last week. The range for cable transfers has been between \$5.03 5/8 and \$5.07 7/8, compared with a range of between \$5.06 3/8 and \$5.09 1/4 a week ago.

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 for gold by the United States:

MEAN LONDON CHECK RATE ON PARIS.

Saturday, June 2	76.937	Wednesday, June 6	76.583
Monday, June 4	76.93	Thursday, June 7	76.65
Tuesday, June 5	76.387	Friday, June 8	76.53

LONDON OPEN MARKET GOLD PRICE.

Saturday, June 2	137s. 2d.	Wednesday, June 6	137s. 10 1/2d.
Monday, June 4	137s. 2d.	Thursday, June 7	137s. 1 1/2d.
Tuesday, June 5	138s.	Friday, June 8	137s. 4 1/2d.

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

Saturday, June 2-----35.00	Wednesday, June 6-----35.00
Monday, June 4-----35.00	Thursday, June 7-----35.00
Tuesday, June 5-----35.00	Friday, June 8-----35.00

The sharp drop in sterling in terms of the franc seems to have been due to the withdrawal of support from sterling by the British Exchange Equalization Fund. However, this is at most only a market opinion. Throughout the greater part of May sterling steadily weakened against the franc and in the last week of the month it seemed that the authorities in both London and Paris had taken steps to hold the London check rate on Paris steady at around 77 francs to the pound, but on Friday last, June 1, the rate broke to 76.98. Paris comment for the past few weeks has been indicative of dissatisfaction with the way in which the Equalization Fund has been working. Complaints were made that the fund was active enough whenever sterling tended to become firm, but seemed to be operating with reluctance whenever the pound was inclined to move down. The French bankers fear that if the pound depreciates too much against dollars, President Roosevelt may again be induced to increase the price of gold, depreciating the dollar toward the 50-cent level. The foreign bankers also express anxiety as to possible repercussions on trade, with a much lower pound and with the Swedish, Norwegian and Danish currencies, as well as the rest of the sterling bloc correspondingly depreciated, since they would naturally follow the pound downward. The possibility of a lower pound arouses a certain sense of dismay in Paris, as France has gained her present favorable monetary position only at great cost, and French authorities are loath to see this position jeopardized by further gyrations in exchange. It would seem that the present turn in exchange was responsible for remarks of the Earl of Liverpool in the House of Lords on Wednesday, urging the British Government to move toward monetary stabilization.

The movement of funds from London to Paris has been in progress since early in March due, as frequently pointed out, to the return of confidence in France and the repatriation of French and other Continental currencies which took flight to London during the political disturbances in Paris in February. At the present juncture there can be no doubt that there has been a considerable movement of American funds from London to New York. Sterling has doubtless also been sold by British and Continental investors seeking to place funds in the New York investment market, attracted to some extent by United States Treasury offerings, as there is almost a dearth of opportunities for profitable employment of funds in many parts of Europe. A large demand for dollars has been apparent for some weeks on the part of British importers as a result of advantages offered in the commodity market by the devalued dollar. These import requirements are unseasonable at this time and in weighing their influence on the future of sterling, it must be recalled that Great Britain as a chief manufacturing country will promptly turn these imports into re-exports.

Counteracting these influences working against sterling is a current demand for sterling from American sources, as American interests have been purchasing silver and gold in large amounts in the London market in the past few weeks. This week the greater part of the gold taken from the London open market

has been for American account. An additional factor in the firmness of sterling is due to the fact that German interests having claims on sterling are asking their British correspondents to keep their due funds on balance for them in London. This condition is caused by the precarious position of the mark. Tourist requirements, which should be a factor in firming sterling at this time, are negligible and at the lowest level in many years. In Tuesday's trading on the other side, the London rate on Paris broke to a new record low of 76.25 francs to the pound, after which the Exchange Equalization Fund apparently entered the market again and was more active on both Wednesday and Thursday, until on Thursday the rate rose to 76.75, though the mean quotation for that day was 76.65, and yesterday 76.53.

The pressure against the pound and the heavy withdrawals seem to have caused hardly any anxiety in London, where funds continue abundant and have shown no important change in rates from day to day for more than a year. London reports that at present there is a slightly harder undertone in the money market, but the supply of funds is so great that discount rates would move still lower were it not for the concerted efforts of the Bank of England and the great London banks to maintain them at current levels in the interests of the discount houses, which have been working on an unprofitable basis for more than a year. A short while ago it was estimated that London had an unnecessary surplus of floating funds, "nuisance" or "bad" money, as it is called there, aggregating more than £400,000,000. Call money against bills is in supply in Lombard Street at $\frac{3}{4}\%$. Two-months' bills are $\frac{7}{8}\%$; three-months' bills, 15-16%; four-months' bills, 15-16%, and six-months' bills 1% to 1 1-16%.

London bullion brokers report that all the gold available in the London open market this week is believed to have been taken for American account. There was available on Saturday £409,000, on Monday £241,000, on Tuesday £762,000, on Wednesday £270,000, on Thursday £1,058,000 and on Friday £247,000.

On Thursday the Bank of England bought £75,900 in gold bars. The Bank of England statement for the week ended June 6 shows an increase in gold holdings of £13,759, the total standing at £192,102,316, which compares with £187,737,544 a year ago, and with the minimum of £150,000,000 recommended by the Cunliffe Committee. At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended June 6, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$11,725,000, of which \$3,366,000 came from Canada, \$3,146,000 from India, \$2,493,000 from Colombia, \$2,152,000 from England, \$416,000 from France and \$152,000 from Jamaica. There were no gold exports. The Reserve Bank reported an increase of \$2,493,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended June 6, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, MAY 31-JUNE 6, INCL.	
<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>
\$3,366,000 from Canada	
3,146,000 from India	
2,493,000 from Colombia	
2,152,000 from England	
416,000 from France	
152,000 from Jamaica	
\$11,725,000 total	None

Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.

Increase: \$2,493,000.

We have been notified that approximately \$211,000 of gold was received from China at San Francisco.

The above figures are for the week ended Wednesday evening. On Thursday there were no imports or exports of gold or change in gold held earmarked for foreign account. On Friday \$3,363,400 of gold was imported, \$1,954,800 coming from England and \$1,408,600 from France. There were no exports of gold, but gold held earmarked for foreign account decreased \$237,700. It was reported on Thursday that \$814,000 of gold was received at San Francisco from China.

Canadian funds continue at a slight premium in terms of the dollar. Important items relating to the proposed central bank for Canada will be found in our news columns. On Saturday last, Montreal funds were at a premium of 9-32% to 5-16%; on Monday, at from 1/4% to 3/8%; on Tuesday, at from 5-16% to 3/8%; on Wednesday, at from 3/8% to 5/8%; on Thursday, at from 9-16% to 5/8%, and on Friday, at from 1/4% to 13-16% of premium.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady with an easy undertone. Bankers' sight was \$5.06 3/8 @ \$5.06 5/8; cable transfers \$5.06 1/2 @ \$5.06 3/4. On Monday sterling was off sharply. The range was \$5.03 3/8 @ \$5.06 1/8 for bankers' sight and \$5.03 5/8 @ \$5.06 1/4 for cable transfers. On Tuesday the pound was steadier in dull trading. Bankers' sight was \$5.03 5/8 @ \$5.04 3/4; cable transfers \$5.03 3/4 @ \$5.04 7/8. On Wednesday sterling reacted sharply upward. The range was \$5.04 7/8 @ \$5.07 for bankers' sight and \$5.05 @ \$5.07 1/8 for cable transfers. On Thursday sterling was steady. The range was \$5.06 5/8 @ \$5.07 3/4 for bankers' sight and \$5.06 3/4 @ \$5.07 1/8 for cable transfers. On Friday Sterling moved lower, the range was \$5.05 7/8 @ \$5.06 1/4 for bankers' sight and \$5.06 @ \$5.06 1/2 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were \$5.06 1/4 for demand and \$5.06 1/2 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at \$5.06; 60-day bills at \$5.05 1/4; 90-day bills at \$5.04 3/4; documents for payment (60 days) at \$5.05 1/4 and seven-day grain bills at \$5.06 5-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at \$5.06.

Continental and Other Foreign Exchanges

EXCHANGE on the Continental countries has been somewhat erratic this week owing to the decline of sterling in terms of the franc and to the unpropitious developments bearing upon German mark exchange. On the whole, French francs are on balance slightly firmer than last week, as seen by the average range for French cable transfers this week. The Belgian unit is also a shade firmer and Italian lire, moving apparently independently of the main currents affecting the other major exchanges, is decidedly firmer than last week.

German marks are of paramount importance. The mark has been showing a decided tendency toward weakness for months. A climax in the German currency situation is imminent. In Tuesday's trading marks declined more than 1 1-3 cents in New York, to a low of 37.62, the lowest since Feb. 5. Cross rates indicated a still lower quotation in Amsterdam at 37.25. Mark futures are apparently not quoted and traders report a complete lack of interest. Registered marks accompanied the free marks in their decline, dropping on Tuesday to 23.50 from 24.60 on Monday. On

Friday of last week, registered marks were quoted in New York at 24.85 having dropped from 25.00. The value of the mark has been maintained in foreign exchange for some time by the force of the severe restrictions which Germany has thrown about its currency. The exchange rate for Berlin quoted in New York and other foreign markets is usually designated as the price of "free" marks. According to German law, the Reichsbank decides what amount of free marks may be offered in foreign markets. Germany allows no foreigner to hold free balances on a large scale and German citizens are forbidden to trade on foreign exchange markets. The Reichsbank fixes arbitrarily the amounts of foreign exchange a German citizen may purchase in Berlin for the purpose of importing foreign commodities, traveling in foreign countries, or sending remittances to relatives residing abroad. Since July 1931, another German currency for foreign uses has been established, which has become increasingly important until just now. It consists of three kinds which are traded in on foreign markets. These are (1) German scrip. German scrip delivered to foreign holders of German bonds in place of cash interest payments, and the bonds themselves, afford Germany an export currency because German exporters who are paid in German scrip or in bonds purchased abroad can sell them in Germany from 25% to 50% above purchase price. This scrip has not been working satisfactorily for some weeks. (2) Registered marks. Registered marks are German balances of the standstill creditors, these being mainly foreign banks which granted short-term credits to Germany prior to July 1931. In April registered marks were selling at a discount of around 34% and are now following the free marks down. (3) Blocked marks. Blocked marks have for a long time been at a heavy discount. Toward the end of 1933 they were at a discount of 30%. In January they were at a discount of 36%, in April at a discount of 55%. The amount of discount on blocked marks constitutes the loss a foreigner (except a standstill creditor or a holder of German foreign currency bonds) sustains in liquidating German investments. The capital of German emigres is considered as blocked marks. The entire foreign exchange market looks for a crisis in the German situation. Many believe the mark will be devalued immediately. A moratorium is expected. The Reichsbank is nearing the end of its ability to maintain even approximate gold parity. The present quotations for free marks are to all intents and purposes merely quotations on an almost fictitious unit in the exchange market. All the special forms of mark exchange which have arisen under the exchange control are at discounts under the free mark ranging from 40% to 60%. Hence foreign exchange traders in some quarters assert that the mark could be devalued considerably without really altering the German position. The Reichsbank's gold holdings are down to 130,104,000 reichsmarks, equal to less than \$52,500,000 at par, and the reserve ratio is down to 3.7%.

The position of the French franc is practically outlined in the above account of the course of sterling exchange. The French position is exceptionally strong. The Bank of France statement for the week ended June 1 shows an increase in gold holdings of 811,518,381 francs, making the 13th successive weekly increase and aggregating for the period 4,348,901,197 francs. Present holdings total 78,277,-

100,643 francs, which compares with 81,061,689,310 francs a year ago and with 28,935,000,000 francs when the unit was stabilized in June 1928. The bank's ratio is at the high point of 78.98%, which compares with 78.51% on May 25, with 78.18% a year ago and with legal requirement of 35%.

Italian lire are exceptionally firm and in Wednesday's trading sold as high as 8.69, a new high on the recovery since the issuance of two royal decrees a few weeks ago which made the Italian exchange control more effective. Lire are also gaining rapidly in terms of French francs and are now above the point which would cause gold to be sent from Italy to France.

The following table shows the relation of the leading currencies still on gold to the United States dollar:

	Old Dollar Parity.	New Dollar Parity.	Range This Week.	
France (franc)-----	3.92	6.63	6.58½	to 6.61¾
Belgium (belga)-----	13.90	23.54	23.33	to 23.46
Italy (lira)-----	5.26	8.91	8.62	to 8.69
Germany (mark)-----	23.82	40.33	37.62	to 39.06
Switzerland (franc)-----	19.30	32.67	32.46	to 32.56
Holland (guilder)-----	40.20	68.06	67.64	to 67.95

The London check rate on Paris closed on Friday at 76.53, against 76.98 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French center finished on Friday at 6.61¼, against 6.57¾ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 6.61½, against 6.58, and commercial sight bills at 6.59, against 6.55. Antwerp belgas finished at 23.43 for bankers' sight bills and at 23.44 for cable transfers, against 23.33 and 23.34. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 38.74 for bankers' sight bills and 38.75 for cable transfers, in comparison with 39.04 and 39.05. Italian lire closed at 8.66¾ for bankers' sight bills and at 8.67 for cable transfers, against 8.58 and 8.59. Austrian schillings closed at 19.00, against 18.90; exchange on Czechoslovakia at 4.17½, against 4.16; on Bucharest at 1.01, against 1.00½; on Poland at 18.95, against 18.87, and on Finland at 2.25, against 2.25. Greek exchange closed at 0.94¼ for bankers' sight bills and at 0.94¾ for cable transfers, against 0.94½ and 0.94⅝.

EXCHANGE on the countries neutral during the war presents no new features of importance from those of recent weeks. Swiss francs and Holland guilders are firmer than last week, as the position of both these countries has steadily improved with the general improvement in the other gold bloc countries. It will be recalled that last week money rates in Amsterdam were reduced. The private discount rate was decreased from 1⅛% to 15-16%. The former had rate been in effect since May 10. At the same time the buying rate on prime guilder acceptances was cut from 1¼% to 1%. On Monday, June 4, these rates were again reduced, the private discount rate to 11-16% and the buying rate on prime guilder acceptances to ¾%.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 67.94, against 67.59 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 67.95, against 67.60, and commercial sight bills at 67.91, against 67.56. Swiss francs closed at 32.55 for checks and at 32.56 for cable transfers, against 32.46 and 32.47. Copenhagen checks finished at 22.61 and cable transfers at 22.62, against 22.63 and 22.64. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.10 and cable transfers at 26.11, against 26.13 and 26.14; while checks on Norway finished at 25.43 and cable transfers at 25.44, against 25.45 and 25.46. Spanish pesetas closed at 13.71 for bankers' sight

bills and at 13.71½ for cable transfers, against 13.64 and 13.64½.

EXCHANGE on the South American countries presents no new aspects of importance. As pointed out here on several occasions, the leading South American countries are strongly inclined to increase the number of export products which may be used to establish exchange in the "free" or "unofficial" market. The trend of the South American official rates is toward greater ease, due in part to the easy undertone of sterling exchange. This week the official rate for Argentine paper pesos was generally around 33.65, though on several occasions it was quoted as high as 33.80. The "unofficial" rate for pesos had a range in New York this week between 23.60 and 25.30.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday nominally at 33¾ for bankers' sight bills against 33⅞ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 34, against 34. Brazilian milreis are nominally quoted 8½ for bankers' sight bills and 8½ for cable transfers, against 8½ and 8½. Chilean exchange is nominally quoted 10¼, against 10¼. Peru is nominal at 22.80, against 23.00.

EXCHANGE on the Far Eastern countries follows much the same course as has been apparent ever since the abandonment of gold by Great Britain. Japanese yen are on balance very little changed from last week, but the unit follows closely the trend of sterling exchange. The Indian rupee fluctuates strictly with sterling, to which it is legally attached at the rate of 1s. 6d. per rupee. Exchange on Hong Kong and Shanghai is fairly steady, as the Chinese quotations reflect the world price of silver.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 30.07, against 30.10 on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 36 9-16@36 11-16, against 36 5-16@36 ⅜; Shanghai at 33 ⅛@33 3-16, against 32¾;

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. JUNE 2 1934 TO JUNE 8 1934, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	June 2.	June 4.	June 5.	June 6.	June 7.	June 8.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling-----	\$ 189200*	\$ 189200*	\$ 189240*	\$ 189300*	\$ 189940*	\$ 189960*
Belgium, belga-----	.233238	.233323	.233446	.233676	.233923	.233776
Bulgaria, lev-----	.012500*	.012375*	.012375*	.012375*	.012500*	.012375*
Czechoslovakia, krona-----	.041542	.041543	.041584	.041637	.041671	.041665
Denmark, krone-----	.226158	.225500	.224900	.225741	.226436	.225950
England, pound-----	5.064000	5.046833	5.037589	5.054464	5.073833	5.061250
sterling-----						
Finland, markka-----	.022355	.022340	.022345	.022375	.022385	.022415
France, franc-----	.065833	.065866	.065895	.065991	.066069	.066067
Germany, reichsmark-----	390007	388746	376700	376446	383600	385265
Greece, drachma-----	.009425	.009418	.009443	.009456	.009455	.009460
Holland, guilder-----	.676225	.676414	.676584	.677707	.678521	.678485
Hungary, pengo-----	.297333*	.297333*	.297500*	.297833*	.297833*	.297833*
Italy, lira-----	.086271	.086290	.086230	.086533	.086691	.086660
Norway, krone-----	.254400	.253590	.252916	.253833	.254825	.254191
Poland, zloty-----	188300	188533	188666	188933	189166	189066
Portugal, escudo-----	.046397	.046327	.046255	.046305	.046377	.046247
Rumania, leu-----	.009975	.009975	.009975	.010006	.010006	.010000
Spain, peseta-----	136460	136500	136528	136717	136925	136921
Sweden, krona-----	.261125	.260325	.259691	.260400	.261454	.260850
Switzerland, franc-----	.324603	.324585	.324471	.324535	.325189	.325028
Yugoslavia, dinar-----	.022606	.022666	.022666	.022675	.022716	.022706
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo (yuan) dol'r-----	324583	326458	324791	327291	329166	329166
Hankow (yuan) dol'r-----	324583	326458	324791	327291	329166	329166
Shanghai (yuan) dol'r-----	323906	325156	324218	327187	328593	328593
Tientsin (yuan) dol'r-----	324583	326458	324791	327291	329166	329166
Hongkong, dollar-----	360312	361562	359687	361718	362812	362656
India, rupee-----	380150	379625	378250	379875	380940	380200
Japan, yen-----	300125	299540	298500	299360	300350	299870
Singapore (S. S.) dol'r-----	593125	593125	591750	592500	594750	594000
AUSTRALASIA—						
Australia, pound-----	4.034687*	4.022187*	4.013125*	4.024062*	4.045000*	4.034687*
New Zealand, pound-----	4.046250*	4.033125*	4.024062*	4.035000*	4.056562*	4.046250*
AFRICA—						
South Africa, pound-----	5.004062*	4.992000*	4.979500*	4.995500*	5.018750*	5.005750*
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar-----	1.002473	1.002682	1.002812	1.004531	1.006276	1.007343
Cuba, peso-----	.999150	.999800	.999800	1.000200	.999800	.999800
Mexico, peso (silver)-----	.277500	.277500	.277500	.277500	.277500	.277500
Newfoundland, dollar-----	1.000062	1.000187	1.000375	1.002062	1.003875	1.005000
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso-----	337600*	336437*	335866*	336966*	338300*	337366*
Brazil, milreis-----	.085118*	.085318*	.084495*	.084535*	.085187*	.085118*
Chile, peso-----	.102275*	.102225*	.102225*	.102125*	.102375*	.102275*
Uruguay, peso-----	.802583*	.802416*	.802000*	.803650*	.803233*	.804416*
Colombia, peso-----	.501700*	.509800*	.588200*	.581400*	.574700*	.574700*

* Nominal rates; firm rates not available.

Manila at 49.80, against 49 $\frac{7}{8}$; Singapore at 59 $\frac{5}{8}$, against 59 $\frac{3}{4}$; Bombay at 38.10, against 38 $\frac{1}{8}$ and Calcutta at 38.10, against 38 $\frac{1}{8}$.

Gold Bullion in European Banks

THE following table indicates the amount of gold bullion in the principal European banks as of June 7 1934, together with comparisons as of the corresponding dates in the previous four years:

Banks of—	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
	£	£	£	£	£
England...	192,102,316	187,737,544	132,461,505	156,287,523	157,180,407
France a...	626,216,805	648,493,515	641,364,780	447,466,363	350,540,477
Germany b	5,311,000	16,697,800	37,481,300	104,614,000	123,449,650
Spain.....	90,513,000	90,374,000	90,150,000	96,962,000	98,823,000
Italy.....	73,962,000	70,453,000	60,895,000	57,461,000	56,279,000
Netherlands	67,460,000	69,744,000	78,121,000	37,498,000	35,995,000
Nat. Belg'm	77,067,000	76,400,000	72,617,000	41,374,000	34,280,000
Switzerland	61,216,000	71,278,000	80,463,000	26,102,000	23,153,000
Sweden....	15,091,000	12,031,000	11,443,000	13,301,000	13,506,000
Denmark...	7,397,000	7,397,000	8,032,000	9,552,000	9,567,000
Norway....	6,577,000	6,569,000	6,561,000	8,133,000	8,144,000
Total week..	1,222,913,121	1,257,204,859	1,219,589,585	998,751,486	910,917,534
Prev. week..	1,216,506,365	1,259,205,180	1,207,577,912	997,076,012	909,073,374

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 £1,426,200.

Some Plain Truths About the War Debt Defaults

Some of the American editorial comment on the British note of June 4, announcing the decision of the British Government to suspend further payments on the war debts owed by Great Britain to the United States "until it becomes possible to discuss an ultimate settlement of intergovernmental war debts with a reasonable prospect of agreement," shows a curious disposition to take at their face value the statements and contentions of the British note, and to regard the official presentation of the British case as one which the United States is in no position to refute. A similar disposition has been shown to agree with the editorial expressions of various British and French newspapers in regarding President Roosevelt's message of June 1 as intended primarily for "domestic consumption," and to intimate that but for the obstinacy of Congress the "reasonable prospect of agreement" to which the British note referred would probably have been offered by Mr. Roosevelt, if not indeed by Mr. Hoover when the controversy was in his hands. It is worth while to examine the two documents with a view to discovering whether the door which the British Government desires to see opened has in fact been closed, or kept closed, by Mr. Roosevelt, and whether the British statement, elaborate as it is, is in fact as conclusive as it has appeared to some commentators to be.

The historical review of the debt question which occupies a large part of Mr. Roosevelt's message reveals no difference whatever between the attitude of Mr. Roosevelt and that of Mr. Hoover regarding the nature and obligation of the debts and the position of the United States regarding the debt agreements. Referring to the statements issued on Nov. 23 1932, by President Hoover and Mr. Roosevelt, then President-elect, Mr. Roosevelt quotes President Hoover as saying that "the United States Government from the beginning has taken the position that it would deal with each of the debtor Governments separately, as separate and distinct circumstances surrounded each case," and that "this policy has been rigidly made clear to every foreign Government concerned." He follows this with a quotation from his own statement of the same date declaring that he found himself "in complete accord" with the principles which he and Mr. Hoover had discussed the previous day, and adds, as a further quotation: "These debts were actual

loans made under distinct understanding and with the intention that they would be repaid. In dealing with the debts each Government has been and is to be considered individually, and all dealings with each Government are independent of dealings with any other debtor Government. In no case should we deal with the debtor Governments collectively. Debt settlements made in each case take into consideration the capacity to pay of the individual debtor nations."

After a reference to the payments due in December 1932, Mr. Roosevelt again quotes from his statement of Nov. 23: "I firmly believe in the principle that an individual debtor should at all times have access to the creditor; that he should have opportunity to lay facts and representations before the creditor and that the creditor should give courteous, sympathetic and thoughtful consideration to such facts and representations." This was only restating in friendly language the position implicit in Mr. Hoover's course.

There is nothing new in the summary statement of the American position with which Mr. Roosevelt concludes his message of June 1. He concedes as "a simple fact" that the war debt payments have "gravely complicated our trade and financial relationships with the borrowing nations for many years," but he nevertheless reminds the debtor Governments that the obligations "furnished vital means for the successful conclusion of a war which involved the national existence of the borrowers, and later for a quicker restoration of their normal life after the war ended"; that the money loaned was borrowed by the Government from the American people, and in the absence of foreign payments must be repaid by taxing the American people to pay off the Liberty and later refunding bonds, and that while the people of this country "would not be disposed to place an impossible burden upon their debtors" they are "nevertheless in a just position to ask that substantial sacrifices be made to meet these debts." In considering whether such sacrifices have been made, the debtor Governments are reminded that "the American people are certain to be swayed by the use which debtor countries make of their available resources—whether such resources would be applied for the purposes of recovery as well as for reasonable payment on the debt owed to the citizens of the United States, or for purposes of unproductive nationalistic expenditure or like purposes." In conclusion, Mr. Roosevelt repeats what he has already made clear to the debtor Governments "again and again" that the war indebtedness to the United States "has no relation whatsoever to reparation payments made or owed to them."

The British note is important not only for what it says but also for what, with obvious disingenuousness, it fails to say. In the main, the arguments now urged in support of the policy of suspending further payments are the same as those contained in the former note of Dec. 1 1932, shortly before the last full payment was made. It is contended that the present debt agreement "imposes upon the people of the United Kingdom a burden which is both unreasonable in itself and inequitable in relation to the treatment accorded to other countries;" that Great Britain is a creditor as well as a debtor, since it made on its own account war advances to the Allies considerably in excess of the amounts borrowed from the United States, and that the domestic

charges of these loans have had to be met in full because they have already paid to the United States all that has been received from war debts and reparations "and nearly as much again out of their own resources," and that, having suspended their claims on their own debtors "in the hope that a general revision of these intergovernmental obligations may be effected in the interest of world recovery," it "would be impossible for them to contemplate a situation in which they would be called on to honor in full their war obligations to others while continuing to suspend all demands for payment of war obligations due to them."

Combating the idea that the present budget surplus indicates an ability to continue payments on the debts, the British note urges that such payments concern the balance of trade rather than the volume of internal revenue, that the attempt to transfer in dollars or gold the large sums called for would sharply depreciate sterling against the dollar, and that "in the long run such international transfers would be impossible without a radical alteration in the economic policies of the United States." The war debt loans, it is insisted, are "radically different from commercial loans raised for productive purposes," and the Hoover moratorium "made any resumption of the pre-existing reparation and war debt settlements impossible," while for Great Britain to demand the resumption of payments by its own war debtors "would throw a bombshell into the European arena which would have financial and economic repercussions over all five continents and would postpone indefinitely the chances of world recovery."

Not all of these arguments, surely, bear examination. By what process it is calculated that the British debt burden is inequitable in comparison with that of other debtor countries is not apparent. Max Winkler of this city, a well known authority on international finance, points out in the New York "World-Telegram" of Thursday that while the debt agreements call for a British payment of \$2.71 per capita for each dollar originally loaned, Czechoslovakia is called upon to pay \$3.48, Rumania \$3.40, Lithuania \$2.91, Latvia \$2.79, Estonia \$2.78, Hungary \$2.76 and Poland \$2.72. The transfer at this time of the \$261,791,011 due from Great Britain on June 15 would undoubtedly put a severe strain on exchange, but of that amount \$176,120,246 represents instalments of principal and interest which should have been met in June and December 1933. It is of course true that war loans differ from the commercial loans of a Government in that the latter represent what are commonly called "productive" operations while the former do not, but there is no difference whatever in the legal and moral obligation to repay what has been borrowed. It is far from clear that a renewal of the demand for payment to Great Britain of what is owed to it by its Continental debtors would precipitate any such world crisis as the British note contemplates. To quote Mr. Winkler again, "foreign countries seem to experience little difficulty in obtaining funds for military equipment."

The core of the British contention, however, lies in the reference to the Lausanne Conference and the general revision of the war debt agreements. Because the creditors of Germany agreed to a drastic reduction of their reparation claims, conditioned upon what was described as a "satisfactory" settlement of the war debts, the United States, it is again

implied, ought to confirm the action by agreeing to a general debt revision. The argument is specious. The United States was not a party to the Lausanne Conference. It had repeatedly declared, as it has again declared in Mr. Roosevelt's message, that there was no connection between reparations and war debts, and it is simple matter of history that no such connection was recognized when any of the war loans were contracted or when reparations were decreed. The reparation claims were cut down at Lausanne because Germany bluntly refused to go on with them and public opinion in Great Britain, and to some extent in France, had at last concluded that the claims must be abated, but the attempt to make what was actually a definitive reduction depend upon an American action which was well known to be entirely opposed to American policy was a pretty clear case of trying to "hold up" the United States by a threat to stop payment on the debts.

It is useless to abuse the Johnson Act, or Congress, or the American people for the impasse into which the war debt question has now been thrown. It does not simplify the issue to allow defaults to accumulate until the total indebtedness is obviously difficult to pay, or to protest that payment is impossible while money is being poured out, as it is by half a dozen Continental Governments, for extensive military establishments and elaborate fortifications. The way is open, as it has always been, for any debtor Government that finds its war debt obligations to this country unmanageable to submit a statement of its financial condition and a concrete proposal for revision of its agreement. As far as the American public knows, no such proposal has ever been presented. It is not for the American Government to take the initiative. In the absence of definite proposals from the debtor Governments, each acting for itself, the American people will continue to conclude, as they already have concluded, that the obligation of the war debts is to be in fact repudiated, whatever the form of expression in which repudiation is announced. The situation is obviously an extremely unpleasant one for the United States, since it not only fosters distrust of the good faith of the debtor Governments but also embarrasses the reciprocal tariff treaties which Mr. Roosevelt has expected to negotiate, but it is not a situation for which the United States is to be blamed.

Amendments to NRA Code for Mutual Savings Banks Approved—Changes Become Effective July 16.

Announcement was made on May 18 by the National Recovery Administration that the Administrator had approved amendments to the code of fair competition for the mutual savings banks making provision for the establishment of uniform maximum hours of banking operations and the setting up of sub-committees to assist in the administration of the code. The amendments will become effective July 16. The Administration's announcement continued:

In the provision for the establishing of banking hours it is stated that any bank may observe shorter hours than those which will be fixed as the maximum, but that the number of employees shall not be reduced on that account and that wages must not be lowered.

The sub-committees for which provision is made, will be expected to adopt local rules and regulations governing competitive practices in local areas.

Form for Registration of Investment Bankers Under NRA Code Approved by General Johnson.

National Recovery Administrator Hugh S. Johnson approved on May 18 the form of application prescribed by the Investment Bankers Code Committee to be used by investment bankers, who register under one of the provisions of the code of fair competition for investment bankers. The code provides, it was stated, that any investment banker desiring to be registered shall file with the regional code com-

mittee of the district in which the principal office of the applicant is located, an application in the form prescribed by the code committee and approved by the Administrator.

A summary of fair practice provisions of the Code, in which appears the section providing for the registration of investment bankers, was given in our issue of May 12, page 3211.

Thirty-Nine Investment Banking Houses in New York Group Approved for Membership in Investment Bankers Association.

Applications for membership by 39 investment banking houses in the area of the New York group of the Investment Bankers Association of America are among the 147 applications that have been approved by the Association's Board of Governors so far this year, it is announced at the Association's office at Chicago on June 5. The 20 applications from the group, approved at the recent annual spring meeting of the Board, are as follows:

New York—
Adams & Peck
Bristol & Willett
Richard W. Clarke & Co., Inc.
Charles E. Doyle & Co.
Evans, Stillman & Co.
Fenner and Beane Corp.
Foster & Co., Inc.
Glidden, Morris & Co.
Gonder, Kelley & Co., Inc.
Harris, Ayers & Co., Inc.
Holt, Rose & Troster
Lebenthal & Co.

Maynard, Oakley & Lawrence
C. A. Peim & Co.
F. S. Robinson & Co.
Saunders, Ashplant & Co.
Albany—
George R. Cooley & Co.
Buffalo—
Birge, Wood & Trubee
Rochester—
Albert A. Houck & Co.
Jersey City—
Outwater & Wells

At the previous meeting of the Board of Governors, in February, the following applications for membership by investment banking houses in the area of the New York group were approved:

New York—
Adams, McEntee & Co., Inc.
Amott, Baker & Co., Inc.
Bacon, Stevenson & Co.
Burley & Co.
F. Eberstadt & Co., Inc.
Eldredge & Co., Inc.
Hedden, Farwell & Co., Inc.
Hipkins & Topping
F. P. Lang & Co.
Neergaard, Miller & Co.
Riter & Co.

Stemmler & Co.
Van Alstyne, Noel & Co., Inc.
Eli T. Watson & Co., Inc.
F. R. Fenton & Co., Inc.
Buffalo—
Cleversley & Co.
Liberty Share Corp.
Rochester—
Little & Hopkins
Newark—
Van Deventer, Spear & Co.

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

In presenting our compilations of the new financing done in the United States during the month of May there is nothing to be said beyond repeating the comment made with reference to preceding months, namely that the volume of new flotations continues extremely meagre. The corporate issues which came to market during the month aggregated only \$31,781,300, while the amount of State and municipal issues totaled but \$77,590,594. There was also an issue of \$32,500,000 Federal Intermediate Credit banks 2% collateral trust debentures, making the grand total of all financing for the month no more than \$141,871,894 and \$39,138,807 of this was for refunding purposes, that is, to take up old issues outstanding, leaving the amount of strictly new capital only \$102,733,087.

As previously explained the Securities Act, with its burdensome regulations has rendered corporate financing virtually out of the question. Security offerings by the United States Government continues unabated and in a large measure these issues are pre-empting the field formally dominated by ordinary financing. Because of the importance and magnitude of United States Treasury issues we furnish below a summary of the new offerings sold during the month of May and also those put out during the four months preceding, giving particulars of the different issues, and presenting a complete record in that respect for the first five months of the current year.

New Treasury Offerings During the Month of May 1934.

An offering of two series of Treasury bills was announced on April 26 by Henry Morgenthau Jr., in the amount of \$125,000,000 or thereabouts each dated May 2 1934 and maturing respectively in 91 days and 182 days. The bills, however, as stated above, were dated May 2, and hence form part of the government's financing for the month of May. The 91-day bills were offered in the amount of \$75,000,000 or thereabouts, and the 182-day bills to the amount of \$50,000,000 or thereabouts, the 91-day bills maturing Aug. 1 and the 182-day bills Oct. 31 1934. Tenders for the two series of Treasury bills aggregated \$391,775,000, of which \$193,076,000 was for the 91-day bills and \$198,699,000 was for the 182-day bills. The total amount accepted was \$125,092,000, of which \$75,055,000 was for the 91-day bills and \$50,037,000 was for the 182-day bills. The average price for the 91-day bills was 99.981, the average rate on a discount basis being 0.07% per annum, while the average price for the 182-day bills was 99.918, making the average rate on a discount basis 0.16% per annum. Issued to replace maturing bills.

On May 3, Mr. Morgenthau announced another new offering of two series of Treasury bills in the amount of \$125,000,000 or thereabouts, each dated May 9 1934 and maturing in 91 days and 182 days respectively. The 91-day bills were offered in the amount of \$75,000,000 or thereabouts, and the 182-day bills to the amount of \$50,000,000 or thereabouts, the 91-day bills maturing Aug. 8 and the 182-day bills Nov. 7 1934. Tenders for the two series of Treasury bills aggregated \$356,107,000, of which \$156,841,000 was for the 91-day bills and \$199,266,000 was for the 182-day bills. The total amount accepted was \$125,287,000 of which \$75,114,000 was for the 91-day bills and \$50,-

173,000 was for the 182-day bills. The average price for the 91-day bills was 99.983, the average rate on a bank discount basis being 0.07% per annum, while the average price for the 182-day bills was 99.926, making the average rate on a discount basis 0.15% per annum. The offering was made to meet a similar issue of maturing bills.

A further new offering of \$100,000,000 or thereabouts of two series of Treasury bills, maturing in 91 days and 182 days, respectively, was announced by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau on May 10. Each series was dated May 16 1934, the 91-day bills maturing Aug. 15 and the 182-day bills, Nov. 14. Tenders for the two series of Treasury bills aggregated \$325,981,000, of which \$172,335,000 was for the 91-day bills and \$153,646,000 was for the 182-day bills. The total amount accepted was \$100,334,000 of which \$50,254,000 was for the 91-day bills, which mature on Aug. 15, and \$50,080,000 for the 182-day bills which come due Nov. 14. The average price for the 91-day bills was 99.984, the accepted rate of 0.06% on a bank discount basis, was the lowest rate at which an offering of Treasury bills ever sold. The average price for the 182-day bills was 99.929, making the average rate on a bank discount basis of 0.14% per annum. Issued to retire maturing obligations amounting to \$75,008,000 and for other Government purposes.

A still further offering of a new series of Treasury bills in the amount of \$100,000,000 or thereabouts was announced by Mr. Morgenthau on May 17 each dated May 23 1934 and maturing respectively in 91 days and 182 days. Both series were offered to the amount of \$50,000,000 or thereabouts, the 91-day bills maturing on Aug. 22, and the 182-day bills on Nov. 21 1934. Tenders for the two series of Treasury bills totaled \$355,254,000 of which \$190,788,000 was for the 91-day bills and \$164,466,000 was for the 182-day bills. The total amount accepted was \$100,597,000 of which \$50,457,000 was for the 91-day bills while \$50,140,000 was for the 182-day bills. The average price for the 91-day bills was 99.985, the average rate on a discount basis being 0.06%, and the average price on the 182-day bills was 99.936, making the average rate on a discount basis 0.13%. This financing provided for the refunding of \$75,115,000 of similar securities, leaving \$25,482,000 as an addition to the public debt. The rates on these offerings compare with 0.06% on 91-day bills and 0.14% on 182-day bills (dated May 16); 0.07% on 91-day bills and 0.15% on 182-day bills (dated May 9), and 0.07% on 91-day bills, and 0.16% on 182-day bills (dated May 2). The Treasury Department in the last week of May omitted the weekly offering of Treasury bills, usually put out to meet maturing bills or to provide additional funds. As there is no series of Treasury bills coming due prior to June 20, when \$100,110,000 of bills mature, the Treasury has ample funds on hand to meet current expenditures.

In the following we show in tabular form the Treasury financing done during the first five months of this year. The results show that the Government disposed of \$5,685,127,300, of which \$3,434,018,800, went to take up existing issues and \$2,251,108,500, represented an addition to the public debt. For May by itself the disposals aggregated \$451,310,000, of which \$400,502,000, represented refunding and \$50,808,000, was an addition to the public debt.

DETAILS OF NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS DURING MAY 1934.

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

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Purpose of Issue, Price, To Yield About. Rows include Railroad pay bank loans and Public Utilities pay bank loans.

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

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Purpose of Issue, Price, To Yield About. Row includes Mengel Co. 7% 1st Mortgage Bonds.

STOCKS.

Table with 4 columns: Par or No. of Shares, Purpose of Issue, (a) Amount Involved, Price per Share, To Yield About, Company and Issue and by Whom Offered.

FARM LOAN ISSUES.

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Issue and Purpose, Price, To Yield About, Offered by.

* 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.

New Capital Issues in Great Britain

The following statistics have been compiled by the Midland Bank Limited. These compilations of issues of new capital, which are subject to revision, exclude all borrowings by the British Government for purely financial purposes...

SUMMARY TABLE OF NEW CAPITAL ISSUES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM [Compiled by the Midland Bank, Ltd.]

Table with 4 columns: Year, Month of May, Five Months to May 31, Year to May 31.

NEW CAPITAL ISSUES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BY MONTHS. [Compiled by the Midland Bank, Ltd.]

Table with 5 columns: Year, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934. Rows include monthly data from January to December and 5-month totals.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF NEW CAPITAL ISSUES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BY MONTHS. [Compiled by the Midland Bank, Ltd.]

Table with 5 columns: United Kingdom, India & Ceylon, Other Brit. Countries, Foreign Countries, Total. Rows include monthly data from Jan. 1932 to May 1934.

May Output of Motor Factories Was 48% Over Last Year.

The May output of motor vehicles amounted to 336,657 units, according to an estimate released Thursday by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

On the basis of this estimate the month's production represented a decrease of 11% under the preceding month and a gain of 48% over May 1933.

Five months' production was estimated at 1,477,770 units — an increase of 88% over the corresponding period last year.

The estimate which is based upon reports of factory shipments is summarized below:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Output. Rows include May 1934, April 1934, and May 1933.

Text of Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as Passed by Congress and Signed by President—Provides for Federal Regulation of Stock Exchanges.

We are giving below the full text of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted by Congress on June 1, and signed by President Roosevelt on June 6. The details of the final Congressional action on the measure were given in our issue of June 2, pages 3692-3694, and its signing is referred to further in another item in this issue. The Act provides for the Federal regulation of stock exchanges, the provisions governing the securities exchanges being embodied in that portion of the Act entitled "Title I"; embodied in the Act also is "Title II," which comprises amendments to the Securities Act of 1933, these having been incorporated as a rider to the Stock Exchange Control Bill as it passed the Senate and included in the report of the conferees, which the Senate and House accepted on June 1. Since Title II was given in full in our June 2 issue, pages 3691-3692, we give here only Title I, which relates solely to the regulation of the stock exchanges:

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

AN ACT

To provide for the regulation of securities exchanges and of over-the-counter markets operating in inter-State and foreign commerce and through the mails, to prevent inequitable and unfair practices on such exchanges and markets, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I—REGULATION OF SECURITIES EXCHANGES.

Short Title.

Section 1. This Act may be cited as the "Securities Exchange Act of 1934."

Necessity for Regulation as Provided in This Title.

Sec. 2. For the reasons hereinafter enumerated, transactions in securities as commonly conducted upon securities exchanges and over-the-counter markets are affected with a national public interest which makes it necessary to provide for regulation and control of such transactions and of practices and matters related thereto, including transactions by officers, directors, and principal security holders, to require appropriate reports, and to impose requirements necessary to make such regulation and control reasonably complete and effective, in order to protect interstate commerce, the national credit, the Federal taxing power, to protect and make more effective the national banking system and Federal Reserve System, and to insure the maintenance of fair and honest markets in such transactions:

(1) Such transactions (a) are carried on in large volume by the public generally and in large part originate outside the States in which the exchanges and over-the-counter markets are located and (or) are effected by means of the mails and instrumentalities of interstate commerce; (b) constitute an important part of the current of interstate commerce; (c) involve in large part the securities of issuers engaged in interstate commerce; (d) involve the use of credit, directly affect the financing of trade, industry, and transportation in interstate commerce, and directly affect and influence the volume of interstate commerce; and affect the national credit.

(2) The prices established and offered in such transactions are generally disseminated and quoted throughout the United States and foreign countries and constitute a basis for determining and establishing the prices at which securities are bought and sold, the amount of certain taxes owing to the United States and to the several States by owners, buyers, and sellers of securities, and the value of collateral for bank loans.

(3) Frequently the prices of securities on such exchanges and markets are susceptible to manipulation and control, and the dissemination of such prices gives rise to excessive speculation, resulting in sudden and unreasonable fluctuations in the prices of securities which (a) cause alternately unreasonable expansion and unreasonable contraction of the volume of credit available for trade, transportation, and industry in interstate commerce, (b) hinder the proper appraisal of the value of securities and thus prevent a fair calculation of taxes owing to the United States and to the several States by owners, buyers, and sellers of securities, and (c) prevent the fair valuation of collateral for bank loans and (or) obstruct the effective operation of the national banking system and Federal Reserve System.

(4) National emergencies, which produce widespread unemployment and the dislocation of trade, transportation, and industry, and which burden interstate commerce and adversely affect the general welfare, are precipitated, intensified, and prolonged by manipulation and sudden and unreasonable fluctuations of security prices and by excessive speculation on such exchanges and markets, and to meet such emergencies the Federal Government is put to such great expense as to burden the national credit.

Definitions and Application of Title.

Sec. 3. (a) When used in this title, unless the context otherwise requires—

(1) The term "exchange" means any organization, association, or group of persons, whether incorporated or unincorporated, which constitutes, maintains, or provides a market place or facilities for bringing together purchasers and sellers of securities or for otherwise performing with respect to securities the functions commonly performed by a stock exchange as that term is generally understood, and includes the market place and the market facilities maintained by such exchange.

(2) The term "facility" when used with respect to an exchange includes its premises, tangible or intangible property whether on the premises or not, any right to the use of such premises or property or any service thereof for the purpose of effecting or reporting a transaction on an exchange (including, among other things, any system of communication to or from the exchange, by ticker or otherwise, maintained by or with the consent of the exchange), and any right of the exchange to the use of any property or service.

(3) The term "member" when used with respect to an exchange means any person who is permitted either to effect transactions on the exchange without the services of another person acting as broker, or to make use of the facilities of an exchange for transactions thereon without payment of a commission or fee or with the payment of a commission or fee which is less than that charged the general public, and includes any firm transacting a business as broker or dealer of which a member is a partner, and any partner of any such firm.

(4) The term "broker" means any person engaged in the business of effecting transactions in securities for the account of others, but does not include a bank.

(5) The term "dealer" means any person engaged in the business of buying and selling securities for his own account, through a broker or otherwise, but does not include a bank, or any person insofar as he buys or sells, securities for his own account, either individually or in some fiduciary capacity, but not as a part of a regular business.

(6) The term "bank" means (A) a banking institution organized under the laws of the United States, (B) a member bank of the Federal Reserve System, (C) any other banking institution, whether incorporated or not, doing business under the laws of any State or of the United States, a substantial portion of the business of which consists of receiving deposits or exercising fiduciary powers similar to those permitted to national banks under section 11 (k) of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, and which is supervised and examined by State or Federal authority having supervision over banks, and which is not operated for the purpose of evading the provisions of this title, and (D) a receiver, conservator, or other liquidating agent of any institution or firm included in clauses (A), (B), or (C) of this paragraph.

(7) The term "director" means any director of a corporation or any person performing similar functions with respect to any organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated.

(8) The term "issuer" means any person who issues or proposes to issue any security; except that with respect to certificates of deposit for securities, voting-trust certificates, or collateral-trust certificates, or with respect to certificates of interest or shares in an unincorporated investment trust not having a board of directors or of the fixed, restricted management, or unit type, the term "issuer" means the person or persons performing the acts and assuming the duties of depositor or manager pursuant to the provisions of the trust or other agreement or instrument under which such securities are issued; and except that with respect to equipment-trust certificates or like securities, the term "issuer" means the person by whom the equipment or property is, or is to be, used.

(9) The term "person" means an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an association, a joint-stock company, a business trust, or an unincorporated organization.

(10) The term "security" means any note, stock, treasury stock, bond, debenture, certificate of interest or participation in any profit-sharing agreement or in any oil, gas, or other mineral royalty or lease, any collateral-trust certificate, preorganization certificate or subscription, transferable share, investment contract, voting-trust certificate, certificate of deposit, for a security, or in general, any instrument commonly known as a "security"; or any certificate of interest or participation in, temporary or interim certificate for, receipt for, or warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase, any of the foregoing; but shall not include currency or any note, draft, bill of exchange, or banker's acceptance which has a maturity at the time of issuance of not exceeding nine months, exclusive of days of grace, or any renewal thereof the maturity of which is likewise limited.

(11) The term "equity security" means any stock or similar security; or any security convertible, with or without consideration, into such a security, or carrying any warrants or right to subscribe to or purchase such a security; or any such warrant or right; or any other security which the Commission shall deem to be of similar nature and consider necessary or appropriate, by such rules and regulations as it may prescribe in the public interest or for the protection of investors, to treat as an equity security.

(12) The term "exempted security" or "exempted securities" shall include securities which are direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States; such securities issued or guaranteed by corporations in which the United States has a direct or indirect interest as shall be designated for exemption by the Secretary of the Treasury as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors; securities which are direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed as to principal or interest by a State or any political subdivision thereof or any agency or instrumentality of a State or any political subdivision thereof or any municipal corporate instrumentality of one or more States; and such other securities (which may include, among others, unregistered securities, the market in which is predominantly intrastate) as the Commission may, by such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors, either unconditionally or upon specified terms and conditions or for stated periods, exempt from the operation of any one or more provisions of this title which by their terms do not apply to an "exempted security" or to "exempted securities."

(13) The terms "buy" and "purchase" each include any contract to buy, purchase, or otherwise acquire.

(14) The terms "sale" and "sell" each include any contract to sell or otherwise dispose of.

(15) The term "Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission established by section 4 of this title.

(16) The term "State" means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Philippine Islands, the Canal Zone, the Virgin Islands, or any other possession of the United States.

(17) The term "interstate commerce" means trade, commerce, transportation, or communication among the several States, or between any foreign country and any State, or between any State and any place or ship outside thereof.

(b) The Commission and the Federal Reserve Board, as to matters within their respective jurisdictions, shall have power by rules and regulations to define technical, trade, and accounting terms used in this title insofar as such definitions are not inconsistent with the provisions of this title.

(c) No provision of this title shall apply to, or be deemed to include, any executive department or independent establishment of the United States, or any lending agency which is wholly owned, directly or indirectly by the United States, or any officer, agent, or employee of any such department, establishment, or agency, acting in the course of his official duty as such, unless such provision makes specific reference to such department, establishment, or agency.

Securities and Exchange Commission.

Sec. 4. (a) There is hereby established a Securities and Exchange Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") to be composed of five commissioners to be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Not more than three of such commissioners shall be members of the same political party, and in making appointments members of different political parties shall be appointed alternately as nearly as may be practicable. No commissioner shall engage in any other business, vocation, or employment than that of serving as commissioner,

nor shall any commissioner participate, directly or indirectly, in any stock-market operations or transactions of a character subject to regulation by the Commission pursuant to this title. Each commissioner shall receive a salary at the rate of \$10,000 a year and shall hold office for a term of five years, except that (1) any commissioner appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed, shall be appointed for the remainder of such term, and (2) the terms of office of the commissioners first taking office after the date of enactment of this title shall expire, as designated by the President at the time of nomination, one at the end of one year, one at the end of two years, one at the end of three years, one at the end of four years, and one at the end of five years, after the date of enactment of this title.

(b) The Commission is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of such officers, attorneys, examiners, and other experts as may be necessary for carrying out its functions under this Act, without regard to the provisions of other laws applicable to the employment and compensation of officers and employees of the United States, and the Commission may, subject to the civil-service laws, appoint such other officers and employees as are necessary in the execution of its functions and fix their salaries in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, as amended.

Transactions on Unregistered Exchanges.

Sec. 5. It shall be unlawful for any broker, dealer, or exchange, directly or indirectly, to make use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce for the purpose of using any facility of an exchange within or subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to effect any transaction in a security, or to report any such transaction, unless such exchange (1) is registered as a national securities exchange under section 6 of this title, or (2) is exempted from such registration upon application by the exchange because, in the opinion of the Commission, by reason of the limited volume of transactions effected on such exchange, it is not practicable and not necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors to require such registration.

Registration of National Securities Exchanges.

Sec. 6. (a) Any exchange may be registered with the Commission as a national securities exchange under the terms and conditions hereinafter provided in this section, by filing a registration statement in such form as the Commission may prescribe, containing the agreements, setting forth the information, and accompanied by the documents, below specified:

(1) An agreement (which shall not be construed as a waiver of any constitutional right or any right to contest the validity of any rule or regulation) to comply, and to enforce so far as is within its powers compliance by its members, with the provisions of this title, and any amendment thereto and any rule or regulation made or to be made thereunder;

(2) Such data as to its organization, rules of procedure, and membership, and such other information as the Commission may by rules and regulations require as being necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors;

(3) Copies of its constitution, articles of incorporation with all amendments thereto, and of its existing bylaws or rules or instruments corresponding thereto, whatever the name, which are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "rules of the exchange"; and

(4) An agreement to furnish to the Commission copies of any amendments to the rules of the exchange forthwith upon their adoption.

(b) No registration shall be granted or remain in force unless the rules of the exchange include provision for the expulsion, suspension, or disciplining of a member for conduct or proceeding inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade, and declare that the willful violation of any provisions of this title or any rule or regulation thereunder shall be considered conduct or proceeding inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade.

(c) Nothing in this title shall be construed to prevent any exchange from adopting and enforcing any rule not inconsistent with this title and the rules and regulations thereunder and the applicable laws of the State in which it is located.

(d) If it appears to the Commission that the exchange applying for registration is so organized as to be able to comply with the provisions of this title and the rules and regulations thereunder and that the rules of the exchange are just and adequate to insure fair dealing and to protect investors, the Commission shall cause such exchange to be registered as a national securities exchange.

(e) Within thirty days after the filing of the application, the Commission shall enter an order either granting or, after appropriate notice and opportunity for hearing, denying registration as a national securities exchange, unless the exchange applying for registration shall withdraw its application or consent to the Commission's deferring action on its application for a stated longer period after the date of filing. The filing with the Commission of an application for registration by an exchange shall be deemed to have taken place upon the receipt thereof. Amendments to an application may be made upon such terms as the Commission may prescribe.

(f) An exchange may, upon appropriate application in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission, and upon such terms as the Commission may deem necessary for the protection of investors, withdraw its registration.

Margin Requirements.

Sec. 7. (a) For the purpose of preventing the excessive use of credit for the purchase or carrying of securities, the Federal Reserve Board shall, prior to the effective date of this section and from time to time thereafter, prescribe rules and regulations with respect to the amount of credit that may be initially extended and subsequently maintained on any security (other than an exempted security) registered on a national securities exchange. For the initial extension of credit, such rules and regulations shall be based upon the following standard: An amount not greater than whichever is the higher of—

(1) 55 per centum of the current market price of the security, or

(2) 100 per centum of the lowest market price of the security during the preceding 36 calendar months, but not more than 75 per centum of the current market price.

Such rules and regulations may make appropriate provision with respect to the carrying of undermargined accounts for limited periods and under specified conditions; the withdrawal of funds or securities; the substitution or additional purchases of securities; the transfer of accounts from one lender to another; special or different margin requirements for delayed deliveries, short sales, arbitrage transactions, and securities to which paragraph (2) of this subsection does not apply; the bases and the methods to be used in calculating loans, and margins and market prices; and similar administrative adjustments and details. For the purposes of paragraph (2) of this subsection, until July 1 1936, the lowest price at which a security has sold on or after July 1 1933, shall be considered as the lowest price at which such security has sold during the preceding 36 calendar months.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the Federal Reserve Board, may, from time to time, with respect to all or specified securities or transactions, or classes of securities, or classes of transactions, by such rules and regulations (1) prescribe such lower

margin requirements for the initial extension or maintenance of credit as it deems necessary or appropriate for the accommodation of commerce and industry, having due regard to the general credit situation of the country, and (2) prescribe such higher margin requirements for the initial extension or maintenance of credit as it may deem necessary or appropriate to prevent the excessive use of credit to finance transactions in securities.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any member of a national securities exchange or any broker or dealer who transacts a business in securities through the medium of any such member, directly or indirectly to extend or maintain credit or arrange for the extension or maintenance of credit to or for any customer—

(1) On any security (other than an exempted security) registered on a national securities exchange, in contravention of the rules and regulations which the Federal Reserve Board shall prescribe under subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

(2) Without collateral or on any collateral other than exempted securities and (or) securities registered upon a national securities exchange, except in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Federal Reserve Board may prescribe (A) to permit under specified conditions and for a limited period any such member, broker, or dealer to maintain a credit initially extended in conformity with the rules and regulations of the Federal Reserve Board, and (B) to permit the extension or maintenance of credit in cases where the extension or maintenance of credit is not for the purpose of purchasing or carrying securities or of evading or circumventing the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person not subject to subsection (c) to extend or maintain credit or to arrange for the extension or maintenance of credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any security registered on a national securities exchange, in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Federal Reserve Board shall prescribe to prevent the excessive use of credit for the purchasing or carrying of or trading in securities in circumvention of the other provisions of this section. Such rules and regulations may impose upon all loans made for the purpose of purchasing or carrying securities registered on national securities exchanges limitations similar to those imposed upon members, brokers, or dealers by subsection (c) of this section and the rules and regulations thereunder. This subsection and the rules and regulations thereunder shall not apply (A) to a loan made by a person not in the ordinary course of his business, (B) to a loan on an exempted security, (C) to a loan to a dealer to aid in the financing of the distribution of securities to customers not through the medium of a national securities exchange, (D) to a loan by a bank on a security other than an equity security, or (E) to such other loans as the Federal Reserve Board shall, by such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors, exempt, either unconditionally or upon specified terms and conditions or for stated periods, from the operation of this subsection and the rules and regulations thereunder.

(e) The provisions of this section or the rules and regulations thereunder shall not apply on or before July 1 1937, to any loan or extension of credit made prior to the enactment of this title or to the maintenance, renewal, or extension of any such loan or credit, except to the extent that the Federal Reserve Board may by rules and regulations prescribe as necessary to prevent the circumvention of the provisions of this section or the rules and regulations thereunder by means of withdrawals of funds or securities, substitutions of securities, or additional purchases or by any other device.

Restrictions on Borrowing by Members, Brokers and Dealers.

Sec. 8. It shall be unlawful for any member of a national securities exchange, or any broker or dealer who transacts a business in securities through the medium of any such member, directly or indirectly—

(a) To borrow in the ordinary course of business as a broker or dealer on any security (other than an exempted security) registered on a national securities exchange except (1) from or through a member bank of the Federal Reserve System, (2) from any nonmember bank which shall have filed with the Federal Reserve Board an agreement, which is still in force and which is in the form prescribed by the Board, undertaking to comply with all provisions of this Act, the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, and the Banking Act of 1933, which are applicable to member banks and which relate to the use of credit to finance transactions in securities, and with such rules and regulations as may be prescribed pursuant to such provisions of law or for the purpose of preventing evasions thereof, or (3) in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Federal Reserve Board may prescribe to permit loans between such members and (or) brokers and (or) dealers, or to permit loans to meet emergency needs. Any such agreement filed with the Federal Reserve Board shall be subject to termination at any time by order of the Board, after appropriate notice and opportunity for hearing, because of any failure by such bank to comply with the provisions thereof or with such provisions of law or rules or regulations; and, for any willful violation of such agreement, such bank shall be subject to the penalties provided for violations of rules and regulations prescribed under this title. The provisions of sections 21 and 25 of this title shall apply in the case of any such proceeding or order of the Federal Reserve Board in the same manner as such provisions apply in the case of proceedings and orders of the Commission.

(b) To permit in the ordinary course of business as a broker his aggregate indebtedness to all other persons, including customers' credit balances (but excluding indebtedness secured by exempted securities), to exceed such percentage of the net capital (exclusive of fixed assets and value of exchange membership) employed in the business, but not exceeding in any case 2,000 per centum, as the Commission may by rules and regulations prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

(c) In contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission shall prescribe for the protection of investors to hypothecate or arrange for the hypothecation of any securities carried for the account of any customer under circumstances (1) that will permit the commingling of his securities without his written consent with the securities of any other customer, (2) that will permit such securities to be commingled with the securities of any person other than a bona fide customer, or (3) that will permit such securities to be hypothecated, or subjected to any lien or claim of the pledgee, for a sum in excess of the aggregate indebtedness of such customers in respect of such securities.

(d) To lend or arrange for the lending of any securities carried for the account of any customer without the written consent of such customer.

Prohibition Against Manipulation of Security Prices.

Sec. 9. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, by the use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, or for any member of a national securities exchange—

(1) For the purpose of creating a false or misleading appearance of active trading in any security registered on a national securities exchange, or a false or misleading appearance with respect to the market for any such security, (A) to effect any transaction in such security which involves no change in the beneficial ownership thereof, or (B) to enter an order or

orders for the purchase of such security with the knowledge that an order or orders of substantially the same size, at substantially the same time, and at substantially the same price, for the sale of any such security, has been or will be entered by or for the same or different parties, or (C) to enter any order or orders for the sale of any such security with the knowledge that an order or orders of substantially the same size, at substantially the same time, and at substantially the same price, for the purchase of such security, has been or will be entered by or for the same or different parties.

(2) To effect, alone or with one or more other persons, a series of transactions in any security registered on a national securities exchange creating actual or apparent active trading in such security, or raising or depressing the price of such security, for the purpose of inducing the purchase or sale of such security by others.

(3) If a dealer or broker, or other person selling or offering for sale or purchasing or offering to purchase the security, induce the purchase or sale of any security registered on a national securities exchange by the circulation or dissemination in the ordinary course of business of information to the effect that the price of any such security will or is likely to rise or fall because of market operations of any one or more persons conducted for the purpose of raising or depressing the price of such security.

(4) If a dealer or broker, or other person selling or offering for sale or purchasing or offering to purchase the security, to make, regarding any security registered on a national securities exchange, for the purpose of inducing the purchase or sale of such security, any statement which was at the time and in the light of the circumstances under which it was made, false or misleading with respect to any material fact, and which he knew or had reasonable ground to believe was so false or misleading.

(5) For a consideration, received directly or indirectly from a dealer or broker, or other person selling or offering for sale or purchasing or offering to purchase the security, to induce the purchase or sale of any security registered on a national securities exchange by the circulation or dissemination of information to the effect that the price of any such security will or is likely to rise or fall because of the market operations of any one or more persons conducted for the purpose of raising or depressing the price of such security.

(6) To effect either alone or with one or more other persons any series of transactions for the purchase and (or) sale of any security registered on a national securities exchange for the purpose of pegging, fixing, or stabilizing the price of such security in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to effect, by use of any facility of a national securities exchange, in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors—

(1) any transaction in connection with any security whereby any party to such transaction acquires any put, call, straddle, or other option or privilege of buying the security from or selling the security to another without being bound to do so; or

(2) any transaction in connection with any security with relation to which he has, directly or indirectly, any interest in any such put, call, straddle, option, or privilege; or

(3) any transaction in any security for the account of any person who he has reason to believe has, and who actually has, directly or indirectly, any interest in any such put, call, straddle, option, or privilege with relation to such security.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any member of a national securities exchange directly or indirectly to endorse or guarantee the performance of any put, call, straddle, option, or privilege in relation to any security registered on a national securities exchange, in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

(d) The terms "put", "call", "straddle", "option", or "privilege" as used in this section shall not include any registered warrant, right, or convertible security.

(e) Any person who willfully participates in any act or transaction in violation of subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section, shall be liable to any person who shall purchase or sell any security at a price which was affected by such act or transaction, and the person so injured may sue in law or in equity in any court of competent jurisdiction to recover the damages sustained as a result of any such act or transaction. In any such suit the court may, in its discretion, require on undertaking for the payment of the costs of such suit, and assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against either party litigant. Every person who becomes liable to make any payment under this subsection may recover contribution as in cases of contract from any person who, if joined in the original suit, would have been liable to make the same payment. No action shall be maintained to enforce any liability created under this section, unless brought within one year after the discovery of the facts constituting the violation and within three years after such violation.

(f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to an exempted security.

Regulation of the Use of Manipulative and Deceptive Devices.

Sec. 10. It shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, by the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange—

(a) To effect a short sale, or to use or employ any stop-loss order in connection with the purchase or sale, of any security registered on a national securities exchange, in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

(b) To use or employ, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security registered on a national securities exchange or any security not so registered, any manipulative or deceptive device or contrivance in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

Segregation and Limitation of Functions of Members, Brokers and Dealers.

Sec. 11. (a) The Commission shall prescribe such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors, (1) to regulate or prevent floor trading by members of national securities exchanges, directly or indirectly for their own account or for discretionary accounts, and (2) to prevent such excessive trading on the exchange but off the floor by members, directly or indirectly for their own account, as the Commission may deem detrimental to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market. It shall be unlawful for a member to effect any transaction in a security in contravention of such rules and regulations, but such rules and regulations may make such exemptions for arbitrage transactions, for transactions in exempted securities, and, within the limitations of subsection (b) of this section, for transactions by odd-lot dealers and specialists, as the Commission may deem necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

(b) When not in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest

or for the protection of investors, the rules of a national securities exchange may permit (1) a member to be registered as an odd-lot dealer and as such to buy and sell for his own account so far as may be reasonably necessary to carry on such odd-lot transactions, and (or) (2) a member to be registered as a specialist. If under the rules and regulations of the Commission a specialist is permitted to act as a dealer, or is limited to acting as a dealer, such rules and regulations shall restrict his dealings so far as practicable to those reasonably necessary to permit him to maintain a fair and orderly market, and (or) to those necessary to permit him to act as an odd-lot dealer if the rules of the exchange permit him to act as an odd-lot dealer. It shall be unlawful for a specialist or an official of the exchange to disclose information in regard to orders placed with such specialist which is not available to all members of the exchange, to any person other than an official of the exchange, a representative of the Commission, or a specialist who may be acting for such specialist; but the Commission shall have power to require disclosure to all members of the exchange of all orders placed with specialists, under such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors. It shall also be unlawful for a specialist acting as a broker to effect on the exchange any transaction except upon a market or limited price order.

(c) If because of the limited volume of transactions effected on an exchange, it is in the opinion of the Commission impracticable and not necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors to apply any of the foregoing provisions of this section or the rules and regulations thereunder, the Commission shall have power, upon application of the exchange and on a showing that the rules of such exchange are otherwise adequate for the protection of investors, to exempt such exchange and its members from any such provisions or rules and regulations.

(d) It shall be unlawful for a member of a national securities exchange who is both a dealer and a broker, or for any person who both as a broker and a dealer transacts a business in securities through the medium of a member or otherwise, to effect through the use of any facility of a national securities exchange or of the mails or of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or otherwise in the case of a member, (1) any transaction in connection with which, directly or indirectly, he extends or maintains or arranges for the extension or maintenance of credit to or for a customer on any security (other than an exempted security) which was a part of a new issue in the distribution of which he participated as a member of a selling syndicate or group within six months prior to such transactions: Provided, That credit shall not be deemed extended by reason of a bona fide delayed delivery of any such security against full payment of the entire purchase price thereof upon such delivery within thirty-five days after such purchase, or (2) any transaction with respect to any security (other than an exempted security) unless, if the transaction is with a customer, he discloses to such customer in writing at or before the completion of the transaction whether he is acting as a dealer for his own account, as a broker for such customer, or as a broker for some other person.

(e) The Commission is directed to make a study of the feasibility and advisability of the complete segregation of the functions of dealer and broker, and to report the results of its study and its recommendations to the Congress on or before January 3 1936.

Registration Requirements for Securities.

Sec. 12. (a) It shall be unlawful for any member, broker, or dealer to effect any transaction in any security (other than an exempted security) on a national securities exchange unless a registration is effective as to such security for such exchange in accordance with the provisions of this title and the rules and regulations thereunder.

(b) A security may be registered on a national securities exchange by the issuer filing an application with the exchange (and filing with the Commission such duplicate originals thereof as the Commission may require), which application shall contain—

(1) Such information, in such detail, as to the issuer and any person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by, or under direct or indirect common control with, the issuer, and any guarantor of the security as to principal or interest or both, as the Commission may by rules and regulations require, as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors, in respect of the following:

(A) the organization, financial structure and nature of the business;

(B) the terms, position, rights, and privileges of the different classes of securities outstanding;

(C) the terms on which their securities are to be, and during the preceding three years have been, offered to the public or otherwise;

(D) the directors, officers, and underwriters, and each security holder of record holding more than 10 per centum of any class of any equity security of the issuer (other than an exempted security), their remuneration and their interests in the securities of, and their material contracts with, the issuer and any person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by, or under direct or indirect common control with, the issuer;

(E) remuneration to others than directors and officers exceeding \$20,000 per annum;

(F) bonus and profit-sharing arrangements;

(G) management and service contracts;

(H) options existing or to be created in respect of their securities;

(I) balance sheets for not more than the three preceding fiscal years, certified if required by the rules and regulations of the Commission by independent public accountants;

(J) profit and loss statements for not more than the three preceding fiscal years, certified if required by the rules and regulations of the Commission by independent public accountants; and

(K) any further financial statements which the Commission may deem necessary or appropriate for the protection of investors.

(2) Such copies of articles of incorporation, bylaws, trust indentures, or corresponding documents by whatever name known, underwriting arrangements, and other similar documents of, and voting trust agreements with respect to, the issuer and any person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by, or under direct or indirect common control with, the issuer as the Commission may require as necessary or appropriate for the proper protection of investors and to insure fair dealing in the security.

(c) If in the judgment of the Commission any information required under subsection (b) is inapplicable to any specified class or classes of issuers, the Commission shall require in lieu thereof the submission of such other information of comparable character as it may deem applicable to such class of issuers.

(d) If the exchange authorities certify to the Commission that the security has been approved by the exchange for listing and registration, the registration shall become effective thirty days after the receipt of such certification by the Commission or within such shorter period of time as the Commission may determine. A security registered with a national securities exchange may be withdrawn or stricken from listing and registration in accordance with the rules of the exchange and, upon such terms as the Commission may deem necessary to impose for the protection of investors, upon application by the issuer or the exchange to the Commission; whereupon the issuer shall be relieved from further compliance with the

provisions of this section and section 13 of this title and any rules or regulations under such sections as to the securities so withdrawn or stricken.

An unissued security may be registered only in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors. Such rules and regulations shall limit the registration of an unissued security to cases where such security is a right or the subject of a right to subscribe or otherwise acquire such security granted to holders of a previously registered security and where the primary purpose of such registration is to distribute such unissued security to such holders.

(e) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the Commission may by such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors permit securities listed on any exchange at the time the registration of such exchange as a national securities exchange becomes effective, to be registered for a period ending not later than July 1 1935, without complying with the provisions of this section.

(f) The Commission is directed to make a study of trading in unlisted securities upon exchanges and to report the results of its study and its recommendations to Congress on or before January 3 1936. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the Commission may, by such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or appropriate for the protection of investors, prescribe terms and conditions under which, upon the application of any national securities exchange, such exchange (1) may continue until June 1 1936, unlisted trading privileges to which a security had been admitted on such exchange prior to March 1, 1934, and for such purpose exempt such security and the issuer thereof from the provisions of this section and sections 13 and 16, or (2) may extend until July 1, 1935, unlisted trading privilege to any security registered on any other national securities exchange which security was listed on such other exchange on March 1, 1934.

A security for which unlisted trading privileges are so continued shall be considered a "security registered on a national securities exchange" within the meaning of this title. The rules and regulations of the Commission relating to such unlisted trading privileges for securities shall require that quotations of transactions upon any national securities exchange shall clearly indicate the difference between fully listed securities and securities admitted to unlisted trading privileges only.

Periodical and Other Reports.

Sec. 13. (a) Every issuer of a security registered on a national securities exchange shall file the information, documents, and reports below specified with the exchange (and shall file with the Commission such duplicate originals thereof as the Commission may require), in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate for the proper protection of investors and to insure fair dealing in the security—

(1) Such information and documents as the Commission may require to keep reasonably current the information and documents filed pursuant to section 12.

(2) Such annual reports, certified if required by the rules and regulations of the Commission by independent public accountants, and such quarterly reports, as the Commission may prescribe.

(b) The Commission may prescribe, in regard to reports made pursuant to this title, the form or forms in which the required information shall be set forth, the items or details to be shown in the balance sheet and the earning statement, and the methods to be followed in the preparation of reports, in the appraisal or valuation of assets and liabilities, in the determination of depreciation and depletion, in the differentiation of recurring and nonrecurring income, in the differentiation of investment and operating income, and in the preparation, where the Commission deems it necessary or desirable, of separate and (or) consolidated balance sheets or income accounts of any person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by the issuer, or any person under direct or indirect common control with the issuer; but in the case of the reports of any person whose methods of accounting are prescribed under the provisions of any law of the United States, or any rule or regulation thereunder, the rules and regulations of the Commission with respect to reports shall not be inconsistent with the requirements imposed by such law or rule or regulation in respect of the same subject matter, and, in the case of carriers subject to the provisions of section 20 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, or carriers required pursuant to any other Act of Congress to make reports of the same general character as those required under such section 20, shall permit such carriers to file with the Commission and the exchange duplicate copies of the reports and other documents filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, or with the governmental authority administering such other Act of Congress, in lieu of the reports, information and documents required under this section and section 12 in respect of the same subject matter.

(c) If in the judgment of the Commission any report required under subsection (a) is inapplicable to any specified class or classes of issuers, the Commission shall require in lieu thereof the submission of such reports of comparable character as it may deem applicable to such class or classes of issuers.

Proxies.

Sec. 14. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, by the use of the mails or by any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of any facility of any national securities exchange or otherwise to solicit or to permit the use of his name to solicit any proxy or consent or authorization in respect of any security (other than an exempted security) registered on any national securities exchange in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any member of a national securities exchange or any broker or dealer who transacts a business in securities through the medium of any such member to give a proxy, consent, or authorization in respect of any security registered on a national securities exchange and carried for the account of a customer in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

Over-the-Counter Markets.

Sec. 15. It shall be unlawful, in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest and to insure to investors protection comparable to that provided by and under authority of this title in the case of national securities exchanges, (1) for any broker or dealer, singly or with any other person or persons, to make use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce for the purpose of making or creating, or enabling another to make or create, a market, otherwise than on a national securities exchange, for both the purchase and sale of any security (other than an exempted security or commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, or commercial bills, or unregistered securities the market in which is predominantly intrastate and which have not previously been registered or listed), or (2) for any broker or dealer to use any facility of any such market. Such rules and regulations may provide for the regulation of all transactions by

brokers and dealers on any such market, for the registration with the Commission of dealers and (or) brokers making or creating such a market, and for the registration of the securities for which they make or create a market and may make special provision with respect to securities or specified classes thereof listed, or entitled to unlisted trading privileges, upon any exchange on the date of the enactment of his title, which securities are not registered under the provisions of section 12 of this title.

Directors, Officers, and Principal Stockholders.

Sec. 16. (a) Every person who is directly or indirectly the beneficial owner of more than 10 per centum of any class of any equity security (other than an exempted security) which is registered on a national securities exchange, or who is a director or an officer of the issuer of such security, shall file, at the time of the registration of such security or within ten days after he becomes such beneficial owner, director, or officer, a statement with the exchange (and a duplicate original thereof with the Commission) of the amount of all equity securities of such issuer of which he is the beneficial owner, and within ten days after the close of each calendar month thereafter, if there has been any change in such ownership during such month, shall file with the exchange a statement (and a duplicate original thereof with the Commission) indicating his ownership at the close of the calendar month, and such changes in his ownership as have occurred during such calendar month.

(b) For the purpose of preventing the unfair use of information which may have been obtained by such beneficial owner, director, or officer by reason of his relationship to the issuer, any profit realized by him from any purchase and sale, or any sale and purchase, of any equity security of such issuer (other than an exempted security) within any period of less than six months, unless such security was acquired in good faith in connection with a debt previously contracted, shall inure to and be recoverable by the issuer, irrespective of any intention on the part of such beneficial owner, director, or officer in entering into such transaction of holding the security purchased or of not repurchasing the security sold for a period exceeding six months. Suit to recover such profit may be instituted at law or in equity in any court of competent jurisdiction by the issuer, or by the owner of any security of the issuer in the name and in behalf of the issuer if the issuer shall fail or refuse to bring such suit within sixty days after request or shall fail diligently to prosecute the same thereafter; but no such suit shall be brought more than two years after the date such profit was realized. This subsection shall not be construed to cover any transaction where such beneficial owner was not such both at the time of the purchase and sale, or the sale and purchase, of the security involved, or any transaction or transactions which the Commission by rules and regulations may exempt as not comprehended within the purpose of this subsection.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any such beneficial owner, director, or officer, directly or indirectly, to sell any equity security of such issuer (other than an exempted security), if the person selling the security or his principal (1) does not own the security sold, or (2) if owning the security, does not deliver it against such sale within twenty days thereafter, or does not within five days after such sale deposit it in the mails or other usual channels of transportation; but no person shall be deemed to have violated this subsection if he proves that notwithstanding the exercise of good faith he was unable to make such delivery or deposit within such time, or that to do so would cause undue inconvenience or expense.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to foreign or domestic arbitrage transactions unless made in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission may adopt in or to carry out the purposes of this section.

Accounts and Records, Reports, Examinations of Exchanges, Members and Others.

Sec. 17. (a) Every national securities exchange, every member thereof, every broker or dealer who transacts a business in securities through the medium of any such member, and every broker or dealer making or creating a market for both the purchase and sale of securities through the use of the mails or of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, shall make, keep, and preserve for such periods, such accounts, correspondence, memoranda, papers, books, and other records, and make such reports, as the Commission by its rules and regulations may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors. Such accounts, correspondence, memoranda, papers, books, and other records shall be subject at any time or from time to time to such reasonable periodic, special, or other examinations by examiners or other representatives of the Commission as the Commission may deem necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

(b) Any broker, dealer, or other person extending credit who is subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Federal Reserve Board pursuant to this title shall make such reports to the Board as it may require as necessary or appropriate to enable it to perform the functions conferred upon it by this title. If any such broker, dealer, or other person shall fail to make any such report or fail to furnish full information therein, or, if in the judgment of the Board it is otherwise necessary, such broker, dealer, or other person shall permit such inspections to be made by the Board with respect to the business operations of such broker, dealer, or other person as the Board may deem necessary to enable it to obtain the required information.

Liability for Misleading Statements.

Sec. 18. (a) Any person who shall make or cause to be made any statement in any application, report, or document filed pursuant to this title or any rule or regulation thereunder, which statement was at the time and in the light of the circumstances under which it was made false or misleading with respect to any material fact, shall be liable to any person (not knowing that such statement was false or misleading) who, in reliance upon such statement, shall have purchased or sold a security at a price which was affected by such statement, for damages caused by such reliance, unless the person sued shall prove that he acted in good faith and had no knowledge that such statement was false or misleading. A person seeking to enforce such liability may sue at law or in equity in any court of competent jurisdiction. In any such suit the court may, in its discretion, require an undertaking for the payment of the costs of such suit, and assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against either party litigant.

(b) Every person who becomes liable to make payment under this section may recover contribution as in cases of contract from any person who, if joined in the original suit, would have been liable to make the same payment.

(c) No action shall be maintained to enforce any liability created under this section unless brought within one year after the discovery of the facts constituting the cause of action and within three years after such cause of action accrued.

Powers with Respect to Exchanges and Securities.

Sec. 19. (a) The Commission is authorized, if in its opinion such action is necessary or appropriate for the protection of investors—

(1) After appropriate notice and opportunity for hearing, by order to suspend for a period not exceeding twelve months or to withdraw the regis-

tration of a national securities exchange if the Commission finds that such exchange has violated any provision of this title or of the rules and regulations thereunder or has failed to enforce, so far as is within its power, compliance therewith by a member or by an issuer of a security registered thereon.

(2) After appropriate notice and opportunity for hearing, by order to deny, to suspend the effective date of, to suspend for a period not exceeding twelve months, or to withdraw, the registration of a security if the Commission finds that the issuer of such security has failed to comply with any provision of this title or the rules and regulations thereunder.

(3) After appropriate notice and opportunity for hearing, by order to suspend for a period not exceeding twelve months or to expel from a national securities exchange any member or officer thereof whom the Commission finds has violated any provision of this title or the rules and regulations thereunder, or has effected any transaction for any other person who, he has reason to believe, is violating in respect of such transaction any provision of this title or the rules and regulations thereunder.

(4) And if in its opinion the public interest so requires, summarily to suspend trading in any registered security on any national securities exchange for a period not exceeding ten days, or with the approval of the President, summarily to suspend all trading on any national securities exchange for a period not exceeding ninety days.

(b) The Commission is further authorized, if after making appropriate request in writing to a national securities exchange that such exchange effect on its own behalf specified changes in its rules and practices, and after appropriate notice and opportunity for hearing, the Commission determines that such exchange has not made the changes so requested, and that such changes are necessary or appropriate for the protection of investors or to insure fair dealing in securities traded in upon such exchange or to insure fair administration of such exchange, by rules or regulations or by order to alter or supplement the rules of such exchange (insofar as necessary or appropriate to effect such changes) in respect of such matters as (1) safeguards in respect of the financial responsibility of members and adequate provision against the evasion of financial responsibility through the use of corporate forms or special partnerships; (2) the limitation or prohibition of the registration or trading in any security within a specified period after the issuance or primary distribution thereof; (3) the listing or striking from listing of any security; (4) hours of trading; (5) the manner, method, and place of soliciting business; (6) fictitious or numbered accounts; (7) the time and method of making settlements, payments, and deliveries and of closing accounts; (8) the reporting of transactions on the exchange and upon tickers maintained by or with the consent of the exchange, including the method of reporting short sales, stopped sales, sales of securities of issuers in default, bankruptcy or receivership, and sales involving other special circumstances; (9) the fixing of reasonable rates of commission, interest, listing, and other charges; (10) minimum units of trading; (11) odd-lot purchases and sales; (12) minimum deposits on margin accounts; and (13) similar matters.

(c) The Commission is authorized and directed to make a study and investigation of the rules of national securities exchanges with respect to the classification of members, the methods of election of officers and committees to insure a fair representation of the membership, and the suspension, expulsion, and disciplining of members of such exchanges. The Commission shall report to the Congress on or before January 3, 1935, the results of its investigation, together with its recommendations.

Liabilities of Controlling Persons.

Sec. 20. (a) Every person who, directly or indirectly, controls any person liable under any provision of this title or of any rule or regulation thereunder shall also be liable jointly and severally with and to the same extent as such controlled person to any person to whom such controlled person is liable, unless the controlling person acted in good faith and did not directly or indirectly induce the act or acts constituting the violation or cause of action.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, to do any act or thing which it would be unlawful for such person to do under the provisions of this title or any rule or regulation thereunder through or by means of any other person.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any director or officer of, or any owner of any of the securities issued by, any issuer of any security registered on a national securities exchange, without just cause to hinder, delay, or obstruct the making or filing of any document, report, or information, required to be filed under this title or any rule or regulation thereunder.

Investigations; Injunctions and Prosecution of Offenses.

Sec. 21. (a) The Commission may, in its discretion, make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine whether any person has violated or is about to violate any provision of this title or any rule or regulation thereunder, and may require or permit any person to file with it a statement in writing, under oath or otherwise as the Commission shall determine, as to all the facts and circumstances concerning the matter to be investigated. The Commission is authorized, in its discretion, to publish information concerning any such violations, and to investigate any facts, conditions, practices, or matters which it may deem necessary or proper to aid in the enforcement of the provisions of this title, in the prescribing of rules and regulations thereunder, or in securing information to serve as a basis for recommending further legislation concerning the matters to which this title relates.

(b) For the purpose of any such investigation, or any other proceeding under this title, any member of the Commission or any officer designated by it is empowered to administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, take evidence, and require the production of any books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, or other records which the Commission deems relevant or material to the inquiry. Such attendance of witnesses and the production of any such records may be required from any place in the United States or any State at any designated place of hearing.

(c) In case of contumacy by, or refusal to obey a subpoena issued to, any person, the Commission may invoke the aid of any court of the United States within the jurisdiction of which such investigation or proceeding is carried on, or where such person resides or carries on business, in requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, and other records. And such court may issue an order requiring such person to appear before the Commission or member or officer designated by the Commission, there to produce records, if so ordered, or to give testimony touching the matter under investigation or in question; and any failure to obey such order of the court may be punished by such court as a contempt thereof. All process in any such case may be served in the judicial district whereof such person is an inhabitant or wherever he may be found. Any person who shall, without just cause, fail or refuse to attend and testify or to answer any lawful inquiry or to produce books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, and other records, if in his power so to do, in obedience to the subpoena of the Commission, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than one year, or both.

(d) No person shall be excused from attending and testifying or from producing books, papers, contracts, agreements, and other records and documents before the Commission, or in obedience to the subpoena of the Commission or any member thereof or any officer designated by it, or in any cause or proceeding instituted by the Commission, on the ground that the testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, required of him may tend to incriminate him or subject him to a penalty or forfeiture; but no individual shall be prosecuted or subject to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter, or thing concerning which he is compelled, after having claimed his privilege against self-incrimination, to testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, except that such individual so testifying shall not be exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed in so testifying.

(e) Whenever it shall appear to the Commission that any person is engaged or about to engage in any acts or practices which constitute or will constitute a violation of the provisions of this title, or of any rule or regulation thereunder, it may in its discretion bring an action in the proper district court of the United States, the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, or the United States courts of any Territory or other place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, to enjoin such acts or practices, and upon a proper showing a permanent or temporary injunction or restraining order shall be granted without bond. The Commission may transmit such evidence as may be available concerning such acts or practices to the Attorney General, who may, in his discretion, institute the necessary criminal proceedings under this title.

(f) Upon application of the Commission the district courts of the United States, the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and the United States courts of any Territory or other place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, shall also have jurisdiction to issue writs of mandamus commanding any person to comply with the provisions of this title or any order of the Commission made in pursuance thereof.

Hearings by Commission.

Sec. 22. Hearings may be public and may be held before the Commission, any member or members thereof, or any officer or officers of the Commission designated by it, and appropriate records thereof shall be kept.

Rules and Regulations Annual Reports.

Sec. 23. (a) The Commission and the Federal Reserve Board shall each have power to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the execution of the functions vested in them by this title, and may for such purpose classify issuers, securities, exchanges, and other persons or matters within their respective jurisdictions.

(b) The Commission and the Federal Reserve Board, respectively, shall include in their annual reports to Congress such information, data, and recommendation for further legislation as they may deem advisable with regard to matters within their respective jurisdictions under this title.

Information Filed With the Commission.

Sec. 24. (a) Nothing in this title shall be construed to require, or to authorize the Commission to require, the revealing of trade secrets or processes in any application, report, or document filed with the Commission under this title.

(b) Any person filing any such application, report, or document may make written objection to the public disclosure of information contained therein, stating the grounds for such objection, and the Commission is authorized to hear objections in any such case where it deems it advisable. The Commission may, in such cases, make available to the public the information contained in any such application, report, or document only when in its judgment a disclosure of such information is in the public interest; and copies of information so made available may be furnished to any person at such reasonable charge and under such reasonable limitations as the Commission may prescribe.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any member, officer, or employee of the Commission to disclose to any person other than a member, officer, or employee of the Commission, or to use for personal benefit, any information contained in any application, report, or document filed with the Commission which is not made available to the public pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Provided, That the Commission may make available to the Federal Reserve Board any information requested by the Board for the purpose of enabling it to perform its duties under this title.

Court Review of Orders.

Sec. 25. (a) Any person aggrieved by an order issued by the Commission in a proceeding under this title to which such person is a party may obtain a review of such order in the Circuit Court of Appeals of the United States, within any circuit wherein such person resides or has his principal place of business, or in the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, by filing in such court, within sixty days after the entry of such order, a written petition praying that the order of the Commission be modified or set aside in whole or in part. A copy of such petition shall be forthwith served upon any member of the Commission, and thereupon the Commission shall certify and file in the court a transcript of the record upon which the order complained of was entered. Upon the filing of such transcript such court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to affirm, modify, and enforce or set aside such order, in whole or in part. No objection to the order of the Commission shall be considered by the court unless such objection shall have been urged before the Commission. The finding of the Commission as to the facts, if supported by substantial evidence, shall be conclusive. If either party shall apply to the court for leave to adduce additional evidence, and shall show to the satisfaction of the court that such additional evidence is material and that there were reasonable grounds for failure to adduce such evidence in the hearing before the Commission, the court may order such additional evidence to be taken before the Commission and to be adduced upon the hearing in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as to the court may seem proper. The Commission may modify its findings as to the facts, by reason of the additional evidence so taken, and it shall file such modified or new findings, which, if supported by substantial evidence, shall be conclusive, and its recommendation, if any, for the modification or setting aside of the original order. The judgment and decree of the court, affirming, modifying, and enforcing or setting aside, in whole or in part, any such order of the Commission, shall be final, subject to review by the Supreme Court of the United States upon certiorari or certification as provided in sections 239 and 240 of the Judicial Code, as amended (U.S.C., title 28, secs. 36 and 37).

(b) The commencement of proceedings under subsection (a) shall not, unless specifically ordered by the court, operate as a stay of the Commission's order.

Unlawful Representations.

Sec. 26. No action or failure to act by the Commission or the Federal Reserve Board, in the administration of this title shall be construed to mean that the particular authority has in any way passed upon the merits of, or given approval to, any security or any transaction or transactions therein, nor shall such action or failure to act with regard to any statement or report filed with or examined by such authority pursuant to this title or rules and

regulations thereunder, be deemed a finding by such authority that such statement or report is true and accurate on its face or that it is not false or misleading. It shall be unlawful to make, or cause to be made, to any prospective purchaser or seller of a security any representation that any such action or failure to act by any such authority is to be so construed or has such effect.

Jurisdiction of Offenses and Suits.

Sec. 27. The district courts of the United States, the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and the United States courts of any Territory or other place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States shall have exclusive jurisdiction of violations of this title or the rules and regulations thereunder, and of all suits in equity and actions at law brought to enforce any liability or duty created by this title or the rules and regulations thereunder. Any criminal proceeding may be brought in the district wherein any act or transaction constituting the violation occurred. Any suit or action to enforce any liability or duty created by this title or rules and regulations thereunder, or to enjoin any violation of such title or rules and regulations, may be brought in any such district or in the district wherein the defendant is found or is an inhabitant or transacts business, and process in such cases may be served in any other district of which the defendant is an inhabitant or wherever the defendant may be found. Judgments and decrees so rendered shall be subject to review as provided in sections 128 and 240 of the Judicial Code, as amended (U.S.C., title 28, secs. 225 and 347). No costs shall be assessed for or against the Commission in any proceeding under this title brought by or against it in the Supreme Court or such other courts.

Effect on Existing Law.

Sec. 28. (a) The rights and remedies provided by this title shall be in addition to any and all other rights and remedies that may exist at law or in equity; but no person permitted to maintain a suit for damages under the provisions of this title shall recover, through satisfaction of judgment in one or more actions, a total amount in excess of his actual damages on account of the act complained of. Nothing in this title shall affect the jurisdiction of the securities commission (or any agency or officer performing like functions) of any State over any security or any person insofar as it does not conflict with the provisions of this title or the rules and regulations thereunder.

(b) Nothing in this title shall be construed to modify existing law (1) with regard to the binding effect on any member of any exchange of any action taken by the authorities of such exchange to settle disputes between its members, or (2) with regard to the binding effect of such action on any person who has agreed to be bound thereby, or (3) with regard to the binding effect on any such member of any disciplinary action taken by the authorities of the exchange as a result of violation of any rule of the exchange, insofar as the action taken is not inconsistent with the provisions of this title or the rules and regulations thereunder.

Validity of Contracts.

Sec. 29. (a) Any condition, stipulation, or provision binding any person to waive compliance with any provision of this title or of any rule or regulation thereunder, or of any rule of an exchange required thereby shall be void.

(b) Every contract made in violation of any provision of this title or of any rule or regulation thereunder, and every contract (including any contract for listing a security on an exchange) heretofore or hereafter made the performance of which involves the violation of, or the continuance of any relationship or practice in violation of, any provision of this title or any rule or regulation thereunder, shall be void (1) as regards the rights of any person who, in violation of any such provision, rule, or regulation, shall have made or engaged in the performance of any such contract, and (2) as regards the rights of any person who, not being a party to such contract, shall have acquired any right thereunder with actual knowledge of the facts by reason of which the making or performance of such contract was in violation of any such provision, rule or regulation.

(c) Nothing in this title shall be construed (1) to affect the validity of any loan or extension of credit (or any extension or renewal thereof) made or of any lien created prior or subsequent to the enactment of this title, unless at the time of the making of such loan or extension of credit (or extension or renewal thereof) or the creating of such lien, the person making such loan or extension of credit (or extension or renewal thereof) or acquiring such lien shall have actual knowledge of facts by reason of which the making of such loan or extension of credit (or extension or renewal thereof) or the acquisition of such lien is a violation of the provisions of this title or any rule or regulation thereunder, or (2) to afford a defense to the collection of any debt or obligation or the enforcement of any lien by any person who shall have acquired such debt, obligation, or lien in good faith for value and without actual knowledge of the violation of any provision of this title or any rule or regulation thereunder affecting the legality of such debt, obligation, or lien.

Foreign Securities Exchanges.

Sec. 30. (a) It shall be unlawful for any broker or dealer, directly or indirectly, to make use of the mails or of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce for the purpose of effecting on an exchange not within or subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, any transaction in any security the issuer of which is a resident of, or is organized under the laws of, or has its principal place of business in, a place within or subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors or to prevent the evasion of this title.

(b) The provisions of this title or of any rule or regulation thereunder shall not apply to any person insofar as he transacts a business in securities without the jurisdiction of the United States, unless he transacts such business in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate to prevent the evasion of this title.

Registration Fees.

Sec. 31. Every national securities exchange shall pay to the Commission on or before March 15 of each calendar year a registration fee for the privilege of doing business as a national securities exchange during the preceding calendar year or any part thereof. Such fee shall be in an amount equal to one five-hundredths of 1 per centum of the aggregate dollar amount of the sales of securities transacted on such national securities exchange during the preceding calendar year and subsequent to its registration as a national securities exchange.

Penalties.

Sec. 32. Any person who willfully violates any provision of this title, or any rule or regulation thereunder the violation of which is made unlawful or the observance of which is required under the terms of this title, or any person who willfully and knowingly makes, or causes to be made, any statement in any application, report, or document required to be filed under this title or any rule or regulation thereunder, which statement

was false or misleading with respect to any material fact, shall upon conviction be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than two years, or both, except that when such person is an exchange, a fine not exceeding \$500,000 may be imposed; but no person shall be subject to imprisonment under this section for the violation of any rule or regulation if he proves that he had no knowledge of such rule or regulation.

Separability of Provisions.

Sec. 33. If any provision of this Act, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid, the remainder of the Act, and the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

Effective Date.

Sec. 34. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 1934, except that sections 6 and 12 (b), (c), (d), and (e) shall become effective on September 1, 1934; and sections 5, 7, 8, 9 (a) (6), 10, 11, 12 (a), 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 30 shall become effective on October 1, 1934.

The Course of the Bond Market

Recent trends have been continued this week, with high grades and United States Government issues advancing fractionally to new high levels. Lower-grade bonds showed no definite trend during the greater part of the week, but were, if anything, slightly better, in contrast to a moderate decline last week. On Friday there was a substantial rally, particularly among the lower-grade rail issues.

The announcement was made on Monday of an offering for cash by the United States Treasury of two new issues, \$300,000,000 of 12 to 14-year 3s and \$500,000,000 of 5-year 2½s. Additional amounts of the 3s were offered for exchange to holders of some \$520,000,000 of certificates and notes due June 15 and Aug. 1, thus seeking to refund 2-year and 9-month maturities into a longer term issue. Large oversubscriptions were announced and the new issues were quoted at sizable premiums in the "when issued" market.

This financing has contributed to a confident tone among gilt-edge bonds. The large financing requirements of the Treasury in the coming fiscal year seem to point to the need of similarly conservative financing methods in the near future and thus tend to weaken the threat of further dollar manipulation. The strength of the dollar abroad, the persistently large excess reserves of banks, the Treasury stabilization fund and the recently modified Administration's policy toward commodity prices, are all factors making for strength in the high grade bond market at present.

New high levels were again reached by some high-grade railroad bonds; medium-grade issues were also strong. Chesapeake & Ohio ref. 4½s, 1995, closed at 104¾, up 1½ since a week ago; Illinois Central ref. 5s, 1955, at 94 were unchanged; Union Pacific 5s, 2008, ended the week at 114½, ¾ of a point above last Friday's price. A better tone was evident throughout the second and lower-grade rail list with substantial gains scored during the latter part of the week. Chicago Milwaukee St Paul & Pacific adj. 5s, 2000, closed at 15¼, up 2¾ points; Erie ref. 5s, 1975, closed at 74, a gain of 3¾; Missouri Pacific gen. 4s, 1975, at 14¼ compared with 13 last week; New York, Chicago & St. Louis ref. 4½s, 1978, closed at 64⅞, compared with 61¼ a week ago.

High-grade utility bonds continued their slow but steady advance, many issues again establishing new highs, such as Bell Tel. Penn. 5s, 1960; N. Y. Gas Electric Light Heat & Power 4s, 1949, and Duquesne Light 4½s, 1957. Lower grades fluctuated within a narrow range, although the general tendency was higher. Since a week ago, Cities Service 5s, 1950, were up 1½ points at 48½; Electric Power & Light 5s, 2030, were down ⅜ at 41⅞; Peoples Gas 6s, 1957, declined ½ to 90, and Associated Gas & Electric 4½s, 1949, were up ⅝ at 17½.

The industrial group continued in a relatively narrow price range with the volume of transactions light. No marked trend was evident, most representative issues recording only fractional changes. The widest variations were seen in steel issues with Republic Iron & Steel 5½s, 1953, declining 1¾ to 86⅞, while Otis Steel 6s, 1941, advanced 8 points to 65 upon the announcement that the March, 1933, coupons would be met. Fluctuations in oils and tire issues were small, and meat packing bonds were steady. National Dairy 5½s, 1948, advanced 1¼ to 96, the year's high.

Foreign issues showed moderate declines. German bonds continued weak, particularly Government issues. Others with a downward tendency included Cuban and Scandinavian obligations. South American issues held steady and Italians showed resistance to further declines.

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

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

Table with columns for 1934 Daily Averages, U. S. Gov. Bonds, 120 Domestic Corporate by Ratings (Aaa, Aa, A, Baa), and 120 Domestic Corporate by Groups (RR, P. U., Indus.).

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

Table with columns for 1934 Daily Averages, All 120 Domestic, 120 Domestic Corporate by Ratings (Aaa, Aa, A, Baa), 120 Domestic Corporate by Groups (RR, P. U., Indus.), and †† 30 Foreign.

* These prices are computed from average yields on the basis of one "ideal" bond (4% coupon, maturing in 31 years) and do not purport to show either the average level or the average movement of actual price quotations. † The latest complete list of bonds used in computing these indexes was published in the issue of Feb. 10 1934, page 920.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME. Friday Night, June 8 1934.

There was still a good business going on despite the severe drouth in the American grain belts and in Canada. Retail sales increased and wholesale trade was of steady volume. Moreover, there was a further increase in steel operations, and while this was due undoubtedly to a desire to stock up because of fears of a strike, there were those who ascribed it, in part, at least, to an increase in the demand.

country. The rains, it was contended, were not sufficient, however, to help grain crops. In the South the weather was unfavorable for the cotton crop. Rains were beneficial in some sections, while other parts of the belt received unwelcomed moisture. In parts of Ohio temperatures were up to 103 degrees, and four died from the heat.

Fewer Surplus Freight Cars in Good Repair.

According to the American Railway Association, Class I railroads on May 14, had 359,560 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service. This was a decrease of 8,804 compared with April 30, at which time there were 368,364 surplus freight cars.

Moody's Daily Index of Staple Commodity Prices Displays Firm Tendency.

Primary commodity markets have displayed a satisfactory degree of firmness during the current week. Although wheat and corn lost approximately half of their gains of the

previous week, Moody's Daily Index of Staple Commodity Prices was able to consolidate its gains and even advanced slightly to 137.0, which is the best mark since the middle of April.

Seven of the 15 commodities contained in the Index advanced in price during the week by substantial amounts, offsetting fair sized losses in wheat and corn and fractional declines in coffee, wool and silk. The advances were in cotton, rubber, hides, hogs, sugar, cocoa and silver, in the order of their importance. Steel scrap, copper and lead were unchanged, although an advance of 1/2 cent in copper is announced to take effect to-day (June 9).

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

Fri., June 1	136.1	2 weeks ago, May 25	133.3
Sat., June 2	135.3	Month ago, May 8	136.4
Mon., June 4	133.8	Year ago, June 8, 1933	120.6
Tues., June 5	136.1	1933 High, July 18	148.9
Wed., June 6	136.1	Low, Feb. 4	78.7
Thurs. June 7	136.3	1934 High, Feb. 16	140.4
Fri., June 8	137.0	Low, Jan. 2	126.0

Increase of 1.1 Points Noted in "Annalist" Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

Higher Prices for wheat, cotton, steers and anthracite carried the "Annalist" weekly index of wholesale commodity prices up to 112.9 on June 5, a gain for the week of 1.1 points, that left it at a new high since early 1931, and in terms of the old gold dollar at the highest level since Dec. 12. In stating this, the "Annalist" said:

The indices for the farm and food products groups made the largest advances, partly in response to the drought situation; the fuels and miscellaneous groups also advanced. Textiles and the metals declined moderately.

THE "ANNALIST" WEEKLY INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES.

Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation. 1913=100.

	June 5 1934.	May 29 1934.	June 6 1933.
Farm products	96.9	a95.2	82.5
Food products	111.1	109.6	97.8
Textile products	*111.6	a112.2	95.4
Fuels	164.3	163.7	95.9
Metals	111.9	112.1	99.3
Building materials	114.0	114.0	107.0
Chemicals	99.6	99.6	96.2
Miscellaneous	89.8	89.2	78.1
All commodities	112.9	111.8	92.9
b All commodities on old dollar basis	67.1	66.4	77.6

* Preliminary. a Revised. b Based on exchange quotations for France, Switzerland, Holland and Belgium.

Election of Officers of New York Produce Exchange—Samuel Knighton Re-elected President for Third Term.

Samuel Knighton was re-elected President of the New York Produce Exchange for a third term at the annual election held June 4. Thomas F. Baker was re-elected Vice-President and John M. Murray was re-elected Treasurer. The following were re-elected members of the Board of Managers to serve for two years:

Carl F. Andrus, Gerlad F. Earle, L. C. Isbister, Clifford B. Merritt, F. O. Seaver and T. R. Van Boskerck.

B. H. Wunder was re-elected a trustee of the gratuity fund for three years.

All of the above were elected without a dissenting vote, the Exchange said.

New York Wool Top Exchange Elects Officers—Philip B. Weld Elected President.

The New York Wool Top Exchange elected Philip B. Weld President, Arthur R. Marsh First Vice-President, Joseph R. Walker Second Vice-President, and Clayton B. Jones Treasurer on June 4. One new member, H. Clyde Moore of Boston, was elected to the Board of Governors of the Exchange. The other members of the board who were re-elected are as follows:

William A. Boger, H. Nicholas Edwards, Frank J. Knell, Elwood P. McEnany, Henry H. Royce, Gordon S. Smillie, Max W. Stoehr, Alvin L. Wachsmann, Herbert K. Webb, and J. Victor di Zerega.

E. Malcolm Deacon, James B. Irwin and Byrd W. Wenman were elected inspectors of election.

Wholesale Commodity Prices Higher During Week of June 2 According to National Fertilizer Association.

Wholesale commodity prices advanced during the week ended June 2 according to the index of The National Fertilizer Association. When computed for the latest week this index showed a gain of three points, advancing from 71.4 to 71.7, the Association announced. During the preceding week the index declined three points. A month ago the index stood at 71.2. The latest index number is, therefore, five points higher than it was a month ago. A year ago the index stood at 60.8. (The three-year average 1926-1928 equals 100.) Under date of June 4 the Association further said:

During the latest week seven of the 14 groups in the index were active. Four groups advanced and three declined. Grains, feeds and livestock made the most outstanding gain due to large advances in the prices for wheat, corn, and other grains. Fats and oils, building materials, and fertilizer materials also advanced. The declining groups were foods, miscellaneous commodities and metals.

Thirty-three individual commodities showed advancing prices while 17 showed lower prices during the latest week. During the preceding week there were 12 advances and 31 declines. Two weeks ago there were 34 advances and 26 declines. Wheat at Chicago advanced from 91 cents to \$1.02 a bushel, while at Minneapolis it advanced about 15 cents a bushel. Corn advanced about six cents a bushel and oats about eight cents a bushel. Cotton advanced about 1-10th of a cent, to approximately 11 1/2 cents a pound. Heavy weight hogs advanced while light weight hogs declined. Other commodities that advanced included lard, butter, cottonseed meal, coffee, eggs, flour, feedstuffs, silver, cement, paint, and rubber. The list of declining commodities included wool, burlap, silk, cottonseed oil, tallow, calfskins, hides, lambs, heavy melting steel, zinc, tin, lumber, and turpentine. For the most part the declining commodities showed only slight recessions.

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

Per Cent Each Group Bears to the Total Index.	Group.	Latest Week June 2 1934.	Preceding Week.	Month Ago.	Year Ago.
23.2	Foods	71.1	71.5	71.4	61.2
16.0	Fuel	70.1	70.1	69.1	48.5
12.8	Grains, feeds and livestock	57.3	54.7	53.0	49.8
10.1	Textiles	68.4	68.4	67.8	55.6
8.5	Miscellaneous commodities	69.5	69.6	70.8	61.9
6.7	Automobiles	91.3	91.3	91.3	84.4
6.6	Building materials	81.3	81.0	81.0	71.9
6.2	Metals	84.0	84.1	84.4	73.4
4.0	House-furnishing goods	85.8	85.8	85.6	75.2
3.8	Fats and oils	50.6	49.0	50.3	50.4
1.0	Chemicals and drugs	93.2	93.2	93.0	87.2
.4	Fertilizer materials	65.0	64.7	65.5	64.6
.4	Mixed fertilizers	76.6	76.6	76.1	65.9
.3	Agricultural implements	92.4	92.4	92.4	90.2
100.0	All groups combined	71.7	71.4	71.2	60.8

Loadings of Revenue Freight in Latest Week 12.8% Higher than in Corresponding Period Last Year.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended June 2 1934 amounted to 578,541 cars, a decrease of 46,026 cars or 7.3% under the preceding week, but was, however, 65,567 cars, or 12.8% higher than in the same period in 1933. It was also a gain of 131,129 cars, or 29.3% over the comparable week in 1932. Total loading for the week ended May 26 1934 exceeded the corresponding 1932 week by 19.8%. In the week ended May 1934 increases over the like periods in 1933 and 1932 totaled 14.1% and 18.5%, respectively.

The first 16 major railroads to report for the week ended June 2 1934 loaded a total of 245,036 cars of revenue freight on their own lines, compared with 266,319 cars in the preceding week and 277,114 cars in the seven days ended June 3 1933. During the week ended May 27 of last year these same roads loaded 241,057 cars. With the exception of the International-Great Northern RR., all of the carriers in the following table continued to show increases over the comparable period last year:

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

	Loaded on Own Lines—			Received from Connections—		
	Weeks Ended—	Weeks Ended—	Weeks Ended—	Weeks Ended—	Weeks Ended—	Weeks Ended—
	June 2 1934.	May 26 1934.	June 3 1933.	June 2 1934.	May 26 1934.	June 3 1933.
Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.	17,182	18,690	16,011	3,967	4,384	3,794
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.	20,210	20,377	17,477	7,915	8,038	7,871
Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.	12,799	14,035	12,451	5,905	6,024	5,570
Chic. Milw. St. Paul & Pac. Ry.	15,632	17,363	15,740	5,621	6,030	5,761
Chicago & North Western Ry.	13,881	15,122	13,275	7,461	8,065	7,410
Gulf Coast Lines	2,590	2,910	4,382	1,807	y1,879	1,442
International Great Northern RR.	2,340	2,626	1,731	1,259	1,419	946
Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines	3,867	4,271	4,155	2,610	2,587	1,922
Missouri Pacific RR.	11,963	12,895	11,970	7,211	y7,773	6,963
New York Central Lines	38,848	43,322	36,834	52,096	56,351	47,121
New York Chicago & St. Louis Ry.	4,810	5,091	3,817	7,479	7,657	6,071
Norfolk & Western Ry.	17,476	18,616	14,568	3,411	3,834	3,703
Pennsylvania RR.	51,266	56,783	47,760	35,889	38,630	30,893
Pere Marquette Ry.	4,825	5,748	4,282	4,136	4,147	x
Southern Pacific Lines	22,672	23,095	18,196	x	x	3,576
Wabash Ry.	4,675	5,375	4,405	6,481	7,421	6,312
Total	245,036	266,319	227,114	153,248	164,239	139,955

x Not reported. y Corrected figure.

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

	Weeks Ended—		
	June 2 1934.	May 26 1934.	June 3 1933.
Chic. Rock Island & Pacific Ry.	19,317	20,703	19,897
Illinois Central System	24,854	26,128	22,666
St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.	11,803	12,193	10,859
Total	55,974	59,024	53,422

The American Railway Association, in reviewing the week ended May 26, reported as follows:

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended May 26 totaled 624,567 cars, an increase of 13,425 cars above the preceding week, 79,016 cars above the corresponding week in 1933, and 103,318 cars above the corresponding week in 1932.

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of May 26 totaled 244,171 cars, an increase of 2,751 cars above the preceding week, 34,914 cars above the corresponding week in 1933, and 48,343 cars above the corresponding week in 1932.

DATA FOR RECENT MONTHS.

Month of—	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.	1934 Over 1933.
January	7,131,158,000	6,480,897,000	7,011,736,000	7,435,782,000	10.0%
February	6,608,356,000	5,835,263,000	6,494,091,000	6,678,915,000	13.2%
March	7,198,232,000	6,182,281,000	6,771,684,000	7,370,687,000	16.4%
April	6,024,855,000	6,024,855,000	6,294,302,000	7,184,514,000	---
May	6,532,686,000	6,219,554,000	7,180,210,000	---	---
June	6,809,440,000	6,130,077,000	7,070,729,000	---	---
July	7,058,600,000	6,112,175,000	7,286,576,000	---	---
August	7,218,678,000	6,310,667,000	7,166,086,000	---	---
September	6,931,652,000	6,317,733,000	7,099,421,000	---	---
October	7,094,412,000	6,633,865,000	7,331,380,000	---	---
November	6,831,573,000	6,507,804,000	6,971,644,000	---	---
December	7,009,164,000	6,638,424,000	7,288,025,000	---	---
Total	80,009,501,000	77,442,112,000	86,063,969,000	---	---

Note.—The monthly figures shown above are based on reports covering approximately 92% of the electric light and power industry and the weekly figures are based on about 70%.

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

“The level of general business activity appears to have been fairly stable during April and the first half of May,” states the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in presenting its monthly indexes of business activity in its “Monthly Review” of June 1. The Bank further says:

This stability is reflected in the Reserve Banks diagram, which shows the weekly index of merchandise and miscellaneous freight traffic computed by this Bank. Since the middle of January railway freight traffic of these two classifications has shown only slight fluctuations, after seasonal adjustment, around a level about as high as at any time since early 1932, but has remained far below the long term trend indicated by the data for past years. Retail trade in New York and vicinity during the first half of May also showed about the usual change from the April level, which appears to have been somewhat higher than in January and February, although below the relatively high level of March.

Passenger automobile registrations and the volume of advertising showed little change in April, after seasonal adjustment, but increases occurred in this bank's indexes of the volume of check payments and foreign trade. The movement of bulk commodities by rail diminished somewhat, but the decline was wholly accounted for by a sharp reduction in coal shipments.

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

	April 1933.	Feb. 1934.	March 1934.	April 1934.
Primary Distribution—				
Car loadings, merchandise and miscellaneous	52	60	60	60
Car loadings, other	51	68	69	60
Exports	42	55	55p	59p
Imports	49	53	59p	63p
Waterways traffic	42	39	66	---
Wholesale trade	85	96	96	86
Distribution to Consumer—				
Department store sales, United States	75	70	74	72
Department store sales, Second District	81	69	77	73
Chain grocery sales	60	49	49	47
Other chain store sales	75	76	80	72
Mall order house sales	72	72	61	72
Advertising	50	55p	59p	60p
Gasoline consumption	68	68	70	---
Passenger automobile registrations	28	42	49p	50p
General Business Activity—				
Bank debits, outside of New York City	55	59	60	66p
Bank debits, New York City	53	49	47	56
Velocity of demand deposits, outside of N. Y. City	72	72	72	77
Velocity of demand deposits, New York City	52	59	54	63
Shares sold on New York Stock Exchange	125	150	62	64
Life insurance paid for	67	68	67	73
Employment in the United States	59	76	79	---
Business failures	85	43	41	46
Building contracts	11	28	30	22
New corporations formed in New York State	71	56	56	60
Real estate transfers	58	46	47	---
General price level*	124	136	136p	137p
Composite index of wages*	170	180	181p	183p
Cost of living*	126	138	139	139

p Preliminary. * 1913 average=100.

Only Seasonal Changes Noted in Business Activity in New England from March to April.

The Boston Federal Reserve Bank, in its “Monthly Review” of June 1, stated that “practically no change other than seasonal occurred between March and April in the level of general business activity in New England, moderate declines of seasonal character in some lines of industry having been offset by slight increases in others, while sales of reporting department stores in this District during April were in approximately the same volume as in April 1933.” The Bank continued:

Between March and July 1933, industrial activity in New England expanded more rapidly than in any previous period, receding during the last five months of the year. Therefore, comparisons between March to July 1934, and the corresponding months last year reflect the unusual conditions of 1933 rather than the current situation.

In the textile industry the daily average amount of raw cotton consumed by New England mills during April was 4,130 bales, as compared with 3,990 bales in March, and 3,195 bales in April 1933. During 13 consecutive months including April 1934, the daily average amount was larger than in the corresponding months a year earlier. Raw wool consumption in the mills in this District, on a daily average basis, decreased between February and March, and again between March and April. March was the only one of the first four months of 1934 during which wool consumption was larger than in the corresponding month of 1933.

Production of boots and shoes in this District during April is estimated to have exceeded March production by a moderate amount, based upon the facts that employment in Massachusetts boot and shoe manufacturing establishments was reported to have gained 4.7% between these months, and aggregate payrolls in the industry increased 1.7%. Actual data on production for April are not yet available.

The total value of new construction contracts awarded in New England in April was \$12,631,000, an amount approximately the same as in March and double the total value for April 1933. A seasonally corrected index of the volume (square feet) of residential building contracts awarded in this district in April was 17.8% of the 1923-24-25 average, compared with 13.9% in April 1933. A similar index for the volume of commercial and industrial building contracts awarded in this District stood at 11.2% in April 1933, and in April 1934, had risen to 17.9% of the 1923-24-25 average.

Between March and April 1934, an increase of 1.0% occurred in the number of wage-earners employed in representative manufacturing establishments in Massachusetts, according to the Department of Labor and Industries, and the amount of aggregate weekly payrolls increased by 0.2%; average weekly earnings per person employed, however, decreased 0.7%.

Employment and Payrolls in Steel Industry Increased During April—General 10% Wage Increase on April 1 Shown in Figures of American Iron & Steel Institute.

Payrolls in the steel industry were larger by \$4,208,508 during April than they were in the preceding month, and employment increased by 11,809 according to the latest figures on hours and wages announced June 1 by the American Iron & Steel Institute. Wages and salaries increased during the month to \$45,471,878, of which \$36,778,026 went to wage earners. These figures reflect the general 10% increase which was granted to wage earners in the steel industry on April 1, the Institute said. It added:

While the hourly wage rates increased 10% during the month, employment rose to a total of 431,086. Of this number, 392,069 are wage earners. This is approximately 93% as many wage earners as were employed in the industry at the high point of 1929. The average hourly earnings among the wage earners was 64.8 in April, as compared to 58.9 in the preceding month. The current wage rate is approximately 7% above the 1929 wage level.

In the 10 months since last June, the steel industry has increased its operating rate from 45.96% of capacity to 54.19, a gain of 3.23 points or 17%. At the same time, the total monthly wages have increased 50%; the number of wage earners has increased 28% and hourly wage rates have risen 37%, while the average number of hours worked per week has declined 14%.

Since last June, 92,940 people have been added to the steel industry's payrolls. Total hours worked per month have increased 9.8% from 51,645,321 to 56,723,813 and hours worked per man have declined from 39.7 to 34.4.

Lumber Orders to Date This Year Balance Production—Week Ended June 2 Lowest Since January.

Due partly to the Decoration Day holiday and partly to the longshoremen's strike on the Pacific Coast which is tying up all water shipments, the lumber movement during the week ended June 2 1934, was the lowest of any week since January, production, shipments and orders all declining to mid-winter levels. This comparison is based upon telegraphic reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from regional associations covering the operations of 1,425 mills whose production was 153,262,000 feet; shipments, 149,751,000 feet; orders, 153,264,000 feet. Revised figures for 1,510 mills for the week ended May 26 were production 187,988,000 feet; shipments, 171,499,000 feet; orders 201,627,000 feet. Revised reports for the week ended May 19 indicated its new business was the heaviest of any week of 1934 to date, or 221,589,000 feet. The National Lumber Manufacturers Association in reviewing lumber operations for the week ended June 2, further stated:

Softwood groups reported orders above production except Western Pine, Northern Pine and Northern Hemlock. Total softwood orders were 2% above production. All hardwood regions reported orders below output, total hardwood orders showing loss of 13% under output.

As during the five previous weeks orders fell below those of corresponding week of 1933, all regions but California Redwood reporting decline. Total orders were 40% below those of similar week of last year; production was 12% below that of a year ago and shipments were 33% below their last year's record.

Unfilled orders on June 2 were again below those of corresponding date of 1933, being the equivalent of 28 days' average production of reporting mills compared with 30 days a year ago.

During 22 weeks of 1934 to date, orders approximately balance production. They are only 6% above orders of similar period of 1933. Production is 44% above that of the same weeks of last year.

Forest products carloadings during the week ended May 26 were 25,894 cars, an increase of 987 cars above the preceding week; 3,074 cars above the same week of 1933 and 7,891 cars above similar week of 1932.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended June 2 1934 by 980 softwood mills totaled 134,362,000 feet; or 2% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 126,604,000 feet, or 4% below production. Production was 131,412,000 feet.

Reports from 491 hardwood mills give new business as 18,902,000 feet, or 13% below production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 23,147,000 feet, or 6% above production. Production was 21,850,000 feet.

Unfilled Orders and Stocks.

Reports from 1,658 mills on June 2 1934, give unfilled orders of 950,597,000 feet and gross stocks of 5,289,727,000 feet. The 510 identical mills report unfilled orders as 640,556,000 feet on June 2 1934, or the equivalent of 28 days' average production, as compared with 685,568,000 feet, or the equivalent of 30 days' average production on similar data a year ago.

Identical Mill Reports.

Last week's production of 401 identical softwood mills was 115,461,000 feet, and a year ago it was 133,634,000 feet; shipments were respectively 112,583,000 feet and 166,700,000; and orders received 121,867,000 feet and 197,953,000 feet. In the case of hardwoods, 193 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 12,007,000 feet and 10,975,000; ship-

ments 13,737,000 feet and 22,609,000 and orders 12,021,000 feet and 25,969,000 feet.

SOFTWOOD REPORTS.

West Coast.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association reported from Seattle that for 600 mills in Washington and Oregon, shipments were 8% below production, and orders 20% above production and 31% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 57,973,000 feet (previous week 88,691,000 at 599 mills); shipments 44,302,000 feet (previous week 50,156,000); and production 48,173,000 feet, previous week 61,375,000. Orders on hand at the end of the week at 600 mills were 468,149,000 feet. The 184 identical mills reported a loss in production of 42%, and in new business a decrease of 48% as compared with the same week a year ago.

Southern Pine.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 152 mills reporting, shipments were 35% above production, and orders 14% above production and 15% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 23,374,000 feet, (previous week 27,979,000 at 196 mills); shipments 27,496,000 feet, (previous week 32,012,000), and production 20,443,000 feet, (previous week 30,067,000). Orders on hand at the end of the week at 152 mills were 82,514,000 feet. The 82 identical mills reported a loss in production of 29%, and in new business a loss of 45%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

Western Pine.

The Western Pine Association reported from Portland, Ore., that for 120 mills reporting, shipments were 16% below production, and orders 28% below production and 15% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 36,325,000 feet (previous week 48,623,000 at 138 mills); shipments 42,758,000 feet, (previous week 51,563,000); and production 50,655,000 feet, (previous week 59,162,000). Orders on hand at the end of the week at 120 mills were 132,810,000 feet. The 114 identical mills reported a gain in production of 45% and in new business a loss of 28% as compared with the same week a year ago.

Northern Pine.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers of Minneapolis, Minn., reported production from 23 American mills as 3,176,000 feet, shipments 1,588,000 feet and new business 2,976,000 feet. Orders on hand at the end of the week were 7,502,000 feet.

California Redwood.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco reported production from 15 mills as 6,539,000 feet, shipments 5,038,000 feet and new business 8,788,000 feet. Orders on hand at the end of the week were 34,593,000 feet. Ten identical mills reported production 220% greater and new business 34% greater than for the same week last year.

Southern Cypress.

The Southern Cypress Manufacturers Association of Jacksonville, Fla., reported production from 24 mills as 666,000 feet, shipments 2,954,000 feet and new business 2,472,000 feet. Orders on hand at these mills at the end of the week were 5,626,000 feet.

Northern Hemlock.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported softwood production from 18 mills as 544,000 feet, shipments 564,000 and orders 528,000 feet. Week-end orders on hand at 10 mills were 2,867,000 feet. The 11 identical mills reported a loss of 3% in production and a decrease of 65% in new business, compared with the same week a year ago.

Northeastern Softwoods.

The Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association of New York reported softwood production from 28 mills as 1,216,000 feet, shipments 1,904,000 and orders 1,926,000 feet. Orders on hand at the end of the week were 9,164,000 feet.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 332 mills as 17,574,000 feet, shipments 20,456,000 and new business 17,037,000. Orders on hand at the end of the week at 568 mills were 187,865,000 feet. The 182 identical mills reported production 4% greater, and new business 53% less than for the same week last year.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported hardwood production from 18 mills as 1,425,000 feet, shipments 1,024,000 and orders 911,000 feet. Orders on hand at the end of the week at 15 mills were 6,391,000 feet. The 11 identical mills reported a gain of 97% in production and a loss of 64% in orders, compared with the same week last year.

The North Central Hardwood Association of Indianapolis, reported production of 113 mills as 1,284,000 feet; shipments, 986,000 feet; orders, 739,000 feet; unfilled orders, 7,864,000 feet.

The Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association, of New York reported hardwood production from 28 mills as 1,567,000 feet, shipments 681,000 and orders 215,000 feet. Week-end orders on hand were 5,252,000 feet.

We also give below a summary of lumber operations during the week ended May 26:

Due in part to the longshoremen's strike, which has tied up lumber operations on the Pacific Coast, production and shipments at the lumber mills during the week ended May 26 1934 were the lowest of any week since February, and orders were lowest except for one week, according to telegraphic reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association from regional associations covering the operations of 1,510 leading hardwood and softwood mills. Production of these mills was 187,988,000 feet; shipments, 171,499,000 feet; orders received, 201,627,000 feet. Revised figures for 1,506 mills for the week ended May 19 were, production, 212,370,000 feet; shipments, 175,704,000 feet; orders, 221,589,000 feet.

Softwood groups reported orders above production except Southern pine, Western pine, Northern pine and Northern hemlock. Total softwood orders were 11% above production. All hardwood regions reported orders below output, total hardwood orders showing loss of 16% in this comparison.

As during the four previous weeks, orders fell below those of corresponding weeks of 1933, all regions but California redwood reporting decline. Southern pine and West Coast reported production lower than during similar week of last year. Total orders were 29% below those of last year's week; production was 2% above that of a year ago and shipments were 25% below their last year's record.

For the second consecutive week unfilled orders on May 26 were below those of corresponding date of 1933, being the equivalent of 28 days' average production of reporting mills, compared with 29 days' a year ago.

Forest product carloadings during the week ended May 19 were 24,907 cars, an increase of 71 cars above the preceding week; 3,303 cars above the same week of 1933 and 6,336 cars above similar week of 1932.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended May 26 1934 by 1,033 softwood mills totaled 179,171,000 feet, or 11% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 145,993,000 feet, or 9% below production. Production was 160,992,000 feet.

Reports from 511 hardwood mills give new business as 21,127,000 feet, or 16% below production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 23,665,000 feet, or 6% below production. Production was 25,072,000 feet.

Unfilled Orders and Stocks.

Reports from 1,752 mills on May 26 1934 give unfilled orders of 998,600,000 feet and gross stocks of 5,567,527,000 feet. The identical mills report unfilled orders as 683,038,000 feet on May 26 1934, or the equivalent of 28 days' average production, as compared with 692,084,000 feet, or the equivalent of 29 days' average production, on similar date a year ago.

Identical Mill Reports.

Last week's production of 437 identical softwood mills was 141,035,000 feet, and a year ago it was 139,970,000 feet; shipments were respectively 130,142,000 feet and 169,398,000; and orders received 157,079,000 feet and 214,012,000 feet. In the case of hardwoods, 195 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 13,669,000 feet and 11,275,000; shipments, 14,205,000 feet and 24,034,000, and orders 13,086,000 feet and 26,743,000 feet.

Rains in Week Bring Almost General Relief to Parched Grain Fields in Three Prairie Provinces of Canada —Report of Dominion Bureau of Statistics (Canada).

The following summary of crop conditions in three Prairie Provinces of Canada (Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan) is from the weekly report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics of Canada issued June 6:

The rains of the week afforded almost general relief to the parched grain fields and pastures of the Prairie Provinces. Heaviest precipitation was recorded in northern and eastern Manitoba, east-central and south-western Saskatchewan and over most of Alberta. Yesterday's rains were of further benefit to eastern and northern Manitoba, western Saskatchewan and southern Alberta. Dry areas are still reported in southern Manitoba, south-eastern, west-central and north-western Saskatchewan, and east-central Alberta. The weather has been cool and cloudy for several days. The light frosts reported from Calgary, Edmonton and Battleford caused no apparent damage.

While the grain crops are temporarily relieved over most of the West, there is continued anxiety regarding the growth of hay and pastures. These crops require more moisture than the spring grains and have suffered severely under the extremely unfavorable conditions.

The general rains will assist the grain crops to withstand grasshopper damage, but it is reported that these insects developed very rapidly during the past week. Poisoning is proceeding actively but serious damage has been done in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. 60% of Manitoba's cropped area is reported as having bad to very bad grasshopper infestation. Heavy damage is evident in southern, central, and especially in south-western Saskatchewan. In Alberta, the damage is confined to the Hanna district and certain localities in the south.

The recent rains brought relief to all of Manitoba excepting the south-western corner, where the drought was most severe. In other districts, particularly in the south, relief is only temporary and pastures need much more rain. The areas around Morden and Souris are still in a drought-stricken condition. Grasshoppers have appeared in epidemic numbers and are causing considerable damage, except in north-western Manitoba.

In Saskatchewan, the drought was broken by rains of the past week-end, but not before irreparable damage had been done. More rain is required almost generally to advance the growing crops, to germinate the late-sown grain, to relieve the grasshopper situation and particularly to provide feed ticularly to provide feed for live stock. Crops in northern and east-central Saskatchewan are making good progress; in the south-west and south-east, they are poor; and in the west-centre, poor to good. Fall rye is generally heading out thin and short. The feed situation is very bad in some southern districts and is causing much anxiety. Grasshoppers developed rapidly during the past week and caused serious damage, especially in the south-western area, where stubbled-in crops are nearly a total loss and crops on fall-cultivated lands about 75% gone. The rapid invasion of crops was forced by the sparse growth on stubble land, pastures and roadsides. Some recovery may be hoped for if heavy rains encourage delayed germination. Wireworms and cutworms are working in scattered localities.

The crop outlook for Alberta was almost completely changed by the heavy and well-distributed rains of the past week. Only limited sections of east-central and extreme southern Alberta failed to receive the needed moisture. More rain will soon be needed in southern Alberta and in some central areas, but crop conditions are decidedly improved in every other district of the province. In northern Alberta, crop prospects are variously described as very good, excellent and ideal, with noneports of damage. Warm weather is mentioned as necessary to advance growth. The rains checked grasshopper and cutworm depredations, especially in lightly-infested areas. The only serious losses are reported from Hanna. Frost was recorded in the foothills and at some northern points on Sunday, but caused no damage.

Decrease of 102,616 Long Tons Noted in United States Consumption of Sugar During April as Compared With a Year Ago.

Sugar consumption in the United States during April 1934 amounted to 413,773 long tons, raw sugar value, according to B. W. Dyer and Co., sugar economists and brokers. This is a decrease of 102,616 tons or 19.87%, from the 516,389 tons consumed in April of last year, the firm said. An announcement issued in the matter continued:

For the first four months of this year consumption is placed at 1,707,716 tons compared with 1,790,032 tons in the corresponding period of last year. This is a decrease of 82,316 tons or 4.6%.

In explanation of the above figures, the Dyer firm points out that deliveries during March and April of 1933 had increased sharply due to the threats of monetary inflation. This is partly responsible for the decline this year as compared with a year ago. However, deliveries during the first four months of this year when compared with the like period two years ago, namely, of 1932, show an increase of 59,761 tons or 3.6%. This is significant when it is taken into consideration that the total sugar delivered in 1932 was slightly higher—36,127 tons—than in 1933.

May Flour Production Slightly Higher Than in April But Continues Lower Than in Same Period Last Year.

General Mills, Inc., in presenting its summary of flour milling activities for approximately 90% of all flour mills in the principal flour milling centres of the United States, reports that during the month of May 1934 flour output totaled 4,993,003 barrels as against 4,959,082 barrels in the preceding month and 5,920,003 barrels in the corresponding period in 1933. In April of last year production amounted to 6,171,406 barrels.

During the 11 months ended May 31 1934 flour output by the same number of mills reached a total of 57,077,354 barrels as compared with 62,322,375 barrels during the 11 months ended May 31 1933. The corporation's summary follows:

PRODUCTION OF FLOUR (NUMBER OF BARRELS).

	Month of May.		11 Months Ended May 31.	
	1934.	1933.	1934.	1933.
Northwest.....	1,213,781	1,577,162	14,676,164	15,743,218
Southwest.....	1,793,963	2,072,553	19,837,620	22,040,816
Lake Central & South.	1,692,719	1,909,954	18,972,505	21,262,578
Pacific Coast.....	292,540	360,334	3,591,965	3,275,763
Grand Total.....	4,993,003	5,920,003	57,077,354	62,322,375

World Coffee Consumption from July 1 1933 to May 31 1934 Increased 8.6% Over Similar 11-Month Period Year Previous According to New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange.

World consumption of coffee continues at a near record rate, deliveries for the 11 months of the crop year, July 1 1933 to May 31 1934 amounting to 22,631,321 bags against 20,835,620 bags in the similar 1932-33 period, a gain of 8.6%, according to the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange. Under date of June 7 the Exchange further said:

United States consumption amounted to 11,365,321 bags, against 10,515,620 bags, a gain of 8%. Europe accounted for 10,156,000 bags, against 9,402,000, an increase of 8%, while the rest of the world took 1,110,000 bags, a gain of 20.9%.

During the month of May this year 735,978 bags disappeared into consumptive channels in the United States, \$98,000 in Europe, while 65,000 bags were delivered to other parts of the world. Last year the disappearance during May was 1,049,551, 831,000 and 78,000, respectively.

1,104,000 Bags of Coffee Destroyed by Brazil During May According to Advices to New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange—Compares with 968,000 Bags Burned From January to April.

Evidence that Brazil had again accelerated her coffee destruction program was confirmed by advices to the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange which disclosed that during May 1,104,000 bags were burned. In an announcement issued June 4 the Exchange also said:

During the first four months of the year only 968,000 bags had been destroyed a sharp decrease from the rate during 1933. Not since November of last year has the monthly total exceeded 1,000,000 bags. Since the beginning of the destruction plan in June 1931, 27,914,000 bags have been burned or otherwise destroyed. Previous advices from Brazil predicted that on July 1 1934, the start of the crop year, excess stocks in Brazil will have been reduced to a normal figure after four years of effort.

Raw and Refined Sugar Shipments from Puerto Rico to United States Totaled 16,974 Tons During Week of May 26 Compared with 11,573 During Same Week Year Ago.

Shipments of raw and refined sugar from Puerto Rico to the United States together for the week ending May 26 amounted to 16,974 short tons against 11,573 in the same week last year, according to cables to the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange. The Exchange said that about 64.5% of the quota for the United States, under the Costigan-Jones Sugar Bill, has been shipped to date. The Exchange further announced on June 5, as to cable advices:

Raw sugar shipments from Puerto Rico to the United States from Jan. 1 to June 2 totaled 450,149 short tons, an increase of 4.8% when compared with shipments of 429,629 during a similar period last year. Refined shipments amounted to 63,260, a 25.3% increase over the 50,477 ton total for the 1933 period.

Exports of Sugar from Cuba Up to June 2 This Year 199,526 Tons Below Same Period Last Year.

Cuban exports of sugar since the beginning of the year to June 2 totaled 637,243 long tons raw sugar value as compared with 836,769 tons during the similar period last year, a decrease of 199,526 tons, or 23.8%, according to advices received by Lamborn & Co. In announcing this on June 6 the company further said:

To the United States there were shipped 417,348 tons as against 5,989,039 tons for the same period in 1933, a decrease of 171,691 tons or approximately 29%. The shipments to June 2 this year approximate 24.6% of the quota allocated to Cuba by the United States Agricultural Administration.

To other destinations, principally United Kingdom, France and Canada, the exports amounted to 219,895 tons, as contrasted with 247,730 tons shipped during the same period last year, a decrease of 27,835 tons, or approximately 11%.

Sugar stocks in Cuba on June 2 approximated 2,536,000 tons, while on the same date last year 2,743,000 tons were on hand.

May Raw Silk Imports Exceed Previous Month, But Were 5,521 Bales Below Corresponding Period Last Year—Deliveries to American Mills Also Lower than in 1933—Inventories Show Slight Change Over April.

Raw silk imports into the United States during May 1934 totaled 38,717 bales, or 5,521 bales under imports of May 1933, it was announced by the National Federation of Textiles, Inc. The current figure was, however, 3,070 bales higher than in April.

Raw silk in storage in warehouses was 61,060 bales on June 1 1934 or 20,935 bales above June 1 1933. A slight decrease was shown as compared with May 1 1934.

Deliveries of raw silk to American Mills during May 1934 were 38,740 bales, or 8,411 under the same month of 1933. May deliveries were 1,348 above last month.

Approximately 33,200 bales of raw silk were in transit at the end of May. The National Federation of Textiles, Inc., further reported as follows:

RAW SILK IN STORAGE.

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

	European.	Japan.	All Other.	Total.
In storage May 1 1934.....	4,611	53,130	3,342	61,083
Imports, month of May 1934.....	192	38,034	491	38,717
Total available during May 1934.....	4,803	91,164	3,833	99,800
In storage June 1 1934.....	4,451	53,245	3,364	61,060
Approximate deliveries to American mills during May 1934.....	352	37,919	469	38,740

SUMMARY.

	Imports During the Month.			In Storage at End of Month.		
	1934.	1933.	1932.	1934.	1933.	1932.
January.....	27,976	53,114	52,238	83,820	69,747	62,905
February.....	29,808	23,377	53,574	74,607	60,459	70,570
March.....	32,301	22,289	38,866	62,828	43,814	62,675
April.....	35,647	41,134	30,953	61,083	43,038	57,849
May.....	38,717	44,238	34,233	61,060	40,125	59,159
June.....	---	47,435	31,355	---	33,933	53,048
July.....	---	62,348	36,055	---	51,684	50,721
August.....	---	46,683	61,412	---	55,515	52,228
September.....	---	49,470	56,859	---	73,800	49,393
October.....	---	48,346	58,775	---	93,625	54,465
November.....	---	32,319	47,422	---	91,122	57,932
December.....	---	32,623	45,453	---	96,786	62,837
Total.....	164,449	503,376	547,195	68,680	62,804	57,815
Monthly average.....	32,890	41,948	45,560	---	---	---

	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.....	39,021	32,665	45,909	37,600	28,100	31,000
March.....	44,080	39,934	46,761	41,000	39,100	28,800
April.....	37,392	41,910	35,779	38,400	40,200	34,800
May.....	38,740	47,151	32,923	33,200	42,300	30,800
June.....	---	53,627	37,466	---	41,500	31,100
July.....	---	44,597	38,382	---	38,600	43,200
August.....	---	42,852	59,905	---	48,800	43,400
September.....	---	31,185	59,694	---	48,800	42,800
October.....	---	28,521	53,703	---	37,100	44,700
November.....	---	34,822	43,955	---	37,200	50,200
December.....	---	26,959	40,548	---	27,200	51,400
Total.....	200,175	469,427	553,818	---	---	---
Monthly average.....	40,035	39,119	46,151	36,480	37,842	40,058

^x Covered by European Manifests Nos. 19 to 23 inclusive, Asiatic Manifests Nos⁸ 76 to 97 inclusive. ^y Includes re-exports. ^z Stocks at warehouses include Commodity Exchange, Inc. certified stocks 3,800 bales. ^z Includes 1,201 bales held at terminals.

Sugar Processing Tax Set at 1/2-Cent Pound Raw Value—New Levy, Together with Equal Reduction in Duty on Cuban Imports, Effective Yesterday (June 8).

The processing tax on direct-consumption sugar from the first domestic processing of sugar cane and beets was fixed at 1/2-cent a pound of raw value on June 5 by Acting Secretary of Agriculture Rexford G. Tugwell. The tax became effective yesterday (June 8). The duty on Cuban sugar was also reduced yesterday by the exact amount of the processing tax. Regulations issued by the Department of Agriculture explained in detail definitions, conversion factors and the matter of exemptions from the tax. A Washington dispatch of June 5 to the New York "Times" summarized the principal features of these regulations as follows:

The term "direct-consumption sugar" is defined by the Act as any sugar to be used for any purpose other than further refining. The term "raw value" is defined as a standard unit of sugar testing 96 sugar degrees by the polariscope.

All taxes imposed and all quotas established are in terms of the raw value standard. In the case of direct-consumption sugar produced in the United States from sugar beets, the raw value is determined by multiplying the weight thereof by 1.07.

Conversion factors have been determined and are included in the regulations. These conversion factors are to be used to translate into terms

of sugar raw value the various types of sugars, by-products of the sugar cane industry and sugar articles manufactured therefrom.

Syrup of cane juice or molasses manufactured by a producer whose total seasonal sales are not more than 200 gallons is exempted from payment of the processing tax.

In the case of a producer who sells more than 200 gallons, but less than 500 gallons, the syrup will be exempt from the tax to the extent of 200 gallons, with the remainder taxed. If the producer sells more than 500 gallons he is not entitled to the exemption.

Petroleum and Its Products—Administrator Ickes Sees Little Hope of Administration Oil Bill Being Enacted in Current Session—House Ends Hearings on Disney Measure—Crude Oil Output Below Federal Allowable—Refinery Runs Sharply Lower—Consolidated Oil Corp. Signs Labor Pact.

Little hope of the Administration oil bill currently before the House being enacted during the present session is felt by Administrator Ickes, dispatches from Washington late Thursday indicated. The House Committee on Inter-State and Foreign Commerce concluded hearings on the Disney measure Wednesday and although it was understood that an executive session of the Committee would be held to report on the bill, such a session was not scheduled for the latter part of the week. In the Senate no action was taken on the Thomas oil bill during the week, the measure remaining on the calendar.

Administrator Ickes charged Thursday that the bill had been "scuttled" by Chairman Rayburn (D., Texas), of the House Inter-State and Foreign Commerce Committee. In denying rumors that President Roosevelt had turned "thumbs down," on the legislation and that he himself was "lukewarm" toward the Disney measure, Secretary Ickes said that "if Rayburn would get behind the measure, it would pass without any trouble at all."

In answering Mr. Ickes, Mr. Rayburn's only comment was that "there has been no scuttling of the oil bill. We only closed hearings Wednesday and have had no opportunity to consider the measure in executive session to make up a report."

Testimony of proponents of the Disney bill was offered Wednesday in rebuttal of claims made by its opponents at the hearings before the Committee on the previous day. Arguments of those opposed to the measure that it would create a monopoly for the major units in the industry were denied by H. B. Fell, of Texas, Executive Vice-President of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, and representing 25 other oil organizations. Support of the bill by all but two organizations in the industry was conclusive proof that the question is of national concern and "not local to any section," Mr. Fell stated in announcing that 90% of the independents stood behind the bill. An amendment to revise the clause dealing with the authority of Administrator Ickes to control imports to provide that they may not interfere unreasonably with domestic production, and that such imports may not exceed the average monthly imports during the latter half of 1932 was suggested by Mr. Fell.

Other testimony in favor of the bill included that of John D. Battle, of Texas, who told the Committee that low-priced fuel oil had displaced 80,000,000 tons of coal a year, which resulted in 75,000 miners losing their employment, in favoring the Administration oil program. W. B. Hamilton, representing the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, charged that the opposition to the bill, stripped of its "fine claims and phrases" meant only "unlimited production." In commenting on this phase Mr. Hamilton cited the damage done to West Texas oil fields through unlimited production. The Burkburnett and Powell in Texas and the Seminole in Oklahoma have fallen into disuse through the "greed of oil producers," he said, and much oil was wasted. Charles Fahy, Vice-President of the Petroleum Administrative Board, denied the contention advanced by the bill's proponents that it violated States' rights. He also denied that because a State owned land such ownership set aside the Federal Constitution or the Federal supervision of commerce.

Speaking before the Committee Tuesday in opposition to the measure, Ernest O. Thompson, of the Texas Railroad Commission, held that the purpose of the bill is to institute unit operation of oil fields; a policy, he claimed, that would be to the marked advantage of the larger units in the industry. Mr. Thompson stated that the Commission was co-operating with the Federal oil authorities to the best of their ability and cited some steps taken by it recently to curtail illegal production of crude oil under comparatively new legislation. Jack Blalock, of Texas, representing the

Independent Petroleum Association of Texas, charged that the bill would establish Administrator Ickes as a "dictator" over the industry. The Administration oil program, he held, would exert "unheard-of powers" and he asked "why the oil industry should be singled out for a change in government. The American people abhor a dictator, save under the pressure of the greatest necessity."

J. R. Parten, President of the Woodley Petroleum Co., contended that the bill "seeks to reserve profits from oil to a comparatively few land owners and oil men who already have found oil deposits under their land, and to discourage oil finding because the plan of development clause makes only large solid block lease ownerships the basis for wildcat operations."

"Passage of this bill will for all time cut off opportunity to the land owners in all the States that have potential oil lands within their bounds. The interest of our great farming class of people, who own so much of the land, demands permanent elimination of legislative features that would be subterfuge, or otherwise attempt to impose acreage proration of oil production.

"It is admitted by oil men and petroleum geologists and has been recognized by the courts, that the more wells you drill in a field the greater the quantity of recoverable oil from that field. Therefore, the matter under discussion cannot be urged as a conservation measure. Sponsors of this bill have spoken of 'butchering oil fields' by disorderly drilling. They imply that waste follows. But waste is not taking place under present methods. What they mean is that competitive drilling butchers the profits from oil fields and divides those profits among too many of our people."

Daily average crude oil output last week dipped 39,100 barrels from the preceding week to a total of 2,453,400 barrels, approximately 75,000 barrels under the June Federal allowable of 2,528,300 barrels, the first time in months that the daily average dipped below the Federal allocation. Slight gains in production in several States were offset by a drop of 34,100 barrels in daily average crude oil output in Oklahoma where production totaled 476,950 barrels, against the Federal allowable of 511,700 barrels, reports to the American Petroleum Institute disclosed. The reports compiled by the American Petroleum Institute, however, take no cognizance of "hot oil."

Refinery runs reported to the American Petroleum Institute dipped to 63% of capacity in the week ended June 2, compared with 71.3% in the previous week as the Federal curb on refinery operations went into effect June 1. Daily average runs of crude oil to stills last week dipped 278,000 barrels below the preceding week, totaling 2,137,000 barrels. Stocks of gasoline reflected the rising seasonal trend in consumption, dipping 1,261,000 barrels last week, compared with an increase of 132,000 barrels in the week ended May 26.

Administrator Ickes announced his approval last Saturday of a Board of Review, named by the Planning and Co-ordination Committee to pass on controversies affecting refinery operations. The right of refinery operators to appeal from any decision rendered by the Board to the Administrator was stressed by Mr. Ickes who had insisted on this provision in signing the revised refinery section of the petroleum code on April 24.

Allowable daily production in the East Texas field has been increased to 502,148 barrels, the advance being based on one hour's potential of each well in the field, the Texas Railroad Commission disclosed Wednesday in a statement announcing that 104 new wells had been completed in the field in the past week.

Announcement was made during the early part of the week of the signing of an agreement between subsidiaries of the Consolidated Oil Corp. and the International Association of Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers, the first such agreement to be reached in the petroleum industry. Under the agreement, the Association, which is a branch of the American Federation of Labor, will represent members in collective bargaining in conformance with provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act.

The agreement provides that there will be no cessation through strikes or lockouts of work during its term, which runs for one year starting July 1 next. A clause in the pact provides that it may be terminated upon 30 days' written notice, but within such time the parties thereto may confer upon such terms and conditions under which the agreement may be extended instead of being terminated.

"In this agreement," H. F. Sinclair, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Consolidated Oil Corp., said,

"procedure is established for the settlement without any strikes of any disputes that cannot be settled by direct negotiation. In this respect the agreement is unique. If arbitration becomes necessary, the form it takes is to be finally determined by the President of the American Federation of Labor and the employer.

"Should this procedure become a generally adopted formula for industrial relations, it will mean the elimination of industrial warfare with its heavy toll upon the worker and business."

In approving the agreement, William Green, President of the A. F. of L., stated that the new wage scales announced by the Sinclair companies are fair and are acceptable to the workers. The Sinclair organization announced the wage advances in conjunction with the news of the labor agreement, which follows a recent strike affecting the Sinclair producing properties in the Seminole region of Oklahoma. The subsidiaries of Consolidated included in the agreement are Sinclair Refining Co., Sinclair Prairie Oil Co., Sinclair Prairie Oil Marketing Co., Sinclair Prairie Pipe Line Co. and the Rio Grande Oil Co.

A recommendation made by a Special Master in Chancery in Detroit early in the week to make permanent the temporary injunction by the Federal Court in Michigan against the giving of premiums to stimulate sales of gasoline and oil was hailed by Federal oil authorities as sustaining the constitutionality of the NIRA, the petroleum code and the code's marketing provisions. The practice of giving premiums not only leads to disastrous price wars in the immediate localities affected but also exert an adverse affect on crude oil producing areas, the Master held in his report.

Stocks of oil dropped 224,000 barrels in April as compared with the previous month while stocks of gasoline were off 583,000 barrels from March, the Bureau of Mines reported.

The new Federal tax on crude oil production of 1 cent a barrel becomes effective to-night (Saturday) at midnight. The measure, which will provide the oil administration with a strong weapon in its fight against proration violators, provides that State regulatory bodies will have access to the returns and reports made to the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

There were no price changes posted during the week.

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

Bradford, Pa.	\$2.55	Eldorado, Ark., 40	\$1.00
Corning, Pa.	1.32	Rusk, Tex., 40 and over	1.08
Illinois	1.13	Darst 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	2.10
Smackover, Ark., 24 and over	.70		

REFINED PRODUCTS—GAS PRICE WAR BREAKS OUT IN CHICAGO—RISING DEMAND FOR GASOLINE REPORTED—LOCAL MARKET IN GOOD SHAPE.

Attention of the refined petroleum products markets during the past week was centered upon the sudden gasoline price war which broke out in Chicago in mid-week after earlier indications of a general advance in retail motor fuel prices in the Mid-west had partially materialized.

Monday saw independent distributors in Chicago post an advance of 2½ cents a gallon for gasoline which was immediately followed with an advance of 2½ cents in regular and premium grades of gasoline and 2 cents in third-grade by all major units on tank wagon and service station quotations.

Tuesday morning it was evident that the new price scale could not be maintained as independents slashed prices 1 cent a gallon in their fight to maintain gallonage volume. Then, the major companies met the 1-cent cut in prices, although premium gasoline was not affected by this reduction, except by Shell Petroleum which cut all three grades. This series of cuts brought prices to the following basis: majors, 15.8 cents a gallon on third-grade, 17.3 cents on regular and 20.3 cents on premium, with the exception of Shell Petroleum; independents posted third-grade at 14.3 cents and standard at 16.3 cents.

Wednesday brought another reduction of 1-cent a gallon by independents which was immediately followed by similar reductions on the part of the major units which left the price scale on Thursday morning, as follows: majors, third-grade at 14.8 cents; regular at 16.3 cents and premium at 20.3 with the exception of Shell Petroleum which is quoting premium at 18.3 cents a gallon; independents, regular at 15.3 cents with other grades proportionately below the scale posted by the major companies. Tank wagon prices also were lowered by the major units to meet the competitive levels.

Although the unsettled condition in the Chicago area was viewed with some concern by local distributors, it was held that there was little chance of the disturbance, which was characterized as purely of local nature, spreading to the Atlantic Seaboard. It was pointed out that Chicago was the last major marketing center to swing into line with the higher prices for motor fuel products which have been marked up in other sections of the nation in recent weeks. The reductions again reduced Chicago to a level out of line with the country in general although the advances posted in the early part of the week had brought it in line for a short time.

The spot tank car gasoline market in Chicago displayed a sharp reversal of its recent trend as prices eased off under pressure of substantial offerings, mainly from East Texas, which brought low octane material down to 4¼ to 4½ cents a gallon, compared with the recent high of 4¾ to 4⅝ cents a gallon. Absence of purchasing of surplus stocks by major companies which was one of the chief factors in pushing prices into higher levels was mainly responsible for the easing off in quotations. Jobbers again have adopted their hand-to-mouth purchasing policy after showing more interest in the market in the last few weeks.

Gulf Coast fuel oil prices have shown an easier tendency recently with reports from that area disclosing the sale of several cargoes of Grade C bunker fuel oil around 98 cents a barrel. This level is equal to approximately \$1.14 in New York harbor, compared with the current posted price in the latter port of \$1.30 a barrel.

Gasoline consumption in the local market is holding up well with buying reported moving along at a fair rate. Prices are well maintained in the bulk gasoline market and demand continues fairly active. Fuel oil prices eased off slightly during the week here with some offerings noted at 6½ cents a gallon, tankwagon, for No. 4 oil, against 7 cents generally posted. Other fuel oils showed no change in prices. Lubricants are in good shape being benefited from the usual seasonal rise in demand as the summer period of heavy automobile traffic gets under full swing.

Domestic consumption of gasoline is running well ahead of corresponding periods last year thus far in 1934, statistics released by the United States Bureau of Mines disclosed. April demand was 32,735,000 barrels, up 8% as compared with consumption in the like month last year and substantially above demand in March this year.

Consumption of domestic gasoline in the first four months this year established a new record high, totalling 117,727,000 gallons, compared with the previous high of 117,559,000 gallons recorded in the like period in 1930. Consumption of all petroleum products in the first four months this year was at the highest point since the comparable period four years ago.

Price changes follow:

June 4.—Shell Petroleum Co. advanced service station and tank wagon prices of gasoline in the Chicago area 2½ cents a gallon on regular and premium and 2 cents a gallon on third grade. All other major companies met the advance which followed a like markup by independent distributors earlier in the day.

June 5.—A 1-cent a gallon reduction posted in gasoline service station prices by independents was followed by a similar cut by major units who did not include premium grade in the reduction, all reductions effective in the Chicago area.

June 6.—An additional 1-cent a gallon cut in gasoline service station prices posted by independents was promptly met by all major companies, effective June 7 in the Chicago area.

June 7.—An additional 1-cent a gallon cut in Chicago gasoline service station prices was posted by some independents, bringing levels below those prevailing at the time of the original price advance Monday morning.

June 7.—Standard of Indiana and other major units cut tank wagon prices of gasoline in the Chicago area 2 cents a gallon to meet cut-price competition by independent distributors.

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

New York	\$.175	Detroit	\$.19	New Orleans	\$.19
Atlanta	.22	Houston	.18	Philadelphia	.145
Boston	.175	Jacksonville	.22	San Francisco:	
Buffalo	.185	Los Angeles:		Third grade	.16
Chicago	.163	Third grade	.135	Above 65 octane	.17½
Cincinnati	.19	Standard	.15	Premium	.19½
Cleveland	.19	Premium	.17	St. Louis	.145
Denver	.17	Minneapolis	.174		

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

New York:	North Texas	\$.03½	New Orleans, ex.	\$.04½-.05
(Bayonne)	Los Ang., ex.	.04½-.05	Tulsa	.03½-.03¾

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

N. Y. (Bayonne):	California 27 plus D	Gulf Coast C.	\$.115
Bunker C.	\$1.00-1.10	Phila. bunker C.	1.30
Diesel 28-30 D	1.95	New Orleans C.	1.15

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

N. Y. (Bayonne):	Chicago:	Tulsa	\$.02½-.02¾
28 plus GO	\$.04¼-.04½	32-36 GO	\$.02¼-.02½

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

N. Y. (Bayonne):	N. Y. (Bayonne):	Chicago	\$.04½-.04¾
Standard Oil N. J.:	Shell Eastern Pet.	New Orleans	.04½
Motor, U. S.	\$.06½	Los Ang., ex.	.05-.06
62-63 octane	.06½	Gulf ports	.05½-.06
*Stand. Oil N. Y.	.07	Tulsa	.05-.05½
*Tide Water Oil Co.	.06½	Gulf	.06
*Richfield Oil (Cal.)	.07	Republic Oil	.06¾
Warner-Quin. Co.	.07	Sinclair Refining	.06¾
*Richfield "Golden"	\$.07	*Tydol	\$.07
*"Fire Chief"	\$.07	*"Good Gulf"	\$.07½
*"Mobilgas"			

Production of Crude Oil Again Lower in Week Ended June 2, 1934—Inventories of Gas and Fuel Oils Again Advance.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production for the week ended June 2 1934 was 2,453,400 barrels, a decline of 39,100 barrels from the preceding week. The current output was lower than the new Federal allowable figure, which became effective June 1, by 74,900 barrels, and also compares with a daily average production of 2,495,700 barrels during the four weeks ended June 2 and with an average daily output of 2,675,650 barrels during the week ended June 3 1933.

Further details, as reported by the American Petroleum Institute, follow:

Imports of crude and refined oils at principal United States ports totaled 924,000 barrels in the week ended June 2 1934, a daily average of 132,000 barrels, compared with a daily average of 122,857 barrels for the week ended May 26.

Receipts of California oil at Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports totaled 665,000 barrels in the week ended June 2, a daily average of 95,000 barrels, compared with a daily average of 67,429 barrels in the preceding week.

Reports received for the week ended June 2 1934 from refining companies owning 89.7% of the 3,760,000 barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of the United States, indicate that 2,127,000 barrels of crude oil daily were run to the stills operated by those companies and that they had in storage at refineries at the end of the week, 34,810,000 barrels of finished gasoline; 6,895,000 barrels of unfinished gasoline and 104,224,000 barrels of gas and fuel oil. Gasoline at bulk terminals, in transit and in pipe lines amounted to 18,422,000 barrels. Cracked gasoline production by companies owning 95.6% of the potential charging capacity of all cracking units, averaged 430,000 barrels daily during the week.

DAILY AVERAGE CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION.
(Figures in Barrels)

	Federal Agency Allowable Effective June 1.	Actual Production.		4 Weeks Ended June 2 1934.	Week Ended June 3 1933.
		Week End. June 2 1934.	Week End. May 26 1934.		
Oklahoma	511,700	476,950	511,050	515,700	401,150
Kansas	130,300	132,150	132,900	130,850	107,650
Panhandle Texas		59,150	59,400	58,300	45,300
North Texas		56,100	55,750	56,250	47,850
West Central Texas		27,100	27,100	27,100	18,050
West Texas		143,650	143,150	143,450	157,800
East Central Texas		51,350	52,150	50,850	58,600
East Texas		478,550	475,050	474,200	837,500
Conroe		55,500	54,950	53,950	82,250
Southwest Texas		47,700	48,250	47,700	49,200
Coastal Texas (not including Conroe)		116,750	118,200	118,400	115,500
Total Texas	1,032,300	1,035,850	1,034,000	1,030,200	1,412,050
North Louisiana		25,300	25,550	25,700	25,100
Coastal Louisiana		64,100	57,150	58,900	42,350
Total Louisiana	83,000	89,400	82,700	84,600	67,450
Arkansas		33,000	30,900	30,700	29,900
Eastern (not incl. Mich.)		108,900	103,900	101,550	90,650
Michigan		32,800	34,750	32,400	32,650
Wyoming		36,000	32,850	32,100	28,250
Montana		8,500	7,900	7,300	5,950
Colorado		3,500	2,850	3,000	2,550
Total Rocky Mtn. States	48,000	43,600	42,250	42,300	36,750
New Mexico		48,000	45,900	45,850	36,050
California		500,300	460,000	479,200	477,300
Total United States	2,528,300	2,453,400	2,492,500	2,495,700	2,675,650

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

CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS FINISHED AND UNFINISHED GASOLINE AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS, WEEK ENDED JUNE 2 1934.
(Figures in thousands of barrels of 42 gallons each.)

District	Daily Refining Capacity of Plants.		Crude Runs to Stills.		Stocks of Finished Gasoline.	a Stocks of Unfinished Gasoline.	b Stocks of Other Motor Fuel.	Stocks of Gas and Fuel Oil.
	Potential Rate.	Reporting Total. P. C.	Daily Average.	P. C. Operated.				
East Coast	582	582 100.0	464	79.7	16,590	949	191	7,465
Appalachian	150	140 93.3	98	70.0	1,611	373	157	851
Ind., Ill., Ky	446	422 94.6	316	74.9	8,658	1,149	48	2,929
Okl., Kan., Missouri	461	386 83.7	218	56.5	5,584	780	566	3,147
Inland Texas	351	167 47.6	85	25.0	1,284	311	313	1,789
Texas Gulf	566	552 97.5	394	71.4	4,258	1,957	170	5,843
La. Gulf	168	162 96.4	86	53.1	1,282	232	—	1,091
No. La.-Ark.	92	77 83.7	50	64.9	280	83	30	434
Rocky Mtn.	96	64 66.7	28	43.8	1,156	190	43	679
California	848	822 96.9	388	47.2	12,529	871	2,382	80,296
Totals week:								
June 2 1934	3,760	3,374 89.7	2,127	63.0	65,232	6,895	4,350	104,224
May 26 1934	3,760	3,374 89.7	2,405	71.3	64,493	7,377	4,350	104,010

a Amount of unfinished gasoline contained in naphtha distillates. b Estimated. Includes unblended natural gasoline at refineries and plants, also blended motor fuel at plants. c Includes 35,987,000 barrels at refineries and 18,506,000 barrels at bulk terminals, in transit and pipe lines. d Includes 34,810,000 barrels at refineries and 18,422,000 barrels at bulk terminals, in transit and pipe lines.

Slab Zinc Shipments Continued to Increase in May 1934—Production Slightly Higher.

Slab zinc output continued below shipments during the month of May 1934. According to the American Zinc Institute, Inc., there were produced during this period a total of 30,992 short tons, as compared with 30,562 tons in the preceding month and 21,516 tons in the corresponding month last year. Shipments totaled 35,635 tons as against 31,948 tons in April 1934 and 27,329 tons in May 1933.

Inventories were further reduced during the Month of May 1934 by 4,643 short tons, or from 109,375 tons at April 30 to 104,732 tons at May 31. A year ago there were on hand 135,551 short tons of slab zinc. The Institute's statement follows:

SLAB ZINC STATISTICS (ALL GRADES)—1929-1934.
(Tons of 2,000 Pounds.)

	Produced During Period.	Shipped During Period.	Stock at End of Period.	(a) Shipped for Export.	Retorts Operating End of Period.	Average Retorts During Period.	Unfilled Orders End of Period.
1929.							
Total for year.	631,601	602,601	75,430	6,352	57,999	68,491	18,585
Monthly aver.	52,633	50,217	6,286	529	4,833	5,708	1,549
1930.							
Total for year.	504,463	36,275	143,61	196	31,240	47,769	26,651
Monthly aver.	42,039	3,023	11,967	16	2,603	3,981	2,221
1931.							
Total for year.	300,738	314,514	129,842	41	19,875	23,099	18,273
Monthly aver.	25,062	26,210	10,820	3	1,656	1,925	1,523
1932.							
January	22,471	22,404	129,909	31	22,044	21,001	24,232
February	21,474	21,851	192,532	0	21,752	20,629	23,118
March	22,448	22,503	129,477	0	22,016	21,078	23,712
April	20,575	18,032	132,020	0	20,796	19,469	20,821
May	18,605	18,050	132,575	0	20,850	20,172	19,637
June	16,423	14,971	134,027	20	18,742	19,670	16,116
July	14,716	12,841	135,902	0	18,295	17,552	16,949
August	13,611	16,360	133,153	39	14,514	15,067	18,017
September	13,260	20,638	125,774	20	14,915	13,809	16,023
October	15,217	19,152	121,840	20	17,369	15,901	10,333
November	16,076	15,970	121,948	20	19,753	17,990	8,640
December	18,653	15,745	124,856	20	21,023	20,372	8,478
Total for year.	213,531	218,517	1,014,512	170	185,828	185,500	158,888
Monthly aver.	17,794	18,210	84,543	14	15,486	15,458	13,241
1933.							
January	18,867	15,162	128,561	40	22,660	21,970	6,313
February	19,661	14,865	133,357	0	23,389	22,500	8,562
March	21,808	15,869	139,296	0	22,375	21,683	8,581
April	21,467	19,399	141,364	45	22,405	21,526	18,072
May	21,516	27,329	135,551	0	23,569	22,154	21,056
June	23,987	36,647	122,891	44	24,404	22,590	27,142
July	30,865	45,599	108,157	22	25,836	24,127	35,788
August	33,510	42,403	99,264	22	27,220	25,968	25,594
September	33,279	34,279	98,264	0	25,416	25,019	27,763
October	35,141	37,981	95,424	44	26,820	25,819	23,368
November	32,582	26,783	101,223	0	28,142	27,159	20,633
December	32,022	27,685	105,560	22	27,190	26,318	15,978
Total for year.	324,705	344,001	1,314,512	239	275,828	275,500	218,888
Monthly aver.	27,059	28,667	109,543	20	22,986	22,958	18,241
1934.							
January	32,954	26,532	111,982	44	28,744	26,975	26,717
February	30,172	32,361	109,793	0	30,763	27,779	26,676
March	33,721	32,753	110,761	3	26,952	28,816	21,976
April	30,562	31,948	109,375	0	26,692	25,349	27,396
May	30,992	35,635	104,732	0	27,193	25,086	20,831

a Export shipments are included in total shipments. Note.—These statistics include all corrections and adjustments reported at the year-end.

Production of Crude Petroleum Showed a Further Gain in April—Inventories of Refinable Crude Continued to Increase.

According to reports received by the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, the production of crude petroleum in the United States during April totaled 75,796,000 barrels. This represents a daily average of 2,526,000 barrels, an increase of 89,000 barrels over the daily average in March, and 349,000 barrels above April 1933, when the East Texas field was closed down for about two weeks. Nearly half of the gain in daily average output in April was recorded in Texas, most of the remainder in Oklahoma. Production in East Texas averaged 529,000 barrels daily, the highest since September 1933. All of the other major producing districts of Texas recorded gains in output in April. Daily average production in Oklahoma increased 25,000 barrels, 19,000 barrels of which was recorded at Oklahoma City. Production in California and Kansas showed small increases in April, after material gains in March. The trend in production in the other producing States was upward, only the Eastern States reporting decreases in daily average output. The Bureau of Mines in its report, further reported as follows:

Stocks of refinable crude continued to increase, totaling 354,350,000 barrels on April 30, compared with 354,067,000 barrels on April 1. Pipe-line and tank-farm stocks of crude, especially in Kansas, Oklahoma and North Texas, showed the largest increase in April; in fact, most other classes of stocks declined.

The percentage yield of gasoline increased from 42.6% in March to 43.6% in April; this increase, together with the gain in crude runs, resulted in a material increase in the output of motor fuel. The total demand for motor fuel in April was 35,458,000 barrels, of which 32,735,000 barrels constituted domestic demand and 2,723,000 barrels was exported. The domestic demand figure is substantially higher than in March 1934, and is 8% above a year ago; on the other hand, exports were materially lower than in April 1933.

The trend in motor fuel stocks, which has been upward since some time in September 1933, was reversed in April, when stocks declined about 600,000 barrels. Motor fuel stocks on April 30 totaled 65,608,000 barrels, of which 4,269,000 barrels was natural gasoline.

The most important change in the statistics of the minor products was a material decline in the domestic demand for gas oil and fuel oil.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the price index for petroleum products during April 1934 was 49.4, compared with 48.7 in March and 32.5 in April 1933.

The refinery data of this report were compiled from refineries with an aggregate daily recorded crude oil capacity of 3,470,000 barrels. These refineries operated during April at 71% of their capacity, given above, which compares with a ratio of 67% in March.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF ALL OILS.
(Thousands of Barrels of 42 Gallons.)

	April 1934.	March 1934.	April 1933.	Jan.-Apr. 1934.	Jan.-Apr. 1933.
New Supply—					
Domestic production:					
Crude petroleum.....	75,796	75,548	65,313	288,770	265,642
Daily average.....	2,526	2,437	2,177	2,406	2,214
Natural gasoline.....	2,926	3,019	2,674	11,764	10,864
Benzol.....	152	159	89	573	360
Total production.....	78,874	78,726	68,076	301,107	276,866
Daily average.....	2,629	2,540	2,269	2,509	2,307
Imports:					
Crude petroleum.....	b2,845	b2,410	2,910	11,086	11,913
Refined products.....	1,258	1,193	1,354	4,330	5,650
Total new supply, all oils.....	82,977	82,329	72,340	316,523	294,429
Daily average.....	2,766	2,656	2,411	2,638	2,454
Decrease in stocks, all oils.....	224	3,745	4,449	12,418	c538
Demand—					
Total demand.....	83,201	86,074	76,789	328,941	293,891
Daily average.....	2,773	2,777	2,560	2,741	2,449
Exports:					
Crude petroleum.....	3,942	2,582	2,939	11,323	8,899
Refined products.....	7,675	6,771	6,732	25,150	22,946
Domestic demand:					
Motor fuel.....	32,735	30,528	30,176	117,727	108,225
Kerosene.....	3,654	4,218	2,925	16,271	12,830
Gas oil and fuel oil.....	25,476	32,377	25,123	120,299	108,262
Lubricants.....	1,651	1,643	1,390	6,036	4,493
Wax.....	82	78	88	332	346
Coke.....	520	736	612	3,117	3,207
Asphalt.....	1,021	512	777	2,294	2,197
Road oil.....	247	317	111	880	373
Still gas (production).....	3,642	3,429	3,557	13,578	13,063
Miscellaneous.....	183	193	79	564	415
Losses and crude used as fuel.....	2,373	2,690	2,280	11,370	8,635
Total domestic demand.....	71,584	76,721	67,118	292,468	262,046
Daily average.....	2,386	2,475	2,237	2,437	2,184
Stocks—					
Crude petroleum.....	354,350	354,067	336,499	354,550	336,499
Natural gasoline.....	4,269	3,926	3,590	4,269	3,590
Refined products.....	231,176	232,026	248,558	231,176	248,558
Total, all oils.....	589,795	590,019	588,647	589,795	588,647
Days' supply.....	213	212	230	215	240

a From Coal Division. b Receipts of foreign crude as reported to Bureau of Mines. c Increase.

PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM BY STATES AND PRINCIPAL FIELDS.
(Thousands of Barrels of 42 Gallons.)

	April 1934.		March 1934.		Jan.-Apr. 1934.	Jan.-Apr. 1933.
	Total.	Daily Av.	Total.	Daily Av.		
Arkansas.....	922	31	918	29	3,649	3,669
California:						
Huntington Beach.....	1,190	40	1,244	40	4,718	2,988
Kettleman Hills.....	1,682	56	1,702	55	6,375	7,049
Long Beach.....	2,008	67	1,930	62	7,350	8,224
Santa Fe Springs.....	1,288	43	1,299	42	5,027	6,293
Rest of State.....	8,305	276	8,535	276	32,470	30,691
Total California.....	14,473	482	14,710	475	55,040	55,245
Colorado.....	86	3	81	3	337	320
Illinois.....	373	12	394	13	1,497	1,158
Indiana.....	66	2	70	2	260	197
Kansas.....	4,031	134	4,064	131	14,719	12,900
Kentucky.....	338	11	378	12	1,408	1,504
Louisiana—Gulf coast.....	1,475	49	1,337	43	5,393	4,321
Rest of State.....	764	25	798	26	3,180	3,404
Total Louisiana.....	2,239	74	2,135	69	8,573	7,725
Michigan.....	901	30	870	28	3,406	1,733
Montana.....	237	8	214	7	880	623
New Mexico.....	1,401	47	1,341	43	5,247	4,294
New York.....	295	10	313	10	1,010	1,010
Ohio—Central & Eastern.....	260	9	280	9	1,034	1,064
Northwestern.....	85	3	85	3	315	318
Total Ohio.....	345	12	365	12	1,349	1,382
Oklahoma—Okla. City.....	5,803	193	5,402	174	21,394	16,734
Seminole.....	3,188	106	3,278	106	12,667	12,025
Rest of State.....	6,706	224	6,771	218	25,800	23,292
Total Oklahoma.....	15,697	523	15,451	498	59,861	52,951
Pennsylvania.....	1,187	40	1,222	40	4,513	3,879
Tennessee.....	1	---	---	---	3	1
Texas—Gulf coast.....	4,809	160	4,913	159	19,119	16,576
West Texas.....	4,075	136	4,090	132	15,760	19,422
East Texas.....	15,867	529	15,514	500	58,537	48,919
Panhandle.....	1,660	55	1,671	54	6,128	5,505
Rest of State.....	5,514	184	5,485	177	21,363	21,739
Total Texas.....	31,925	1,064	31,673	1,022	120,907	112,161
West Virginia.....	332	11	364	12	1,327	1,130
Wyoming—Salt Creek.....	536	18	565	18	2,135	2,429
Rest of State.....	411	14	420	13	1,599	1,331
Total Wyoming.....	947	32	985	31	3,734	3,760
U. S. total.....	75,796	2,526	75,548	2,437	288,770	265,642

NUMBER OF WELLS COMPLETED IN THE UNITED STATES.^a

	April 1934.	March 1934.	April 1933.	Jan.-Apr. 1934.	Jan.-Apr. 1933.
Oil.....	914	930	482	3,564	2,146
Gas.....	72	78	48	354	263
Dry.....	287	279	264	1,184	1,154
Total.....	1,273	1,287	794	5,102	3,563

^a From "Oil and Gas Journal" and California office of the American Petroleum Institute.

Natural Gasoline Output Declined During April 1934.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, the daily average production of natural gasoline in April was 4,100,000 gallons, an increase of 10,000 gallons over the average in March. Production in the Eastern States declined, due to seasonal changes, but these losses were offset by increases in the Oklahoma City and East Texas fields. Production in the Texas Panhandle for the first four months of 1934 totaled 77,500,000 gallons, or 43% above production during the corresponding period of 1933. Stocks of natural gasoline held by plant operators increased materially, rising from 42,918,000 gallons on April 1 to 53,587,000 gallons on April 30. The major portion of this increase affected stocks in Texas. The Bureau's report further showed:

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GASOLINE (THOUSANDS OF GALLONS).

	Production.				Stocks End of Mo.	
	April 1934.	March 1934.	Jan.-Apr. 1934.	Jan.-Apr. 1933.	April 1934.	March 1934.
Appalachian.....	4,900	6,000	23,000	24,000	7,138	6,103
Illinois and Kentucky.....	600	800	3,000	3,000	607	627
Oklahoma.....	30,500	31,500	122,300	111,100	20,750	19,486
Kansas.....	2,200	2,200	9,100	8,300	1,186	819
Texas.....	35,800	36,300	140,300	112,100	18,373	10,215
Louisiana.....	3,500	3,500	14,000	13,400	669	907
Arkansas.....	1,100	1,100	4,300	5,200	132	186
Rocky Mountain.....	4,900	4,800	19,000	18,500	1,169	1,186
California.....	39,400	40,600	159,100	160,700	3,558	3,389
Total.....	122,900	126,800	494,100	456,300	53,587	42,918
Daily average.....	4,100	4,090	4,120	3,800	1,276	1,022
Total (thousands of bbls.).....	2,926	3,019	11,764	10,864	1,276	1,022
Daily average.....	98	97	98	91	---	---

6,909 Tons of Tin Exported During April According to International Tin Committee Compared with 6,946 Tons in March—Formation of Buffer Stock of Tin at 8,282 Tons Agreed.

In a communique issued by the International Tin Committee, and made public by the New York office of the International Tin Research & Development Council, it is shown that 6,909 tons of tin was exported during April by the five countries participating in the international tin agreement. This compares with 6,946 tons exported in March, a decrease of 37 tons. The communique also noted that the formation of a buffer stock of tin at 8,282 tons has been agreed. The communique follows:

INTERNATIONAL TIN COMMITTEE.

Communique.

1. A meeting of the International Tin Committee was held at London on June 5 1934.
2. The monthly statistics as to export are as follows:

Cabled Information from Participating Countries for the Month of April, Export April 1934.	Tons
Netherlands East Indies.....	1,310
Nigeria.....	439
Bolivia.....	1,663
Malaya.....	2,794
Siam.....	703

3. The four signatory governments have agreed to the formation, as rapidly as possible, of a buffer stock of tin fixed at 8,282 tons. A special quota of 5% of standard tonnages to permit of accumulation of this stock has been sanctioned with effect from June 1. The whole stock must be accumulated not later than the end of 1934.

As noted in the International Tin Committee's communique relating to exports in March, given in our issue of May 5, page 3005, Netherland East Indies exported 1,430 tons during that month, Nigeria 342 tons, Bolivia 1,782, tons Malaya 2,258 tons, and Siam 1,134 tons. The exports by the countries during March exceed the allowable quota of 6,682 tons by 264 tons.

Non-Ferrous Metal Market Improved Moderately—Copper Fairly Active Abroad.

"Metal and Mineral Markets" in its issue of June 7 stated that even though some uncertainty still exists over the summer business outlook, inquiry for major non-ferrous metals improved moderately last week, particularly in the last two days. In copper the feature was the activity that developed in the foreign market at somewhat lower quotations. The domestic situation in copper remains about unchanged. Lead was in sufficient demand to steady prices. Zinc sold off again, largely on continued excess production of concentrate in the Tri-State district. Formation of a "buffer pool" in tin was announced on June 6. Silver closed slightly higher. Bismuth was reduced in price on June 1. "Metal and Mineral Markets" further went on to report:

Copper Business Lags.

Domestic business in copper continues slow, sales for the last week totaling about 2,500 tons. Fabricators of copper report an increase in specifications, but on new business the trade is evidently awaiting final settlement of all questions of marketing raised by the code. Sales allotments have not yet been assigned to individual producers. The matter of appointing an "arbiter" for the copper industry came up for further discussion during the week, but nothing definite was decided upon. The copper and brass mill products industry is also considering the selection of an "arbiter." The market for "Blue Eagle" copper held at 8.50c., Valley, throughout the week.

The foreign market for copper was fairly active all week. The unsettlement in the price abroad, resulting in some offerings at a shade under 8c., c.i.f., on June 5, did stimulate buying interest. Most of the business transacted abroad on June 6 was at prices ranging from 8c. to 8.05c., c.i.f. Katanga was an aggressive seller last week, and much of the weakness in the foreign market was inspired by talk of a larger output by the Belgian producer. One report had it that Katanga would step up output to about 100,000 tons for this year. The import restrictions in Germany also had a bearish influence abroad. Total foreign business last week was probably in excess of 12,000 tons.

Lead Price Steady.

Demand for lead last week, although of fair proportions, was somewhat below the level of the preceding week. Prices were unchanged at 4c., New York, the contract settling basis of the American Smelting & Refining Co., and 3.85c., St. Louis. The moderate falling off of consumer interest in the metal was said to be a development that might have been expected following the heavy buying of about two weeks ago, when the current level of prices was established.

The business of the past week was well distributed among the various consumers, with the pigment interests and battery manufacturers acquiring a large share of the total metal sold. Now that a code for the industry has finally been signed, the trade generally hopes that a more satisfactory price for the metal will soon prevail.

Zinc Sells at 4.25c.

Prime Western zinc opened the week at 4.30c., St. Louis, but by Monday several sellers took on business at 4.25c., near-by positions, and metal was available at the lower level up to the close. Galvanizers showed more interest, and business booked was in fair volume. During the week ended June 2 about 3,000 tons of zinc changed hands. An unsettling factor in the market was the difficulty experienced in regulating the output of concentrate in the Tri-State district. With concentrate lower, it is hoped that production can be held in check.

"Buffer Pool" for Tin.

Up until June 5 the domestic tin market of last week was relatively quiet, but during the last two days a fair amount of business was transacted. Prices moved within a narrow range, largely in sympathy with sterling exchange. An unfavorable development of the week, although one that was expected, was the further decline of 5% in tin-plate operations, from 75% to 70% of capacity.

A "buffer pool" of 8,280 tons is to be formed abroad as soon as possible, according to cable advices of yesterday, which stated that an announcement to that effect had just been issued by the four "signatory" countries. The pool is to be built up through a 5% increase in production quotas, beginning with June 1, for the remainder of 1934. This increase in quotas, however, as pointed out by one bullish interpreter of the announcement, will provide only about 4,700 tons, so the supposition is that the difference between 8,280 tons and 4,700 tons will have to be purchased in the open market.

Chinese 99% was quoted nominally as follows: May 31, 51.750c.; June 1, 51.450c.; June 2, 51.350c.; June 4, 50.700c.; June 5, 50.500c.; June 6, 50.900c.

The world's visible supply of tin at the end of May was estimated at 17,371 long tons, against 17,704 tons a month previous and 41,883 tons a year ago. United States deliveries of tin during May amounted to 4,110 tons, against 4,405 tons in April, and 4,835 tons in May 1933, according to the Commodity Exchange. With consumption of tin likely to decline over the summer period, the May statistics failed to impress buyers here as "bullish," especially with the market above 50c.

Steel Output Rises Another Point—Present Operating Rate Will Probably Be Sustained During Remainder of the Month, Says the "Iron Age"—Prices of Scrap Drop to a New Low for the Year.

The strike threat and the desire of consumers to obtain shipments against expiring low-priced contracts have resulted in increasing pressure for steel, raising ingot output from 59 to 60% of capacity, reports the "Iron Age" of June 7, in its weekly review of iron and steel conditions throughout the country. At Chicago, production has risen 3½ points to 69%, a new high for the year. Buffalo and the Valleys each had a two-point gain to 59% and 65%, respectively, while Cleveland output fell off four points to 63%. Operating rates are unchanged at other centers, Detroit holding the lead at 100%, while Pittsburgh remains at 49%, the Wheeling district at 74%, eastern Pennsylvania at 45%, and the South at 63%. The "Age" further states:

Despite a further tapering of automobile tonnage, present operating rates will probably be sustained through the remainder of the month. Sheet mills are unable to accept additional specifications against contracts except for special items, and are running at 70% of capacity. Strip mills are also crowded, while tin plate producers continue to average close to 75%, although facing an early downward revision of their schedules. Activity in the heavier products, which has lagged, is relatively better, although at Chicago rail mill operations are being curtailed so that rollings can be spread evenly over the next three months.

The strike threat of the Amalgamated Association has been taken more seriously by iron and steel consumers than by the producers. Lack of enthusiasm for the strike demands on the part of the rank and file of workers has been marked, and in certain plants Amalgamated lodges have disbanded and returned their charters. The steel industry is now apprehensive that union strategy aims to achieve its ends through governmental interference rather than to take the risk of ordering a walkout. In this connection the revised Wagner bill is regarded as particularly dangerous. The provision of the measure permitting the Labor Board to hold employee elections on a company, craft or plant basis, or any other basis it may select, would make it possible for a biased tribunal to confine the voting to sectors or groups known to be strongest in union membership. While a separate labor board for the steel industry has been proposed by General Johnson, the measure of its merit would also be the character of its personnel.

Although the forward outlook in iron and steel is dimmed by labor uncertainties, seasonal tendencies and the consumer accumulations of low-priced inventories, there is a growing feeling that the growth of steel consumption, apart from the automotive industry, has been underestimated. This nascent change in viewpoint may account for signs of stabilization in the scrap market, particularly at Philadelphia, and to some extent at Pittsburgh. Nevertheless, the "Iron Age" scrap composite has declined from \$10.92 to \$10.58 a ton, a new low for the year.

Structural steel awards, at 29,825 tons, are the largest for any week since mid-January. Lettings for May, at 87,350 tons, were the largest for any month this year, comparing with 55,380 tons in April and 84,750 tons in March.

The most important revision of the steel code is a provision that once prices have been filed for a calendar quarter they cannot be advanced, although they may be reduced. This change will largely destroy the incentive to contract for iron and steel, and was probably intended as a further safeguard against speculative buying. The 10-day waiting period after filing prices was retained, except in the case of reductions in price to meet lower prices filed by competitors.

Sheet steel piling has been advanced \$3 a ton, effective June 11, and new prices on seamless steel boiler tubes have gone into effect. Otherwise prices of leading products remain unchanged. Makers of cap and machine screws, who now have a code of their own, filed new prices, effective June 1. The "Iron Age" composite prices for finished steel and pig iron are unaltered at 2.222c. a pound and \$17.90 a ton, 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.	
June 5 1934, 2.222c. a Lb.	2.222c.	High.	Low.
One week ago	2.222c.	1934	2.222c. Apr. 24
One month ago	2.222c.	1933	2.036c. Oct. 3
One year ago	1.892c.	1932	1.977c. Oct. 4
		1931	2.037c. Jan. 13
		1930	2.273c. Jan. 7
		1929	2.317c. Apr. 2
		1928	2.286c. Dec. 11
		1927	2.402c. Jan. 4

Pig Iron.

\$17.90 a Gross Ton.		Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace foundry irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley, and Birmingham.	
June 5 1934, \$17.90	\$17.90	High.	Low.
One week ago	17.90	1934	\$16.90 Jan. 2
One month ago	17.90	1933	16.90 Dec. 5
One year ago	15.01	1932	14.81 Jan. 5
		1931	15.90 Jan. 6
		1930	18.21 Jan. 7
		1929	18.71 May 14
		1928	18.59 Nov. 27
		1927	19.71 Jan. 4

Steel Scrap.

\$10.58 a Gross Ton.		Based on No. 1 heavy melting steel quotations at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Chicago.	
June 5 1934, \$10.58	\$10.92	High.	Low.
One week ago	11.92	1934	\$13.00 Mar. 13
One month ago	11.92	1933	12.25 Aug. 8
One year ago	9.92	1932	8.50 Jan. 12
		1931	11.33 Jan. 6
		1930	15.00 Feb. 18
		1929	17.53 Jan. 29
		1928	16.50 Dec. 31
		1927	15.25 Jan. 11

The American Iron and Steel Institute on June 4 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 57.4% of the capacity for the current week, compared with 56.1% last week and 56.9% one month ago. This represents an increase of 1.3 points, or 2.3% above the estimate for the week of May 28. Weekly indicated rates of steel operations since Oct. 23 1933 follow:

1933—	1933—	1934—	1934—
Oct. 23 31.6%	Dec. 25 31.6%	Feb. 12 39.9%	Apr. 9 47.4%
Oct. 30 26.1%	Jan. 1 29.3%	Feb. 19 43.6%	Apr. 16 50.3%
Nov. 6 25.2%	Jan. 8 30.7%	Feb. 26 45.7%	Apr. 23 54.0%
Nov. 13 27.1%	Jan. 15 34.2%	Mar. 5 47.7%	Apr. 30 55.7%
Nov. 20 26.0%	Jan. 22 32.5%	Mar. 12 46.2%	May 7 56.9%
Nov. 27 26.8%	Jan. 29 34.4%	Mar. 19 46.8%	May 14 56.6%
Dec. 4 28.3%	Feb. 5 37.5%	Mar. 26 45.7%	May 21 54.2%
Dec. 11 31.5%	Feb. 12 34.2%	Apr. 2 43.3%	May 28 56.1%
Dec. 18 34.2%			June 4 57.4%

"Steel," of Cleveland, in its summary of the iron and steel markets, on June 4 stated:

While the general trend in steel consumption is slightly downward—based principally on declining automobile production—two factors last week tended to increase specifications and shipments and to rally steel-works operations 3 points to 60%.

The first of these is the reluctance of consumers to lose their equities in second quarter contracts, with the certainty of higher prices beginning July 1 than they now are paying; and the second is the artificial stimulus supplied by fears of a steel strike.

Notwithstanding the radical statements issued last week by some labor groups, steelmakers are taking a hopeful view. The revised steel code, granting certain concessions to labor, goes in effect June 11, and the Washington administration is trying to avert a strike, set for June 16.

To some extent price provisions of the new code led consumers last week to hesitate in ordering material. Foremost, is the amendment which permits producers to file prices, regardless of any question as to their "fairness," and the right of others to meet these prices promptly.

Prices, once filed for a quarter, will be the maximum which can be charged in that period, irrespective of how much costs might be advanced. Apparently, prices will be no higher than named at the outset, but there always will be the possibility of them going lower. Due regard to costs and ethical standards are expected to weigh against unfair competition. To the great majority of consumers changes made in basing points will be of minor significance.

June 11 was set as the effective date for the new code to allow for the 10-day period in which to file new prices. But with few exceptions books were opened June 1 for the third quarter at those prices which were named last April, after consumers had been given the opportunity to cover at lower levels. These prices incorporate the advances ranging from \$3 to \$8 a ton—offsetting some of the steelmaker's costs in increasing wages.

Steelmakers continue to take heavy shipments of scrap, but lack of new buying has resulted in further price reductions at Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland, lowering "Steel's" iron and steel scrap composite 38 cents to \$10.33. For the first time in six weeks, however, the downward trend in scrap prices at Pittsburgh halted, leading to the belief that with strike uncertainties overcome the market will show more stability. Pig iron shipments still are increasing moderately.

Daily average pig iron output in May—66,274 gross tons—was 14.5% higher than in April, and largest since April 1931. Total output—2,054,507 tons—was 18.3% over the preceding month. Production for five months this year—7,912,747 tons—shows a gain of 149% over the period last year. Stacks active May 31 numbered 115, a net increase of six in the month.

Shape awards for the week dropped sharply to 9,006 tons, holiday influences being adverse. The Navy Department and Shipping Board are co-operating in a proposal to aid in construction of 100 tankships in the next two years, which will require a substantial steel tonnage.

Eastern plate mills are expanding production, largely for railroad equipment requirements. Domestic freight car awards in May totaled 717; for the first five months this year, 21,424, largest for the period since 1930. Rail production is steady. Nickel Plate awarded 1,000 tons of track fastenings.

Steelworks operations last week advanced 3 points to 65% at Chicago; 2 to 63, Youngstown; 3 to 53, Buffalo; 1 to 79, Cleveland; and ½-point to 45½, eastern Pennsylvania. They were reduced 1 point to 50%, Pitts-

tons in the previous month and 22,488,000 tons in the corresponding period last year. Anthracite output was estimated at 5,261,000 net tons, compared with 4,837,000 tons in April last and 2,967,000 tons in May 1933.

The average production of bituminous coal per working day was estimated at 1,066,000 net tons as against 1,024,000 tons per day in April 1934 and 852,000 tons in May last year. Average output of anthracite per working day during May 1934 was figured at 202,300 net tons, compared with 201,500 tons in the preceding month and 114,100 tons in the fifth month of last year. The Bureau's statement follows:

Table with 5 columns: Month, Total for Month (Net Tons), No. of Working Days, Average per Working Day (Net Tons), and Calendar Year to End of May (Net Tons). Rows include May 1934 (Preliminary), April 1934 (Revised), and May 1933 for Bituminous coal, Anthracite, and Beehive coke.

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.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week With the Federal Reserve Banks.

The daily average volume of Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding during the week ended June 6, as reported by the Federal Reserve banks, was \$2,470,000,000, a decrease of \$4,000,000 compared with the preceding week and an increase of \$250,000,000 compared with the corresponding week in 1933. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

On June 6 total Reserve bank credit amounted to \$2,475,000,000, an increase of \$5,000,000 for the week. This increase corresponds with increases of \$24,000,000 in member bank reserve balances, \$4,000,000 in money in circulation and \$2,000,000 in non-member deposits and other Federal Reserve accounts, and a decrease of \$6,000,000 in Treasury and National bank currency, offset in part by a decrease of \$17,000,000 in Treasury cash and deposits with Federal Reserve banks and an increase of \$14,000,000 in monetary gold stock.

The System's holdings of bills discounted declined \$5,000,000 and of United States Treasury notes \$2,000,000, while holdings of Treasury certificates and bills increased \$2,000,000.

The statement in full for the week ended June 6 in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year will be found on pages 3907 and 3908.

Changes in the amount of Reserve bank credit outstanding and in related items during the week and the year ended June 6 1934 were as follows:

Table showing increases and decreases since June 6 1934, May 30 1934, and June 7 1933 for various categories like Bills discounted, U. S. Government securities, and Monetary gold stock.

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

Below is the statement of the Federal Reserve Board for the New York City member banks and that for the Chicago member banks for the current week, issued in advance of the full statement of the member banks, which latter will not be available until the coming Monday. The New York City statement also includes the brokers' loans of reporting member banks, which for the present week shows an increase of \$82,000,000, the total of these loans on June 6 1934 standing at \$997,000,000, as compared with \$331,000,000 on July 27 1932, the low record since these loans have been first compiled in 1917. Loans "for own account" increased from \$743,000,000 to \$825,000,000, while loans "for account of out-of-town banks" remained even at \$164,000,000 and loans "for account of others" at \$8,000,000.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

Table for New York City showing Loans and investments, Loans, On securities, Investments, Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Due from banks, Due to banks, and Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank for June 6 1934, May 30 1934, and June 7 1933.

Table for Chicago showing Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers, Loans and investments—total, Loans—total, On securities, Investments—total, U. S. Government securities, Other securities, Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Due from banks, Due to banks, and Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank for June 6 1934, May 30 1934, and June 7 1933.

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

As explained above, the statements of the New York and Chicago member banks are now given out on Thursdays simultaneously with the figures for the Reserve banks themselves and covering the same week, instead of being held until the following Monday, before which time the statistics covering the entire body of reporting member banks in 91 cities cannot be got ready.

In the following will be found the comments of the Federal Reserve Board respecting the returns of the entire body of reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the week ended with the close of business on May 30:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in 91 leading cities on May 30 shows increases for the week of \$99,000,000 in net demand deposits, \$21,000,000 in loans and \$28,000,000 in investments, and decreases of \$9,000,000 in time deposits and \$33,000,000 in Government deposits.

Loans on securities increased \$8,000,000 at reporting member banks in the Boston district and at all reporting member banks. "All other" loans increased \$10,000,000 in the New York district and \$13,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Holdings of United States Government securities declined \$10,000,000 in the St. Louis district and increased \$8,000,000 in the Cleveland district, all reporting banks showing no change for the week. Holdings of other securities increased \$13,000,000 in the New York district, \$9,000,000 in the St. Louis district and \$28,000,000 at all reporting banks.

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 \$1,006,000,000 and net demand, time and Government deposits of \$1,158,000,000 on May 30, compared with \$1,014,000,000 and \$1,146,000,000, respectively, on May 23.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of the reporting member banks, in 91 leading cities, that are now included in the statement, together with changes for the week and the year ended May 30 1934 follows.

Table showing Complete Returns of the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System for the Preceding Week, including Loans and investments, Loans, On securities, Investments, Reserve with F. R. banks, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Due from banks, Due to banks, and Borrowings from F. R. banks for May 30 1934, May 23 1934, and May 31 1933.

Formation of New York Foreign Exchange Brokers Association.

Announcement is made of the formation of an association, the membership of which constitutes practically every foreign exchange broker operating in the New York financial district. The association is to be known as The New York Foreign Exchange Brokers Association. "The purpose of the organization," Chas. D. Blauvelt, of Blauvelt, Lingley & Co., and President of the new organization, states, "will be to maintain the highest standards of business ethics and integrity and to promote fair and equitable principles of trade." The officers of the association, elected at the executive meeting held June 1, in addition to Mr. Blauvelt are: Harold Bayley, of Bayley & Mills, Vice-President; B. J. Snow, of B. J. Snow & Co., Secretary; Herman Kreech, Treasurer. All of the foregoing, in addition to E. S. Church of Church & Derry, Arthur Partridge of Partridge, Curtis & Co. and Oscar Peterson, of Oscar Peterson & Co., make up the Executive Committee of the association.

Foreign Nations Seek to Begin Treaty Negotiations with United States, Following Congressional Approval of Reciprocal Tariff Bill.

Final Congressional approval of the Administration's reciprocal tariff bill on June 6 was immediately followed by visits at the State Department by Felipe A. Espil, Argentine Ambassador, and Hans Luther, German Ambassador, both of whom expressed the desire of their Governments to begin negotiations at once. Negotiations are already being carried on by the State Department with respect to a commercial treaty with Cuba. Other countries which are said to have recently signified their interest in such treaties include Sweden, Brazil, Mexico, Portugal, Spain and Canada. In this connection, a Washington dispatch of June 6 to the New York "Times" commented:

Before the State Department can proceed it will require an appropriation of \$100,000 to defray expenses made necessary by the setting up of a special division for the negotiations and the appointment of experts and other special personnel.

What countries will be invited first to negotiate or whether negotiations will be conducted simultaneously but separately with several, are questions yet to be decided.

The general plan will be to concentrate on articles which we particularly need, and to obtain corresponding tariff reductions on articles the other countries especially require from us. The cumulative effect of such a program, it is felt, would be to lower tariff walls generally throughout the world.

Cuban Cabinet Ratifies New Treaty with United States—Exchange of Ratifications Expected To-day, Making Pact Effective.

The new treaty under which the United States renounces the right of armed intervention in Cuba, and which annuls the Platt amendment through abrogation of the treaty of 1903, was ratified by the Cuba Cabinet on June 4. The new treaty will become effective with the exchange of ratifications, expected to take place in Washington to-day (June 9). Signature of the treaty on May 29 and its ratification by the Senate on May 31 were noted in our issue of June 2, pages 3689-90.

President Roosevelt Asks Congress for Authority to Give Government of Haiti Buildings and Equipment Now Used by United States Marines—Total Value Is Under \$100,000—Text of Message.

President Roosevelt on June 5 sent to Congress a message in which he recommended the enactment of legislation authorizing him to convey to the Government of Haiti, without cost, such buildings, material and equipment owned by the United States in Haiti "as may appear to me to be appropriate." He referred specifically to the buildings and equipment used by the United States marine and naval forces which will be withdrawn in October. Such a gift, the President said, would be "a fitting climax to the close of a period of special relationship which has existed between Haiti and the United States." Reports from Washington said that the total value of the buildings and equipment mentioned is less than \$100,000. The text of the President's message follows:

To the Congress of the United States.

Next October our marine and naval forces will be withdrawn from the Republic of Haiti. During a period of almost 20 years in which they have been stationed in Haiti they have rendered valuable assistance to the Haitian Government and people in training the Haitian constabulary. This constabulary, known as the "garde," has been using certain equipment and material loaned to them by our marine and naval forces, and the Haitian Government would welcome the opportunity of retaining this equipment material. Also, there are various buildings, barracks, garages and workshops which our marines and naval forces have constructed and which would be of practical use to the Haitian Government. It would seem to me a fitting climax to the close of the period of special relationship which has existed between Haiti and the United States if our Government

were to make a gift of these buildings and of a portion of this material and equipment to the Haitian Government. In the joint statement which the President of Haiti and I issued on April 17 following our conversations during President Vincent's visit to Washington, I expressed my intention of seeking the necessary authorization from the Congress of the United States in order to make such a gift.

With the foregoing in mind, therefore, I recommend the enactment of legislation authorizing me in my discretion to convey to the Government of Haiti, without cost to that Government, such buildings, material and equipment now in Haiti owned by our Government as may appear to me to be appropriate.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

The White House, June 5 1934.

Canadian Government Expected to Make Profit of \$33,000,000 on Gold Taken Over from Banks.

The Canadian Government may make a profit of \$33,000,000 on gold that it will take over from Canadian banks at the statutory price of \$20.67 a fine ounce, according to Toronto Canadian Press advices of June 6, which explained the computation as follows:

The Government bank statement for April 30, the latest available, gives the amount of coin in the banks at \$39,928,171. A banker here estimated that 95%, or about \$38,000,000, was in gold coin. The banks hold at agencies outside Canada \$9,159,554, bringing the total up to roughly \$47,000,000. The prevailing premium on gold, now selling in New York at \$35 an ounce, is about 70% over the old price of \$20.67, giving a profit of \$33,000,000.

Canadian Central Bank to Take Over Gold from Chartered Banks at \$20.67 an Ounce, Rather Than \$35.

The Canadian Parliamentary Banking Committee announced on June 5 that the new Canadian Central Bank would take over from chartered banks gold at the statutory price of \$20.67 a fine ounce, rather than the market price of \$35 as the banks had desired. The Committee also reduced the profits which the Central Bank will be permitted to earn and approved an amendment giving the Government power of veto over its decisions. An Ottawa dispatch of June 5 to the New York "Times" noted the Committee's action in part as follows:

The Committee was influenced on the gold price question by a memorandum of Dr. W. C. Clark, Deputy Minister of Finance, warning that the Government would be exposed to widespread censure if it paid \$35 for the gold it took over.

Stating that the banks were being treated in exactly the same way as a private Canadian citizen who turned in gold coin to-day to the mint, Dr. Clark continued:

"The premium on gold resulted not from any commercial activity on the part of the banks but as a result of the Canadian monetary policy applied in the face of a serious world situation. It is obviously no part of the business of banking to engage in the purchase of gold with a view to speculative profit.

"The premium on gold is the measure of the depreciation of our currency. This depreciation has been at the expense of the people and not at the expense of the banks. It follows that any profit on gold reserves arising out of monetary policy should accrue to the State representing the people as a whole."

Canadian House of Commons Passes Bill Ending "High-Pressure" Security Selling—Measure Described as One of Most Stringent Incorporation Laws in World.

The Canadian House of Commons on June 1 passed the Canadian Companies Act, designed to end "high-pressure" selling of securities, including canvassing by telephone. C. H. Cahan, Secretary of State, described the measure as one of the most stringent company incorporation laws in the world. The Secretary of State said that since notice of the bill had been given many Canadian companies had already applied for Provincial instead of Federal charters. An Ottawa dispatch of June 1 to the New York "Times" described the bill as follows:

It forbids the sale of securities unless the buyer has been supplied with a prospectus containing exhaustive and accurate information about the company concerning its previous issues, salaries paid to its high ranking officials, amounts paid to promoters, or intended to be paid, and a variety of other details.

Great Britain Advises United States that Payments on War Debts Will Be Suspended Pending Discussion of Ultimate Settlement of Intergovernmental Debts.

The intention of the British Government to suspend further payments on its war debt to the United States is made known in a note received at Washington, on June 4, by Secretary of State Cordell Hull, from Sir Ronald Lindsay, the British Ambassador. According to the note, such further payments would be deferred "until it becomes possible to discuss an ultimate settlement of intergovernmental war debts with a reasonable prospect of agreement." The British Government, the note adds, has no intention of repudiating its obligations, "and will be prepared to enter upon further discussion of the subject at any time when in the opinion of the President such discussion would be likely to produce results of value."

Great Britain's note is in reply to a communication addressed to it by the United States, on May 25, as to which the reply of Ambassador Lindsay states:

His Majesty's Government are in fact faced with a choice between only two alternatives, viz, to pay in full the sum of \$262,000,000 as set forth in the communication from the United States Treasury, dated May 25, or to suspend all interim payments pending a final revision of the settlement, which has been delayed by events beyond the control of the two governments.

Deeply as they regret the circumstances which have forced them to take such a decision, His Majesty's Government feel that they could not assume the responsibility of adopting a course which would revive the whole system of intergovernmental war debt payments.

As already pointed out, the resumption of full payments to the United States would necessitate a corresponding demand by His Majesty's Government from their own war debtors. It would be a re-creation of the conditions which existed prior to the world crisis and were in a large measure responsible for it.

Such procedure would throw a bombshell into the European area which would have financial and economic repercussions over all five continents and would postpone indefinitely the chances of world recovery.

Accordingly, His Majesty's Government are reluctantly compelled to take the only other course open to them.

With reference to the notes sent to the various debtor nations by the United States, it was stated in advices, May 28, from Washington to the New York "Herald Tribune," that reminders were sent to 13 countries calling attention to the fact that payments of \$174,647,439 are due June 15. From the same source we take the following:

In addition, each note, except that addressed to Finland, carried a statement of amounts which were due but not paid on previous dates when the funding agreements provided for collections. Where token payments were made, only the remainders due were noted. The amounts not paid in the past according to contract terms added \$304,155,582 to the total bill.

Ten of the messages from the State Department went forward to-day. The three to Great Britain, France and Belgium had been dispatched last week. Andre de Laboulaye, French Ambassador, visited Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to-day and talked over "current relations," but whether the subject of war debts came up was not disclosed. Paris has already indicated it will not pay. The bill to Great Britain called for \$85,670,765 due June 15. France owes \$59,000,218, and Belgium, \$7,159,458.

The other governments to which notes were sent (said the dispatch) were:

Czechoslovakia, for \$1,632,812.	Latvia, \$134,883.
Estonia, \$322,850.	Lithuania, \$147,864.
Finland, \$166,538.	Poland, \$4,039,039.
Hungary, \$32,669.	Rumania, \$1,248,750.
Italy, \$14,741,598.	Jugoslavia, \$300,000.

These amounts it was noted do not include past unpaid balances.

The Washington account to the "Herald Tribune" likewise said:

The notes to the debtor countries said merely that the Secretary of State was requested by the Treasury to submit to the nation in question a statement of the amount due June 15. The notes concluded with the polite suggestion that payments may be made at the Treasury or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The May 25 note of the United States Government was made public on June 4, along with Great Britain's reply. As to the State Department's note and the British Government's reply, we quote the following from the Washington advices, June 4, to the New York "Times":

This note [United States] was made public by the Department to-day, and showed Great Britain owing \$261,791,011.68, including back payments of \$65,949,481.58 due on June 15 1933; \$110,170,765.05 due on Dec. 15 1933, and \$85,670,765.05 due next June 15.

Great Britain said she would have been prepared to make further payment on June 15 "in acknowledgment of the debt and without prejudice to their right again to present the case of its readjustment, on the assumption that they would again have received the President's declaration that he would not consider them in default."

"They understood, however," the note added, "that in consequence of recent legislation no such declaration would now be possible, and if this be the case the procedure adopted by common agreement in 1933 [of token payments] is no longer practicable."

British Position Restated.

Much of the note was taken up by a restatement of the British position on debts. The existing system of intergovernmental war debt obligations, it was contended, had broken down. The British funding agreement was unreasonable in itself and inequitable as compared with the treatment accorded the other debtors, the note stressed.

On original advances of \$4,277,000,000 Great Britain had paid \$2,025,000,000, while the amount now owed was \$4,713,785,000. In addition, her payments had been far in excess of all of those of the other debtors, she said.

Furthermore, Great Britain had suspended payments of her debtors on \$7,800,000,000 of war advances. Improvement in her budgetary situation was beside the point, being due to "unprecedented sacrifices" by her people. Also, payment of intergovernmental debt was related to the balance of trade, not to the volume of internal revenue, the note continued.

An attempt to transfer across exchange the amounts due would, the note said, "cause a sharp depreciation of sterling against the dollar, which, as His Majesty's Government understand, would not be consistent with the monetary policy of the United States Government."

"And in the long run," it added, "such international transfer would be impossible without a radical alteration in the economic policies of the United States."

This reference, it was explained, was to the necessity of our accepting goods and services from abroad to cover debt payments, which would require a reversal of the existing favorable balance of trade for the United States. War debts, it was contended, were different from commercial loans, being neither productive nor self-liquidating and "the unnatural transfers required for their payment would involve a general collapse of normal international exchange and credit operations."

Moreover, the Hoover moratorium and the Lausanne agreement had changed conditions, it was asserted. These had been followed by efforts to reach a new debt settlement with us but without success, due to "the unprecedented state of world economic and financial conditions."

In addition to sending communications to the debtor nations, President Roosevelt on June 1 addressed a message to Congress on the subject of the foreign debts. A reference thereto appeared in our June 2 issue, page 3702, and elsewhere in these columns to-day we give the President's message in full. The following is the note addressed, on May 25, by William Phillips, Under-Secretary of State, to the British Ambassador:

May 25 1934.

I am requested by the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to you a statement of the amounts due from your Government June 15 1933, Dec. 15 1933, and June 15 1934, under the provisions of the debt agreement of June 19 1923, and the moratorium agreement of June 4 1932, and to advise you that payment may be made either at the Treasury in Washington or at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

STATEMENTS OF THE AMOUNTS DUE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF GREAT BRITAIN JUNE 15 1933, DEC. 15 1933, AND JUNE 15 1934.

<i>Amount due June 15 1933—</i>	
Semi-annual interest due June 15 1933.....	\$75,950,000.00
Less a partial payment of interest.....	10,000,518.42
Balance due.....	\$65,949,481.58
<i>Amount due Dec. 15 1933—</i>	
Principal instalments (11th payment) due Dec. 15 1933.....	32,000,000.00
Semi-annual interest due Dec. 15 1933.....	75,950,000.00
First semi-annual instalment of the annuity due Dec. 15 1933 on account of the moratorium agreement of June 4 1932, as authorized by a joint resolution of Congress approved Dec. 23 1931.....	9,720,765.05
Amount due.....	\$117,670,765.05
Less partial payment of interest Dec. 15 1933.....	7,500,000.00
Balance due.....	\$110,170,765.05
<i>Amount due June 15 1934—</i>	
Semi-annual interest due June 15 1934.....	75,390,000.00
Interest accrued from Dec. 15 1933 to June 15 1934 on principal instalments (11th payment) of \$32,000,000 which matured Dec. 15 1933.....	560,000.00
Second semi-annual instalment of the annuity due June 15 1934 on account of the moratorium agreement of June 4 1932.....	9,720,765.05
Amount due.....	\$85,670,765.05

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

(Signed) WILLIAM PHILLIPS.

His Excellency, the Hon. Sir Ronald Lindsay, P. C., G. C. G., K. C. B.,
C. V. O., British Ambassador

Ambassador Lindsay's reply follows:

June 4 1934.

British Embassy,
Washington, D. C.

Sir: In their note of Dec. 1 1932, His Majesty's Government gave a full statement of the reasons which convinced them that the existing system of intergovernmental war debt obligations had broken down. They pointed out the differences between these war debt obligations and normal credit operations for development purposes.

They showed the economic impossibility of making transfers on the scale required by these obligations and the disastrous effect which any further attempt to do so would have on trade and prices.

They emphasized the sacrifices which the British nation had made in this matter and the injustice of the difference between their funding settlement and those accorded to other debtors.

They concluded that a revision of the existing settlements was essential in the interests of world revival and they urged that further payments should be postponed pending such a revision.

Nothing that has since occurred has led His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to change the views they then expressed.

That the present settlement imposes upon the people of the United Kingdom a burden which is both unreasonable in itself and inequitable in relation to the treatment accorded to other countries may be clearly seen from the following figures:

In respect of war advances totaling \$4,277,000,000, payments totaling \$2,025,000,000 have been made up to date by His Majesty's Government to the United States Government. Yet, despite these payments, the nominal amount of the debt still outstanding as at June 15 1934 amounts to \$4,713,785,000.

Meanwhile, in respect of war advances totaling \$5,773,300,000 made by the United States Government to other European governments, aggregate payments made up to date amount to only \$678,500,000. Thus, though the war advances to these other governments exceed by one-quarter the advances made to the United Kingdom, payments made by the United Kingdom amount to three times what the United States Government has received from these other Powers.

On the other hand, His Majesty's Government are creditors as well as debtors in respect of these intergovernmental obligations. While, as stated above, they borrowed \$4,277,000,000 from the United States they themselves made war advances to the Allied governments totaling £1,600,000,000 (\$7,800,000,000 at par). These loans were raised by His Majesty's Government from the people of the United Kingdom and the annual interest thereon, and eventually their capital repayment, must, in the absence of payments by debtor governments, be met out of the general taxation of their own people.

In this respect the position of the United Kingdom is precisely similar to that of the United States. But, whereas, the United States have received very substantial payments against the domestic charges involved, His Majesty's Government have had to meet the domestic charges of their war loans to Allied governments in full, as they have paid over to the United States Government all that they have received both from war debts and war reparations, and they have in addition paid nearly as much again out of their own resources.

If the United States feel the burden of their war advances of \$10,050,000,000 against which they have received \$2,703,000,000, how much heavier is the burden of the United Kingdom, which, with one-third of the population of the United States, has had to meet the full charges of \$7,800,000,000 without any net receipts against these charges and has in addition made large payments out of its own resources on account of its war debt to the United States?

None the less, convinced that any resumption of payments on the past scale could not but intensify the world crisis and might provoke financial

and economic chaos, His Majesty's Government have suspended their claims on their debtors in the hope that a general revision of these intergovernmental obligations may be effected in the interest of world recovery. But it would be impossible for them to contemplate a situation in which they would be called on to honor in full their war obligations to others while continuing to suspend all demands for payment of war obligations due to them.

The improvement which has taken place in the budgetary situation of the United Kingdom in no way invalidates this conclusion. This improvement is due entirely to unprecedented sacrifices made by the people of this country. Since the war they have been carrying a burden of indebtedness amounting to approximately £8,000,000,000 (\$40,000,000,000), or £178 (\$850) per head of their population, about one-fifth of which represents war loans made to allied governments. They have balanced their budget and even realized a surplus by the painful process of reducing expenditures and increasing taxation.

For 15 years they have been paying taxation on a scale for which it would be hard to find a parallel elsewhere. During the whole of this period the burden of taxation has been higher in the United Kingdom, and for a considerable part of the period twice as high as in the United States, including all Federal, State and local taxation.

This taxation, amounting to close on one-quarter of the national income, has aggravated the depression over a long period, and the necessity of maintaining an army of unemployed resulting from this depression has constituted a formidable problem to the national finances ever since the war ended. Yet in order to restore the national credit in 1931 the people of the United Kingdom accepted further and heavy increases in taxation, accompanied by rigorous control of expenditure, and cuts in salaries and allowances of all kinds.

And, despite all these measures, the budget would have again shown a deficit last year had it not been possible to secure by the conversion operation carried through in 1932 a reduction in the rate of interest paid on a large proportion of the public debt. This reduction has enabled His Majesty's Government to remit a part of the emergency sacrifices imposed in 1931 and to restore part of the cuts on salaries and the whole cut in unemployment allowances, the continuance of which was imposing a severe strain on the national conscience.

It would have been a gross act of social injustice to have denied this relief to the people of this country in order to pay war debts to the United States while suspending war debt payments due to the United Kingdom.

But, although it is desirable that the internal budgetary position of this country should not be misunderstood, it is really irrelevant to the question of intergovernmental debt, the payment of which has to be related to the balance of trade and not to the volume of internal revenue.

The revenues of the United Kingdom are sterling revenues, whereas the debt payments to America have to be made in dollars or in gold. In order to secure the means to pay, therefore, any sums available in sterling would have to be transferred across the exchange. The attempt to transfer amounts of this magnitude would as its immediate effect cause a sharp depreciation of sterling against the dollar, which, as His Majesty's Government understand, would not be consistent with the monetary policy of the United States Government.

And in the long run such international transfers would be impossible without a radical alteration in the economic policies of the United States. Payment of debts implies the willingness of the creditor to accept goods and services sufficient to cover the debts due to him over and above the goods and services required to cover his exports, and to make it possible for the United States to receive payment of their claims it would be necessary to effect a complete reversal of the existing favorable balance of trade between their country and the rest of the world.

In the case of the United Kingdom the balance of trade is heavily unfavorable, and the balance of accounts is not such that His Majesty's Government could contemplate the transfer of any substantial sum across the exchange, unless it was compensated by equivalent receipts from the foreign debts of this country. If this were done, sterling would not be affected by the payments to America, but the burden would be thrown on the currencies of the European debtor countries, thereby aggravating the present crisis, which it is the object of both the United States and His Majesty's Government to alleviate.

Only Part of Intergovernmental Obligations.

Thus the question of the British war debt is only a part of the wider question of intergovernmental obligations resulting from the World War. As has already been pointed out, the United Kingdom, while it was a debtor to the United States, was itself a creditor for larger amounts from France, Italy and other ex-Allied Powers in respect of war debts, and these, in turn, are co-creditors with the United Kingdom of Germany in respect of reparations.

These intergovernmental debts, as stated in the British note of Dec. 1 1931, are radically different from commercial loans raised by foreign governments on the markets for productive purposes. War debts are neither productive nor self-liquidating, and the unnatural transfers required for their payment would involve a general collapse of normal international exchange and credit operations.

The administration of the United States under President Hoover recognized this fact and initiated a moratorium on intergovernmental payments in 1931 in order to avert an immediate collapse. But the moratorium of 1931 caused another change in the situation: it made any resumption of the pre-existing reparation and war debt settlements impossible, and the revision of reparations embodied in the Lausanne agreement was made subject to conclusion of a subsequent agreement for the revision of war debts.

It was with these facts in mind that His Majesty's Government approached the United States Government in December 1932, and the United States Government, in their note of Dec. 7, welcomed their suggestion for a close examination between the two countries of the whole subject. After this exchange of notes, His Majesty's Government paid the instalment due on Dec. 15 1932, in gold, explaining that this payment was not to be regarded as a resumption of the annual payments contemplated by the existing agreement, and that it was made because there had not been time for discussion with regard to that agreement to take place, and because the United States Government had stated that in their opinion such a payment would greatly increase the prospects of a satisfactory approach to the whole problem.

In accordance with the arrangement then made, discussions took place first in the spring and later in the autumn of last year between representatives of the two countries, and His Majesty's Government appreciate the sympathetic manner in which their representatives were listened to. But on both occasions it was found impossible to arrive at a settlement acceptable to the two governments in face of the unprecedented state of world economic and financial conditions.

Accordingly, the discussions were adjourned, and on June 15 and Dec. 15 1933 His Majesty's Government made token payments in acknowledgment of the debt, and the President expressed the personal view that he would not regard His Majesty's Government as in default.

In their note of Nov. 6 last His Majesty's Government expressed their readiness to resume negotiations on the general question whenever, after consultation with the President, it might appear that this could usefully be done, and His Majesty's Government are glad to note that the President in his message to Congress on June 1 has again stated that each of the debtor governments concerned has full and free opportunity to discuss this problem with the Government of the United States.

But, unfortunately, recent events have shown that discussions on the whole question with a view to a final settlement cannot at present usefully be renewed. In these circumstances His Majesty's Government would have been quite prepared to make a further payment on June 15 in acknowledgment of the debt and without prejudice to their right again to present the case of its readjustment, on the assumption that they would again have received the President's declaration that he would not consider them in default. They understand, however, that in consequence of recent legislation no such declaration would now be possible, and if this be the case the procedure adopted by common agreement in 1933 is no longer practicable.

Great Britain Faced with Two Alternatives.

His Majesty's Government are in fact faced with a choice between only two alternatives, viz., to pay in full the sum of \$262,000,000 as set forth in the communication from the United States Treasury, dated May 25, or to suspend all interim payments pending a final revision of the settlement which has been delayed by events beyond the control of the two governments. Deeply as they regret the circumstances which have forced them to take such a decision, His Majesty's Government feel that they could not assume the responsibility of adopting a course which would revive the whole system of intergovernmental war debt payments.

As already pointed out, the resumption of full payments to the United States would necessitate a corresponding demand by His Majesty's Government from their own war debtors. It would be a re-creation of the conditions which existed prior to the world crisis and were in a large measure responsible for it. Such procedure would throw a bombshell into the European arena which would have financial and economic repercussions over all five continents and would postpone indefinitely the chances of world recovery.

Accordingly, His Majesty's Government are reluctantly compelled to take the only other course open to them. But they wish to reiterate that, while suspending further payments until it becomes possible to discuss an ultimate settlement of intergovernmental war debts with a reasonable prospect of agreement, they have no intention of repudiating their obligations, and will be prepared to enter upon further discussion of the subject at any time when in the opinion of the President such discussion would be likely to produce results of value.

I have the honor to be, with the highest consideration, sir, your most obedient and humble servant,

R. C. LINDSAY.

The Hon. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

British House of Commons Approves Changes in Colonial Sugar Duties.

Canadian Press advices from London June 1 said:

The House of Commons to-night approved proposals to alter the Colonial sugar duties in such a way as to divert the flow of the commodity to Canada. The measure reduces the preference on Colonial sugar to its old rate of three shillings, eight pence a hundredweight on 96-degree sugar, with proportionate rates on sugar of higher or lower polarization.

Sugar Quotas for Cuba, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Philippines and Virgin Islands Fixed at 4,642,000 Tons.

Supplementing the item appearing in our issue of June 2 (page 3690) regarding the announcement as to sugar quotas for areas outside Continental United States, made on May 31 by Rexford G. Tugwell, Acting Secretary of Agriculture, we take occasion here to refer to the advices in the matter issued by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (May 31) in which it was pointed out that under the terms of the Jones-Costigan Act relating to the fixing of quotas for the various insular producing areas, the Secretary of Agriculture is required to determine consumption estimates for the calendar year, deduct the statutory quota of 1,810,000 short tons for the continental United States, plus 30% of any excess of estimated consumption above 6,452,000 short tons. The Secretary of Agriculture has estimated consumption for the calendar year at 6,476,000 short tons. This excludes syrups and molasses, said the Administration, which added:

The total continental allotment was fixed, under the Act, at 1,817,000 short tons, leaving 4,659,000 short tons for distribution among the Islands and foreign countries.

A reserve of 17,000 tons was created for subsequent allotment after further study of the facts to full duty countries, leaving 4,642,000 short tons available for distribution among the Islands and Cuba. Sugar imported into continental United States and subsequently re-exported as refined sugar or in manufactured products is not subject to quota restrictions.

The allocations were determined by taking the average continental consumption of sugar from the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and Cuba for the years 1931-33, and of Hawaiian sugar for the years 1930-32, and adjusting the averages to the available total of 4,642,000 short tons. The Act requires the allocation to outside producing areas be made on the basis of average quantities brought into the continental United States for consumption during such three years in the years 1925-1933, inclusive, as the Secretary of Agriculture deems to be most representative.

Mr. Tugwell's announcement as to sugar quotas determined for Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, the Virgin Islands and Cuba followed a detailed study by a Cabinet committee designated by the President to assist the Secretary of Agriculture in ascertaining the facts upon which to base his decision as to the quantities of sugar which may be shipped

for consumption into continental United States from outside producing areas. This committee was composed of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Interior.

The quotas for the various areas—totaling 4,642,000 tons (noted in our item of a week ago)—were given in short tons of sugar raw value.

It was pointed out by Acting Secretary Tugwell that "the Department of Agriculture as it accumulates information not available at this time, may be able to revise and refine certain data which have been used in calculating quotas. If changes are subsequently made in the data which have been used, the Secretary of Agriculture may give effect to such changes through his power to revise and adjust quotas at his own discretion." It was emphasized however, that the quotas as announced were expected to remain fixed, and that no changes other than minor adjustments are anticipated. From the announcement May 31 of the AAA we also quote:

It was further stated at the Department of Agriculture that it was contemplated that the Governors of the Island territories would be designated as administrators of the sugar control plan. These officials also will be charged with the responsibility of submitting plans to utilize processing tax funds either in the form of benefit payments to cane producers or to make necessary agricultural adjustments. A commission from Puerto Rico already is engaged in the formulation of an agricultural program, it was stated, and the other insular territories are expected to submit plans for the improvement of the agricultural situation in their territories.

In the distribution of processing tax funds, it was stated that consideration would be given to the changed agricultural conditions in each area brought about by the application of the quotas.

Soviet Russia Passes United States in Output of Gold—\$100,000,000 Production in Year Puts Russia Second Only to Transvaal—African Decline Noted.

Soviet production of gold, has now surpassed that of both the United States and Canada and is second only to that of the Transvaal, according to a statement on June 3 by A. Serebrovsky, Chief of the gold industries. Advices to this effect were contained in a Moscow cablegram, June 3 to the New York "Times":

Furthermore, M. Serebrovsky said, "the unequalled richness of the gold deposits of the Soviet Union and the rapid growth of the gold-mining industry justify the claim that in the near future the U. S. S. R. will be able to exceed the Transvaal's production, thus taking first place in the world."

It was reported through the Soviet press recently that Soviet gold production last year was 100,000,000 gold rubles, twice the annual production before the revolution. This figure, far from being an exaggeration, probably is too low. Certain well-informed foreign observers here compute the 1933 production at 114,000,000 rubles, nearly \$100,000,000 at the present official rate of exchange.

[The value of the gold produced in the United States last year was \$45,877,085. The figures for Canada and Transvaal were, respectively, \$63,061,106 and \$238,936,062.]

Transvaal gold, M. Serebrovsky pointed out, is in nuggets concentrated in one section and thus is easily mined. Furthermore, he said, production there has recently been declining.

M. Serebrovsky asserted that while great progress had been made in recent years in modernizing and mechanizing the gold-mining methods in the Soviet Union, much more improvement is possible and production can be greatly accelerated when transportation facilities are improved.

"We have the richest gold reserves in the world and must therefore take full advantage of them," he added. "The gold-dust reserves here are inexhaustible. So many have been discovered recently that we literally do not know where to start first—in the Urals, North Caucasus, Kazakstan or in some other rich field."

Conversion Plan Announced for German Redemption Bonds (Neubesitz)—Will Expire June 21 1934.

The German Government has announced a plan for the conversion of German Government Redemption Bonds without rights (Neubesitz), according to advices received June 6 by Zimmerman & Forshay, New York City, from their foreign correspondents. An announcement in the matter said:

Under the offer of the German Government, which will expire on June 21 1934, the holders upon depositing 300 reichsmarks of the Neubesitz bonds and paying 23.75 reichsmarks in cash, will receive 100 reichsmarks in 4% new bonds listed on the Berlin Bourse. After June 21 1934, the Neubesitz loan will be stricken from the Berlin Stock Exchange list. These redemption bonds were issued in 1925 to holders of German war loans purchased after June 1920, of which the firm of Zimmerman & Forshay have been among the largest distributors in this country.

Australian Loan Oversubscribed.

Canadian Press advices from Canberra, Australia, June 7, states:

The lists for the Commonwealth loan of \$50,000,000 at 3½%, issued at 98½%, were closed, heavily oversubscribed, soon after they were opened to-day.

A conference to the loan appeared in our June 2 issue, page 3689.

China Remits Funds for Payment of Interest on Coupons Due June 15 1929 and Dec. 15 1928 on 5% Hukuang Railways Sinking Fund Gold Loan of 1911.

J. P. Morgan announced on June 5 the receipt of funds from China for the payment on and after June 15 of the

following interest due on the Imperial Chinese Government 5% Hukuang Railways Sinking Fund Gold Loan of 1911:

Coupon No. 36 Due June 15 1929.

From all bonds of the American, British and French series. This includes the payment of such coupon from any bonds of these three series which have been drawn for redemption for the sinking fund, but as to which China has made no provision to date for the payment of principal.

Coupon No. 35 Due Dec. 15 1928.

From bonds of the German series. This includes the payment of such coupon from any bonds of this series which were drawn for redemption for the sinking fund after June 15 1924, but as to which China has made no provision to date for the payment of principal.

The announcement by J. P. Morgan & Co. continued:

No provision has yet been made by China for the payment of the principal of any bonds of the American, British and French series drawn for redemption for the sinking fund after June 15 1925, or of any bonds of the German series drawn for redemption for the sinking fund after June 15 1924.

With respect to that portion of the German series which had not been validated prior to 1924, it is to be noted that China has not yet arranged to pay the interest due between Dec. 15 1920 and June 15 1924 inclusive. In addition, China is in arrears for the payment of the principal of such non-validated German bonds which were drawn for redemption for the sinking fund between June 15 1922 and June 15 1924 inclusive, and no provision has been made for the payment of any interest thereon subsequent to the redemption date.

"China and Silver," by Sir Arthur Salter, to Be Published in United States.

A condensed version of the official report submitted to the Chinese Government by Sir Arthur Salter, at the conclusion of his work as official adviser to the Chinese Economic Council, will be published in the United States by the "Economic Forum," according to an announcement this week. The announcement added:

Publication of the book, which is entitled "China and Silver," is considered extremely important at this time because of the probable effects which American silver legislation may have on China. Of particular interest to America, in the opinion of the editors of the "Economic Forum," is Sir Arthur Salter's analysis of the possible repercussions from the Orient if driven to desperate extremes by the American silver policy.

Exports of Funds Limited by Cuba—Americans Affected by Call for Return of Proceeds from Sale of All Products—Regarded as Step Toward Creation of Bank of Issue—Cuban Banks All Refuse to Issue Drafts or Engage in Exchange Deals, Fearing Penalties.

A decree restricting the exportation of funds from Cuba was signed by President Carlos Mendiata, according to Havana advices, June 2, to the New York "Times." A later cablegram (June 4) to the same paper stated that all Cuban banks refused that day to issue drafts or effect exchange operations, declining to accept responsibilities implied in the decree restricting exportation of money from Cuba. The June 4 cablegram added:

It is expected this suspension of operations will continue until the government issues regulations and clarifies the law.

Dr. Martinez Saenz, Secretary of the Treasury, characterized the bank's action as "an unjustified lockout, damaging Cuba's international credit."

"Anyone who can read the law," he said, "can see there is nothing in it to hamper normal business transactions or credit. The decree law was passed because of the threat of certain American bankers to withdraw from Cuba all American currency because of recent legislation affecting gold and silver."

Most of Gold Coin Gone.

According to recent statistics the total money circulation in Cuba does not amount to more than \$50,000,000, of which half is Cuban silver and gold. While the original issue of gold was \$20,000,000 it is believed not more than \$6,000,000 in gold remains, the balance having been melted and paid on foreign obligations by former governments or clandestinely taken out of the country.

The effect of this legislation, financial observers say, will be contrary to the objects of the administration and will force out United States currency by the curtailment of operations by American capital which now dominates the island. It was said to be impossible to prevent the flow of United States currency from Cuba.

The new restrictions are expected to handicap all commerce and industry. Shipping agents met to-night to protest over the failure of the government to provide for the prepaying of freight on exported merchandise.

Cessation of Credit Likely.

During recent months credits have been sharply curtailed and it is believed the new law will cause an almost complete cessation of credit operations, paralyzing commerce and industry. The penalties for violations are so severe—6 to 12 years' imprisonment—that banks are not willing to assume the risks the measure implies.

Following the abrogation of the Platt Amendment and recent legislation revalorizing gold coin, the new law is considered a move toward the establishment of a bank of issue, which is expected to be set up shortly. With no gold reserve such a step would mean financial disaster, bankers say.

From the June 2 cablegram we quote:

The decree requires that proceeds of the sale of Cuban products be brought back to Cuba within three months. This will affect many American companies. Most of the sugar companies are owned by Americans. They usually ship the sugar to the United States and the proceeds remain in the main offices in New York. Only sufficient funds for paying expenses are returned to Cuba.

If the money received from exported products is not returned within three months the exporter will be considered as having exported such funds and will be subject to the penalty provided if a special exception is not made by the Treasury Department.

Spaniards Also Affected.

The restriction on the exportation of funds will also affect thousands of Spaniards who have been sending their savings to Spain and contributing to the support of families there.

The decree prohibits the exportation of funds except for the following purposes.

In payment for imported merchandise; for the maintenance of offices and personnel abroad; for the expenses, not to exceed \$500 annually, of Cubans or foreign residents of Cuba temporarily absent; to meet national, provincial or municipal interest or principal payments or private obligations contracted before the decree; insurance premiums or interest or principal on bonds or dividends on stocks held abroad, or to promote the export of Cuban products.

Cuban banks will be permitted to issue foreign drafts only after proof by the buyer that the funds are to be used for one of the purposes stipulated in the decree. Importers must present invoices within 90 days, and in other cases sworn statements and documentary evidence of the purpose of the draft must be presented.

Neither Cubans nor foreigners residing in Cuba will be permitted to take more than \$500 out of the island nor can they receive when abroad more than \$500 yearly to cover personal or business expenses.

Nationals or foreigners residing abroad who obtain their livelihood from properties or money invested in Cuba must pay to the government 10% of all funds withdrawn unless the remittances are subject to other provisions of the decree.

Insurance companies are permitted to send out the amount of the net premiums collected but they must make monthly reports to the Treasury Department.

Violators of this decree as well as those who facilitate illegal exportations will be subject to 6 to 12 years' imprisonment.

Cuba Abolishes Various Emergency Consumption Taxes Affecting Meal, Flour, &c.—Also Removes Luxury Tax on Number of Articles.

The Department of Commerce at Washington reports, under date of May 26, that Cuban decree-law No. 245, published May 23 and effective June 1 1934, abolished the emergency consumption taxes on meal or flour of oleaginous seeds; chocolate; knit goods of cotton, rayon and silk; butter, cheese, smoked ham and razor blades, as well as the emergency tax on public amusements and the special luxury tax of 5% of the landed value on an extensive list of articles in the luxury class, and 1% of the value on hotel and cafe receipts in excess of specified limits. Advices to this effect were contained in a cablegram to the Department from Commercial Attache Walter J. Donnelly, Habana. The further advices, as made public by the Department, follow:

The emergency consumption taxes, established by the law of Aug. 9 and effective Aug. 19 1932 were as follows: 6 cents per 100 kilos on meal or flour from oleaginous seeds; 2 cents per pound on chocolate; 30 cents per kilo or fraction on cotton knit manufactures of single or ordinary work; 40 cents per kilo or fraction on cotton knit manufactures of double or fine work; 65 cents per kilo or fraction on rayon or artificial silk knit manufactures; 20% ad valorem on silk knit manufactures; \$3 per 100 kilos on butter and cheese; \$2 per 100 kilos on all kinds of smoked ham, and $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1 cent on each safety razor blade. The consumption taxes on imported articles were payable to the customhouse, together with the import duties, and on articles of local manufacture or production, on their release for consumption.

The principal articles on which the special luxury tax was applied include passenger automobiles valued in Cuba in excess of \$1,500; imported furniture; firearms and ammunition; imported hides and skins; leather goods; musical instruments, including radios and accessories; bed clothes; table linen and articles for personal use when made of silk, batiste or damask; dress clothing and fine wearing apparel; fine jewelry and precious stones in general; articles of gold and silver; articles of crystal and half crystal; manure articles, and imported perfumery.

Chile Obtains Loan From London Bank—Arranges for £2,000,000 Credit to Consolidate Her Short-Term Obligations.

From Santiago, Chile, June 2 a cablegram to the New York "Times":

The announcement was made this morning that Chile's Ambassador in London had closed an agreement with Rothschild & Sons for more than £2,000,000 with which the government proposes to consolidate Chile's short-term obligations in accordance with a plan announced to creditors a fortnight ago.

The obligations covered by the Ministry of Finance's plan are loans made locally with foreign banks, including the National City and the Guaranty Trust and the South American banking companies. Overdrafts in current accounts for past government expenses are other short-term debts. It is pointed out the arrangement does not refer to service on foreign bonds issues placed in markets abroad.

Chile Relaxes Oil Curb—Bill Will Allow Use of Foreign Capital in Industry.

From Santiago, Chile, advices June 4 to the New York "Times" stated:

The Government sent to Congress to-day a bill establishing new facilities for the exploration and exploitation of oil deposits and withdrawing certain limitations under the State monopoly.

The bill allows new grounds to be staked out only by Chilean citizens or by companies with 60% Chilean capital, which may later be transferred to foreign concerns if scarcity of capital makes work out of the question.

The Government retains 120,000 acres of land around oil wells already mapped in the Tres Puentes region and also the right to half of all future discoveries.

The proposed oil legislation was referred to in our issue of May 26, page 3521.

New York Stock Exchange Rules on 25-Year External 6% Gold Bonds Due 1947 of Dutch East Indies.

The following announcement was issued by the New York Stock Exchange through its Secretary, Ashbel Green:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE Committee on Securities

June 4 1934.

Notice having been received that the Dutch East Indies Government has announced that it will purchase at the rate of guilders 2.39 $\frac{1}{4}$ per dollar, the coupons due July 1 1934 from Dutch East Indies 25-year external 6% gold bonds, due 1947. Coupons are to be delivered to the Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij in Amsterdam, Holland, on or before June 21 1934.

The Committee on Securities rules that, beginning June 5 1934, the said bonds, in addition to the regular method of trading (with next due coupon attached, "and interest"), may be dealt in "ex" the July 1 1934 coupon, transactions made in that manner to be "Flat" and to be a delivery to carry the Jan. 1 1935 and subsequent coupons.

Unless otherwise specified, transactions in the said bonds shall be deemed to have been made with the July 1 1934 coupon attached.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

Offer Announced by Province of Santa Fe (Argentina) to Resume Payment of Interest on an Adjusted Basis.

Luciano F. Molinas, Governor of the Province of Santa Fe, Argentine Republic, in a notice to holders of the Public Credit External 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds of the Province dated Sept. 1 1924 and due Sept. 1 1942, on which service of interest and sinking fund was suspended in September of 1932 because of the increased cost and difficulty of obtaining dollar exchange, together with reduced revenues, announced June 6 an offer to resume payment on an adjusted basis commensurate, in its opinion, with the improvement which has now taken place in the economic and financial situation, which, however, still continues far below normal. The provisions of the plan, as contained in Mr. Molinas's notice, are noted in the following:

The plan, to be known as the Loan Readjustment Plan of 1934, is not conditioned upon the assent of any specified percentage of bondholders, and since the plan represents the maximum which the Province feels itself able to provide, it is not proposed to make any payments to bondholders not assenting thereto.

The plan provides for the reduction of interest represented by the coupons due Sept. 1 1934 to March 1 1939, inclusive, to 4% per annum and for the payment of these respective coupons as they mature; also that the overdue interest represented by the coupons due Sept. 1 1932 to March 1 1934, inclusive, shall be reduced in rate to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % per annum and be satisfied by adding the aggregate amount thereof, as reduced, namely, 11%, to the principal amount of each bond, without, however, increasing the amount of interest payable upon the bond.

It further provides that the regular sinking fund of the issue shall be waived for the period from Sept. 1 1932 to March 1 1939, inclusive, and a special sinking fund provided for the period from Sept. 1 1934 to March 1 1939, this fund to consist of a sum in Argentine pesos equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the present outstanding principal amount of bonds, at their pesos value, plus six months' interest at 4% on all bonds retired through the operation of the special sinking fund. This sum is to be converted into United States funds at current rates of exchange not later than 30 days prior to the corresponding coupon date and applied to the purchase for retirement of bonds assenting to the plan at prices below their principal amount and accrued interest.

Under the plan all payments to be made in United States currency shall be made in dollars of lawful money of the United States in lieu of gold dollars. The option to take payment in a stipulated number of Argentine pesos continues unaffected.

Bondholders who wish to assent to the plan should present their bonds with all coupons attached, accompanied by letters of transmittal, to the reorganization department of Manufacturers Trust Co., 45 Beaver Street, New York City, as paying agents under the plan.

The Province reserves the right to elect at any time not to receive further assents to the plan.

Tenders Invited for Purchase of \$292,812 of Argentine External Sinking Fund 6% Gold Bonds of 1924, Series "B," for Sinking Fund.

The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, acting for the fiscal agents, is notifying holders of Government of the Argentine Nation external sinking fund 6% gold bonds of 1924, series B, due Dec. 1 1958, that there is available in the sinking fund \$292,812 for the purchase of these bonds at prices below par. Tenders, which should be presented at the trust department, of the bank, 11 Broad Street, New York, will be received up to 12 o'clock noon on July 2 1934.

Bonds of City of Buenos Aires (Argentina) to Be Purchased for Sinking Fund.

Kidder, Peabody & Co., fiscal agent under an agreement with the City of Buenos Aires (Argentina), is inviting tenders of the city's external 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ -year 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % sinking fund bonds, series 2-B, at prices not exceeding par for redemption out of the \$96,249 now held in the sinking fund. All tenders must be received by June 12.

Offer by Hallgarten & Co. to Purchase April 1 1932 and Oct. 1 1932 Coupons of Hungarian-Italian Bank, Ltd., 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ % 35-Year Sinking Fund Gold Bonds.

In a notice to holders of Hungarian-Italian Bank, Ltd., 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ % 35-year sinking fund mortgage gold bonds, series AC, due 1963, Hallgarten & Co. are offering to purchase coupons due April 1 1932 and Oct. 1 1932, at their face amount, namely, \$37.50 for each coupon on the \$1,000 bond and \$18.75 on the \$500 bond. Holders desiring to accept this

"This bill will not limit legitimate trading," he said, "but will broaden the markets for the farmers' products, prevent manipulation and permit wider use of hedging transactions."

A later account (June 7) to the same paper, referring to the action of the House, on June 4, in affording little debate on the measure, stated:

This action led interested persons to write and telegraph Senator Ellison D. Smith (Dem., S. C.), Chairman of the Senate Agricultural Committee, urging that before any further steps are taken to pass the legislation public hearings be granted.

Senator Smith's Stand Determined.

It is understood that Senator Smith has made it known that if cotton exchanges are to be kept in the bill for control, together with grain exchanges, there would be no legislation under any conditions. He is not too greatly in sympathy with the legislation in any event, feeling that enough legislation has been passed at this session and that an adjournment should be taken to give business and industry a chance to take a few long breaths undisturbed by more laws.

From Associated Press advices, June 4, to the New York "Times" we quote:

Designed primarily to curb speculation, the bill would set up a commission which would have full leeway in fixing the limits of futures that an individual might hold at one time, and also in restricting price fluctuations.

Representative Jones, author of the bill and of the Agriculture Committee's report on it, in which the failure of exchanges to curb speculation was condemned roundly, called attention to the activities of Arthur W. Cutten, trader on the Chicago Board of Trade, now under trial on charges of violating the Grain Futures Act, as one who had been short more than a million bushels in wheat at one time.

Representatives of cotton States joined in speaking for the bill, Representative Rankin terming it "from the standpoint of the cotton farmer one of the most important pieces of legislation in Congress since I have been a member."

Trading limitations under the measure would not apply to bona fide hedging transactions, and "spreads" or "straddles" could be limited at the Commission's discretion.

The Secretary of Agriculture would be empowered to license futures commission merchants and floor brokers.

Margins are not fixed in the measure, although it would require that margin money be treated as trust funds, deposited with banks or trust companies except the amount necessary to cover transactions deposited with the clearing house organization on contract market members.

Suspension up to six months or revocation of license would be the penalty for failure or refusal of a board of trade to comply. Individual violations would be punished by a denial of trading privileges on the markets or revocation of licenses.

Continued refusal of a board of trade or any director, officer, agent or employee to abide by the Secretary's rules and regulations would be punishable by a fine of \$500 to \$10,000 and six months' to a year's imprisonment, with each day's violation constituting a separate offense.

From the "Journal of Commerce" Washington dispatch, June 4, we also quote:

Under the terms of the bill, those commodities which will come under the regulation of a special grain futures commission consisting of the Secretaries of Agriculture and Commerce and the Attorney-General, are wheat, cotton, rice, corn, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed, grain sorghums and mill feeds.

Authority is given the Commission to fix limitations upon purely speculative trades. Belief is that in the case of wheat the daily limit will be fixed at about 2,000,000 bushels. Bona fide hedging transactions by growers or holders of cash commodities are specifically permitted, and the limits are to apply to brokers and commission merchants only to the extent that they deal for their own account. The United States and its agencies are specifically exempted from the trading limits.

A number of transactions on the exchanges are definitely prohibited and are named in the bill as "wash sales," "cross trades," "accommodation trades," "privileges," "indemnities," "bids," "offers," "puts," "calls," "advance guaranties," and "decline guaranties." This provision does not prevent, it is understood, the exchange of futures in connection with cash commodity transactions or of futures for cash commodities, or of "transfer trades" or "office trades" if made under rules of the Board of Trade not disapproved by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Provision is made in the bill for the licensing of futures commission merchants and floor brokers and the revocation of such licenses for failure to abide by the Act or rules and regulations of the Secretary.

The making of futures contracts on contract markets is prohibited unless (1) the contract is made prior to a date fixed by the Secretary, which is not to be earlier than the 15th day of the delivery month provided in the contract, and (2) the contract requires the party making delivery to furnish the party receiving delivery written notice of the date of delivery at least three business days prior to delivery, but the Secretary may require longer notice (not exceeding 10 days) of delivery, and (3) the contract provides for delivery of a grade or grades conforming to Government standards if the standards have been promulgated.

In an item regarding the bill in our issue of May 19, page 3363, it was noted that it was favorably reported to the House on May 10 by the House Agricultural Committee, which later, on May 14, voted to include cotton exchanges among the commodity markets to be regulated by the measure. At that time it was indicated in the advices to the "Journal of Commerce" that the Committee's action of May 14 was taken at a secret meeting during which the Committee reversed its previous stand and decided to include the cotton exchanges within the scope of the legislation.

Chase National Bank of New York to Pay Dividends on Common Stock Semi-Annually.

In a letter sent June 6 to holders of common stock of the Chase National Bank, New York City, Winthrop W. Aldrich, Chairman of the Board of the bank, said that the directors had decided to pay dividends on the common stock semi-annually instead of quarterly as heretofore. Accordingly, Mr. Aldrich said, the usual dividend payment

date of July 1 1934, will be postponed to Aug. 1 1934, and the common dividend payable on Aug. 1 will cover a period not of three months but of four months, with dividends payable thereafter semi-annually on Feb. 1 and Aug. 1, the same dividend dates designated for the preferred stock of the bank. Mr. Aldrich's letter follows:

THE CHASE NATIONAL BANK
Of the City of New York.

June 6, 1934.

To the Holders of Common Stock:

You will recall that at a special meeting of shareholders held on Feb. 27 1934, the articles of association of The Chase National Bank were amended so as to provide for the issuance of preferred shares. The terms of these amended articles of association governing the preferred shares provide that dividends on those shares shall be payable semi-annually on Aug. 1 and Feb. 1, and this as well as other terms of the amended articles of association make it desirable from several points of view to have the dividends on the common and preferred shares payable on the same dates.

The Board of Directors has therefore decided that dividends on the common shares, which heretofore have been payable on Jan. 1, April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1, will become payable hereafter on Aug. 1 and Feb. 1.

Accordingly, the former dividend payment date of July 1 will be postponed to Aug. 1 1934, and the dividend payable on that date (when declared) will cover a period not of three months as heretofore but of four months. Thereafter the dividend periods will be six months.

The earnings of the bank thus far during the current period, notwithstanding the low interest rates generally prevailing, have been running at a rate which if continued will justify the directors in declaring in early July a common dividend payable Aug. 1 1934, of 47 cents a share. That dividend will fully take account of the longer period covered, in view of the recent dividend payments on the basis of 35 cents per share for three months.

WINTHROP W. ALDRICH,
Chairman Board of Directors.

The meeting of the stockholders of the bank held Feb. 27 was referred to in our issue of March 3, page 1500.

Statement by Senator Byrnes Bearing on Amendments to Securities Act of 1933 Embodied in Conference Report on Stock Exchange Control Bill.

In the Senate on June 1, when the conference report on the bill providing for Federal regulation of stock exchanges was adopted by the Senate, Senator Byrnes made a statement with reference to the amendments to the Securities Act of 1933, which amendments formed part of the stock exchange measure as enacted into law; the Securities Act amendments as adopted by Congress were given in our June 2 issue, page 3691. Senator Byrnes' statement follows:

I desire to make a short statement with reference to the amendments to the Securities Act of 1933 which are contained in the conference report just adopted.

I think it is a fair statement that under the conference report the provisions as to the civil liability of underwriters and of the officers and directors of a corporation are so amended that no honest man need have any fear of the law so long as he is willing to give to the corporation of which he is an officer, and in which he has invested his money, the same reasonable care that he gives to the management of his own property.

Every section of title 2, containing the so-called "Fletcher Amendment," liberalizes the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933. The modifications have grown out of the administration of the act during the past 12 months. Some of them seem to be merely administrative changes, but in each case they will be found to liberalize the existing requirements.

The provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 which have caused the greatest complaint are those as to the civil liability of underwriters and of the officers and directors of corporations on account of false statements in the registration statements filed by corporations. Under the existing law, where the registration statement contains a false statement of a material fact, or omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statement not misleading, any person who suffers a loss can sue the underwriters, the officers and the directors of the corporation. The existing law provides, however, among other things, that as regards any part of the statement purporting to be made on the authority of an expert, or to be an extract from the report or valuation of an expert, the defendant shall not be liable if he had reasonable ground to believe and did believe that the statements therein were true. It also provides that a director is not liable if he can establish the same defense as to the statement of an officer.

There can be no doubt that the provisions of the existing law caused many men who were serving as directors of corporations to fear that they might be subjected to so-called "strike" suits as the result of the administration of that law. The existing law defined what constituted reasonable investigation and reasonable ground for belief, and set forth the standard as the care required of a person occupying a fiduciary relationship. That phrase was greatly misunderstood by many officers and directors of corporations.

The amendments which have just been adopted by the Senate change the law in very important and material particulars. These amendments provide that a defendant shall not be liable for any false statement made on the authority of an expert, or purporting to be an extract from the report of an expert, if the defendant can show that he had no reasonable ground to believe, and did not believe, that the statements were untrue; and the law is changed to provide that in determining what constitutes a reasonable investigation and reasonable ground for belief, the standard shall be that required of a prudent man in the management of his own property. No honest man will contend that anything less should be demanded either of an underwriter or of an officer or director of a corporation offering securities for sale to the public.

However, the amendments adopted to-day give greater assurance to the honest officials of a corporation. Whereas the existing law permits a suit to be brought at any time within 10 years after the filing of the registration, the new law will permit such a suit to be brought only within three years. It has been argued heretofore that a director would be uncertain as to the settlement of his estate in case of death because of the liability that would exist for a period of 10 years. Under the new law, a suit must be brought within three years.

Under the existing law, the plaintiff is entitled to recover the amount of the loss suffered by him as a result of the purchase and sale of the security. Under the new law, the defendant will have the right to show whether a part of the plaintiff's loss is due to some cause other than the untrue state-

ment, and to such extent will be able to reduce the amount of the recovery by the plaintiff.

Another change in the amendments is as to the requirement that the plaintiff allege or prove that in purchasing the securities he relied upon the statement which was afterward discovered to be false. The new law modifies this requirement. It provides that the plaintiff will not have to allege or prove reliance until the corporation has made available to security holders an earning statement for at least 12 months subsequent to the filing of the registration statement.

After such an earning statement shall be made available, the plaintiff will be required to allege and prove that he relied upon the false statement.

There is justification for the provision that reliance be not required until a 12 months' earning statement is made public. When an issue of securities is proposed, a banking house will investigate the financial statement of the corporation. Based upon the statements contained in the registration statement of the corporation, a banking house will offer the securities at a certain price. Therefore, the market value is fixed by the false statement of the corporation. The individual investor relies upon the investigation made by the banker. It is fair to assume that this situation continues until such time as the corporation makes available a statement showing its earnings for 12 months. Then, the market value is influenced by the statement of actual earnings and not by the statements contained in the registration statement, which deceived the underwriter or banker and the investor. It is entirely different from trading in stocks upon the exchanges, where those who trade have access to statements of earnings constantly filed and published.

An additional assurance to the officers of a corporation is given by the provisions in the new bill aimed at so-called "strike suits." Under the new law, the court will have authority to assess costs against the plaintiff, and because it is recognized that the plaintiff who will resort to bringing nuisance suits has, as a rule, no financial responsibility, the court, on motion, can require such plaintiff to give bond to cover the costs of the suit before proceeding with a suit.

I repeat, it is a fair statement to make that when the provisions of the so-called "Fletcher Amendments" are analyzed, they give assurance to every honest man who is an official of a corporation that he need have no fear of the Securities Act of 1933 as amended, provided he is willing to give to the corporation in which he has invested his money the same reasonable care that he gives to the management of his own property.

President Whitney of New York Stock Exchange Hopeful That Securities Exchange Act If Wisely Administered Will Be "Constructive Measure."

In a statement issued June 1 with reference to the newly enacted bill providing for Federal regulation of security exchanges, Richard Whitney, President of the New York Stock Exchange expressed himself as "hopeful that if wisely and judiciously administered the Act will be a constructive measure." Although he noted the Act "still contains provisions that may prove impracticable." He indicated it as the intention of the Exchange "to do everything in its power to co-operate with the Commission in the administration of the Act." Mr. Whitney's statement follows:

The National Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which was passed by Congress to-day, differs in many important respects from the original Fletcher-Rayburn bill. The New York Stock Exchange opposed the original bill because it contained rigid and inflexible provisions which would have proved unworkable in practice. Many of these objectionable features have been eliminated, and the present Act creates a new administrative commission of five persons to be appointed by the President and gives this Commission broad powers to protect investors and prevent unfair practices in the security markets of the country. The Exchange has always advocated these fundamental purposes of the Act. Although it still contains provisions that may prove impracticable, I am truly hopeful that if wisely and judiciously administered the Act will be a constructive measure.

For these reasons, and because National recovery and the revival of business are of paramount importance, the Stock Exchange intends to do everything in its power to co-operate with the Commission in the administration of the Act.

Mackay & Co. Describe Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as "Distinctly in Public Interest."

Comment on the "Securities Exchange Act of 1934" was offered on June 6 in a letter by Mackay & Co. (members of the New York Stock Exchange) which characterized the bill as distinctly in the public interest and leaving little grounds for criticism. While a reduction in volume of trading will in all probability take place, it is pointed out that such reduction will fall largely in the class of transactions aimed to produce artificial values. The letter in part said:

A careful reading of the Bill as signed by the President leads us to the opinion that the major objectives of the Bill are distinctly in the public interest and leave little if any grounds for criticism.

It seems probable that under the operation of the Act, the average volume of trading will be curtailed, but it is in our judgment by no means sure that such curtailment as may take place will work any hardship on the general public inasmuch as it would appear that the reduction of trading will fall largely in that category of transactions which are either aimed to or tend to produce artificial values, so that such loss of marketability as may occur will be more than offset by a closer approximation of true current value.

The form of the Bill is such that wide discretionary powers are given to the Federal Reserve Bank in connection with margin requirements, loans, &c., and to the Commission in other matters, so that the Act has unusual flexibility to meet changing conditions.

It is our judgment that, given sincere and intelligent administration by the Commission, the desirable objectives of the Act can in large measure be attained.

J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York and Drexel & Co. of Philadelphia To Continue As Private Bankers Subject to State Examination—Action Taken to Comply with Federal and State Banking Laws.

Announcement was made on June 7 by J. P. Morgan & Co., New York, and also by Drexel & Co., Philadelphia,

that they have applied to the State Banking Departments of their respective States, for permission to continue as private banking houses. The announcement by the Morgan firm, given out by Thomas W. Lamont and George Whitney, partners, follows:

In order to comply with existing banking laws, both State and Federal, we have, under Article IV of the New York State Banking Law, made application to Joseph A. Broderick, the State Superintendent of Banks, to continue as private bankers. The Superintendent has made an examination of our affairs as of June 1 1934 and, in the event that he approves the application, we shall, in accordance with the law, be prepared to publish our statement whenever called for by the State Superintendent of Banks.

The following is the Drexel firm's announcement:

Drexel & Co. state that they intend to continue their banking business, subject to examination by the Pennsylvania Department of Banking, as provided in the amended Department of Banking Code.

Incidental to the above action the New York "Journal of Commerce" noted:

The applications to the State Banking Department are being made in compliance with Section 21 of the Banking Act of 1933, which requires that firms receiving deposits must submit to examination either by the Reserve authorities or by State Banking Departments. Such firms, the law states, "shall submit to periodic examination by the Comptroller of the Currency or by the Federal Reserve Bank of the district, and shall make and publish periodic reports of its condition, exhibiting in detail its resources and liabilities, such examination and reports to be made and published at the same time and in the same manner and with effect and penalties as are now provided by law in respect of National Banking Associations transacting business in the same locality."

In the same paper it was stated:

The firm already supplies data upon its condition to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. This information is given because the firm accepts banking drafts which from time to time find their way into the portfolio of the Reserve Bank.

E. W. Clark & Co., Philadelphia, to Discontinue Handling Deposits Under Provisions of Banking Act of 1933—To Continue Handling of Investment Securities and Brokerage Accounts.

In conformity with the Banking Act of 1933, which prohibits a firm engaged in the securities business from engaging at the same time in the business of receiving deposits, E. W. Clark & Co., private bankers, Philadelphia, Pa., announced June 6 that they will discontinue the handling of deposits after June 16. From the Philadelphia "Ledger" of June 7 we quote:

E. W. Clark & Co. have been conducting a private banking business in Philadelphia for 97 years. In recent months, however, the firm has been reducing its deposit line and yesterday its members prepared an announcement for customers that after June 16 the firm's business will be confined to that of handling investment securities and brokerage accounts.

The firm will continue to hold memberships in the Philadelphia and New York Stock Exchanges and other exchanges.

Cassatt & Co. of Philadelphia to Discontinue Banking Business.

From the Philadelphia "Record" of June 8 we take the following:

Cassatt & Co., Commercial Trust Bldg., announced yesterday that its banking department will be discontinued as of June 16, in conformity with the Banking Act of 1933, which prohibits a firm engaged in the securities business from engaging at the same time in the business of receiving deposits. Cassatt & Co. has been receiving deposits since 1872.

Guaranty Co. of New York Dissolved in Accordance With Banking Act of 1933—J. R. Swan, President, and Three Other Officers Join Edward B. Smith & Co.

W. C. Potter, Chairman of the Board of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, announced after the meeting of the board of directors on June 6, that, in order to comply with the provisions of the Banking Act of 1933, which requires the separation of security affiliates from the banks by June 16 1934, the directors had voted to dissolve the Guaranty Co. of New York. Mr. Potter stated that Joseph R. Swan, President, Burnett Walker, Senior Vice-President, Irving D. Fish, Vice-President, and J. Ritchie Kimball, Vice-President of the Guaranty Co., will become partners in the firm of Edward B. Smith & Co. The following announcement was issued on June 6 by Edward B. Smith & Co.:

Edward B. Smith & Co. announce that Joseph R. Swan, Burnett Walker, Irving D. Fish and J. Ritchie Kimball will become partners in the firm of Edward B. Smith & Co. on June 18 1934. It is expected that they will bring with them into the new firm the greater part of the present organization of the Guaranty Co. of New York.

Offices will be maintained by the firm at 31 Nassau St., New York, 1411 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, 1 Federal St., Boston, and also in Chicago, Pittsburgh and London at locations where the Guaranty Co. has been established for many years.

The firm of Edward B. Smith & Co. was founded in Philadelphia in 1892 and conducts a business in high-grade investment securities, with offices in New York, Philadelphia, and Boston.

The Guaranty Co. of New York was organized in 1920 as the security affiliate of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, and since that time it has participated in an important manner in most of the major financing that has been effected through security offerings in the United States and has conducted a general investment business in high grade securities.

The officers and personnel of the Guaranty Co. will bring with them wide experience and will have the benefit of the numerous personal contacts which they have made with many large corporations and financial interests, not only of this country, but of Europe and the Far East.

Mr. Swan has been identified with the Guaranty Co. of New York from its formation, first as Vice-President, and since 1928, as President after the retirement of Harold Stanley. Mr. Walker became a Vice-President of the Guaranty Co. at the time of its organization and has been the senior Vice-President for a number of years. Mr. Fish was formerly in charge of the office of the Guaranty Co. in Minneapolis and later in Chicago. He joined the New York office in 1930 and has for a number of years been in charge of the sales department. Mr. Kimball has been with the company since its inception, in charge of the municipal department, whose dealings in municipal securities are amongst the most important in the country.

Upon completion of the present plans, the general partners of the firm of Edward B. Smith & Co. will be as follows:

Joseph R. Swan, Radcliffe Cheston Jr., Charles S. Cheston, John W. Cutler, Burnett Walker, Edward B. Smith Jr., Reginald G. Coombe, Edward C. Sayers, Junius A. Richards, Irving D. Fish, Harcourt Amory, J. Ritchie Kimball, Rodney W. Brown, Harold G. Hathaway, Robert F. Whitmer Jr.

The new and enlarged organization will continue as in the past to function as underwriters of, and dealers in investment securities, to render a comprehensive investment advisory service, and as members of the New York, Philadelphia, and Boston Stock Exchanges to conduct a general commission business.

Attention is called to the proposed change in address of the New York offices of the firm of Edward B. Smith & Co. from 15 Broad Street to the offices now occupied by the Guaranty Co. of New York at 31 Nassau St.

In the New York "Times" of June 7 it was noted that the Guaranty Co. is the third important securities affiliate of the large New York banks to be placed in liquidation in obedience to the Banking Act of 1933. It was further noted:

The two others are the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., affiliate of the Chase National Bank, and the City Co. of New York, Inc., affiliate of the National City Bank.

The latest announced dissolution will end an important underwriter and distributor of investment securities which began its career in October 1920, when it was formed to carry on the business started by the bond department of the Guaranty Trust Co. Its capital was all supplied by the trust company, starting at \$5,000,000 and mounting to \$20,000,000 by July 1929.

In December 1931, this capital was reduced by half through the repurchase by the Guaranty Co. from the Guaranty Trust Co. at par of \$10,000,000 of its capital stock. The company has never published a statement of condition and its capital has been carried in the bank's statement as part of the bank's investments.

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. to Continue in General Banking Business—To Meet Requirements of Banking Act of 1933 Will Turn Over Underwriting Business to New Company to Be Known as Brown Harriman & Co.—Formed by Partners Retiring from Banking Firm—Former City Company Executives Also in New Company.

The firm of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. announced on June 5 that it will continue in the general banking business and that it will conform with the requirements of the Banking Act of 1933 by turning over to a new company its business in underwriting, trading and distributing of securities. At the same time announcement was made of the formation of Brown Harriman & Co., Inc., to commence business June 16 and to engage in the general investment business as underwriters of capital issues and as dealers in United States Government, State, county and municipal bonds, and in railroad, public utility, industrial and other securities. The new firm has been organized by certain partners of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. who are retiring from the latter concern and are acting together with some of the former executive officers of the City Co. of New York, formerly known as the National City Co.

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., in addition to its general banking business, will retain its memberships in the New York, Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges and will also continue its commission brokerage business and its investment advisory service. The announcement of the banking firm continued:

Offices will be maintained at New York, Boston and Philadelphia. The Boston office will be under the direction of Louis Curtis and the Philadelphia office will be under the management of Moreau Delano. A representative will be maintained at Chicago to deal with investment management and Stock Exchange commission brokerage business. Those remaining as partners in the banking firm will be Thatcher M. Brown, Prescott S. Bush, Louis Curtis, Moreau Delano, E. R. Harriman, W. A. Harriman, Robert A. Lovett, Ray Morris and Knight Woolley.

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. and its predecessors have been in the private banking business for more than 116 years. The firm was one of the first to build up an international banking business and from 1840 on has been a leading factor in foreign exchange and international credits. The general private banking business of the firm will now be conducted under the supervision and examination of the authorities as provided by the Banking Act of 1933.

The announcement of the formation of Brown Harriman & Co., Inc., said in part:

The President of the new company will be Joseph P. Ripley, who was associated with W. A. Harriman and E. Roland Harriman prior to his connection with the National City Co. Mr. Ripley has recently resigned as Executive Vice-President of the City Co. after serving as its executive head during the past year or more, prior to which he was for several years a Vice-President engaged in the underwriting of corporate securities. Horace C. Sylvester Jr., who headed the municipal bond department of the City Co. throughout the whole of its active history since 1916 and who has, in addition, directed the sales organization of the City Co. since 1931, will

also become associated with Brown Harriman & Co., Inc., of which he has been elected a Vice-President.

Ralph T. Crane and Laurence G. Tighe, P. Blair Lee and Charles S. Garland, who have been partners active in the investment functions of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., will retire from the partnership to join Brown Harriman & Co., Inc. Mr. Crane and Mr. Tighe will serve as Vice-Presidents in New York. Mr. Lee will be resident Vice-President in Philadelphia. Mr. Garland will be resident Vice-President in Chicago. Mr. Crane is one of the principal officers of the Investment Bankers Association. Pierpont V. Davis, hitherto a Vice-President of the City Co. and head of its railroad department, and Hendrik R. Jolles, who has served as Vice-President in charge of the City Co.'s European organization, will be Vice-Presidents of the new company in New York. Sidney L. Castle, who has been Assistant Vice-President and Manager of the City Co. organization at Chicago and in the Middle West, and Henry Mann, who has been resident Vice-President of the City Co. at Berlin, Germany, will join Brown Harriman & Co. as resident Vice-Presidents in Chicago and Europe, respectively. H. F. Mayer will be Secretary and Comptroller and W. C. Roper will be Treasurer.

Brown Harriman & Co., Inc., will commence business on or about June 16. Its head office will be at 63 Wall Street, New York N. Y. Its main out-of-town offices in this country will be situated at Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco. The company will also have representatives in 16 other cities as follows: Albany, Buffalo, Hartford, Cleveland, Washington, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Portland, Me., Providence, R. I., Reading, Syracuse, and Los Angeles. European offices will be located at London, Amsterdam and Berlin.

Winding Up of Affairs of City Company of New York in Compliance With Banking Act of 1933—National City Bank to Continue Affiliates Business in Underwriting of Government State and Municipal Securities.

The intention of the City Company of New York to discontinue immediately its securities business, and to proceed to wind up its affairs, was made known on June 4 by James H. Perkins, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National City Bank. The action grows out of the requirements of the Banking Act of 1933 which calls for the separation of security affiliates from banks by June 16. Mr. Perkins states that the National City Bank will continue that part of the business of its affiliate—the City Company—"which has to do with underwriting and trading in United States Government, State and Municipal securities, at permitted by law."

The announcement of Mr. Perkins regarding the winding up of the affairs of the City Company was contained in the following letter addressed on June 4 to the stockholders of the National City Bank:

THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, June 4 1934.

To the Shareholders:

The Banking Act of 1933 passed last June required divorcement of commercial banking from investment banking within the period of a year. I have felt that the National City Bank of New York should support the policy of Congress in both letter and spirit. In the year past we have been endeavoring to find a way fully to meet this policy and at the same time to preserve any good-will value there might be in the business of the City Company of New York, Inc., formerly the National City Company.

Good-will is a nebulous thing. In so far as it is attached to the name of the City Company it cannot be realized on, because the continued use of the name would identify the user with the Bank and that cannot be permitted without control by the Bank, which is forbidden by law. In so far as it may be represented by personnel trained in the investment banking business, such personnel consists of free individuals whom the City Company is not in a position to deliver to a prospective purchaser.

The ownership of the control of an investment banking company by the shareholders of the Bank would be unlawful, whether such ownership came from the distribution of the stock of the City Company, or from the purchase of the business of the City Company.

The organization of a new investment banking concern as successor to the City Company and in which the shareholders of the Bank would be offered less than a controlling interest, would involve, in the first place, a recommendation by the Bank to its shareholders to place new capital, or to leave a substantial amount of the old capital, at the risk of the future of the securities business, and, in the second place, the sponsorship by the Bank of the new investment banking concern without power on the part of the Bank to control its policies. Your Directors after mature consideration have been unwilling to place the Bank back of such a plan. I personally believe that in future the Bank should be free from any connection, either directly or in any other way which might be taken by the public to indicate a relationship, with any investment banking house. I think the Bank should keep itself free to do legitimate business with any responsible house on equal terms with any other.

The City Company will accordingly discontinue the securities business immediately, and will proceed to wind up its affairs. This will take time, as it will be necessary to liquidate slow assets and dispose of pending claims.

When the Trust Agreement relating to the stock of the City Company was recently amended, by the written consent of the Trustees and of the holders of upwards of 75% in amount of the common stock of the Bank, among the additional powers vested in the Trustees was the power to place the company in voluntary dissolution and to transfer and deliver the stock of the company to the Bank, thereby terminating the trust. These steps have been taken, and, in connection with the discontinuance of the securities business, they bring the relationship between the Bank and the Company into conformity with the Banking Act of 1933. The Federal Reserve Board has so ruled, under Section 20 of the Act, the so-called "divorce" section. The program has also been submitted to the Comptroller of the Currency and approved by him. The capital of the City Company was originally derived from a special dividend paid by the Bank, and it seems appropriate that the money at present invested in the business of the Company be returned into the Bank.

Some of the officers and employees of the City Company will be retained to handle the liquidation of its affairs. A number of the principal officers have resigned and will, I hope, make other connections satisfactory to

them. Neither the name, nor the files nor other indicia of the good-will of a business, will be sold or given to anyone.

The Bank will continue that part of the business of the City Company which has to do with underwriting and trading in United States Government, State and municipal securities, as permitted by law.

There will be no successor to the City Company.

Yours very truly,
JAMES H. PERKINS,
Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Indiana Income Tax As Applied to Banks Upheld by State Court—Decision Given in Test Case Backed by Marion County Bankers Association.

A test case, backed by the Marion County Bankers' Association, attacking the constitutionality of the Indiana gross income tax law in its application to banks has been decided adversely by Judge Russell J. Ryan, of Superior Court, Room 5, it was indicated in the Indianapolis "News" of May 24, which had the following to say regarding the decision:

Suit was filed by the Bankers Trust Co. to recover \$227.90 paid under protest to the State on income of \$22,790.87. The trust company enlisted the support of 20 banks in the county and contended that the 1933 Act was unconstitutional in that it did not specify whether State or National banks are included in the Act, and that it was necessary to include National banks or the Act would be discriminatory.

Judge Ryan held the Act is constitutional, adding that the legislature had no authority to tax National banks and that any mention of "banks" in the Act would refer to State banks.

The suit sought to obtain exemption from taxation for extra-banking activities of banks not in line with actual banking business, such as the sale of steamship tickets and the rental of real estate, but Judge Ryan held that this type of business would come under provisions of retail or wholesale business and subject to taxation at the rate of 1% or $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%, respectively.

Will Sign Order.

Only in one particular did the Judge uphold the contention of the banks. This was in the decision that securities such as municipal or county bonds issued before the adoption of the Act are not taxable.

Judge Ryan said he would sign the formal order of the Court in connection with the case as soon as it is prepared. The decision which he announced came as the annual convention of the State Bankers' Association opened in Indianapolis.

It was the second decision this week by Judge Ryan upholding the constitutionality of the gross income tax law. Two days ago he held that filling stations owned by the Standard Oil Co. were subject to taxation as retail stores, paying 1% on gross income, and that the law itself was constitutional.

Premium Paid on New United States Notes.

It was noted in the New York "Evening Post" of June 5 that although no allotments have yet been made by the Treasury and the issue will not be made until June 15, the new $2\frac{1}{8}$ % five-year Treasury notes were sold over the counters of dealers on a "when issued" basis on June 5 at a premium of 18-32ds above par, or at 100.18. This, it was added, was a slight advance over June 4, when the first sales were recorded at a premium of one-half a point.

Total of \$800,000,000 or Thereabouts Offered in June 15 Financing of Treasury Department—Consists of \$300,000,000 or Thereabouts of 12-14-Year 3% Bonds and \$500,000,000 or Thereabouts of Five-Year $2\frac{1}{8}$ % Notes—Books Closed—Cash Subscriptions Total \$2,511,000,000.

As its June 15 financing the Treasury Department on June 4 offered \$800,000,000 or thereabouts of two issues of Treasury securities through the Federal Reserve banks; one issue being 12-14-year 3% Treasury bonds of 1946-48, offered to the amount of \$300,000,000 or thereabouts, and the other five-year $2\frac{1}{8}$ % Treasury notes of Series A-1939, in amount of \$500,000,000 or thereabouts. About \$175,000,000 of $\frac{1}{4}$ % Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TJ-1934 mature on June 15 1934, and about \$345,000,000 of $2\frac{1}{8}$ % Treasury notes of Series B-1934 will mature on Aug. 1 1934, and the holders of these two issues may exchange them for the new 3% Treasury bonds. In indicating that cash subscriptions of \$2,511,000,000 had been received for the 3% Treasury notes, Associated Press advices from Washington, June 8, said:

The Treasury said to-day that cash subscriptions of \$2,511,000,000 were received for the June 15 offering of \$300,000,000 3% Treasury bonds maturing in 1946-48.

The Treasury said that for its offering of \$500,000,000 of $2\frac{1}{8}$ % notes subscription totaled \$4,931,000,000.

Cash subscriptions for the bonds in amounts up to and including \$10,000 were accepted in full, while those above that figure were allotted 10% of the amount they subscribed.

In addition to such allotments on cash subscriptions, all offers to take the bonds in exchange for Government certificates of indebtedness maturing June 15 1934, and Aug. 1 1934, are being accepted.

Subscriptions to the Treasury notes are being allotted in full up to \$10,000, with a 9% allotment in excess of \$10,000.

In the announcement of the offering it is stated that the right is reserved to the Secretary of the Treasury to increase the offering of Treasury bonds by an amount sufficient to allot in full all subscriptions for which payment is tendered in maturing certificates of indebtedness and notes.

The books for the $2\frac{1}{8}$ % Treasury notes and books for cash subscriptions for the 3% Treasury bonds were closed on June 5 following a reported heavy oversubscription, but the books for the receipt of subscriptions for which payment is to be tendered in certificates of indebtedness maturing June 15 and Treasury notes maturing Aug. 1 remained open until June 8.

The following circular was issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York incident to the closing of the books on June 5:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK
Fiscal Agent of the United States.

Circular No. 1388, June 5 1934.

CLOSING OF SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS

On offering of United States of America $2\frac{1}{8}$ % Treasury Notes of Series A-1939. On offering of United States of America 3% Treasury Bonds of 1946-48.

To all Banks and Trust Companies in the Second Federal Reserve District and Others Concerned:

In accordance with an announcement received to-day from the Treasury Department the subscription books for the offering of United States of America $2\frac{1}{8}$ % Treasury notes of Series A-1939 were closed at the close of business to-day, June 5 1934, and the subscription books for the offering of United States of America 3% Treasury bonds of 1946-48 were closed at the close of business to-day, June 5 1934, for the receipt of cash subscriptions, but will remain open until the close of business June 8 1934, for the receipt of subscriptions for which payment is to be tendered in Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TJ-1934, maturing June 15 1934, or Treasury notes of Series B-1934, maturing Aug. 1 1934.

All cash subscriptions mailed before midnight to-night, June 5 1934, as shown by post office cancellation, will be considered as having been entered before the close of the subscription books.

GEORGE L. HARRISON, Governor.

Both the new 3% bonds and $2\frac{1}{8}$ % notes will be dated June 15 1934 and will bear interest from that date; interest in the case of the bonds and notes will be payable semi-annually on June 15 and December 15 of each year. The Treasury bonds will mature on June 15 1948, but may be redeemed at the option of the United States on and after June 15 1946, while the Treasury notes will mature on June 15 1939 and will not be subject to call for redemption prior to that date. In his announcement of the offering, Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, had the following to say regarding the exemption of the bonds and notes from various taxes:

As more specifically stated in the official circulars, the Treasury bonds will be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation except estate or inheritance taxes, surtaxes, excess-profits and war-profits taxes; the interest on bonds (issued under the Second Liberty Bond Act) up to \$5,000 of principal amount under one ownership will be exempt from all taxation; and the notes will be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation except estate or inheritance taxes.

In Washington advices June 3, to the New York "Times" of June 4, it was stated that two features of the offering attracted particular attention, viz.:

1. The fact that the Treasury, with an unexpended balance of \$1,210,000,000 in the general fund as of May 31, exclusive of profit on gold, decided to add another \$800,000,000 in "cash" to its available resources, although emergency outlays are falling far behind estimates and the Treasury already has sufficient funds with which to meet all demands for some time.
2. The low interest rate on the new bonds. Three per cent has been quoted on a Treasury bond on only one other occasion since pre-war days, an issue marketed in September 1931.

We further quote the advices in part:

On the first point, it is understood that three considerations guided the Treasury experts; namely, favorable money market conditions which make possible the raising of funds at low interest rates; the possibility of emergency outlays expanding rapidly from this time, and finally, a determination to cut down the size of the large floating debt of \$1,403,657,000 which the Treasury now carries on its books in the form of 90- and 180-day Treasury bills.

As to the second point, the decision to quote as low as 3% on the new issue of Treasury bonds is said to have been made only after a careful study of all factors. It has been the objective of the Treasury as far back as when Mr. Mellon was Secretary so to arrange Government finances that it would be practical to push interest on bonds down to that level and keep it there.

The plunge was first taken in September 1931 after an issue offered at $3\frac{1}{2}$ % was heavily oversubscribed and talk began to be heard in Congress that the Treasury was being too generous with the banks and other large buyers of bonds.

The September 1931 3% issue of about \$800,000,000 was floated after the books on subscriptions had been kept open for some time longer than had been customary. Since that time these bonds have frequently been depressed well below their par value in the open market. Until to-day's announcement, bond issues have since carried at least $3\frac{1}{4}$ %.

In comparing the new issue of 3% bonds with the 3% issued in September 1931, it is important to make the distinction that the new bonds mature in 14 years and are callable in 12 years, whereas the 1931 offering matures 24 years after the date of issue and are not callable for 20 years.

Under normal conditions, relatively short-term securities may safely be marketed at lower interest rate than that quoted for offerings of longer maturity.

Recently the open market for Government bonds has been strong, and the old 3% bonds have sold for some time slightly above par.

Aside from offerings of Treasury bills on a discount basis the Treasury Department's last previous financing (April 15) consisted of an offering of $3\frac{1}{4}$ % Treasury bonds of 1944-46, offered only in exchange for approximately \$1,000,000,000 of Fourth $4\frac{1}{4}$ % Liberty Loan bonds, which had been called

for redemption on April 15, and for \$244,234,000 of 3% Treasury notes of series A-1934 which matured on May 2—the amount of Treasury bonds to be issued having been limited to the Liberty bonds and Treasury notes offered in exchange. \$815,115,500 of the Liberty Loan bonds and \$234,325,000 of the 3% notes were tendered in exchange for the 3¼% Treasury bonds. References to this exchange offering made in our issues of April 28, page 2841, April 14, page 2503, and April 7, page 2338. In his announcement of the June 15 financing, made June 4, Secretary Morgenthau said:

The Treasury is to-day offering for subscription at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve banks, \$300,000,000 or thereabouts, 12-14 year 3% Treasury bonds of 1946-48, and \$500,000,000, or thereabouts, 5-year 2¼% Treasury notes of Series A-1939, with the right reserved to the Secretary of the Treasury to increase the offering of Treasury bonds by an amount sufficient to allot in full all subscriptions for which payment is tendered in Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TJ-1934, maturing June 15 1934, or Treasury notes of Series B-1934, maturing Aug. 1 1934.

The Treasury bonds will be dated June 15 1934 and will bear interest from that date at the rate of 3% per annum, payable semi-annually on June 15 and Dec. 15 in each year. They will mature June 15 1948, but may be redeemed at the option of the United States on and after June 15 1946.

The Treasury notes will be dated June 15 1934 and will bear interest from that date at the rate of 2¼% per annum, payable semi-annually on June 15 and Dec. 15 in each year. They will mature June 15 1939 and will not be subject to call for redemption prior to that date.

As more specifically stated in the official circulars, the Treasury bonds will be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation except estate or inheritance taxes, surtaxes, excess-profits and war-profits taxes; the interest on bonds (issued under the Second Liberty Bond Act) up to \$5,000 of principal amount under one ownership will be exempt from all taxation; and the notes will be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation except estate or inheritance taxes.

Bearer bonds with interest coupons attached and bonds registered as to principal and interest will be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The notes will be issued in bearer form only, with interest coupons attached, in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve banks and branches, and at the Treasury Department, Washington. Banking institutions generally will handle applications of customers, but only the Federal Reserve banks and the Treasury Department are authorized to act as official agencies.

Applications, unless made by an incorporated bank or trust company, must be accompanied by payment in full or by payment of 5% of the amount of bonds or notes applied for, and if payment for bonds or notes allotted is not completed on the prescribed date, the 5% payment shall be forfeited to the United States upon declaration by the Secretary of the Treasury in his discretion.

Subject to the reservations stated in the official circulars, cash subscriptions for either bonds or notes for amounts to up and including \$10,000 will be given preferred allotment, and other cash subscriptions will be allotted on an equal percentage basis. Subscriptions for bonds for which payment is tendered in Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TJ-1934, maturing June 15 1934, or Treasury notes of Series B-1934, maturing Aug. 1 1934, will be allotted in full. For such payment the certificates of Series TJ-1934 will be accepted at par, and the notes of Series B-1934 will be accepted at par with an adjustment of accrued interest on such notes as of June 15 1934.

About \$175,000,000 of Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TJ-1934 mature on June 15 1934, and about \$345,000,000 of Treasury notes of Series B-1934 will mature on Aug. 1 1934, and the holders of these two issues may exchange them for Treasury bonds under this offering. Interest on the public debt to the amount of about \$117,000,000 is payable on June 15 1934.

Details of the offering are contained in the following circulars issued by the Treasury Department:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3% Treasury Bonds of 1946-48.

Dated and bearing interest from June 15 1934. Due June 15 1948.

Redeemable at the option of the United States at par and accrued interest on and after June 15 1946. Interest payable June 15 and Dec. 15, 1934—Department Circular No. 512 (Public Debt Service)

Treasury Department, Office of the Secretary.

Washington, June 4 1934.

The Secretary of the Treasury, pursuant to the authority of the Second Liberty Bond Act, approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended, invites subscriptions, at par and accrued interest, from the people of the United States, for 3% bonds of the United States, designated Treasury bonds of 1946-48. The amount of the offering is \$300,000,000, or thereabouts, with the right reserved to the Secretary of the Treasury to increase the offering by an amount sufficient to accept all subscriptions for which ¼% Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TJ-1934, maturing June 15 1934, or 2¼% Treasury notes of Series B-1934, maturing Aug. 1 1934, are tendered in payment.

Description of Bonds.

The bonds will be dated June 15 1934 and will bear interest from that date at the rate of 3% per annum, payable semi-annually, on Dec. 15 1934, and thereafter on June 15 and Dec. 15 in each year until the principal amount becomes payable. They will mature June 15 1948, but may be redeemed at the option of the United States on and after June 15 1946, in whole or in part, at par and accrued interest, on any interest day or days, on four months' notice of redemption given in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe. In case of partial redemption the bonds to be redeemed will be determined by such method as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. From the date of redemption designated in any such notice, interest on the bonds called for redemption shall cease.

The bonds shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess-profits and war-profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income

or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations, or corporations. The interest on an amount of bonds authorized by the Second Liberty Bond Act, approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended, the principal of which does not exceed \$5,000, owned by any individual, partnership, association, or corporation, shall be exempt from the taxes provided for in clause (b) above.

The bonds will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, and will bear the circulation privilege only to the extent provided in the Act approved July 22 1932, as amended. They will not be entitled to any privilege of conversion.

Bearer bonds with interest coupons attached, and bonds registered as to principal and interest, will be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. Provision will be made for the interchange of bonds of different denominations and of coupon and registered bonds, and for the transfer of registered bonds under rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The bonds will be subject to the general regulations of the Treasury Department, now or hereafter prescribed, governing United States bonds.

Application and Allotment.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve banks and branches and at the Treasury Department, Washington, and unless made by an incorporated bank or trust company, must be accompanied by payment in full or by payment of 5% of the amount of bonds applied for. Banking institutions generally will handle applications for subscribers, but only the Federal Reserve banks and the Treasury Department are authorized to act as official agencies. The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to close the books as to any or all subscriptions or classes of subscriptions at any time without notice.

The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to reject any subscription, in whole or in part, to allot less than the amount of bonds applied for, to make allotments in full upon applications for smaller amounts and to make reduced allotments upon, or to reject, applications for larger amounts, to make classified allotments or to make allotments upon a graduated scale, or to adopt any or all of said methods or such other methods of allotment and classification of allotments as shall be deemed by him to be in the public interest; and his action in any or all of these respects shall be final. Allotment notices will be sent out promptly upon allotment, and the basis of allotment will be publicly announced.

Subject to the reservations contained in the next preceding paragraph, allotments will be made as follows: Cash subscriptions for amounts up to and including \$10,000 will be given preferred allotment, all other cash subscriptions will be allotted on an equal percentage basis, and subscriptions for which payment is to be tendered in Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TJ-1934 or in Treasury notes of Series B-1934 will be allotted in full.

Payment.

Payment at par and accrued interest, if any, for bonds allotted must be made or completed on or before June 15 1934, or on later allotment. In every case where payment is not so completed, the 5% payment with application shall, upon declaration made by the Secretary of the Treasury in his discretion, be forfeited to the United States. Any qualified depositor will be permitted to make payment by credit for bonds allotted on cash subscriptions to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of its District. Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TJ-1934, maturing June 15 1934, will be accepted at par in payment for any bonds subscribed for and allotted. Treasury notes of Series B-1934, maturing Aug. 1 1934, with coupon dated Aug. 1 1934 attached, will be accepted at par with an adjustment of accrued interest as of June 15 1934, in payment for any bonds subscribed for and allotted. Payment through surrender of Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TJ-1934 or Treasury notes of Series B-1934 should be made when the subscription is tendered.

General Provisions.

As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions, to make allotments on the basis and up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve banks of the respective districts, to issue allotment notices, to receive payment for bonds allotted, to make delivery of bonds on full-paid subscriptions allotted, and they may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive bonds.

The Secretary of the Treasury may at any time, or from time to time, prescribe supplemental or amendatory rules and regulations governing the offering, which will be communicated promptly to the Federal Reserve banks.

HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR., Secretary of the Treasury.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Treasury Notes.

2¼% Series A-1939. Due June 15 1939.

Dated and bearing interest from June 15 1934. Interest payable June 15 and Dec. 15.

1934—Department Circular No. 513 (Public Debt Service)

Treasury Department, Office of the Secretary.

Washington, June 4 1934.

The Secretary of the Treasury, pursuant to the authority of the Second Liberty Bond Act, approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended, offers for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve banks, 2¼% notes of the United States, designated Treasury notes of Series A-1939. The amount of the offering is \$500,000,000, or thereabouts.

Description of Notes.

The notes will be dated June 15 1934 and will bear interest from that date at the rate of 2¼% per annum, payable semi-annually, on Dec. 15 1934, and thereafter on June 15 and Dec. 15 in each year. They will mature June 15 1939 and will not be subject to call for redemption prior to maturity.

The notes shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation (except estate or inheritance taxes) now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority.

The notes will be accepted at par during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury in payment of income and profits taxes payable at the maturity of the notes.

The notes will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, but will not bear the circulation privilege.

Bearer notes with interest coupons attached will be issued in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The notes will not be issued in registered form.

Application and Allotment.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve banks and branches and at the Treasury Department, Washington, and unless made by an

incorporated bank or trust company, must be accompanied by payment in full or by payment of 5% of the amount of notes applied for. Banking institutions generally will handle applications for subscribers, but only the Federal Reserve banks and the Treasury Department are authorized to act as official agencies. The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to close the books as to any or all subscriptions or classes of subscriptions at any time without notice.

The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to reject any subscription, in whole or in part, to allot less than the amount of notes applied for, to make allotments in full upon applications for smaller amounts and to make reduced allotments upon, or to reject, applications for larger amounts, to make classified allotments or to make allotments upon a graduated scale, or to adopt any or all of said methods or such other methods of allotment and classification of allotments as shall be deemed by him to be in the public interest; and his action in any or all of these respects shall be final. Allotment notices will be sent out promptly upon allotment, and the basis of allotment will be publicly announced.

Subject to the reservations contained in the next preceding paragraph, allotments will be made as follows: Subscriptions for amounts up to and including \$10,000 will be given preferred allotment, and all other subscriptions will be allotted on an equal percentage basis.

Payment.

Payment at par and accrued interest, if any, for notes allotted must be made or completed on or before June 15 1934 or on later allotment. In every case where payment is not so completed, the 5% payment with application shall, upon declaration made by the Secretary of the Treasury in his discretion, be forfeited to the United States. Any qualified depositor will be permitted to make payment by credit for notes allotted on cash subscriptions 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.

General Provisions.

As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions, to make allotments on the basis and up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve banks of the respective districts, to issue allotment notices, to receive payment for notes allotted, to make delivery of notes on full-paid subscriptions allotted, and they may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive notes.

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HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR., Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury Purchased No Government Securities During Week of June 2.

The Treasury Department made no purchases of Government securities in the open market during the week of June 2, it is indicated in a statement issued by the Department on June 4. This is the first time the Treasury has failed to purchase any securities for the investment accounts of any of the various Government agencies since the inception of its support to the Government bond market last November (reference to which was made in our issue of Nov. 25, page 3679). The Treasury purchased securities amounting to \$5,000,000 during the previous week ended May 26. The weekly purchases have been as follows:

Nov. 25 1933	\$8,748,000	Mar. 3 1934	\$10,208,100
Dec. 2 1933	2,545,000	Mar. 10 1934	6,900,000
Dec. 9 1933	7,079,000	Mar. 17 1934	7,909,000
Dec. 16 1933	16,600,000	Mar. 24 1934	37,744,000
Dec. 23 1933	16,510,000	Mar. 31 1934	23,600,000
Dec. 30 1933	11,950,000	Apr. 7 1934	42,369,400
Jan. 6 1934	44,713,000	Apr. 14 1934	20,580,000
Jan. 13 1934	33,868,000	Apr. 21 1934	30,500,000
Jan. 20 1934	17,032,000	Apr. 28 1934	4,885,000
Jan. 27 1934	2,800,000	May 5 1934	5,001,500
Feb. 5 1934	7,900,000	May 12 1934	500,000
Feb. 13 1934	*22,528,000	May 19 1934	4,000,000
Feb. 17 1934	7,089,000	May 26 1934	5,000,000
Feb. 24 1934	1,861,000	June 2 1934	-----

* In addition to this amount, \$338,400 of bonds held by the Treasury as collateral security for postal savings deposits purchased Feb. 9 by FDIC.

295,511.17 Fine Ounces of Silver Purchased During Week of June 1 by Treasury Department.

In accordance with the President's proclamation of Dec. 31 1933, which authorized the Treasury Department to buy at least 24,000,000 ounces of silver annually, the Department purchased 295,511.17 fine ounces during the week of June 1, which compares with 885,056.38 fine ounces purchased during the week of May 25. A statement issued June 4 by the Treasury showed that of the amount purchased during the latest week, 291,835.17 fine ounces were received at the San Francisco mint and 3,676 fine ounces at the Denver mint. Since the issuance of the proclamation, referred to in our issue of Dec. 23 1933, page 4440, the weekly receipts are as follows (we omit the fractional part of the ounce):

Week Ended—	Ounces.	Week Ended—	Ounces.
Jan. 5	1,157	Mar. 23	369,844
Jan. 12	547	Mar. 30	354,711
Jan. 19	477	Apr. 6	569,274
Jan. 26	94,921	Apr. 13	10,032
Feb. 2	117,554	Apr. 20	753,938
Feb. 9	375,995	Apr. 27	436,043
Feb. 16	232,630	May 4	647,224
Feb. 23	322,627	May 11	600,631
Mar. 2	271,800	May 18	503,309
Mar. 9	126,604	May 25	885,056
Mar. 16	832,808	June 1	295,511

Hoarded Gold Amounting to \$809,724 Received During Week of May 29—\$64,864 Coin and \$744,860 Certificates.

Receipts of gold coin and certificates during the week of May 29 by the Federal Reserve Banks and the Treasurer's

office, according to figures issued by the Treasury Department on June 4, amounted to \$809,723.62. Total receipts since Dec. 28 1933, the date of the issuance of the order requiring all gold to be returned to the Treasury, and up to May 29, amount to \$87,839,931.68. Of the amount received during the week ended May 29, the figures show, \$64,863.62 was gold coin and \$744,860 gold certificates. The total receipts are shown as follows:

	Gold Coin.	Gold Certificates.
Received by Federal Reserve Banks:		
Week ended May 29	\$63,863.62	\$734,660.00
Received previously	27,824,134.06	57,430,180.00
Total to May 29	\$27,887,997.68	\$58,164,840.00
Received by Treasurer's Office:		
Week ended May 29	\$1,000.00	\$10,200.00
Received previously	246,994.00	1,528,900.00
Total to May 29	\$247,994.00	\$1,539,100.00

Note.—Gold bars deposited with the New York Assay Office to the amount of \$200,572.69 previously reported.

Offering of \$27,500,000 of 2% Debentures of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks.

A new issue of 2% debentures of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks amounting to \$27,500,000 was offered on June 7 by Charles R. Dunn, fiscal agent in New York of the Banks. The debentures, which were offered at a slight premium over par value, are dated June 15 1935. They will mature in part on Oct. 15 1934 and the balance on March 15 1935. The announcement of the offering said:

Of the financing now announced, \$16,000,000 will be for the purpose of refinancing outstanding debentures which mature June 15, while approximately \$11,000,000 will represent new funds for the steadily expanding operations of the institutions. After this transaction is completed, the 12 Banks will have a total of about \$182,000,000 debentures outstanding.

In our issue of May 19, page 3365, we referred to an offering of \$32,500,000 of 2% debentures made by the Banks on May 8.

New Paper Money To Be Issued By Treasury Department—Billion Pieces of Outstanding Currency To Be Replaced. Five Years Required to Complete Replacement—Gold Clause To Be Eliminated.

Gradual replacement of virtually all paper money now in circulation with a new type of bill is being undertaken by the Treasury Department, it was reported in advices June 6 from Washington to the New York "Times," which stated that more than 1,000,000,000 pieces of paper currency outstanding from the Treasury and Federal Reserve Banks will be replaced. Officials estimate at \$4,800,000,000 the amount that will eventually be involved in the shift. It was further stated that all paper money will be legal tender under the new policy. We also quote from the account:

The gold clause will be eliminated; that is, there will be no statement of the promise to redeem paper in gold. Silver certificates will be issued in denominations of \$1, \$5 and \$10, backed by the new policy of the purchase of all newly-mined silver by the Treasury.

Officials emphasized that there would be no change in the intrinsic value or purchasing power of paper money, but that the new type would simply be made to conform to legislation under the Farm Relief Act of 1933 and bills providing for the removal of the gold redemption clause on all Government obligations enacted June 5 1933.

The new system provides that all money issued by the United States, Federal Reserve Banks and national banks shall be legal tender for the payment of all debts, public and private, and for the first time places all money on a parity.

Gold certificates remain legal tender, according to the Treasury, in spite of the fact that their possession is illegal.

The total circulation of money was given as about \$5,370,000,000.

Not "Redeemable in Gold."

Under the new system the Federal Reserve notes, which constitute the largest single type of circulation, will not bear the phrase "redeemable in gold on demand at the United States Treasury, or in gold or lawful money at any Federal Reserve Bank."

The reserve notes will contain the clause. "This note is legal tender for all debts, public and private, and is redeemable in lawful money at the United States Treasury or at any Federal Reserve Bank."

The silver certificates will provide that they are redeemable in silver at the face value. National bank notes will be designated as "legal tender." United States notes will be made complete legal tender except for customs duties and payment of interest on the public debt.

The following extract is also taken from the same advices:

Before the new money is put out several billion dollars in the present type of money signed by former Secretaries Mellon, Mills and Woodin and by Secretary Morgenthau will be issued to replace that returned from circulation in bad condition.

Five years will probably be required to accomplish replacement of the present paper money. Treasury officials pointed out specifically that no money now in circulation had been recalled.

They said that the new dies would not all be prepared until the end of the year, when full production of the new money will be under way.

The change has made it necessary to increase the staff at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and a twenty-four-hour day of three shifts was authorized.

Small Bills Under Way.

Small denomination bills are already being produced in the new type. The larger denominations will be made as soon as the dies are prepared.

When the present circulation and that in stock is exhausted, the new paper will be used for replacement purposes. The transformation will be so gradual as hardly to be noticed by the public.

Bills to Create Federal Monetary Authority Introduced in Congress.

Bills to create a Federal monetary authority with sole power to coin money, issue currency and regulate banking were introduced in the Senate and House on June 6, according to United Press advices on that date from Washington to the New York "Journal of Commerce," which further said:

The measure was put into the Senate by Senator Bronson Cutting (Rep., N. M.) and in the House by Representative Wright Patman (Dem., Tex.). The authority would regulate the purchasing power of the dollar and maintain full employment at the 1926 wage level. Seven members would be appointed to the authority for fourteen years.

The measure also would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase all the Federal Reserve banks. Powers delegated to the proposed authority, as the direct agent of Congress, include:

1. Coinage of money and issuance of currency.
2. Replacement of bank credit as a circulating medium of exchange with "lawful money."
3. Increase the country's present working capital by expanding demand bank deposits to the predepression level, and provide for regular-controlled annual expansion to care for the increase in population.
4. Act as fiscal agent of the Federal and State governments without charge.
5. Buy or sell domestic or foreign gold and silver or domestic or foreign exchange or obligations.
6. Redeem currency in gold or silver in international trade.
7. Regulate purchasing power of the dollar.

List of Companies Filing Registration Statements with Federal Trade Commission Under Securities Act.

New registration statements involving more than \$13,-800,000 in 10 issues filed under the Securities Act were made public on June 4 by the Federal Trade Commission. They are grouped as follows:

Industrial and commercial.....	\$2,941,000
Certificates of deposit.....	9,836,900
Reorganization or readjustment.....	1,039,500

The certificates of deposit item contains a \$9,036,900 refinancing matter of the St. Louis Gas & Coke Corp. Industrial and commercial issues include \$1,850,000 in investment company issues, one of which is that of a Colorado mining investment company. Issuers of the proposed securities have headquarters or operate in New York City, Jersey City, Elizabeth, N. J., Milwaukee, San Francisco, Denver, Shelby, Mont., Hazelton and Uniontown, Pa., and Bluefield, W. Va.

Registration statements (910-919) made public June 4 were listed as follows:

Oliver Cromwell, Inc. (2-910, Form D-2), 120 Broadway, New York City, a New York corporation organized May 16 1934 to acquire the Oliver Cromwell apartment hotel, 12-18 West 72d St., New York City, now under foreclosure, issuing 15-year first mortgage bonds in the amount of \$882,000 together with 17,640 shares of common stock under a plan of readjustment, the new bonds to be secured by the company's mortgage indenture. The bonds, together with escrow certificates evidencing rights to the 17,640 shares of common stock, are expected to be offered in exchange to holders of first mortgage 6% serial gold certificates of the 14 West Seventy-second Street Corporation, former owner of the Oliver Cromwell, and to present owners of certificates of deposit representing these bonds, on a basis of one share of stock for each \$50 principal amount of bonds which is equal to \$100 face value of the old bonds. The balance of the company's authorized shares of common stock, namely 52,920, will be issued for cash. None of the members of a bondholders' protective committee appointed in May 1931 are or will be interested in Oliver Cromwell, Inc., according to the registration statements. Pursuant to the agreement under which the committee functions, old bonds in the amount of \$1,683,800 have been deposited. Among officers of the new company are Edwin Maurer, Brooklyn, President, and Judson H. Post, Forest Hills, Long Island, Treasurer. If the readjustment plan is successfully completed, it is anticipated the following persons will become officers and directors. Joseph E. Gilbert, New York City, President; Edwin I. Hilson, New York City, Vice-President and Victor Gilbert, New York City, Treasurer.

Pennmar Shares, Inc. (2-911, Form A-1), Hazelton, Pa., a Delaware corporation organized March 20 1930 as an investment trust of the management type dealing in securities for investment purposes, and proposing to issue 18,753 shares of class A stock at a price to be determined by the market price of securities held in its portfolio at the time of sale, the issue not to exceed in the aggregate \$250,000. Officers are listed as follows. Eckley B. Markle, President; C. Henry Altmiller, Vice-President, and Carl E. Kirschner, Secretary-Treasurer, all of Hazelton, Pa.

Cole Realty Co., Inc. (2-912, Form D-2), Bluefield, W. Va., a West Virginia corporation owning and operating "The West Virginian Hotel," Bluefield, proposing to issue, under an extension plan, \$157,500 6½% first mortgage bonds out of an original issue of \$300,000 of which \$165,000 is now outstanding with the public. Out of the latter amount, \$157,500 is proposed to be extended under the present registration, secured by first deed of trust on the land and building of the hotel. These bonds were called for deposit by First Mortgage Corp., Richmond, Va. (Release No. 163, Reg. Statement No. 2-869), the deposit agreement providing for deposit of \$165,000 principal amount of the bonds with authority to the depository to distribute to holders of deposit receipts the interest due as of June 1 1934, when and as such funds are received from the realty company, to declare the extension program effective and to attach proper interest notes to various first mortgage bonds aggregating \$157,500. Among officers of the company are W. J. Cole, President-Treasurer, and J. L. Alexander, Secretary, both of Bluefield.

Elizabeth Brewing Corp. (2-913, Form A-1), Elizabeth, N. J., a New Jersey corporation organized Oct. 6 1932, owning property and qualified to do business in New Jersey and owning all outstanding stock of the Baltimore Brewing Co., which owns property and is qualified to do business in Maryland. The company expects to issue 225,000 shares of fully paid non-assessable common stock owned by Oscar L. Auf der Heide in a probable amount of \$281,250. No arrangement has been made for sale of the stock nor has a price been decided on; it will depend on the market price of the

New York Produce Exchange at the time of sale, according to the registration statement. The price will probably be 25 cents less than the produce exchange price which, at the time the registration statement was filed, was \$1.25 a share. A commission of 25 cents a share will probably be paid. An underwriter has not been named, but it is expected Vallance & Co., 120 Broadway, New York City, will be designated. Among officers are Oscar L. Auf der Heide, President; John S. Toomey, Secretary-Treasurer, both of West New York, N. J.

First Mortgage Bondholders Protective Committee of St. Louis Gas & Coke Corp. (2-914, Form D-1), 1623 West Wells St., Milwaukee, calling for deposits of \$9,036,900 first mortgage sinking fund 6% gold bonds—series due June 1 1947, of a present market value of \$722,880. The original issuer was organized June 25 1927 to manufacture and sell pig iron, gas coke, electricity and coke by-products. The company defaulted in payment of bonds on the first mortgage bonds. A law suit is now pending between Illinois-Missouri Pipe Line Co., and St. Louis Gas & Coke Corp., in which the latter consented to appointment of a receiver in equity. According to the receiver's report, liabilities at the date of receivership were as follows. \$33,750.83 taxes payable, \$17,328.94 estimated accrued taxes and \$2,173.57 penalties on State and local taxes. Members of the protective committee are E. M. Goodman and W. H. Sullivan, both of Milwaukee, and Eben Burroughs, Racine, Wis.

Market Street Realty Co. Bondholders' Protective Committee (2-915, Form D-1), San Francisco, calling for deposits of \$800,000 out of an original issue of \$1,250,000 first mortgage 6% serial gold bonds issued under a deed of trust dated Sept. 1 1923. The original issuer, Market Street Realty Co., operator of the California Theater Building in San Francisco, defaulted in the payment of interest on all outstanding bonds becoming due March 1 and Sept. 1 1933. Members of the committee are Nion R. Tucker, Mortimer Fleishhacker and Nat Schmulowitz, all of San Francisco.

Union Deposit Co. (2-916, Form A-1), Denver, a Colorado corporation organized Sept. 30 1924, proposing to redeem certain class "A" stock of Mines Financing, Inc., a Colorado corporation. Amount of the offering is \$600,000. For consideration of \$3 a share, Union Deposit Co. expects to guarantee to redeem 200,000 shares of the stock 20 years after date of its original issuance at its par of \$10 a share, and prior to the expiration of the 20-year period at lesser amounts, depending on the length of time the stock had been issued and outstanding. The redemption amounts range from \$3.40 a share at the end of the fifth year to \$10 at the end of the twentieth year. All funds raised by the sale of this issue are to be invested in fully paid units of Union Investment Trust. The units will be held in escrow by the Union Trust Co., Denver, securing the performance of the redemption guarantee by the Union Deposit Co. Among officers of the deposit company are P. H. Troutman, President; S. W. Clark, Vice-President-Treasurer, and E. J. Campen, Secretary, all of Denver.

Affiliated Investors Fund, Inc. (2-917, Form A-1), Jersey City, a Delaware corporation organized May 14 1934 to deal in investment securities, proposing to issue \$500,000 debentures and \$500,000 common stock, the proceeds to be used to pay dividends and expenses and to invest in securities. The underwriter is Affiliated Distributing Group, Inc., 921 Bergen Ave., Jersey City. Among officers are Thomas F. Lee, Scarsdale, N. Y., President; H. M. Meyer, Bound Brook, N. J., Treasurer, and F. I. Ring, Jersey City, Secretary.

Uniontown Distilling Syndicate (2-918, Form A-1), Uniontown, Pa., a Pennsylvania common law trust organized Sept. 14 1933 to manufacture and sell liquor, proposes to issue 351,000 syndicate units at \$2.25 each, or \$789,750. The underwriter, Pitt Investment Co., Pittsburgh, will purchase 50,000 units at \$1.50 each and 171,990 units at \$1 each. Proceeds of the issue will be used for making physical improvements and for working and organization expenses. Trustees of the company are M. E. Minert and Joseph K. Oglevee, both of Uniontown, Pa., and Raymond A. Blair of Pittsburgh.

Hannah-Porter Co. (2-919, Form A-1), Shelby, Mont., a Montana corporation organized Aug. 5 1926 for the purchase of oil and gas leases and for drilling operations. Company expects to issue 20,000 shares of common stock at \$1 a share in lots of 100 shares only, the aggregate amount being \$20,000, the proceeds to be used for working expenses. Ten per cent commission will be paid on sales made by salesmen if they are employed. Stock will be sold by mail and by directors of the company. Among officers are M. E. Porter, President, and W. S. Hannah, Secretary-Treasurer, both of Shelby, Mont.

In making public the above, the Commission said:

In no case does the act of filing with the Commission give to any security its approval or indicate that the Commission has passed on the merits of the issue or that the registration statement itself is correct.

The last previous list of registration statements was given in our issue of June 2, page 3699.

Complaint Issued by Federal Trade Commission Charges Three Cotton Seed Crushers' Association with Conspiracy to Hinder Competition.

Conspiracy to hinder competition in the purchase of cottonseed throughout the Southern States and to fix the prices paid for that commodity, is charged by the Federal Trade Commission in a formal complaint issued against three leading cottonseed crushers' associations. They are the National Cottonseed Products Association, the Texas Cottonseed Crushers Association and the Oklahoma Cottonseed Crushers Association. The Commission's announcement of June 4, from which the foregoing is quoted, went on to say:

Eighty per cent of all crushing mills in the industry have maintained memberships in the National Association in recent years, while the Texas and Oklahoma Associations' members comprise a large majority of cottonseed crushing mills and milling companies in those States and these associations have promoted the formation and operation of divisions of the National Association in their respective States.

These three associations represent an industry which has crushed as much as 5,000,000 tons of cottonseed in a year, such output having a total value of more than \$200,000,000.

Promoting and holding frequent meetings and conferences, the associations, according to the complaint, have systematically exchanged information concerning prices within their own memberships. In the course of these activities they have entered into agreements that they would pay certain prices for cottonseed, such agreements, according to the complaint, having "unreasonably restricted the freedom of the individual mills and milling companies to compete with each other as to prices and otherwise," and having been "to the detriment of growers and sellers of seed."

Price Agreements Alleged.

According to the complaint, the Texas and Oklahoma Associations, as well as associations in Louisiana and Arkansas, all affiliated with the national group, "co-operatively adopted and operated a device for automatically fixing and regulating the price of cottonseed in car lots within the territory of each of said associations." This device consisted of posting and publishing on the Dallas Cotton Exchange, Houston Merchants Exchange, New Orleans Cotton Exchange and Little Rock Cotton Exchange the car lot prices which the terminal mills or association representatives decided "would provide a satisfactory profit to the mills after deducting from the value of products from a ton of seed, the cost of crushing and of transportation."

No transactions took place on these exchanges as a foundation for the prices so posted, the Commission alleges, and the associations from time to time withheld and suppressed the posting or publication of prices actually being paid which were higher than they thought should be paid.

Member mills of the Association from time to time agreed to maintain the posted prices as their purchase prices in individual transactions, it is charged, "and it was their purpose to have the said posted price automatically become the market price as a matter of custom and tacit understanding without the necessity of general conferences or formal agreements."

In carrying out their plans the members, through their associations and divisions and under supervision of the national organization, according to the complaint, entered into agreements that member mills would telegraph or telephone each other the general prices they were paying and offering to pay for cottonseed, and that "they would not deviate from the prices so reported without giving simultaneous and immediate notice thereof to member mills." Otherwise, they would indicate in their reports that they were deviating "only where necessary to meet competition."

Another means of carrying out plans for price control was, according to the Commission's complaint, agreeing that prices made to sellers and exchanged among competitors should be on the basis of f. o. b. shipping point and be exclusive of the cost of transporting seed to their respective mills so as to "prevent the cheapness of transportation on nearby seed resulting in the payment of a higher price to the sellers" of such seed. This practice also promoted uniformity of prices within sectional organizations, the complaint alleges.

Other Agreements.

Other means of carrying out plans were listed by the Commission as follows: Limiting the prices paid for hauling seed to the mill in order to prevent payments by mills to seed sellers from being more than the price published and reported to competitors; engaging in "systematic propaganda to induce and persuade the mills that it was unfair not to buy seed on the same spread throughout the season"; fixing of the rates of commission and dealers' margins; elimination of seed brokers; maintenance of a system of grading to insure that prices arrived at through the concerted action before mentioned would apply to all variations in quality, and using such grading system to hamper, obstruct and discriminate against independent buyers of seed, including ginners and others, and to remove them from the competitive field.

The respondents are given until July 6 to show cause why an order should not be entered by the Commission requiring them to cease and desist from the practices charged.

Officers of Associations.

Officers of the three associations named as respondents in the Commission's complaint are as follows:

National Cottonseed Products Association.—J. Ross Richardson, President; T. H. Gregory, Vice-President; Earl S. Haines, Executive Vice-President; S. M. Harmon, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer; and the following directors: T. J. Kidd, P. F. Cleaver, P. D. McCarley, G. O. Flaitz, George W. Covington, J. I. Morgan, A. L. Durand, J. J. Lawton, E. E. Clarke, P. J. Lemm, S. W. Wilbor, W. F. Pendleton, Henry Underlich, Stanley R. Pratt, Wright Youtsey, O. E. Jones and T. O. Asbury.

Texas Cottonseed Crushers Association.—P. J. Lemm, President; B. B. Hulse, Vice-President; A. L. Ward, Executive Vice-President; B. Wallin, Secretary-Treasurer; and the following members of the executive committee: P. J. Lemm, Chairman; B. B. Hulse, J. Ross Richardson, S. W. Wilbor, J. W. Simmons, H. Wunderlich, J. T. Gant, W. L. Weber and J. S. LeClerc Jr.

Oklahoma Cottonseed Crushers Association.—A. L. Durand, President; J. C. Brown, Vice-President; J. H. Johnston, Secretary; and the following directors: R. K. Wootten, P. A. Norris, J. B. Garnett, A. E. King and Earl Shotwell.

Senate Passes Reciprocal Tariff Bill—House Accepts Senate Amendments.

The Administration's Reciprocal Tariff bill, granting the President broad powers to change tariff rates and to make trade agreements with foreign countries, was approved by the Senate on June 4 by a vote of 57 to 33. The House, two months ago (March 29), passed a bill similar in general purposes, with amendments added by the Senate the bill went back to the House which, contrary to its usual course of sending the measure to conference, accepted the Senate amendments on June 6 by a vote of 154 to 53. Congressional action was thereupon completed on the bill and it was sent to the President for his signature. According to the Washington advices, June 6, to the New York "Times" the principal amendment accepted by the House provided for "reasonable" notice of the intentions of the Government to conclude any trade agreement, and a private hearing of interested parties, under such rules and regulations as the President might prescribe. The President was said to have approved the amendment before it was offered.

From the Washington account, June 6, to the New York "Journal of Commerce" we take the following:

Doughton Explains Terms.

Opening the debate in the House as the final chapter was written in the long fight of the Administration for the bill, Chairman Doughton of the Ways and Means Committee explained the Senate changes, pointing out that of the 14 made only 3 were of material consequence. One, he said, stipulates that the President, before negotiating a trade agreement, must find not only that foreign trade barriers are burdening American trade but that the purpose of expanding American trade must likewise be served by operation of the treaty.

This, he said, not only strengthens the constitutionality of the bill but also amounts to a limitation upon the powers of the President.

The second amendment, he declared, provides that the present reciprocal tariff law shall not apply to commodities covered by prospective trade agreements, while the third change made stipulates that all persons likely to be affected by any proposed trade treaty be given opportunity to be heard before the treaty is consummated.

It was this third amendment which caused most controversy on the floor of the House with Representative Treadway (Rep., Mass.), ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee, characterizing it as a "sop" to Democratic Senators who had threatened to oppose the bill.

Lozier Defends Measure.

Defending the bill Representative Lozier (Dem., Mo.) charged the Republican opposition with casting a reflection upon the President when it insisted that he should not be vested with such wide power to regulate the tariff structure.

"It is a reflection on any President, be he Republican or Democratic," Mr. Lozier declared, "to assume that he will make trade agreements vitally affecting the industries of this country without first weighing carefully all the arguments pro and con."

Embodying the most far-reaching powers ever conferred upon a President in an effort to restore the nation to its former position in international trade, the bill, it was pointed out in the same advices, gives him authority to alter tariff rates and duties in the negotiation of reciprocal trade agreements with foreign governments without further ado by Congress. The Washington dispatch, June 6, to the same paper continued:

Under its provisions the President may raise or lower tariffs on any commodity by as much as 50% of the existing rate, whenever he finds such adjustment advantageous in bargaining for beneficial tariff concessions on the part of foreign countries.

Any foreign trade agreement concluded by the President would be subject to termination, upon due notice to the foreign Government concerned, at the end of not more than three years from the date on which the agreement came into force, and, if not then terminated, would be subject to termination thereafter upon not more than six months' notice. Under this procedure it is understood that the agreements could run indefinitely.

Republican high protectionists continued their fight against the bill to the end, predicting dire consequences to American industries and a flood of imports from abroad, but were literally swamped by the huge Democratic majority anxious to comply with the wishes of the President and confer upon him the powers requested.

They defended the measure with assurance that it was the most important segment of the Roosevelt recovery program yet to come before Congress, and refused to concede that any action would be taken that would react harmfully to American industries.

However, there still is considerable doubt being expressed in some circles as to the Administration tariff attitude toward the wool industry. In some quarters wool buyers are said to be making lower offers on wool because of apprehension less the reciprocity policy would mean sweeping reduction in the wool tariffs.

Senator O'Mahoney (Dem., Wyo.) has received numerous complaints to this effect and upon taking it up with the White House was advised in a letter that the President considers the industry as one which needs protection and that the legislation would not be used to cut wool prices.

The adoption of the bill by the House on March 29 was noted in our issue of March 31, page 2183.

The bill was favorably reported by the Senate Finance Committee on May 2 (as indicated in our May 5 issue, page 3023), and debate in the Senate was opened on May 17. On May 30 the first test vote on the bill was won by its advocates when the Senate rejected an amendment offered by Senator Vandenberg which would have broadened the provisions for hearings on rate changes. The Senate vote against this amendment was 46 to 29. On June 1, Democratic leaders in the Senate obtained an agreement for a final vote on the bill June 4, thus bringing to an end an attempted Republican filibuster. Recording this action of the House, the "Times" reported the following from Washington June 1:

By adopting in the House a resolution virtually abrogating the rules of that body, and by forcing through in the Senate an agreement to vote on President Roosevelt's Reciprocal Tariff Bill not later than Monday, Democratic leaders succeeded to-day in upsetting two anti-administration filibusters, took charge of a balky Congress and drove toward final adjournment.

In a session marked with high partisan tension and climaxed by a near fist-fight, the House adopted, 259 to 92, a rule that placed itself completely in the hands of Speaker Ramey, the Democratic leader; Representative Byrns and Chairman Bankhead of the Rules Committee until adjournment.

The resolution provided also a procedure whereby these leaders might ward off any further Republican attempts to attack legislation already enacted, or to delay the recovery program of the Administration.

The Senate bill resembles that passed by the House on March 29 in that it empowers the President in the interest of American foreign trade to conclude agreements with foreign Governments, and authorizes him to modify existing duties and other import restrictions. He would be limited to an increase or decrease of not more than 50% in any rate of duty.

A Washington dispatch, of June 4, to the New York "Times" further described the bill as follows:

The bill specifies that the authority of the President to enter into such foreign trade agreements shall end three years from enactment of the measure, and that every such agreement shall be subject to termination at the end of three years from the date on which it was made.

Designed fundamentally for the promotion of American foreign trade by way of mutual tariff and trade concessions with foreign countries, the bill empowers the President to act whenever he finds "as a fact" that any existing duty or other import restriction of the United States or any foreign country is unduly burdening and restricting our international commerce.

A three-line section in both the Senate and House bills again states the policy of our Government against cancellation or reduction of foreign indebtedness due it.

We quote below in part from a Washington dispatch of June 4 to the New York "Herald Tribune" which noted the action taken by the Senate on various proposed amendments on that date:

Five Republicans—Senators Capper, Couzens, La Follette, Norbeck and Norris, and one Farmer-Labor member, Senator Shipstead, lined up for the bill, and five Democrats turned against it. The Democrats against the bill were Senators Adams, Dill, Glass, Long and Overton.

Republican Senators, aided by a few Democrats, sought in every way to break into the cordon which the Administration organization had formed about the bill, but to no effect. They were beaten in roll call after roll call and on a series of viva voce votes, beginning with the defeat of the proposal of Senator Hiram Johnson, insurgent Republican of California, to exempt agricultural products from cuts in making agreements.

Ashurst Enters Protest.

One of the sharpest flare-ups of the day occurred when Senator Pat Harrison (Dem., Miss.) in charge of the bill, proposed an amendment to "freeze" the excise rates on lumber, copper, coal and oil and prevent them being changed by trade agreements. Senator Henry F. Ashurst (Dem., Ariz.), champion of copper, leaped to his feet and protested. He demanded that Senator Harrison withdraw the amendment.

"Beware of it," he explained. "No man who pretends to be fair can draw the assassin's dirk against four of the greatest industries of this country. It is conceived in iniquity, it is born in sin."

Senator Ashurst said he wanted no amendment that would prevent increasing copper rates. Senator Harrison, under the bombardment, withdrew the amendment. Senator Huey P. Long, however, obtained a roll call on it and it was beaten 57 to 29.

Anti-Court Amendment Wins.

Senator Harrison obtained adoption of what he called a "clarifying" amendment intended to prevent American producers from going to the courts to interfere with trade agreements. Senator Daniel O. Hastings (Rep., Del.) protested, but was defeated.

All attempts to strengthen the notice and hearing feature of the bill as backed by the Finance Committee failed. In effect, this feature leaves it to the President to make the rules and regulations for notice and hearings.

The discussion of the bill in the Senate has lasted for about three weeks. Republicans have charged the Democrats with completely reversing the stand they took in 1929 when they opposed giving the Executive large powers under the flexible tariff. It is the plan of the Republican leaders to make the utmost politically of the tariff controversy and carry it into the campaign.

Amendments Defeated.

The high point of the contention over amendments to the bill was reached at noon and continued for some time thereafter while Senator Hiram Johnson, insurgent Republican of California, backed by nearly the entire Republican side and a scattering of Democrats, pressed a series of amendments, the purpose of which was to prevent the President from reducing rates on agricultural products in making trade agreements.

These amendments, though varying in language, looked to the same general objective. One after another they were beaten. Moreover, Democratic Senators commandeered the floor when the Senate met at 10 o'clock and held it until noon, when it had been agreed to take up the agricultural amendments, and thus choked off Senator Johnson from opportunity to speak before the voting. Senators Thomas P. Gore of Oklahoma, Bennett C. Clark of Missouri and A. W. Barkley of Kentucky engaged in the Democratic maneuver to prevent Senator Johnson from speaking.

In the opening debate on the tariff bill in the Senate on May 17, Senator Borah denounced the measure as unconstitutional, and said that Congress was acting to surrender its taxing power to the President. He said the bill obviously marked a "trend from constitutional Government." United Press, Washington advices of May 17, reported this debate in part as follows:

Borah spoke after McNary. He attacked constitutionality of the measure. The Idaho Senator told his colleagues if they transferred their taxing and tariff power to the President they might as well go home.

He denied Harrison's statement that the bill's provisions were justified by the emergency. The Constitution, Borah said, was framed in an atmosphere of emergency to deal with national emergencies.

He assailed dictatorships, Communism, Nazism and other forms of government which "put chains on the body and fetters on the brain."

"We have had hours of dark peril before and the instrumentalities of democracy were sufficient," he argued. "There is a niche alongside Lincoln and Washington for the man who now challenges these apostles of fanaticism and terrorism and shows his willingness to defend the integrity of constitutional government."

Senator Vandenberg, speaking against the bill on May 18, also contended that it would clothe the Executive with extraordinary authority. He summarized his objections in part as follows:

First, it demands a delegation of Congressional taxing power and Senate treaty-making power which is without color of constitutionality.

Second, it would clothe the Executive with unchecked authority to rule or ruin industrial and agricultural commodities, and the citizens and communities which may be dependent upon them for existence.

Third, it emphasizes exports at the expense of the preservation of home markets for home production.

Fourth, since we have "most favored nation" treaties with 29 countries, to all of whom we must grant any tariff favors granted to any one of them, we must multiply our tariff gifts by 29 each time we get one concession in return.

Fifth, this program cannot possibly improve our recovery situation, but is calculated seriously to impair it because it runs in exactly the opposite direction from the National Recovery Administration and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, which automatically increase domestic production costs and therefore require higher rather than lower tariffs in order to succeed.

Sixth, this scheme invites international complications of the precise type which we have scrupulously avoided for 140 years because it leans toward trade alliances which make for international blocs, hatreds and reprisals.

Seventh, the proposal is calculated to be the most autocratic of all the President's progressively accumulating dictatorial powers.

Eighth, it is a blind speculation in which we hand the President 90 billion dollars' worth of blue chips, with which to gamble away our American birthright, hoping against hope that we may win, but fearing against well-grounded fear that we shall lose as usual.

Ninth, the net loss to America is almost certain. At most we shall only succeed in trading an abandoned job at home for every artificial sale which we stimulate abroad.

Tenth, we abandon the cost-of-production yardstick and substitute a rubber rule which stretches to fit the Presidential whim and judgment.

Eleventh, the proposal is futile, even if we are to attempt bargains, because it cannot touch the free list where 900,000,000 of foreign trade favors are already granted for nothing. This is the place to start bargaining, if we are to bargain at all.

Republican Senators, on May 21, criticized the Administration for negotiating a trade agreement with Colombia before Congress had approved the tariff bill. United Press, Washington advices of this date described that debate as follows:

Senator H. D. Hatfield (Rep., W. Va.) said the State Department already had concluded a treaty with Colombia. He said it also had made a "tacit agreement" with Germany to exchange American lard for German dyes.

"What!" exclaimed Senator Arthur Vandenberg (Rep., Mich.) "does the Senator mean we already have concluded a treaty without waiting for passage of this bill?"

"I do," Senator Hatfield replied calmly.

Senator Simeon D. Fess (Rep., Ohio), who had just concluded a lengthy attack on the tariff bill, gasped in amazement.

"We are rapidly drifting into a state of Executive authority which the country won't tolerate," he cried.

Senator Vandenberg said he certainly hoped Senator Hatfield would introduce a resolution demanding an investigation of the State Department's negotiations with foreign powers since the tariff bill was introduced. Senator Hatfield said he certainly would do just that to-morrow.

Although apparently a surprise to Senators Vandenberg and Fess, negotiation of the Colombia treaty is no secret as far as the State Department is concerned. The agreement was concluded last November in the first of a series of negotiations with South American and European governments. It has not been sent to the Senate, however, and its terms remain undisclosed.

Senate Approves AAA Bill Appropriating \$100,000,000 to Enable Discharge of Liens Held by Banks Against Cotton in Possession of Secretary of Agriculture.

An Administration bill appropriating \$100,000,000 to enable Secretary of Agriculture Wallace to discharge liens held by banks against cotton in possession of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration was approved by the Senate on June 6 and sent to the House for concurrent approval. The AAA had indicated that it regarded passage of the measure essential to prevent closing out the notes of the banks when they mature on July 31 and dumping the cotton on the market, with a possible depressing effect on prices. A Washington dispatch of June 6 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" stated that the appropriation will not materially alter the budget or affect Treasury accounts since the amount involved is already an outstanding obligation. The dispatch then continued:

It was borrowed by the Secretary of Agriculture from commercial banks and by the cotton pool manager from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation through the Commodity Credit Corporation, and if the Treasury should advance the fund appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture the advance would be used to pay off the Federal obligation to the banks and the obligations carried by the RFC.

Necessity of the legislation is that the Secretary has borrowed under the authority of the Agricultural Adjustment Act from commercial banks \$60,000,000 with which to acquire and carry cotton which he was authorized to acquire by the Act and the pool manager has borrowed against this cotton \$38,000,000 which has been distributed among the producers in connection with 4-cent loans.

Renewals at Issue.

Since the obligations borrowed all mature July 31 and Congress is not expected to be in session then, it would be necessary for these obligations to be renewed or paid.

House Passes Bill to Do Away with Present Dual System of Measuring Ships Using Panama Canal.

The House on June 5, acting under suspension of rules, approved the Lea bill, designed to eliminate the present dual system of measurement and charges for vessels using the Panama Canal. The vote was 99 to 47. President Roosevelt has endorsed the bill, which is expected to receive early consideration in the Senate.

House Passes Tobacco Production Control Bill, Similar to Bankhead Act—Measure Imposes Penalty Tax on Production Above AAA Allocations.

The House of Representatives on June 6 approved the Kerr Tobacco Production Bill, imposing a penalty tax on tobacco grown in excess of Agricultural Adjustment Administration allowances by "contract growers," and on the entire production of growers who fail to sign curtailment agreements with the AAA. The House vote was 206 to 143, and after approval the measure was sent to the Senate for its consideration. Another bill, reducing taxes on tobacco products, which was favorably reported by the Ways and Means Committee May 25, is expected to be considered by the

House during the present session. This measure was described in our issue of May 26, page 3532.

The Kerr bill resembles the Bankhead Cotton Production Act, in that it exempts from taxation all tobacco grown under the curtailment agreement, but imposes a tax of 25 to 33 1-3% on production above that amount. This tax would also be levied on every grower who failed to sign, within 60 days after passage of the bill, an amendment to curtail production in accordance with Government regulations.

The House Ways and Means Committee, in a report on the bill, said:

If a contract tobacco grower voluntarily entered into an agreement with the Agricultural Department to reduce his acreage 30% during the crop year of 1933 in order that there may not be an overproduction of tobacco then it would be manifestly unjust to him to allow a "chisler" or a non-contract producer to increase his crop.

This bill proposes to put a sales tax of from 25% to 33 1-3% on all tobacco produced by contracting parties in excess of that allotted to them by the Agricultural Department and on all tobacco produced and offered for sale by those who did not enter into contract to reduce their crop.

If the contracting producer is willing to reduce his income 30% by curtailing then the non-contracting producer cannot complain that the Government should require him to pay at least a sales tax upon all the tobacco which he sells.

House Passes Bill Providing for Hiring 105,000 Persons to Conduct "Unemployment Census" Next November—Republicans Term Measure "Patronage Grab."

A bill providing for the enlistment of 105,000 persons to conduct a census of unemployment next November was approved by the House on June 7 by a vote of 218 to 145, and sent to the Senate for its consideration. House passage of the measure came after Republicans had charged that the bill was a "patronage grab," and asserted that all persons employed would be Democrats. They also declared that by conducting such a census in November the Democrats were attempting to sway the Congressional elections.

House and Senate Conferees Agree to Raise from \$2,500 to \$5,000 Amount of Bank Deposits Subject to Federal Guarantee—Permit RFC Loans to Closed Banks on "Reasonable" Security.

Senate and House conferees who have been considering controversial features of a bill designed to extend Federal aid to depositors in closed banks, and to extend the temporary Federal insurance of bank deposits, reached agreement June 7 on the most important disputed provisions of the measure. They agreed on legislation authorizing RFC loans to closed banks on "reasonable" security, rather than requiring "adequate" security as provided in the present law. They also agreed to raise the maximum deposit guarantee from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and to extend for one year the period in which State banks must join the Federal Reserve System in order to participate in the deposit insurance plan. Associated Press advices from Washington on June 7 further noted the terms of agreement as follows:

The dispute over the deposit insurance extension is tied in with banking opposition to the permanent insurance law which was to have become effective in a few weeks. The bankers contend that its revision submits sound banks to unlimited assessments for the purpose of paying depositors of badly managed institutions.

The permanent law, the effective date of which is postponed for one year, would guarantee deposits to a maximum of \$10,000 in full, with larger deposits partly insured on a sliding scale.

Under the present temporary law, the participating banks are assessed a small percentage of the deposits insured to which the Government adds \$150,000,000, forming a pool from which to pay the claims of depositors in failing banks.

As amended by to-day's conference agreement, the Government's participation would be shifted to the RFC, with that agency authorized to lend the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation \$250,000,000 on demand.

With these provisions settled, the conferees had only to decide before reaching a complete agreement upon the question of extending deposit insurance to Hawaii and Alaska, with indications a decision to do so would be reached.

House and Senate Approve Conference Report on Revised Air Mail Bill Vesting Control of Mail Transport in I.-S. C. C.—Postage Rate Would Be Reduced to Six Cents an Ounce July 1—Bids for Temporary Air Mail Contracts Lowest on Record.

The conference report on the Administration's permanent Air Mail bill was approved on May 29 by the House of Representatives and by the Senate on June 5. Senate and House conferees had reached an agreement on May 22. House approval was recorded by a vote of 260 to 72. The bill provides for a reduction from eight to six cents an ounce in air mail postage rates, beginning July 1. The base rate of pay to bidding air mail contractors may not exceed 33 1/3c. an airplane mile for loads under 300 pounds, and up to 40c. an airplane mile for each additional 100 pounds. The bill places mail transport under the supervision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Under the bill passed on April 28 by the Senate (the McKellar-Black Air Mail bill), it was provided

that the Postmaster-General would let contracts for one year, and during that period a bipartisan commission, appointed by the President, would study the air mail situation and then recommend a broad policy to the next Congress. Senate approval was given the measure without a record vote. The House Post Office Committee, however, on May 1 decided not to consider the Senate bill, and instead agreed to pass its own bill. On May 10 the House, by a *via voce* vote, passed its substitute Air Mail bill providing for domestic air mail contracts for a period of one year, while a special commission studies the aviation set-up of the nation with a view to coordination of service and commercial aviation activities. In its advices from Washington, May 10, the New York "Times" had the following to say regarding the House bill:

The measure passed by the House was substantially the same as one approved some time ago by the House Post Office Committee. It differs from the Senate bill in that it allows contractors whose contracts were canceled to bid again. It provides for a flat rate of 35c. per airplane mile for 100 pounds of mail, and one-tenth the rate for each additional 100 pounds or fraction.

Another modification is that the postage rate would be lowered after July 1 1934, to 5c. per ounce.

Another provision in the House bill specifies that the pilots and co-pilots of commercial airplanes engaged in carrying air mail should be paid at the rate that prevailed in 1933. The Secretary of Commerce, instead of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, as in the Senate bill, is authorized to certify the qualifications of airplanes used by the contractors.

Partisan Debate Flares Again.

Representative Goss of Connecticut, member of the special investigating committee now studying army airplane problems, made a determined effort to amend the bill so as to limit the investigating committee authorized in the bill to strictly commercial activities.

The Goss motion was defeated, although Mr. Goss was successful in reducing the fund allowed the special commission from \$100,000 to \$75,000.

A Washington dispatch of May 29 to the New York "Times" summarized the principal features of the revised permanent Air Mail bill, in part, as follows:

Interlocking directorates would be prohibited in the new bill, and it would be unlawful for holding companies to acquire stock in companies engaged in carrying air mail.

The bill authorizes the Postmaster-General to award contracts to lowest responsible bidders for not to exceed one year, and gives to low bidders the right to appeal to the Comptroller-General.

Forbids sale or transfer of contracts without permission of the Postmaster-General.

Limits extensions of routes to 100 miles and permits only one such extension to any one person.

Prescribes at least four transcontinental routes, which shall be maintained as "primary" routes, and authorizes the Postmaster-General to designate "secondary" routes.

Limits routes to an aggregate of 29,000 miles, with total annual schedule of 40,000,000 airplane miles; authorizes expenditure of appropriations to pay contractors holding existing temporary contracts.

Empowers the Inter-State Commerce Commission to fix reasonable compensation rates, but limits such rates to those provided in the Act. Also directs the Commission at least once in every calendar year to review the rates of compensation paid, "to be assured that no unreasonable profit is resulting or accruing therefrom."

Rate adjustment law for rail mail is applied to air mail.

Bill authorizes carriers whose contracts were canceled to sue for damages through the Court of Claims.

Every bidder on air mail contracts shall furnish a list of stockholders, directors and a statement of the financial set-up of the concern.

The Secretary of Commerce is to prescribe safety requirements for aircraft and to certify qualifications of flying personnel.

After Oct. 31 no air mail contractor shall hold more than three contracts and no contract for any other "primary" route shall be awarded to or extended for such contractor.

The Postmaster-General is authorized to extend service to Canada within 150 miles of the international boundary.

The President is authorized to appoint a commission of five to survey all phases of American aviation and report to Congress not later than Feb. 1 1935.

Bids for temporary transport of the mail were opened in the Post Office Department on May 25. These were described as the lowest in history, and Postmaster-General Farley calculated that the annual air mail costs under the bids awarded following the annulment of contracts last February would be about \$6,299,762 lower than the appropriation of \$14,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30. Mr. Farley issued a statement on May 25 in which he said:

The average air mail pay per mile on the new air mail system, comprising 28,548 miles, will be 27.9c., as compared with approximately 42c. per airplane mile in the old system of 25,248 miles.

The annual air mail pay for the new system, with its 3,300 additional miles, will be \$7,700,238, as compared with \$19,400,264 in the fiscal year 1933, and with approximately \$14,000,000 for the present fiscal year which ends June 30.

Three biddings have been held on the new air mail system. The per mile average mail pay for the first bids received was 28.8c. The per mile average mail rate for the second bidding was 38.5c. The combined average for the first two biddings was 35.7c. The average rate of mail pay for the 60 bids received in the third and last letting was 20.27c., which brought down the general average to 27.9c.

House Approves Communications Control Bill and Sends Measure to Conference—Would Create 7-Man Commission to Supervise Telephone, Telegraph and Radio Systems.

The Communications Control Bill, designed to place telephone, telegraph and radio transmission under the regu-

lation of the Federal Government, was approved by the House of Representatives on June 2 without a record vote. A similar measure, providing for a Federal Communications Commission to regulate the Nation's telephone, telegraph and radio systems passed the Senate on May 15, as was noted in our May 19 issue, page 3368. A conference committee endeavored this week to adjust minor differences between the two bills.

The House bill provides that the Commission shall consist of seven members, who will perform the functions regarding communications now exercised by the Federal Radio Commission and the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The Radio Commission would be abolished. The bill originally provided for new regulations and rules. These, however, were opposed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. and other companies affected, and were finally eliminated. The bill authorizes the Commission to study the utilities situation and recommend regulatory legislation by Feb. 1 1935.

Approval of the bill by the House was described as follows in a Washington dispatch of June 2 to the New York "Times":

The "gag rule" voted yesterday functioned perfectly as the House disposed of the measure. The only objections to the bill were from Republicans and directed against what they called radio censorship. Representative McGugin of Kansas asserted that former Senator James A. Reed was "kept off the air" by Democrats when he sought to speak after the investigation of Dr. William A. Wirt's accusation against the "Brain Trusters."

Chairman Rayburn of the Inter-State Commerce Committee said he was certain the Senate would not consent to all provisions of the House bill. He was named by Mr. Rainey to lead the House conferees. Others named were Representatives Wolverson of New Jersey, Huddleston of Alabama, Lee of Missouri and Mapes of Michigan.

The House measure differs from the bill passed by the Senate chiefly in that it retains the provisions of the Radio Act of 1927 instead of creating a new set of regulations.

Differs from Senate Bill.

The Senate bill provides for the creation of two divisions within the Commission, to be known as the Radio Division and the Telegraph and Telephone Division and prescribing the jurisdiction of each. The House report suggests that radio telegraph and telephone divisions may be advisable.

The Senate bill exempts from its provisions carriers engaged in interstate or foreign commerce solely through physical connection with the facilities of the non-affiliated carrier. The House bill makes these carriers subject to some regulations but does not require them to file schedules of charges.

The House bill directly instructs the Commission to study and report on the following subjects:

"1. Certain transactions of common carriers which may affect the charges made for services rendered to the public. These transactions include those relating to the furnishing of equipment, supplies, research, services, finance or credit, whether by a single company or group of companies controlled by the same interests. The Commission is also directed to report on the desirability of requiring competitive bidding in cases where the same company or groups of companies are both buyers and sellers.

"2. The methods by which, and the extent to which, telephone companies are furnishing telegraph services, and telegraphic companies are furnishing telephone services, and the effect of exclusive contracts entered into by common carriers which prevent other competing carriers from locating offices in railroad depots, hotels and other public places.

News Agencies Unaffected.

A requirement that recommendations be made for legislation relating to the purchase of equipment and supplies is considered more important. Drafters of the measure contended that the prices at which electric companies have sold equipment to the operating companies with which they are financially related is one of the chief reasons for the high rates for users.

It was clearly indicated that news agencies, press associations and newspapers do not come within the provisions of the bill insofar as the transmission of news is concerned. These may refuse to furnish service, may offer it under varying arrangements and establish the service to be rendered, the terms under which it is given and the charges therefor.

Henry I. Harriman of United States Chamber of Commerce and James A. Emery Criticize Wagner Labor Bill — Assert Modifications of Original Measure Have Not Removed Fundamental Objections—Legislation Seen as Fostering Communism Within Industry.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States and the National Association of Manufacturers, in statements issued on May 30 attacked the revised Wagner bill for the settlement of industrial disputes, and said that modifications in the original measure had failed to remove fundamental objections to its provisions. The statement on behalf of the Chamber was issued by Henry I. Harriman, its President, while that for the Manufacturers' Association was made by James A. Emery, its General Counsel. Mr. Harriman said that in its new form the bill is a "great improvement" over that originally introduced, but added that modifications "only tend to make less prominent the fundamental objections to this legislation; they do not lessen objections." Mr. Emery said that the bill "would further disturb industrial relations, would open the way for communistic influences within industry, and makes no attempt to curb coercion by labor against employers, which is the underlying cause of recent industrial strife."

We quote further from the two statements, as given in a Washington dispatch of May 30 to the New York "Times":

Henry I. Harriman, President of the Chamber, said in a statement that although the revised draft was vastly improved over the original, and obvious care was taken in writing some provisions, the measure was still objectionable in that it would be "provocative of industrial strife instead of allaying it."

While the declared policy of the bill was to protect workers' rights of freedom of association, he said, there was "nothing in it to safeguard the worker against the most notorious form of coercion, i.e., from persons who do not hold any employment in the industry and who act on behalf of workers in the employ of concerns other than the workers' own employer."

The bill attempted to hinder an employer in his right to protect himself, according to Mr. Harriman, in that it would become an "unfair labor practice" for him to interfere with the right of workers "to engage in concerted activities for the purpose . . . of mutual aid and protection."

Widespread Protest Forecast.

James A. Emery, counsel for the Manufacturers' Association, asserted in a statement that the bill was "hastily devised after superficial consideration," but in spite of that was proposed as permanent legislation "containing far-reaching and dangerous features which have never been the subject of hearing or discussion."

"This bill will arouse widespread protest for its injustice, its invalidity and its impolicy," he said. "It will multiply complaint and conflict. It is not calculated to make for industrial peace but to incite disagreement.

"It becomes an unfair practice for an employer to discourage membership in any labor organization, a labor organization being any association existing in whole or in part to deal with employers concerning working conditions.

"Communitistic unions exist on every side. They continually foment labor disturbances. While dealing with employers respecting working conditions, they excite strife, incite violence, stimulate discontent and aim at the subversion of political and social institutions by force.

"Yet under this bill an employer who in any way discouraged membership in such an organization is to be told by the Government which it would overthrow that he violates the law.

Sees Confusion of Thought.

"The bill represents a fatal confusion of thought between political representation and personal contact. It empowers the board to authorize a majority in any employment unit to write an exclusive labor contract for the minority.

"In political representation, the minority is protected against the abuse of majority power by limitations on government. But in a labor contract the individual or minority group are servile and not free men, if they may not select their own agents or are individually denied the right to be represented by themselves or another.

"Seventy-four per cent of the manufacturing establishments of the United States employ 20 men or less. To destroy the individual right of contract on the theory that all employment units are large is neither sound in law nor principle.

"It is an utter denial of the individual freedom of persons that lies at the very foundation of our institutions. No Government board is good enough to determine who shall write another man's contract of labor without his consent."

President Roosevelt Signs Corporation Bankruptcy Bill Following Adoption of Conference Report by Congress.

On June 7 President Roosevelt signed the corporation bankruptcy law, designed to facilitate the release of corporations from receivership. With the adoption on June 1 by the Senate of the conference report on the corporation bankruptcy bill, Congressional action on the measure was completed. The House adopted the conference report on May 29. The bill passed the Senate on May 4 without a record vote; it passed the House on June 5 1933 and was sent to conference to adjust the differences. The measure is designed to extend relief to financially distressed corporations through permitting reorganization without the necessity of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings in the courts. Before approving the bill May 4, the Senate by a vote of 37 to 11 defeated an amendment by Senator Frazier designed to assist bankrupt farmers. In Associated Press advices from Washington June 7, it was stated:

Throughout the country there are situations where holders of large amounts of claims have agreed to plans of settlement, but where action has been held up by minority creditors' objections. Heretofore, it has been necessary for bondholders' committees to go through foreclosure proceedings which required cash payment for the interest of dissenters.

In the past many receiverships have been long-drawn out because protective committees have endeavored to obtain deposit of a much higher percentage of claims to avoid a large payment. Courts also have been unwilling to authorize the sale of assets at low figures when a substantial minority failed to join in a reorganization. Under the new law, no cash will be necessary. If a majority agrees to accept new securities in lieu of former claims, on court approval, the minority has to accept them also.

The same accounts said:

The act binds all creditors to a court-approved reorganization plan to which holders of two-thirds of the total amount of claims have agreed.

A petition for reorganization may be filed by any creditor or stockholder if it has been approved by holders of 25% in amount of each class of claims and 10% of the total.

If the company is not actually insolvent but merely unable to meet maturing debt, shareholders representing 10% of each class of stock and 5% of the total must agree to such petition.

A debtor company may file the petition without such approval.

Favorable court action on a composition plan must be accompanied by written agreement by the holders of two-thirds of the total claims. If the company is not held actually insolvent, approval by stockholders representing majority holdings also is required.

Pointing out that the President signed the bill on June 7 at the stroke of noon the Associated Press added that the White House made clear that the bill would be signed just

when the clock showed 12, so that applicants for its benefits could get off to an even start, with no preference for those "in the know."

A reference to the bill appeared in our issue of May 12, page 3197.

President Roosevelt Signs Securities Exchange Act of 1934—Provides for Federal Regulation of Stock Exchanges—Commission of Five to Administer Act.

The bill for Federal regulation of stock exchanges (the Fletcher-Rayburn bill) was placed on the statute books on June 6, when President Roosevelt signed the bill—on which Congressional action was completed June 1. The adoption by Congress of the conference report on the bill, (which is to be known as the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) was noted in our issue of June 2, page 3692, and elsewhere in these columns to-day we are giving the full text of the bill as enacted into law; it is proper to state that the bill in its entirety besides providing for the regulation and control of security exchanges also embodies amendments to the Securities Act of 1933, and this portion of the newly enacted measure, which is contained in "Title II" of the new law, was given in our issue of June 2, page 3691. The new law provides for the creation of a commission of five members to administer the Stock Exchange Act, the members of which are to be appointed by President Roosevelt. The Commission will also take over from the Federal Trade Commission, (60 days after the new members qualify) the administration of the Securities Act of 1933. Incident to the signing of the measure regulating stock exchanges we quote the following from a Washington account to the New York "Times":

Those present at the signing, each of whom received as a souvenir one of the pens used by President Roosevelt, were Senator Fletcher and Representative Rayburn, Chairmen of the Senate Banking and Currency and the House Inter-State and Foreign Commerce Committees; Ferdinand Pecora, Senate Counsel in the stock market investigation; Representatives Lea of California and Mapes of Michigan; Benjamin V. Cohen, Assistant Counsel of the Public Works Administration, and Thomas V. Corcoran, Assistant Counsel of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Messrs. Cohen and Corcoran helped draft the bill.

To Delay Appointments.

President Roosevelt said at a press conference prior to signing the measure that he had not given any consideration to appointees to the Commission. He has received 50 to 100 names, he said, all of which had been filed for consideration.

He said he did not expect to take up this task until after Congress's adjournment.

Mr. Pecora was particularly happy over the signing of the bill, which to a large extent grew out of disclosures developed under his direction at hearings before the Banking and Currency Committee.

Holding up his souvenir pen as he left the President's office, Mr. Pecora said:

"I shall treasure this pen as the pen that made effective one of the most constructive pieces of legislation ever enacted. And I really mean that."

"Will it affect the business of the Stock Exchange?" Mr. Pecora was asked.

"I think it will improve business there both ethically and otherwise," he replied.

"How about volume of trading?"

"Well, in so far as pool operations are concerned, these will disappear," Mr. Pecora said.

When Mr. Pecora was asked if he would become a member of the Control Commission, he replied that he could not discuss a position that had not been offered to him.

Various reports have been current in the newspapers this week as to those who may be given a place on the new Commission; one of these accounts appeared as follows in the "Times" of June 5.

Four men—an industrialist, a banker, and two members of the Federal Trade Commission—will receive offers of posts on the Securities and Exchange Commission, which will administer the Fletcher-Rayburn Act, it was reported yesterday in Wall Street.

The men mentioned are Thomas J. Watson, President of International Business Machines Corp.; Sidney J. Weinberg of Goldman, Sachs & Co., investment bankers, and Federal Trade Commissioners James M. Landis and George C. Mathews.

General Robert E. Wood, President of Sears, Roebuck & Co., has also been discussed as a possible appointee, but General Wood stated yesterday in Chicago that the job had not been offered to him, and that he would not be interested in it "if it takes much time."

On his return to New York on June 6, Thomas J. Watson, President of International Business Machines Corp., stated that he has not been offered an appointment to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which will administer the Fletcher-Rayburn Act. He added that he could not, in any event, consider an appointment of this kind, if it were offered to him.

The conference report on the bill was adopted by the Senate and House on June 1 without a roll call in either case. With reference to the dispatch with which the report was disposed of by the two bodies a dispatch from Washington June 1 to the "Times" said:

Final Congressional action was swift. There were a few short speeches in the Senate, while in the House less than 20 minutes was required for disposal of the report. In that branch there were a few scattered "noes," but the sentiment of the House was reported to have been about 10 to 1 for the bill as it came out of conference.

From the June 1 account to the New York "Herald Tribune" we quote:

Representative Cooper Still Against Bill.

In the House, Representative Sam Rayburn, Democrat, of Texas, Chairman of the Inter-State and Foreign Commerce Committee, made a brief explanation of the bill. Representative Carl Mapes, of Michigan, one of the two Republican conferees, approved the bill, but Representative John G. Cooper, of Ohio, the other Republican conferee, said he would vote against it because of failure to eliminate features he considered objectionable. In the consideration of the bill before its original passage by the House, Mr. Cooper had unsuccessfully sought to moderate the penalty provisions.

Representative Hamilton Fish, Republican, of New York, said that while he had voted against the bill before he would approve the conference report because of improvements made in conference. He vainly sought to obtain a roll call so several Republicans who had voted in the negative before could go on record for the bill.

After the conference report had been approved in the Senate, Senator James F. Byrnes, Democrat, of South Carolina, one of the Senate conferees, made a defense of the Securities Act amendment in the bill.

Protests in the Senate on June 1 to changes made by the conferees were noted in our item of a week ago, page 3692. In another item in this issue we give the statement of Senator Byrnes respecting the amendments to the Securities Act of 1933. The Associated Press advices from Washington June 6 thus summarized the major provisions of the Fletcher-Rayburn stock exchange regulation law:

A new commission of five members to be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate will regulate the exchanges and administer the Securities Act of 1933.

Members of the commission, to be known as the Securities and Exchange Commission, will serve for \$10,000 a year.

All securities exchanges must register with the Commission and subject themselves to its regulation, unless exempted because of the limited business transacted on them.

Regulations to govern the extension of credit for margins will be laid down by the Federal Reserve Board. The law sets a standard, which the Board does not need to follow, limiting credit to 55% of the current market price of a security or 100% of its lowest price for the preceding three years, provided it is not more than 75% of current market price.

Brokers must borrow from Federal Reserve member banks or non-member banks which comply with Reserve Board regulations, and under Board supervision, but in no case more than 20 times the capital they employ in their business.

Manipulative practices on the exchanges are prohibited, and the Commission will have power to regulate legitimate operations such as short selling which have potentialities of abuse.

Regulations will be made by the Commission to prevent floor trading by Exchange members with certain exceptions, and to curb as far as practicable the combination of broker and dealer functions.

Corporations, to register their stocks on the exchanges, must file with the exchanges and the Commission complete data on their organization and financial structure.

The Commission will have authority to require regular annual audits and quarterly statements from the corporations.

The use of proxies will be subject to regulation by the Commission.

Officers, directors and owners of more than 10% of the stock of a corporation will be required to report to the Commission their holdings in its securities and file monthly statements of any changes.

The law goes into effect July 1, but the margin section does not become operative until Oct. 1, and will not apply to existing accounts until July 1 1937.

Penalties for violations run up to \$10,000 fine or jail for two years, for individuals, and \$500,000 for exchanges.

Modifications of the liabilities under the Securities Act provide that:

Purchasers must prove reliance on untrue registration statement to collect damages after an operations statement covering 12 months has been issued.

Underwriters, officers or directors, are not liable for mistakes of experts if they prove they had no reason to believe the statements were untrue.

Underwriters are responsible only for that part of an issue they handle.

Plaintiffs may be required by court to post bond to cover expenses of suit.

President Roosevelt Signs Bill Establishing Free Ports From Which Foreign Merchandise May Be Re-Exported Without Payment of Duty.

President Roosevelt on June 7 signed the Celler bill, establishing free trade zones in ports of entry. Under the provisions of this measure foreign merchandise may be imported for re-export purposes. Associated Press Washington advices of June 8 described the bill as designed to attract foreign commerce to American shores, and added:

Its purpose is to permit foreign shippers to unload their dutiable cargoes in the zones without payment of duties. This merchandise may be stored, processed, graded, reassembled and mixed with foreign or domestic goods for re-export purposes. If the goods move into domestic trade channels, however, existing duties must be paid on them.

Under existing law, tariffs are collected on dutiable foreign imports, and if they are reshipped to another foreign country the shippers receive a "drawback" from the Treasury of the amount they paid. Otherwise goods imported must be stored in bonded warehouses.

President Roosevelt Wishes Wagner and Housing Bills Enacted Before Congress Adjourns—Status of Other Measures Uncertain.

Expectations of an early adjournment of Congress received a setback on June 4 when Congressional leaders conferred with President Roosevelt at the White House, and said later that the President desires action on his housing program and on the Wagner labor disputes bill before adjournment. After the conference it still appeared uncertain whether the President would ask for a vote on the oil control bill and on the proposed licensing amendments to the Agricultural Adjustment Act. Leaders in the Senate and House said on June 4 that adjournment by June 16 was the earliest possible, while

some Republican Senators expressed doubt that Congress would complete the legislative program before July.

We quote from a Washington dispatch of June 4 to the New York "Herald Tribune" regarding the comments of those who attended the conference:

At the meeting were Senator Joseph T. Robinson, Democratic leader of the Senate; Speaker Henry T. Rainey and Representative Joseph W. Byrns, Democratic floor leader in the House.

The President's stand in behalf of the housing and Wagner labor bills indicated that he was ready to exert his full influence for the measures, bringing to a culmination the bitter fight centering around them. Manufacturing and business interests as represented in the United States Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers are vigorously opposing the Wagner bill.

Adjournment Date Indefinite.

The President's stand also points to a later adjournment than June 15 despite the optimistic suggestions of the Congressional leaders. The Wagner measure and housing bill, in addition to other legislation already on the schedule, such as the silver bill and the \$1,178,000,000 relief and emergency bill, not to mention non-Administration measures which may arouse debate and the controversial nomination of Dr. Rexford G. Tugwell to be Under-Secretary of Agriculture, mean long and hectic sessions even after committees have acted. Drouth relief legislation will also be a new starter on the list.

The Congressional leaders following the conference still entertained some doubt about the exact program, preferring to wait a day or two, but word from the White House was that the President expected full action on his major proposals.

Views of Robinson and Rainey.

Senator Robinson said: "It is not possible now to indicate when the work of the session of Congress will be finished. Consideration is being given to the passage of the silver bill, the housing bill and the so-called Wagner labor bill. Amendments to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and the oil bill may have to go over until next session. It will probably be a day or two before we can determine just what measures will be taken up before adjournment.

"I am inclined to think after the conference with the President that the session will continue for at least 10 days. I expect the nomination of Mr. Tugwell to be determined before adjournment."

Speaker Rainey stated that the oil bill and the AAA amendments as well as the Wagner and housing measures were considered important. He said an effort would be made to pass all of them before adjournment.

If the President continues to insist on the Wagner bill and the housing legislation some members of Congress thought that adjournment would not come before June 22 or even later in the month.

Other Administration Bills Pending.

Other Administration bills which are pending include the commodity exchange regulation measure, the new food and drug bill and the unemployment insurance bill. In addition the two houses have yet to agree on the final form of the communications bill, air mail legislation and the bill extending the temporary bank deposits insurance system. These measures passed both houses but with some changes.

On his return to the Capital, Representative Byrns said he felt "the Senate holds the key to adjournment."

Congress Urged by New York Chamber of Commerce to Withhold Action on Wagner Labor Bill.

Because of its possible menace to American industry and commerce, Congress is urged not to act on the Wagner Labor Disputes bill at this session, in a report adopted by the New York State Chamber of Commerce at its monthly meeting on June 7. The report, signed by five members of the Committee on Internal Trade and Improvements, says there is fear that the bill, if enacted, might leave the business of the nation at the mercy of a handful of labor leaders. It declares that the measure does not cover "the unfair practice of interference and coercion and often bloodshed by one group of employees in their relation with other employees," or settle the method of choosing employee representatives in collective bargaining. The report also says:

Doubt exists as to the constitutionality of this bill as now written. It is to be permanent legislation and not an emergency act as in the case with other New Deal legislation regulating local matters.

Many believe that while the bill is designed to minimize industrial conflict, it would in operation seriously increase the chances of such conflict. In fact Section 7a of the National Industry Recovery act is considered to have brought on many labor disputes, which otherwise would not have happened.

If the Board should be really effective much good would result, but many fear that provisions in this bill could be used by a sympathetic board to effect general establishment of the closed shop in American industry, and to hand over to the American Federation of Labor a monopoly of the labor market. Such a result would be most undemocratic and un-American, and would place industry and commerce in the hands of a few labor leaders who could completely stop business throughout the Nation because of some local dispute.

The report holds that the bill should receive the most careful study, which is not possible in the short time remaining before Congress adjourns. John F. Fowler, Acting Chairman of the committee, presented the report which was signed also by William H. Coverdale, Marshall W. Gleason, Samuel T. Hubbard and John P. H. Perry.

President Roosevelt, in Message to Congress, Asks Postponement of Legislation on Waterways Until Next Session—Transmitting Preliminary Report on River Development, He Asks More Time for Comprehensive Survey.

President Roosevelt, in a special message transmitted to Congress on June 4, forwarded a copy of a report dealing

with the development of the rivers of the United States. This had been prepared by the Secretaries of the Interior, War, Agriculture and Labor, and contained information designed to enable Congress to prepare legislation providing for flood control, navigation, irrigation and the development of hydro-electric power. The President pointed out that the reports, which had been furnished after a specific request by Congress last February, had necessarily been prepared in an extremely limited time. He also said that the subject "is one of enormous magnitude, covering the whole of the United States."

The President, after again stressing the complexity of the subject, suggested that Congress regard his message and the accompanying documents "as merely a preliminary study and allow me, between now and the assembling of the next Congress, to complete these studies and to outline to the next Congress a comprehensive plan to be pursued over a long period of years." Further legislation bearing on the subject at the present session is unnecessary, he added. He also said that before Congress adjourns he will forward it "a broader outline of national policy in which the subject matter of this message will be presented in conjunction with two other subjects also relating to human welfare and security."

The text of the President's message follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

On Feb. 2 1934, by resolution, the Congress requested me to report on "a comprehensive plan for the improvement and development of the rivers of the United States, with a view of giving the Congress information for the guidance of legislation which will provide for the maximum amount of flood control, navigation, irrigation and development of hydro-electric power."

Pursuant thereto, I requested the Secretaries of the Departments of the Interior, War, Agriculture and Labor to advise on the development of a water policy and on the choice of projects. I am sending herewith copies of their report, together with separate letters from the Secretary of War and the Secretary of Labor, and also:

- (1) List of technical advisory committees of the President's committee.
- (2) Review of reports of technical subcommittees on water flow.
- (3) Review of reports of technical subcommittees covering additions in the arid section, prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation.

(4) Seven reports of technical subcommittees covering various regions.

I ask that the Congress bear in mind certain obvious facts relating to these reports:

(1) That the time for the preparation of these reports was extremely limited.

(2) That the subject is one of enormous magnitude, covering the whole of the United States.

(3) That the resolution of the Congress covering the subjects of flood control, navigation, irrigation and development of hydro-electric power, automatically opened the door to all interrelated subjects which come under the general head of land and water use. This broader definition brings to our attention very clearly such kindred problems as soil erosion, stream pollution, fire prevention, reforestation, afforestation, marginal lands, stranded communities, distribution of industries, education, highway building, home building, and a dozen others.

(4) All of the reports were based primarily on information already at hand, and further study is strongly recommended.

(5) For the purpose of making a preliminary test, I requested a wholly tentative selection of 10 specific projects. As I had expected, the report strongly doubts the advisability of recommending these projects, on the ground that any selection at this point must necessarily omit many meritorious projects which further analysis may show to be preferable.

(6) The reports of the technical subcommittees, covering various areas, are of definite value. But before any work is done it is obvious that a competent co-ordinating body must go over all of these reports, as well as reports on other projects, and produce a comprehensive plan.

In view of the above, I therefore suggest that the Congress regard this message and the accompanying documents as merely a preliminary study, and allow me, between now and the assembling of the next Congress, to complete these studies and to outline to the next Congress a comprehensive plan to be pursued over a long period of years. Further legislative action on this subject at this session of the Congress seems to me, therefore, unnecessary.

I expect before the final adjournment of this Congress to forward to it a broader outline of national policy in which the subject matter of this message will be presented in conjunction with two other subjects also relating to human welfare and security.

We should proceed toward a rounded policy of national scope.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

The White House, June 4 1934.

Associated Press Washington advices of June 4 to the New York "Herald Tribune" summarized the reports transmitted to Congress as follows:

To make the survey from which the data submitted was obtained, the nation was divided into five areas and a technical subcommittee was appointed to study the needs of each. Mr. Roosevelt asked that in each area a "trial selection" of 10 projects be made. This was not found feasible by the engineers of the subcommittees in all cases.

In addition to the five geographical areas selected for study with reference to river developments, a special investigation was made regarding the "arid and semi-arid areas" now hit by drouth. Where these are concerned, the investigating engineers said, "long-time planning is most important."

A number of reservoir projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin section were listed "for immediate consideration," the total cost of which was estimated at \$168,360,000.

Continuation of investigation regarding the Colorado River basin, where it was said "need is greatest," was recommended together with reservoir and diversion projects estimated to cost \$22,500,000. Irrigation and underground water investigation, flood prevention works and power developments in the Columbia River basin were listed for possible execution at a cost of \$40,400,000.

The river development areas were the Atlantic region, Great Lakes-St. Lawrence, eastern or upper Mississippi, Western or lower Mississippi, Gulf and Pacific Coast.

The subcommittee for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence region reported that that section "does not lend itself to division into a number of separate projects, since but one large basin is included in the drainage area."

Canal Connections Suggested.

The subcommittee regarded the problem as that of "the development of the basin as one large project with a number of items of work." These were listed, generally, as deepening of connecting channels to permit deeper loading of ore boats, provision of adequate canal connections with the Hudson River and the Mississippi River, and the restoration of lake levels, at a total cost of \$36,000,000.

However attractive may be the possibility of a seaway permitting entrance of ocean-going vessels to the lakes, the report said, lake port commerce "is and will be of first magnitude, and greatest importance and improvements for its benefit must not be given second place."

The engineers, however, outlined plans for establishing the much-discussed and disputed St. Lawrence seaway at an estimated cost of \$175,187,300, with annual maintenance charges of \$7,560,000 and an annual value of \$79,000,000. Accompanying this, it said, should go harbor improvements costing \$2,664,000 to permit ocean-going vessels to enter lake ports.

The subcommittee for the Atlantic region listed 11 projects, none of which it recommended for execution at this time. They were the Hudson River, Santee River, Savannah, Susquehanna, Potomac, Peedee-Yadkin River, Connecticut, James, Roanoke, Altamaha and Cape Fear Rivers.

Study of City Needs Urged.

It recommended a detailed investigation of the water system needs of New York City, Philadelphia and other cities in Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey, which, it suggested, may logically be supplied from the Delaware River basin.

The subcommittee for the Gulf region listed possible projects for improvements in the San Luis Valley and diversion from the east fork of the San Juan River with two regulating reservoirs, the latter to cost \$6,000,000. It also mentioned the possibility of reservoirs on the Caballo, Mariscal, Pecos and Nueces.

The upper Mississippi region subcommittee brought out the possibility of diversion channels and reservoirs, canalization and extension of the nine-foot channel from Minneapolis harbor to the city limits. It spoke also of the possibility of numerous power developments on numerous tributary streams.

For the lower Mississippi, flood control and navigation improvements totaling \$90,000,000 were recommended, with a stream flow study costing \$100,000 and a five-year soil erosion control program at a cost of \$375,000.

Improvements on the Missouri, Platte, Arkansas, Red, Atchafalaya, Ouatchia, Yellowstone and White Rivers also were proposed.

For the Pacific Coast region it was recommended that careful attention be given to a program for developing the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers at a cost of \$672,260,000.

Other possibilities in that section listed were: Colorado irrigation works, \$533,000,000; Utah Lake Basin reservoirs, conduits, &c., \$16,000,000; Snake River storage works and conduits, \$258,000, and Gila watershed control and irrigation, \$40,000,000.

President Roosevelt Sends Message to Congress Outlining Broad Social Program, Involving Housing, National Planning for Use of Land and Water Resources, and Old-Age and Unemployment Insurance—Will Present Legislation to Next Congress—Urges Passage of Housing Bill Before Adjournment.

President Roosevelt, in a special message to Congress yesterday (June 8), outlined a broad program of social reform which his Administration intends to introduce in the form of legislation, most of it at the next session of Congress. Describing the purposes with which he is proceeding, he said that "among our objectives, I place the security of the men, women and children of the Nation first." The program as described by the President embraces the following three major ends:

- (1) Provision for adequate housing facilities, to be obtained through co-operation of the Federal Government with private agencies. As bearing thereon, the President referred to the Housing bill now under consideration by Congress and indicated that he hoped it will be approved before adjournment.
- (2) National planning to direct the use of the Nation's land and water resources so that people may locate their homes where they can engage in productive work.
- (3) "Security against the hazards and vicissitudes of life." The President said that he is already considering plans for Government-supervised social insurance, particularly against old age and unemployment, and that legislation designed for this purpose will be presented to the next Congress.

Taking up the first of these objectives, the President contrasted conditions in a simple and primitive civilization when "homes were to be had for the building" with those to-day, when "the complexities of great communities and organized industry make less real these simple means of security." He referred to appropriations already made for housing by Federal and local authorities and said:

The task thus begun must be pursued for many years to come. There is ample private money for sound housing projects, and the Congress, in a measure now before you, can stimulate the lending of money for the modernization of existing homes and the building of new homes. In pursuing this policy we are working toward the ultimate objective of making it possible for American families to live as Americans should.

In regard to the second factor—"the security of livelihood"—the President said that hundreds of thousands of families now reside "where there is no reasonable prospect of a living in the years to come. This, he said, is a National problem, and he deplored the fact that the United States has hitherto failed to create a National policy for the development of our land and water resources and "for their better

use by those people who cannot make a living in their present positions." Illustrating his contention that such planning is necessary, he cited the "dry wheat" farmers of the Northwest and Southwest, who have farmed arid land for so long a period that the water table in many places is 50 or 60 feet below the surface. The Government, the President asserted, should adopt as a clear policy "to be carried out over a long period, the appropriation of a large definite annual sum so that work may proceed year after year not under the urge of temporary expediency, but in pursuance of the well-considered rounded objective." In discussing this phase of his program he said, in part:

Human knowledge is great enough to-day to give us assurance of success in carrying through the abandonment of many millions of acres for agricultural use and the replacing of these acres with others on which at least a living can be earned.

The rate of speed that we can usefully employ in this attack on impossible social and economic conditions must be determined by business-like procedure. It would be absurd to undertake too many projects at once or to a patch of work here and another there without finishing the whole of an individual project. Obviously, the Government cannot undertake National projects in every one of the 435 Congressional Districts, nor even in every one of the 48 States.

The magnificent conception of national realism and national needs that this Congress has built up has not only set an example of large vision for all time but has almost consigned to oblivion our ancient habit of pork barrel legislation; to that we cannot and must not revert. When the next Congress convenes I hope to be able to present to it a carefully considered national plan, covering the development and the human use of our national resources of land and water over a longer period of years.

In considering the cost of such a program it must be clear to all of us that for many years to come we shall be engaged in the task of rehabilitating many hundreds of thousands of our American families. In so doing we shall be decreasing future costs for the direct relief of destitution.

I hope that it will be possible for the Government to adopt as a clear policy to be carried out over a long period, the appropriation of a large, definite, annual sum so that work may proceed year after year not under the urge of temporary expediency, but in pursuance of the well considered rounded objective.

The third factor of the program—"security against the hazards and vicissitudes of life"—necessarily involves old-age and unemployment insurance, the President said. He remarked that this should be a matter of co-operation between the States and the Federal Government, with funds raised by contribution rather than increased taxation. Social insurance, he said, should be National in scope, "although the several States should meet a large portion of the cost of management, leaving to the Federal Government the responsibility of investing, maintaining and safeguarding the funds constituting the necessary insurance reserves." He told the Congress that he has commenced the necessary actuarial and other studies, and that he will recommend plans for the consideration of the 74th Congress. His message then concluded:

These three great objectives—the security of the home, the security of livelihood, and the security of social insurance—are, it seems to me, a minimum of the promise that we can offer to the American people. They constitute a right which belongs to every individual and every family willing to work. They are the essential fulfillment of measures already taken toward relief, recovery and reconstruction.

This seeking for a greater measure of welfare and happiness does not indicate a change in values. It is rather a return to values lost in the course of our economic development and expansion.

Ample scope is left for the exercise of private initiative. In fact, in the process of recovery, I am greatly hoping that repeated promises that private investment and private initiative to relieve the Government in the immediate future of much of the burden it has assumed will be fulfilled. We have not imposed undue restrictions upon business.

We have not opposed the incentive of reasonable and legitimate private profit. We have sought rather to enable certain aspects of business to regain the confidence of the public. We have sought to put forward the rule of fair play in finance and industry.

It is true that there are a few among us who would still go back. These few offer no substitute for the gains already made, nor any hope for making future gains for human happiness. They loudly assert that individual liberty is being restricted by government, but when they are asked what individual liberties they have lost, they are put to it to answer.

We must dedicate ourselves anew to a recovery of the old and sacred possessive rights for which mankind has constantly struggled—homes, livelihood and individual security. The road to these values is the way of progress. Neither you nor I will rest content until we have done our utmost to move further on that road.

Silver Legislation Before Congress Condemned in Report Approved by New York State Chamber of Commerce—Holds Restoration of Bimetallism Would Retard National Recovery—Sees No Danger of Gold Shortage.

Declaring that there is no danger of a gold shortage and that the restoration of bimetallism at the present market ratio would retard national recovery, the Committee on Finance and Currency of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York made public, on June 6, a report condemning the silver legislation now before Congress. The report was approved by the Chamber at a meeting on June 7.

The Committee, of which Edwin P. Maynard is Chairman, recognizes that the Administration's attitude toward silver legislation is influenced by political considerations, but it urges that no further attempts be made to placate the so-

called silver bloc in Congress. The report declares that the restoration of bimetallism at a ratio of 16 to 1 would be a national calamity. It holds that the purchase of silver bullion by the Government will undermine confidence in the nation's currency and that it is in the interest of world trade and stability that the price of silver should be prevented from excessive fluctuations.

The report, which is in the form of resolutions, follows:

Whereas, The Chamber is informed that the President favors the passage of the silver legislation now before the Senate and the House of Representatives before the adjournment of Congress, and

Whereas, The Chamber recognizes that the bills as drafted are permissive in character, and therefore less objectionable than they would be if they were mandatory, and

Whereas, The Chamber recognizes that the Administration's attitude toward silver legislation is of necessity influenced by political consideration,

Nevertheless, The Chamber wishes to record its opinion:

1. That the purchase of silver bullion will not promote sound recovery, but, on the contrary, will add to the liabilities of the Federal Government and reduce confidence in the nation's currency;

2. That the restoration of bimetallism at the present market ratio would cause national injury and retard recovery;

3. That the restoration of bimetallism at a ratio of 16 to 1 would be a national calamity;

4. That a rise in price of silver benefits materially neither domestic industry and agriculture nor the foreign trade of the United States, and

5. That there has been enough compromising with the advocates of bimetallism, and that a further attempt to placate the so-called silver bloc in Congress will only result in renewed demands and renewed compromise; and further,

Whereas, It is in the interests of world trade and world stability that the price of silver should be prevented from fluctuating excessively just as it is desirable to prevent excessive fluctuations in any of the major exchanges in terms of each other,

The Chamber is of the opinion that such excessive fluctuations in the price of silver can only be avoided by international agreement to re-establish an international monetary standard; and that the United States cannot hope to accomplish this end by isolated action; and,

Whereas, The Chamber recognizes that some economists fear that the world's supply of monetary gold may be insufficient to re-establish a satisfactory international gold standard, and therefore favor the inclusion of silver in the metallic base;

The Chamber wishes to record its opinion:

A. That there is no evidence of such a gold shortage, and that the majority of economists do not share the belief in a gold shortage;

B. That the recent revaluation of various currencies has certainly for the time being eliminated any grounds for fear of a gold shortage; and,

C. That the danger for the future in this country is not that the metallic base may prove too small and thus exercise a deflationary influence, but rather that the metallic base may prove so large as to threaten serious danger of excessive inflation of the currency and credit structure when real business improvement sets in.

For these reasons, be it

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York is not in favor of the passage of the proposed silver legislation at this time upon any economic grounds.

The report is signed by every member of the Chamber Committee, viz.: Edwin P. Maynard, Chairman; Robert C. Hill, John S. Small, John C. Traphagen, Walter H. Bennett, James P. Warburg and John W. Prentiss.

House Approves Relief and Deficiency Bill, Appropriating \$1,178,000,000 in New Expenditures—Measure Would also Authorize President to Spend Additional \$5,000,000,000 Previously Allocated to RFC and PWA.

The relief and deficiency bill, appropriating \$1,172,000,000 for new relief and authorizing potential additional expenditures of \$5,000,000,000, was passed by the House of Representatives on June 4 by a vote of 310 to 46. The so-called Democratic "gag rule" was invoked, and only 40 minutes was allowed for debate. It was expected that if this bill also receives Senate approval the relief expenditures authorized may be partially utilized in the drouth area.

In the bill passed by the House on June 4, \$1,178,000,000 is allotted as a direct cash appropriation for relief and public works. In addition, the measure authorizes the President to employ all available Reconstruction Finance Corporation cash and credit and to use all unexpended Public Works Administration funds, increasing the possible total of expenditures under the bill to more than \$6,000,000,000.

A Washington dispatch of June 4 to the New York "Herald Tribune" gave the following additional details of the bill and of the debate in the House:

Another important section of the legislation would permit the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to purchase the bonds and other obligations of beneficiaries of PWA advances. This, according to the formal committee report on the bill, will open the way for large Federal Government acquisitions of the bonds of municipalities and other local subdivisions.

The Republican opposition to-day concentrated for the most part on the method of consideration adopted by the Democratic leadership. Representative Harold McGugin, Republican of Kansas, contended that "the only possible reason for the adoption of the suspension method was that the Democratic leadership does not consider its own colleagues as fit to legislate."

Representative James Buchanan, Democrat of Texas, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, asserted that the recent Republican filibuster had made the tactics adopted necessary.

Representative Robert L. Bacon, Republican of New York, deplored the use of RFC funds for relief purposes, and called on the House to face the issue in a frank manner and to appropriate directly the funds necessary for

Federal relief work. "There is no chance of the RFC funds expended for relief coming back," he said.

Representative Taber insisted that the members of the House should realize that the bill, which appeared to carry directly \$1,178,000,000 for relief purposes, indirectly carried as high as \$4,000,000,000, and perhaps \$1,000,000,000 more out of the funds of the RFC.

United Press Washington advices of June 4 listed the direct appropriations in the bill as follows:

Here is how the huge new direct appropriations are divided:

To be distributed by the President for direct relief, public works, Civilian Conservation Corps and Tennessee Valley, \$899,675,000. Not over \$500,000,000 to be spent on public works, including \$40,000,000 to start 20 new warships.

For public highways, \$100,000,000.

For new Federal buildings, \$65,000,000.

For aid to Federal Land banks, increasing the new liquor enforcement unit and other emergency expenditures by the Treasury, \$96,095,000.

For roads and trails on Indian reservations, national forests and public land, \$11,230,000.

President Roosevelt's Message to Congress on War Debts Owed United States by Foreign Governments.

We are giving below President Roosevelt's message addressed to Congress on June 1 in which he reviewed the situation as to the war debts owed the United States by foreign governments. In his message, to which reference was made in our issue of June 2, page 3702, the President said "I can only repeat that I have made it clear to the debtor nations again and again that 'the indebtedness to our Government has no relation whatsoever to reparations payments made or owed to them,' and that each individual nation has full and free opportunity individually to discuss its problems with the United States."

Earlier in his message the President made the statement that "the American people would not be disposed to place an impossible burden upon their debtors, but are nevertheless in a just position to ask that substantial sacrifices be made to meet these debts." The President went on to say:

We shall continue to expect the debtors on their part to show full understanding of the American attitude on this debt question. The people of the debtor nations will also bear in mind the fact that the American people are certain to be swayed by the use which debtor countries make of their available resources—whether such resources would be applied for the purposes of recovery as well as for reasonable payment on the debt owed to the citizens of the United States, or for purposes of unproductive nationalistic expenditure or like purposes.

In presenting his report to Congress the President suggested "that in view of all existing circumstances no legislation at this session of the Congress is either necessary or advisable."

The President's message follows in full:

To the Congress of the United States:

In my address to the Congress Jan. 3 I stated that I expected to report later in regard to debts owed the Government and people of this country by the governments and people of other countries. There has been no formal communication on the subject from the Executive since President Hoover's message of Dec. 19 1932.

The developments are well known, having been announced to the press as they occurred. Correspondence with debtor governments has been made public promptly and is available in the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury. It is, however, timely to review the situation.

Payments on the indebtedness of foreign governments to the United States which fell due in the fiscal year ended June 30 1932 were postponed on the proposal of President Hoover, announced June 20 1931, and authorized by the joint resolution of Congress approved Dec. 23 1931. Jugoslavia alone suspended payment while rejecting President Hoover's offer of postponement.

In the six months of July to December 1932 which followed the end of the Hoover moratorium year, payments of \$125,000,000 from 12 governments fell due. Requests to postpone the payments due Dec. 15 1932 were received from Great Britain, France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. The replies made on behalf of President Hoover through the Department of State declined these requests, generally stating that it was not in the power of the Executive to grant them, and expressing a willingness to co-operate with the debtor government in surveying the entire situation. After such correspondence Czechoslovakia, Finland, Great Britain, Italy, Latvia and Lithuania met their contractual obligations, while Belgium, Estonia, France and Poland made no payment.

In a note of Dec. 11 1932, after the United States had declined to sanction postponement of the payment due Dec. 15, the British Government, in announcing its decision to make payment of the amount due on Dec. 15, made the following important statement:

For reasons which have already been placed on record, His Majesty's Government are convinced that the system of intergovernmental payments in respect of the war debts as it existed prior to Mr. Hoover's initiative on June 20 1931 cannot be revived without disaster. Since it is agreed that the whole subject should be re-examined between the United States and the United Kingdom, this fundamental point need not be further stressed here.

In the view of His Majesty's Government, therefore, the payment to be made on Dec. 15 is not to be regarded as a resumption of the annual payments contemplated by the existing agreement. It is made because there has not been time for discussion with regard to that agreement to take place and because the United States Government have stated that in their opinion such a payment would greatly increase the prospects of a satisfactory approach to the whole question.

His Majesty's Government proposed accordingly to treat the payment on Dec. 15 as a capital payment of which account should be taken in any final settlement and they are making arrangements to effect this payment in gold as being, in the circumstances, the least prejudicial of the methods open to them.

This procedure must obviously be exceptional and abnormal and His Majesty's Government desire to urge upon the United States Government the importance of an early exchange of views with the object of concluding the proposed discussion before June 15 next in order to obviate a general breakdown of the existing intergovernmental agreements.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Stimson, replied to this note on the same day that acceptance by the Secretary of the Treasury of funds tendered in payment of the Dec. 15 instalment cannot constitute approval of or agreement to any condition or declaration of policy inconsistent with the terms of the agreement inasmuch as the Executive has no power to amend or to alter those terms either directly or by implied commitment.

No payment was made by France Dec. 15 1932, as the French Chamber of Deputies, by a vote on the morning of Dec. 14 refused authorization to make the payment. The resolution voted by the French Chamber at that time invited the French Government to convoke as soon as possible, in agreement with Great Britain and other debtors, a general conference for the purpose of adjusting all international obligations and putting an end to all international transfers for which there is no compensating transaction. The resolution stated that the Chamber, despite legal and economic considerations, would have authorized settlement had the United States been willing to agree in advance to the convening of the conference for these purposes.

This resolution of the French Chamber is to be read in relation with the public statements of policy made by President Hoover and by myself on Nov. 23 1932. President Hoover said:

The United States Government from the beginning has taken the position that it would deal with each of the debtor governments separately, as separate and distinct circumstances surrounded each case. Both in the making of the loans and in the subsequent settlements with the different debtors, this policy has been rigidly made clear to every foreign government concerned.

I said:

I find myself in complete accord with the four principles discussed in the conference between the President and myself yesterday and set forth in a statement which the President has issued to-day.

These debts were actual loans made under distinct understanding and with the intention that they would be repaid.

In dealing with the debts each government has been and is to be considered individually, and all dealings with each government are independent of dealings with any other debtor government. In no case should we deal with the debtor governments collectively.

Debt settlements made in each case take into consideration the capacity to pay of the individual debtor nations.

The indebtedness of the various European nations to our Government has no relation whatsoever to reparations payments made or owed to them.

Of the \$125,000,000 due and payable Dec. 15 1932, the Treasury received \$98,750,000, of which \$95,550,000 was the British payment made subsequent to the above correspondence, and the other \$3,000,000 represented payments by five other debtor nations. The amounts due from Belgium, Estonia, France, Hungary and Poland which were not received amounted to \$25,000,000, of which \$19,260,000 was due and payable by France.

In my statement issued Nov. 23 1932 I had said:

I firmly believe in the principle that an individual debtor should at all times have access to the creditor that he should have opportunity to lay facts and representations before the creditor and that the creditor always should give courteous, sympathetic and thoughtful consideration to such facts and representations.

This is a rule essential to the preservation of the ordinary relationships of life. It is a basic obligation of civilization. It applies to nations as well as to individuals.

The principle calls for a free access by the debtor to the creditor. Each case should be considered in the light of the conditions and necessities peculiar to the case of each nation concerned.

On Jan. 20 1933 President Hoover and I agreed upon the following statement:

The British Government has asked for a discussion of the debts. The incoming Administration will be glad to receive their representative early in March for this purpose. It is, of course, necessary to discuss at the same time the world economic problems in which the United States and Great Britain are mutually interested and, therefore, that representatives should also be sent to discuss ways and means for improving the world situation.

On March 4 1933 the situation with regard to the indebtedness of other governments to the United States was, in brief, as follows:

France: The French Parliament had refused to permit payment of \$19,261,432.50 interest due on the \$3,863,650,000 bonds of France owned by the United States.

Great Britain: With respect to the British bonded debt held by the Treasury in the principal amount of \$4,368,000,000, Great Britain in meeting a due payment of \$30,000,000 principal and \$65,550,000 interest had stated that the payment was not to be regarded as a resumption of the annual payments contemplated under the funding agreement of June 19 1923, but was to be treated, so far as the British Government was concerned, as a capital payment of which account should be taken in any final settlement.

Italy: With respect to the \$2,004,900,000 principal amount of bonds of the Italian Government held by the United States Treasury, the Italian Government had paid the sum of \$1,245,437 interest due Dec. 15 1932; but in doing so it referred to a resolution of the Grand Council of Fascism, adopted Dec. 5 1932, in which "a radical solution of the 'sponging of the slate' type was declared to be necessary for the world's economic recovery."

Czechoslovakia: In making a payment of \$1,500,000 principal due Dec. 15 1932, on its debt of \$165,000,000, had stated that "this payment constitutes in the utmost self-denial of the Czechoslovak people their final effort to meet the obligation under such extremely unfavorable circumstances."

Belgium had declined to pay \$2,125,000 interest due Dec. 15 1932 on its bonds of \$400,680,000 held by the Treasury of the United States, and in doing so had recited circumstances which it stated "prevent it from resuming, on Dec. 15, the payments which were suspended by virtue of the agreements made in July 1931," adding: "Belgium is still disposed to collaborate fully in seeking a general settlement of intergovernmental debts and of the other problems arising from the depression."

Poland has not paid the \$232,000 principal and \$3,070,980 interest due Dec. 15 1932 on its bond in the principal amount of \$206,057,000 held by the Treasury of the United States.

On the nine other governments whose bonds are held by the Treasury of the United States, Estonia and Hungary had not met payments due Dec. 15 1932.

Austria is availing itself of a contractual right to postpone payments.

Greece was making only partial payments on its foreign bonded indebtedness, including that held by the United States.

Yugoslavia had declined to sign any Hoover moratorium agreement and had stopped paying.

No payment by Rumania had fallen due since the close of the Hoover moratorium.

Finland, Latvia and Lithuania were current in their payments.

Although I had informal discussions concerning the British debt with the British Ambassador even before March 4 1933, and in April there was further discussion of the subject with the Prime Minister of Great Britain and between experts of the two governments, it was not possible to reach definitive conclusions. On June 13 the British Government gave notice that in the then existing circumstances it was not prepared to make the payment due June 15 1933, but would make an immediate payment of \$10,000,000 as an acknowledgment of the debt pending a final settlement.

To this notice reply was made by the Acting Secretary of State, pointing out that it is not within the discretion of the President to reduce or cancel the existing debt owed to the United States nor to alter the schedule of debt payments contained in the existing settlement. At the same time I took occasion to announce that, in view of the representations of the British Government, the accompanying acknowledgment of the debt itself, and the payment made, I had no personal hesitation in saying that I would not characterize the resultant situation as a default. In view of the suggestion of the expressed desire of the British Government to make representations concerning the debt, I suggested that such representations be made in Washington as soon as convenient.

Payments of Instalments in Silver.

The Agricultural Adjustment Act, approved May 12 1933, had authorized the President for a period of six months from that date to accept silver in payment of instalments due from any foreign government, such silver to be accepted at not to exceed a price of 50 cents an ounce. In the payments due June 15 1933, the governments of Great Britain, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Italy, Lithuania and Rumania took advantage of this offer.

On June 15 1933, payments of about \$144,000,000 were due from foreign governments, the larger amounts being about \$76,000,000 from Great Britain, almost \$41,000,000 from France and \$13,500,000 from Italy. The amounts actually paid into the Treasury were \$11,374,000 of which \$10,000,000 was paid by Great Britain and \$1,000,000 by Italy. Communications were received from most of the debtor governments asking a discussion of the debt question with the United States Government.

In October 1933, representatives of the British Government arrived in Washington and conferred for some weeks with representatives of this Government. These discussions made clear the existing difficulties, and the discussions were adjourned.

The British Government then stated that it continued to acknowledge the debt without prejudicing its right again to present the matter of readjustment and that it would express this acknowledgment tangibly by a payment of \$7,500,000 on Dec. 15. In announcing this I stated that in view of the representations, of the payment and of the impossibility of accepting at that time any of the proposals for a readjustment of the debt, I had no personal hesitation in saying that I should not regard the British Government as in default.

On Dec. 15 1930, there was due and payable by foreign governments on their debt-funding agreements and Hoover moratorium agreements a total of about \$153,000,000. The payments actually received were slightly less than \$9,000,000, including \$7,500,000 paid by Great Britain, \$1,000,000 by Italy, and about \$230,000 by Finland.

Finland Only Government Which Has Met All Payments.

At the present time Finland remains the only foreign government which has met all payments on its indebtedness to the United States punctually and in full.

It is a simple fact that this matter of the repayment of debts contracted to the United States during and after the World War has gravely complicated our trade and financial relationships with the borrowing nations for many years.

These obligations furnished vital means for the successful conclusion of a war which involved the national existence of the borrowers, and later for a quicker restoration of their normal life after the war ended.

The money loaned by the United States Government was in turn borrowed by the United States Government from the people of the United States, and our Government, in the absence of payment from foreign governments, is compelled to raise the shortage by general taxation of its own people in order to pay off the original Liberty bonds and the latter refunding bonds.

It is for these reasons that the American people have felt that their debtors were called upon to make a determined effort to discharge these obligations. The American people would not be disposed to place an impossible burden upon their debtors, but are nevertheless in a just position to ask that substantial sacrifices be made to meet these debts.

We shall continue to expect the debtors on their part to show full understanding of the American attitude on this debt question.

The people of the debtor nations will also bear in mind the fact that the American people are certain to be swayed by the use which debtor countries make of their available resources—whether such resources would be applied for the purposes of recovery as well as for reasonable payment on the debt owed to the citizens of the United States, or for purposes of unproductive nationalistic expenditure or like purposes.

In presenting this report to you, I suggest that, in view of all existing circumstances, no legislation at this session of the Congress is either necessary or advisable.

I can only repeat that I have made it clear to the debtor nations again and again that "the indebtedness to our Government has no relation whatsoever to reparation payments made or owed to them" and that each individual nation has full and free opportunity individually to discuss its problem with the United States.

We are using every means to persuade each debtor nation as to the sacredness of the obligation and also to assure them of our willingness, if they should so request, to discuss frankly and fully the special circumstances relating to means and method of payment.

Recognizing that the final power lies with the Congress, I shall keep the Congress informed from time to time and make such new recommendations as may later seem advisable.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

The White House, June 1 1934.

President Roosevelt Plans Message to Congress on Drouth Relief—Government to Spend More Than \$500,000,000 for Aid in Stricken Areas—President Says There Is No Danger of Famine—Secretary Wallace Says Drouth May Stimulate Long-Range Agricultural Planning.

President Roosevelt is expected to send to Congress within a few days a message dealing with drouth relief and asking appropriations of more than \$500,000,000 for that purpose, according to reports from Washington June 6. The President on that day said that it is a Federal duty to assist those in distress, but at the same time he emphasized to newspaper men that there is no danger of a famine in this country as a result of the drouth. He has held several conferences this week with Congressional leaders, including representatives from the drouth-stricken areas, in planning his relief program. The Department of Agriculture, in an official drouth report June 6, said that conditions "would materially affect

the National food supply." It added that from present conditions the crop is likely to be "much below" the harvest in any of the last 25 years, with the possible exception of 1933. Discussing livestock, the Department said that many animals are already "too weak to stand shipment and many animals are too thin to have much value for slaughter purposes."

Harry L. Hopkins, Emergency Relief Administrator, said on June 6 that the Government would be caring for 300,000 families in the drouth territory by the end of the week. He added that 150,000 of these families are already deriving a living from work projects. He estimated that more than 1,000,000 perons are receiving Government aid as the result of the drouth.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, in a speech before a meeting of farmers at Bismarek, N. D., on June 6, said that "the severity of the present emergency may at last jolt us into action" on long-range agricultural planning. Mr. Wallace said there is no fear of food shortage because of "enormous carryovers," but he added that the drouth does suggest "the necessity of future protection against crop failures in a continuous program of production control." Associated Press advices from Bismarek on June 6 quoted Mr. Wallace on the Government's drouth relief plans in part as follows:

The first move in the drouth aid program involved relief of human beings, and the second the protection of property, principally livestock, he said. It will proceed along four lines. Buying of surplus cattle, feeding of foundation herds, reduction of railroad freight rates, and use of Government-contracted acreage for pasturing and forage.

"More food, more clothing and more money, in so far as it is necessary, must and will be supplied," Mr. Wallace asserted. "If it is possible to find new opportunities for farm families whose crops have shriveled or blown away, those opportunities will be found."

Secretary Wallace added he did not see "how any one who has gone through this drouth area can say a kind word for nature's method of crop reduction."

"Man's methods," he said, "may be full of imperfections, his machinery as crude and uncertain as all of his inventions in their early stages, but they are perfection itself by comparison with the occasional crudeness, the ruthlessness and the uncertainties of nature."

The Secretary of Agriculture spoke of the necessity of "adequate reserves" to be carried on farms from season to season and said it might be possible for farmers to "maintain these necessary reserves by means of loans similar to the present corn and cotton loans."

The Administration's relief program was also described in a Washington dispatch of June 5 to the New York "Times," from which we quote in part below:

That the Administration's relief plan calls for \$525,000,000 was officially confirmed by Chester C. Davis, AAA Administrator and principal author of the program.

In the case of the additional \$100,000,000 to be appropriated under the Jones-Connelly Act for cattle purchases, however, Mr. Davis said all livestock would be included and that large numbers of hogs would be bought for relief distribution.

Wherever possible, the distribution of the proposed \$100,000,000 fund for livestock feed and the \$25,000,000 for supplying wheat, corn and forage seed for next year's plantings would be made on the loan basis.

Distribution of these funds is expected to be carried on jointly by the Federal Relief and Farm Credit Administrations. Where loans can be made, the farmer's note will be requested, with a lien on his crop next year. Direct grants will be made, however, where farmers are clearly unable to make a loan.

Both Direct and Work Relief.

Similarly, it was indicated that while the \$100,000,000 proposed for work programs would go largely for work relief, part would be devoted to direct relief.

An effort will be made to provide farm families in the worst of the drouth areas, through the work programs, with an income of \$60 to \$75 a month, in cash, provided that the heads of such families are willing to work on what are described as "socially useful projects."

Much of this work will be devoted to digging and repairing wells. Public buildings will be repaired and roads constructed and mended. Relief officials pointed out that many farm families would be unable to care for their needs before next year's crop is harvested and that they probably would be carried on the work relief rolls for many months.

The \$100,000,000 in the Administration's plans for the work programs is in addition to allotments already made by the Relief Administration, with which Harry Hopkins, the director, expects 100,000 farmers to be placed on work projects by the end of this week.

As for the \$50,000,000 set aside for buying and retiring submarginal lands in "chronic" drouth regions, officials said these activities would be spread over North and South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana.

It is expected that about 16,000,000 acres may be acquired by the Government in this way at prices from \$2 to \$7 an acre, but with higher payments in some cases to allow for improvements.

Increased Import Fees on Cotton Chenille Rugs and Other Cotton Rugs Effective June 5—Fees on Imitation Oriental Rugs Effective June 10.

President Roosevelt on June 4 signed an order directing that increased import duties on cotton chenille rugs and other cotton rugs, except imitation oriental, be made effective on June 5. When originally imposing increased fees on all these products he directed that they be made effective June 10, unless during the period from May 11 to May 31 the exports of cotton chenille rugs from Japan to the United States should exceed 90,000 square yards. A Tariff Commission announcement of June 4 said that those exports during that period did exceed that amount and, therefore,

the effective date was changed to June 5. The effective date for the fee on imitation oriental rugs remains June 10. Promulgation of the order increasing the fees on these products was noted in our issue of June 2, pages 3702-03.

President Roosevelt Approves Code for Baking Industry—Affects 25,000 Establishments—Two Thousand New York Bakers Had Returned Blue Eagles Because of Delay in Code Approval.

President Roosevelt on May 29 approved a code of fair competition for the bakery industry, covering 25,000 establishments throughout the country. The code will become effective June 18. In his executive order approving the code the President ordered an investigation by the code authority within 90 days of the code's labor provisions, which are subject to modification at the end of that period. The code provides for a 40-hour week for mechanized bakeries and 48 hours for handcraft shops. It exempts from hours limitations commission salesmen, including route delivery salesmen. The code guarantees salesmen from \$18 to \$22 weekly, depending on the population of the community.

The wage scale stipulates \$14 to \$16 for clerical workers, while other employees are to be paid a minimum of 40 cents an hour, and icers, wrappers and cleaners are to receive at least 32 cents an hour. A differential of \$1 weekly was approved for the South.

Approval of the code recalled the decision of 2,000 members of the New York State Bakers' Association, who on May 22 voted to return their Blue Eagles to the National Recovery Administration because the NRA was delaying code approval. This delay, it is stated, had been caused chiefly by objections of the American Federation of Labor, which had contested its labor provisions. The investigation ordered by President Roosevelt within 90 days was expected to satisfy the A. F. of L. objections. Disapproval of the 90-day trial period for the labor provisions was also expressed on June 4 and 5 by the National Bakers' Council, which has refused to act as code authority for the industry. The Council is also reported to have objected to the code in that it does not forbid the giving of premiums. At the public hearing of the code last January, 90% of the industry voted in favor of a clause forbidding premiums, but the NRA did not include the clause in the code.

Per Capita Wages of Federal and State Employees Decreased but 1.2% from 1929-1932, Says National Industrial Conference Board, Whereas Compensation in Other Fields Dropped 21.1% in Same Period.

The per capita average of wages and salaries of active employees in Government, Federal, State and local, in 1932 was \$1,448, which was 24.3% more than the per capita full-time rate for employees in all other fields of employment, according to an analysis of official data issued on June 2 by the National Industrial Conference Board. The Board further reports:

From 1929 to 1932 the per capita average of wages and salaries of employees in the Government group decreased only 1.2%, while the average compensation of employees in all other fields of employment dropped 21.1%.

Agricultural employees, whose 1929 average compensation was the lowest of all industrial groups in that year, suffered the greatest proportionate reduction, their per capita average falling 45.7% from 1929 to 1932. The per capita average compensation of employees in mining was reduced 31.5%; in construction, 30.9%, and in manufacturing, 26.1%.

Industries in which the per capita average for wages and salaries was reduced in relatively smaller proportions were trade, 15.5%; electric light and power and gas, 14.2%, and finance, 14.2%. In communications the per capita compensation rose 0.1%.

The following tabulation shows the per capita average of wages and salaries in Government and other fields of employment in 1929 and 1932, and the percentage reduction in each from 1929 to 1932:

	1929.	1932.	Decline.
Government.....	\$1,466	\$1,448	1.2%
Manufacturing.....	1,508	1,115	26.1%
Agriculture.....	648	352	45.7%
Mining.....	1,531	1,049	31.5%
Construction.....	1,904	1,315	30.9%
Electric light and power and gas.....	1,561	1,339	14.2%
Transportation.....	1,681	1,409	16.2%
Communication.....	1,319	1,320	*0.1%
Trade.....	1,474	1,245	15.5%
Finance.....	2,282	1,958	14.2%
Service.....	1,216	1,015	16.5%
Miscellaneous.....	1,615	1,285	20.4%
Average for all fields except Government.....	1,476	1,165	21.1%

* Increase 1932 over 1929.

Number of Unemployed in April Totaled 7,907,000, According to National Industrial Conference Board—Decline of 114,000 from March Total.

The total number of unemployed workers in April 1934 was 7,907,000, according to an estimate of the National Industrial Conference Board issued May 24. This is a decline of 114,000 or 1.4% from the March total and a decline of 5,296,000 or 40.1% as compared with March 1933, when

unemployment was at its highest point. The Board's further observations follow:

Unemployment increased 32,000 in mining, but this was overcome by decreases of unemployment in other industries as follows: Manufacturing and mechanical, 99,000; transportation, 7,000; trade, 59,000; domestic and personal service, 5,000, and 3,000 in miscellaneous occupations. In addition, it is estimated that 27,000 new workers became available for employment during the month.

Unemployment has decreased since March 1933 in all industrial groups for which figures are available. Decreases were especially marked in manufacturing and mechanical industries. The number unemployed in this group of industries in April 1934 was 2,500,000, a decline of 3,923,000 or 61.1% from the peak of unemployment in this group in March 1933. From March 1933 to April 1934 the number of unemployed workers in other groups decreased as follows: 54.8% in trade, 29.7% in domestic and personal service, 14.8% in the extraction of minerals and 11.1% in transportation.

In this estimate the workers employed through the Public Works Administration are counted as employed. Emergency workers employed under Government auspices, usually part time, in lieu of direct unemployment relief, are counted as unemployed.

The following table shows the number of unemployed workers in the various industrial groups in March 1933, March 1934 and April 1934:

Industrial Group.	Number of Unemployed.		
	Mar. 1933.	Mar. 1934.	Apr. 1934.
Extraction of minerals.....	576,000	459,000	491,000
Manufacturing and mechanical.....	6,423,000	2,599,000	2,500,000
Transportation.....	1,591,000	1,422,000	1,415,000
Trade.....	2,126,000	1,020,000	981,000
Domestic and personal service.....	607,000	432,000	427,000
Industry not specified.....	539,000	420,000	417,000
Other industries*.....	296,000	296,000	296,000
All industries.....	12,158,000	6,647,000	6,506,000
Allowance for new workers since 1930 Census.....	1,045,000	1,374,000	1,401,000
Total unemployed.....	13,203,000	8,021,000	7,907,000

* This group includes agriculture, forestry and fishing, public service and professional service. The number given is that of the unemployed in 1930, no figures being available from which later changes in employment can be computed.

Decline in Rate of Increase in Collective Bargaining Arrangements Reported by National Industrial Conference Board.

The rate of increase in the adoption of collective bargaining arrangements has diminished sharply in recent months, according to preliminary figures from a nation-wide survey announced on May 29 by the National Industrial Conference Board, which includes information from 2,681 companies which employ 2,093,503 wage earners. This is the second survey of collective bargaining conducted by the Conference Board, the first covering the situation in November 1933 and the second in May 1934. The Board states that the same companies were included in both surveys so that the results of the two surveys are comparable. The Board also has the following to say:

On the basis of information reported in this survey, the proportion of employees still dealing individually with their employers has declined from 48.9% of the total in November 1933 to 43.8% in May 1934, a drop of about 5% of the total. Employees under plans of employee representation increased from 43.2% in November to 46.5% in May, and employees dealing through organized labor unions increased from 7.9% of the total to 9.6%. From November to May the number of workers dealing with their employers through labor unions increased 47,519, as compared with an increase of 134,473 in the number of workers in employee representation plans.

Of the employees in companies which in November 1933 were dealing exclusively on an individual basis, 93.4% were still doing so in May, while 3.6% had changed to employee representation and 3.0% to labor unions. Of the employees in companies which in November were dealing entirely through employee representation, 97.4% were still doing so in May, 1.9% had changed to labor unions and 0.7% had returned to individual dealing. Of the employees in companies which in November dealt exclusively through labor unions, 98.9% were still doing so in May; 0.6% had returned to individual dealing, and 0.5% had changed to employee representation.

The individual basis of employer-employee dealings still predominates in small establishments. Of the reporting companies with less than 100 employees, 88% were dealing individually, 8% had works committees and 4% dealt through labor unions. Employee representation is most general in the very large companies, employing more than 5,000 employees, being found in 52% of companies of this size that reported, as compared with 38% dealing individually and 10% through labor unions. Among medium size companies, employing from 500 to 2,500 wage earners, 10% dealt through labor unions, 28% had employee representation plans and 62% were dealing individually.

United States Government Officials and Employees Abroad to Receive Extra Compensation Account of Exchange Losses.

To make up exchange losses suffered since July last year, American officials and employees abroad are to receive extra compensation on their next pay. Stating that exchange differences averaging a drop of 40% have caused hardship to these overseas Government workers, a dispatch June 1 from Washington had the following to say regarding the arrangements for their reimbursement:

Authorizations to draw checks in the required amounts were sent to foreign posts by the State Department to-day.

A total of 12,561 official employees and navy and army officers and men will benefit by the order, the total amount so far involved being estimated at about \$4,000,000. A fund of \$7,438,000 for this purpose, to cover the fiscal year from July 1 1933, to June 30 1934, was appropriated recently by Congress. All of it will be used by June 30.

Of those benefiting, 7,827 are naval officers and men; 3,360 are State Department officers, and 862 army officers and men, the latter mostly stationed in the Far East.

The list also includes representatives of the Commerce, Agriculture, Treasury, Labor and Justice Departments, and the Public Health Service, Tariff Commission, Battle Monuments Commission, Library of Congress and the National Aeronautics Commission.

In countries still on the gold standard, adjustments were made previously up to Feb. 1 1934, through shipment of gold from this country. The adjustments authorized to-day will therefore apply in those countries from Feb. 1.

Representatives of Seven States Sign Compact for Legislation Protecting Women and Minors in Industry—New York, Pennsylvania and Five New England States in First Inter-State Compact in Nation's History.

Representatives of New York, Pennsylvania and five New England States, meeting at Concord, N. H., on May 29, signed the first inter-State compact in the history of the Nation as a step to protect women and minors in industry. Vermont was the only New England State to fail to sign the compact, but a representative of Vermont participated in conference as an observer. After signing the compact the delegates heard Governor Winant of New Hampshire read a message from President Roosevelt expressing his congratulations at the completion of the pact. The compact, before becoming effective, must be ratified by the Legislatures of the seven States. Associated Press advices from Concord, May 29, quoted from the President's message, and outlined the terms of the compact, as follows:

"You may recall," wrote the President, "that in January of 1931, when I was Governor of New York, I called the first conference of officials of the Northeastern States to consider the possibility of proceeding by joint State action to maintain and to improve industrial and labor standards.

"Because this meeting on May 29, at least in part, is an outgrowth of our earlier discussions in Albany, I naturally have a deep personal satisfaction in it. But my interest goes much further, for the State action now proposed is complementary to the national action already taken in Washington to give American citizens a more ample and more secure life."

The compact, which must be ratified by the Legislatures of the several States, contemplates minimum standards of wages for women and minors, and contains a provision that "no employer shall pay a woman or minor an unfair or oppressive wage."

State boards are to be set up with authority to investigate payrolls and require compliance.

The compact has been under negotiation for several years. Governor Winant, who left a sickbed to preside over the historic gathering, has been one of the leading proponents of the agreement under which it is hoped to deal the sweatshop a death blow in the industrial Northeast.

Connecticut, through its Commissioner of Labor, Joseph M. Tone, was the first State to sign the document. The others followed in alphabetical order.

Vermont, originally reported in an official statement from the Governor's office to have been a party to the signed agreement, did not sign, but those present said they expected it would do so soon.

United States Supreme Court Invalidates Section of Economy Act Forbidding Suits Against United States on Renewable Veterans' Insurance.

The United States Supreme Court, in two cases which presented its first ruling on the Economy Act of 1933, on June 4 held that the section of the law which deprives courts of jurisdiction of the right to hear suits against the Federal Government on annual renewable term insurance contracts issued under the War Risk Insurance Act is invalid. Associated Press Washington advices of June 4 added the following information regarding the Court's ruling:

The cases were brought by Mrs. Margaret S. Lynch, of Albany, Ga., and Sam Wilner, of Chicago, beneficiaries under war risk insurance policies. In both instances, the beneficiaries contended, the insurance was in effect when the veteran became totally and permanently disabled.

Both claims were pending before the Veterans' Administration when the economy act repealed the law granting yearly renewable term insurance and were therefore rejected. The lower Federal Courts refused to review the action of the Veterans' Administration, taking the position the economy act had deprived them of authority to review action in such cases.

Owen D. Young Defends "Brain Trust," but Asserts Its Use Should Be Confined to Research While Others Apply Its Principles.

Owen D. Young, Chairman of the Board of the General Electric Co., in an address June 4 at the commencement exercises of the University of Nebraska, defended the "brain trust," but added that activities of its members should be confined to research, while the application of principles should be entrusted to others. Application, he said, interferes with research, "and the spirit of research interferes with practical application." Mr. Young advocated that the Administration separate sharply the field of research from application. In recalling that when President Roosevelt assumed office there was need for delayed research and experiment in social organization, Mr. Young said that it was logical to create a "brain trust" for research. He added:

That is what the physical sciences had been doing for a generation. No one then was afraid of a brain trust. We welcomed them as research workers, and no group in the world has contributed so much to its advancement and general welfare during the last generation as the brain trust of

the physical sciences. I for one am their defender and ready to meet their critics.

I make one reservation, however. In the physical sciences we use the brain trust as research workers. We do not ask them to be application engineers. It is unfair to them. Application interferes with research, and the spirit of research interferes with practical application. If I had one suggestion for the Administration, appreciating as I do the difficulties and sympathizing as I do with its aims, it would be to separate sharply the field of research from application. Let the brain trust develop the principles. Let the experienced engineers apply them in the creation of the new, practical working machines we need.

Perhaps we shall find our way not through militaristic regimentation and coercive police controls. Perhaps we shall have officially recognized research with responsible and responsive economic and social groups voluntarily applying them to their several needs under a general law, but not under a bureaucratic administration. Such a general law would prohibit and penalize unsocial and uneconomic practices and would make the industrial groups themselves responsible complainants against marauders and adventurers in industry who are enemies of the common good. That strikes me as the principle by which to guard both our political and economic freedom.

Monthly Report of RCC for May—\$12,940,056 Repaid by Borrowing Carriers Up to June 1—\$60,751,312 in Loans Outstanding.

Of the \$73,691,368 in loans made by The Railroad Credit Corp., \$12,940,056 has been repaid by borrowing carriers either through cash or credits, up to June 1 1934, the Corporation reported June 4 to the Inter-State Commerce Commission. This leaves \$60,751,312 in outstanding loans as of that date. The Corporation said:

Upon the loans made to various railroads, \$2,155,207 has been paid in interest.

The gross emergency revenues of participating carriers, which were pooled for lending purposes under the Marshalling and Distributing Plan, 1931, amounted to \$75,423,722. Of that amount, \$15,711,825 has been returned in cash or credits by the RCC leaving a balance of \$59,711,897 yet to be repaid.

In a letter addressed to participating carriers and accompanying the report, Mr. E. G. Buckland, President of the Corporation, said:

The net changes in conditions during May were nominal. Cash receipts amounted to \$268,540, of which \$185,190 was in reduction of loans; \$83,345 in payment of interest, and \$5 from miscellaneous sources.

The gross emergency revenues of participating carriers, which were pooled for the lending purposes of the Plan, amounted to \$75,423,722.51, of which \$15,711,825.06 has been returned in cash or credits, leaving a balance of \$59,711,897.45. Loans totaling \$73,691,368 have been reduced by cash and/or credits to \$60,751,311.65, while interest actually paid on such loans to May 31 1934 aggregated \$2,155,206.88.

The Corporation's statement of condition as of May 31 follows:

	Net Change During May 1934.	Balance May 31 1934.
Assets—		
Investment in affil. cos. (loans outstanding).....	x\$202,339.97	\$60,751,311.65
Other investments.....		157,200.00
Cash (reserved for tax refunds, \$115,380.85).....	218,544.12	414,214.17
Petty cash fund.....		25.00
Special deposits (reserve for tax refunds).....		300,000.00
Miscellaneous accounts receivable.....	x649.34	58,856.33
Interest receivable.....	x18,695.02	206,556.66
Unadjusted debits.....		64,838.72
Expense of administration.....	9,996.03	59,082.68
Total.....	\$6,855.82	\$62,012,085.21
Liabilities—		
Non-negotiable debt to affiliated companies.....	x\$57,793.81	*\$59711,897.45
Unadjusted credits.....		1,914,972.17
Income from securities and accounts (interest accrued on loans, &c.).....	64,649.63	384,015.59
Capital stock.....		1,200.00
Total.....	\$6,855.82	\$62,012,085.21
x Denotes decrease.		
* Emergency revenues to May 31 1934.....		\$75,423,722.51
Less: Refunds for taxes.....	\$1,627,557.49	
Distributions Nos. 1-7.....	14,038,482.11	
Fund share assigned to R. C. C.....	45,785.46	15,711,825.06
		\$59,711,897.45

Approved: E. R. WOODSON, Comptroller. Correct: ARTHUR B. CHAPIN, Treasurer. Washington, D. C., June 1 1934 (No. 27).

President Roosevelt Greets American Newspaper Guild at Opening of National Convention—Writers Defer Decision on A. F. of L. Affiliation.

A message from President Roosevelt expressing his greetings and best wishes for success to the American Newspaper Guild was read at the opening session of the second national convention of the Guild at St. Paul Minn. on June 5. The President praised newspaper men as "rendering real and valued service to the nation. The text of the message follows:

So many of my friends are attending with you the national convention of the American Newspaper Guild that it affords me real and personal pleasure to send a word of greeting and best wishes.

Newspaper men have been and are rendering real and valued service to the nation. It is gratifying that they accept the great responsibilities that go at all times with their work.

It wish for you a most successful convention.

Governor Olson of Minnesota welcomed the 150 delegates to the convention, who came from 50 cities throughout the country. President Heywood Broun opened the four-day meeting of the Guild by reviewing the history of its six-

months' growth, which he said had made it the largest organization of its kind in the world. The delegates approved a proposal by Mr. Broun to postpone for one year discussion of the possibility of affiliation with the American Federation of Labor.

Henry P. Fletcher Elected Chairman of Republican National Committee—Statement of Party Policy Warns of Uncontrolled Inflation and of "Covert" Changes in Established American Institutions.

Henry P. Fletcher of Pennsylvania, who has spent many years in the American diplomatic service, was elected Chairman of the Republican National Committee at a meeting in Chicago on June 6. Mr. Fletcher succeeds Everett Sanders, who resigned. He will be aided in the November Congressional election campaign by a new campaign advisory committee appointed by the National Committee.

The Committee on June 6 also announced a new "declaration of policy." While this did not directly attack the Roosevelt Administration, it said that "a small group in Washington" is seeking "covertly to alter the framework of American institutions." The "declaration" recognized that the Nation is confronted by serious and complex problems of industrial recovery, and said that these problems "must be approached in a broad, liberal and progressive spirit, unhampered by dead formulas or too obstinately clinging to the past." It added, however, that these problems "can best be solved within the framework of American institutions in accordance with the spirit and principles of the founders of the Republic, without the destruction of individual freedom." The statement denounced the financial policies of the Administration as leading to unlimited inflation, and declared that "we cannot spend our way to prosperity." The statement follows in full:

American institutions and American civilization are in greater danger today than at any time since the foundation of the republic.

The people must determine whether we are to remain a democracy or to substitute the domination of an all-powerful central government.

While it is not within the authority of the Republican National Committee to write a detailed party program, under existing circumstances we deem it out duty to set forth the spirit and attitude in which our party should approach the problems of the day, and to restate our principles of government.

Our nation is beset with problems of infinite complexity—the problems of recovery; of unemployment with its unending tale of human suffering; of agriculture with its lost markets and relatively low prices; of forever checking abuses and excesses that have become all too apparent, and therefore the problems of a wider spread of prosperity, of relieving the hardships of unemployment and old age, and of avoiding these tragic depressions.

These problems must be approached in a broad, liberal and progressive spirit, unhampered by dead formulas or too obstinately clinging to the past.

Sees Policies Leading to Inflation.

Our country has been backward in legislation dealing with social questions. We welcome the recognition that these questions demand attention by government.

But we insist that all of these problems can best be solved within the framework of American institutions in accordance with the spirit and principles of the founders of the Republic, without the destruction of individual freedom.

In the name of national recovery, the present administration has committed the country to a program which, unless checked, will lead to the chaos of unlimited inflation. The slowly accumulated savings and the present earnings of the people are being consumed recklessly by the Government. At the very threshold of life, the youth of the nation is being saddled with unbearable burdens.

A small group in Washington, vested with temporary authority, is seeking covertly to alter the framework of American institutions. They seek to expand to the utmost limit the powers of the central government. In place of individual initiative they seek to substitute complete government control of all agricultural production, of all business activity.

There is nothing new in most of the present political and economic experiments. History records a long record of failure of similar experiments. As often in the past, the people least able to bear the burden will be the chief sufferers from the mistakes of misguided bureaucrats, who ignore history.

Progress, liberty and democracy go hand in hand. Even if by tyranny, government could assure material well-being—which it cannot—it is too heavy a price to pay.

Given liberty of expression and of action, the people are better able to find a solution of their problems than any group of autocrats.

We must not see destroyed in four years a civilization which has been centuries in building and which has brought to our nation greater progress, well-being and happiness than have ever been enjoyed by any nation, any time, anywhere.

In the interest of the re-establishment of faith in our Government, we insist that there shall be no further repudiation of solemn obligations of the Government.

We believe that governments and men who cannot stand criticism are those most in need of it and that only through deliberate discussion can we reach sound conclusions.

Advocates Free Speech and Press.

We believe in freedom of speech and in freedom of the press and in freedom of the radio for the discussion of national questions.

We believe in an economic system, based upon individual initiative and the maintenance of competition, checked by Government regulation—not in an economic system based upon bureaucratic control and bureaucratic management.

We are opposed to revolutionary change without popular mandate and all "change by usurpation—the customary weapon by which free governments are destroyed."

We believe that the present emergency laws vesting dictatorial powers in the President must never be permitted to become a permanent part of our Government system.

We believe in our Federal form of government with its system of State and local responsibilities.

We believe that we cannot spend our way to prosperity.

We believe that an unassailable national credit and a balanced budget are indispensable foundations of national well-being.

We believe, in short, that American democracy, working along American lines, in accordance with the spirit and principles of American institutions, is equal to the task of solving the problems of the new world, of breaking down the obstacles that stand in our way, and of resuming at an even more rapid pace the progress that has characterized the life of the nation for well nigh one hundred and fifty years.

We call upon all who believe in the maintenance of these principles to unite in the election of Senators and Representatives who will support them.

Loans Advanced by Production Credit Associations Average \$501.

The average-size loan obtained by farmers this spring from the 650 Production Credit Associations throughout the United States has been \$501, according to figures made available at Washington, May 19, by the Production Credit Division of the Farm Credit Administration. The average amount of the individual production loan by districts, ranges from \$260 to \$2,700, according to an announcement by the FCA, but the average for the entire country as reported by the 12 Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, which discount for the Associations, is slightly over \$501. As issued under date of May 21 the Administration's announcement also said:

Most of the loans made so far by the newly organized Associations have been crop production and livestock loans, with maturities usually less than 12 months.

Up to May 12, the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks made over 71,000 loans and approvals for the Associations, aggregating \$36,000,000. On that date, about \$20,000,000 had been advanced to farmers through the Associations and most of the balance of \$16,000,000 consists of money allotted for future advances to farmers who are getting their loans in instalments. Ordinarily the instalment loans enable the borrowers to save from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ on interest costs, since the interest rate on production loans—recently reduced to 5%—is charged on each advance separately.

The average-size Production Credit Association loan for the country has been increasing gradually during the past several weeks since, in addition to the smaller-sized loans required for crop production, the Associations are now making an increasing number of livestock loans and general purpose loans which are being used to refinance debts originally incurred for an agricultural purpose; to purchase equipment, machinery and supplies, and for financing repairs and improvements.

Short-Term Spring Financing of Production Credit Associations Reported at \$44,500,000.

The Vice-Presidents of 7 of the 12 Regional Production Credit Corporations of the Farm Credit Administration met at Washington, D. C., May 29, in a joint session with the Washington officials of the Production Credit Division to discuss the operation and loan-making procedure of the 650 Production Credit Associations in the country. In stating this, an announcement issued by the FCA on May 29 said:

A total of \$44,500,000 of short-term spring financing, including loans and commitments, has been handled by the Associations since they began to do a volume business two months ago. Most of the loans this spring have been for crop and livestock production. Additional requirements for livestock loans and general purpose loans may be expected as the season advances, and in the conference of Vice-Presidents of the Production Credit Corporations, which will continue here throughout the remainder of the week, attention is being given to the operation and further development of the Associations in handling these new credit requirements.

The Vice-Presidents of the Production Credit Corporations attending the meeting are as follows:

Vice-Presidents.	Production Credit Corporations.
H. L. Gardner	Columbia (S. C.)
G. H. Johnson	New Orleans (La.)
E. C. Johnston	St. Paul (Minn.)
Roy Green	Wichita (Kans.)
Virgil P. Lee	Houston (Texas)
M. A. Thompson	Berkeley (Calif.)

Capital and Surplus of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks Increased by \$25,000,000—Additional Capital Deemed Necessary to Meet Increased Demands.

Governor W. I. Myers of the Farm Credit Administration announced June 5 that he had called \$25,000,000 from the Treasury to increase the capital and surplus of the 12 Federal Intermediate Credit Banks. Governor Myers said that this sum represents the first call out of a revolving fund of \$40,000,000 created by an Act of Congress, approved on Jan. 31 1934, for the purpose of providing the intermediate Credit Banks with the additional capital deemed necessary to enable them to meet the increased demands for agricultural production and marketing credit. He further announced:

It is contemplated that the remaining \$15,000,000 will be called and distributed in the near future.

Of the amount called at this time, \$10,000,000 has been subscribed for additional shares of the capital stock of some of the Banks, and a total of \$15,000,000 has been subscribed to the paid-in surplus of the 12 Banks.

Governor Myers pointed out that the deficits of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks of Columbia, South Carolina and Berkeley, Calif., amounting to about \$2,259,000, will be eliminated. At the same time he announced that the 12 banks have been authorized to charge off all assets of a doubtful nature, approximating \$3,850,000 as determined

by the various banks and the office of the Intermediate Credit Commissioner upon the basis of current official examinations of the Banks. Governor Myers continued:

With these additions and changes in the capital structures of the Intermediate Credit Banks, their combined capital will be \$70,000,000, and their surplus, reserves and undivided profits will be in excess of \$15,340,000.

Budget for Cotton Garment Code Authority Said to Be Nearly \$1,000,000.

Apropos of a recent reference in these columns to the budgets of the Code Authorities, many of which we noted, are almost unbelievably large, our attention has been drawn to the following from the "Daily News Record" of May 22:

That the task of the cotton garment Code Authority is gigantic has never been questioned. Covering 17 district divisions of the garment fields, including about 4,000 units scattered over at least 42 States of the Union, as has been emphasized repeatedly, the job of organizing, governing and policing has never been underestimated in the trade.

The amount of floor space being taken over in the building at 40 Worth Street for this important purpose has been mentioned in the market a number of times as indicative of a further appreciation of what is required for this purpose.

It was not until the trade learned that the budget for the cotton garment Code Authority is already up to three-quarters of \$1,000,000—and may run up to \$1,000,000—that the full extent of what it is all about was driven home. The executive director, as is known, receives \$25,000. A large staff is required to handle the tremendous amount of detail. Out over the country, branch offices are vital. So far as the policing is concerned, it is the conviction of many in the industry that regardless of how great the force, it will not be more than is actually necessary.

Trade reports also are that about \$200,000 has already been collected for labels in the past two months.

In our reference to Code Authority budgets (May 26, page 3486) it was stated that they amount in many instances to hundreds of thousands of dollars per year, and in those industries afflicted with a number of such code authorities the total cost is running well into the millions.

NRA to Adopt New Policy Eliminating Price Fixing—Many Codes to Be Revised in Accordance with Plan, Which Contemplates Enforcement of Anti-Trust Laws Against Combinations Maintaining Prices.

The National Recovery Administration announced on June 7 that it will adopt a new policy that will require the revision of many codes to allow freer competition and to eliminate price fixing. The new plan contemplates the enforcement of the anti-trust laws against combinations designed to maintain prices. A minimum price would only be fixed in cases of definite emergency. Associated Press Washington advices of June 7 summarized the principles of the new policy as follows:

1. Wilfully destructive price cutting is forbidden, and any prices which appear unreasonably low may be investigated and a correction required if they are found to be unfair.

2. Fixing of even a minimum price will be allowed only in cases of demonstrable emergency, threatening destruction of business firms, employment or wage levels. Then only the NRA shall have the right to determine what is the minimum price to be fixed and it shall be "the lowest reasonable cost"—not a profit-covering figure for the majority of enterprises.

3. Open price posting—which means letting all competitors know every other competitor's price—will be allowed only on these terms: That the prices be reported to a neutral, confidential agency; they shall become effective immediately without a waiting period for powerful competitors to argue the original proposal into line with their own figures; prices may not be revised upward for 48 hours, but they may be cut right away and so reported.

General Johnson Averts Threatened Strike of 300,000 Cotton Textile Workers—Workers Given Representation on NRA Code Authority.

A threatened strike of 300,000 cotton textile workers, which had been called for June 4, was averted on June 2 under an agreement between General Hugh S. Johnson, Recovery Administrator, and Thomas F. McMahon, President of the United Textile Workers. Mr. McMahon issued the strike call on May 30 in protest against an order by the National Recovery Administration curtailing by 25% the number of hours machinery in cotton textile mills will be permitted to operate over a 12-week period. The settlement made no change in the 25% machine-hour curtailment order. General Johnson said that labor leaders admitted that "the strike was not against the order at all but only to secure a 33 1-3% increase in hourly rates of pay and certain other demands." The agreement, which was also accepted by George A. Sloan, Chairman of the Cotton Textile Code Authority, did not comply with the demand for a wage increase, but it provided that the Research and Planning Division of the NRA would make a study of the question and report within two weeks.

General Johnson announced the following terms of the strike settlement on June 2:

I.—Strike order to be countermanded without prejudice to the right of labor to strike.

II.—One representative of employees of the cotton textile industry to be appointed by the Secretary of Labor to Labor Advisory Board.

III.—One representative of employees of the cotton textile industry to be appointed labor adviser to Government members on Cotton Textile Code Authority.

IV.—Authority of Cotton Textile National Industrial Relations Board to be defined by administrative order to include all subjects mentioned in VII hereof. Membership to said board to be increased by one representative of employers and one representative of employees from the cotton textile industry.

V.—If these conditions are accepted I will urge the Cotton Textile Code Authority to accept and agree to abide by the foregoing amendment to the Industrial Relations Board provisions.

VI.—Investigation and reports upon the following questions to be made by NRA Division of Planning and Research in conjunction with revised Industrial Relations Board.

(a) What productive machine hours are necessary to meet normal demand (within 10 days)?

(b) What increase, if any, in wage rates is possible (within 14 days)?

(c) Have wage differentials above the minimum been maintained (within 30 days)?

(d) What changes have taken place in man-hour productivity?

(e) The Division of Planning and Research to co-operate with the Industrial Relations Board in completing its studies of the work load for the use of the Board in dealing with all controversies over the stretch-out or specialization system.

VII.—The Cotton Textile Industrial Relations Board will continue to handle all pending or future claims and complaints of discrimination, representing, in accurate entries on pay envelopes, unwarranted reductions in classification, increased stretch-out, alleged violations of Section 7(a), and all other alleged violations of the code.

VIII.—The seasonal character of the cotton textile business and the necessity for temporary reduction in machine hours from time to time is recognized by the representatives of the labor organizations.

General Johnson also made public on June 2 the text of a letter to Mr. McMahon, which read as follows:

June 2 1934.

Mr. Thomas McMahon, President
United Textile Workers of America.

My Dear Mr. McMahon.—With reference to appointment of employee representation under II, III and IV of my proposed settlement, if such settlement is effected and an investigation by Mr. Bruere discloses that there is no other substantial union organization and that your organization is National in scope with about 200,000 bona fide members in the cotton textile industry, I will appoint a member of the United Textile Workers of America in each case. If he does not so find, I will ask Miss Perkins to appoint such member under II from the United Textile Workers' group, and as to III and IV, will endeavor to make some disposition taking care of the interests of all union groups.

Sincerely,

HUGH S. JOHNSON, Administrator.

We quote below from a statement issued by officials of the United Textile Workers on June 2:

We are confident that the agreement made with General Johnson will mark the beginning of a new day for cotton textile workers.

It will similarly result in the exposure of the evils in the industry and creates the machinery for an unbiased investigation of conditions, including wages, hours, machine load and code violations.

We appreciate the sympathetic attitude shown by General Johnson. He discussed with us every phase of the problem, and, while we disagreed in some things, his constructive suggestions were helpful in reaching a settlement. The textile workers can now feel satisfied that the proper agencies will be set up for their protection.

The United Textile Workers of America notifies all local unions that the strike will not take effect Monday morning.

Mr. Sloan also issued a statement on June 2 in which he commented on the settlement of the dispute as follows:

The administrative order recommended by the Cotton Textile Code Authority calling for a 25% reduction for each productive machine for a period of 12 weeks stands. It becomes effective Monday, and does not contemplate any increase in the hourly rates prescribed in the code.

The basis of settlement in the present issue recommended by the Administrator and accepted by the representatives of the United Textile Workers involves a minor organization change in the code. It will be submitted to the Cotton Textile Code Authority for its consideration and action at an early meeting.

With the textile strike removed from the National scene, General Johnson will turn Monday to the strike threatened in the steel industry over the question of union recognition and collective bargaining.

The text of General Johnson's announcement of the strike settlement is given below:

The threatened cotton textile strike was condition on NRA rescinding its own order restricting machine hours 25% during the usual summer slump, which for the past few years has averaged approximately 25% decline in production. At present there is a very large surplus of goods unsold and disastrous shut-downs were threatened. The idea of the order was to spread these inevitable reductions over the whole industry equably (with exceptions for the smaller mills and certain special cases) and thus to sustain employment on the widest possible basis.

The order prevented shut-downs for long periods by requiring that reductions be by days instead of weeks or months, except that shut-downs for normal causes, such as inventory, repairs, &c., shall not be prevented.

No argument against either the wisdom or the equity of this order has been presented. On the contrary, labor representatives in the present conference admitted the necessity for this action and that the strike was not against the order at all, but only to secure a 33 1-3% increase in hourly rates of pay and certain other demands.

While NRA is willing to do anything it can to compose differences as they arise, it cannot proceed to any action under the threat of a strike against its own order. Accordingly, the first article of settlement countermands the strike order.

Labor representatives in the present conference now concede that the real issues are:

(1) Their right to represent members of their union in collective bargaining.

(2) Certain other grievances alleged to be in violation of the code; but principally,

(3) A demand for an increase of 33 1-3% in the labor element of the cost of cotton textiles.

There is no question that labor is entitled to prompt and effective relief of any just complaint under I and II, or of the duty of NRA to insure it.

The most effective instrumentality we have as yet tried in labor disputes was the President's suggestion in the settlement of the automobile strike.

There is already an Industrial Relations Board in the cotton textile industry and it has functioned exceptionally well—better, perhaps, than any similar set up, but, to bring it into the field of action of the Wollman board its powers required further definition and its membership had to include a representative of labor in the cotton textile industry.

Followed Formula in Automobile Settlement.

A basis of settlement was the Administrator's agreement to urge upon this industry such definition and amendment of the Industrial Relations Board as would accord with the President's formula in the automobile settlement. Labor accepts this and it is believed that this will go far to quiet the present unrest and prevent future disturbance.

Labor in this industry is also to be given representation on the Labor Advisory Board and is to have an adviser to the Government members on the Code Authority. Studies of all assertions of other general grievances are to be continued.

So much for the first two causes of complaint. As to wages, it is clear that no such violent increase as 33 1-3% in all wage scales, if any, can be considered at this time. The rise in the price of cotton textiles has been one of the chief consumer complaints.

Including the processing tax, raw cotton costs have increased 150%. There has been a 70% increase in labor costs due to the code and other influences, and an increase of 94% in cost of labor, material and supplies in cotton textiles.

A very clear cause of decreased consumption is this increased cost and increased prices which flow from it. In this situation any such increase in cost would paralyze production and employment and defeat the very ends aimed at.

The course of negotiations have not been helped by the concurrent newspaper debate between the parties to them. Fairness to NRA and to a great industry and to its accomplishments for labor under the NRA compels me to correct several inaccurate statements which appeared in news dispatches yesterday and which were attributed to officials of the United Textile Workers.

A statement that the administration of the cotton textile code, "through lack of enforcement has brought it to a point of pre-code conditions," is simply without foundation in fact. I know of no code under the NRA that is administered more conscientiously and more effectively than this code has been and is being administered by its code authority.

The statement that wages "have been forced down to lower than ever before" is equally unfounded. The very opposite is true. The record shows that the present hourly wage rate as well as weekly earnings adjusted to living costs (real wages) have reached and passed the highest 1929 level.

Between April 1933 and April 1934 payrolls in this industry increased over 100%; between March 1933 and April 1934, employment increased 34%. Average actual weekly earnings increased between March 1933 and February 1934 about 35%.

The improvement of labor conditions under this code surpasses that in any other industry, and, in addition to the wage improvements mentioned, include the wiping out of unfavorable working conditions such as child labor, unconscionable hours and unregulated stretch-out.

The improvements have been retained and, at the time they were obtained through an NRA code hearing and months of patient work with the Cotton Textile Institute prior to the code, there was no substantial labor organization in the industry.

For that work the generous co-operation of the industry, with the steady insistence of NRA, deserves credit. In such circumstances insistence that labor in this industry cannot expect protection under the code except through membership in a particular union is also unwarranted. It is not necessary to be a member of a particular union in order to enjoy the benefits of the cotton textile code.

This is Code No. 1—that of the first industry to answer the President's early observations on the benefit of the principles of NIRA, made weeks before the enactment of the law. Strictures on the good faith of that industry are unwarranted and unjust.

Steel Strike Still Threatened Unless Union Leaders Are Granted Recognition by Company Executives—General Johnson Confers with Leaders of Both Factions in Effort to Avert Walkout.

Threats of a steel strike, made by leaders of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, continued to disturb the industry this week, as representatives of the National Recovery Administration held a series of conferences in an effort to avert a walkout, which has been predicted this month unless principal companies in the industry will agree to recognize the union, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, for the purpose of collective bargaining. General Hugh S. Johnson, Recovery Administrator, conferred in Washington yesterday (June 8) with Mike Tighe, head of the union. General Johnson has proposed the creation of a special Steel Labor Board to handle the demands of the union for recognition, but thus far both the union leaders and company executives have opposed the formation of such a board.

The union asserts that it has a membership of at least 100,000 among the country's 423,000 steel workers. This claim has been denied by heads of principal companies, who have estimated that union membership is much smaller and have declared that an overwhelming majority of steel workers would oppose a strike if one were called. The steel leaders, in a joint statement June 6, said that the demands of the Amalgamated Association "do not relate to the grievances of the workers," and that "the sole demand is for a closed shop. As the industry is unalterably opposed to the closed shop, the demand could not be considered." The statement follows:

Representatives of the iron and steel industry conferred here to-day with General Johnson, National Recovery Administrator, and Donald Richberg, general counsel of the NRA, on the creation of a labor-relations board in connection with the iron and steel code, and on the threatened steel strike.

The steel men stated the demands of the Amalgamated Association do not relate to grievances of the workers, that the sole demand is for a closed shop. As the industry is unalterably opposed to the closed shop, the demand could not be considered.

It was made clear that the industry was definitely committed to the maintenance of employee-representation plans now effective in the industry and to the principle of the open shop.

A so-called "rank-and-file" committee of steel workers told Secretary of Labor Perkins on June 6 that "all hell will break loose" if the union's demand for a collective bargaining conference with the employers is not met by to-morrow (June 10). The union spokesmen also denied that they are demanding a closed shop and said that "genuine collective bargaining" was their only objective.

The American Iron and Steel Institute issued a statement on June 4 in which it said that strike threats in the industry come from union leaders who represent only a small minority of the workers. The Institute added that in the belief of the steel industry no general walkout of employees from the mills is in prospect. The statement, in part, follows:

The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers has presented to various steel companies demands for recognition of the union and has threatened a strike if its demands are not met.

Although the overwhelming majority of the 430,000 employees in the steel industry have refused to join the union and have evidenced their desire to bargain collectively through their own employee representation plans now in effect, the union seeks the exclusive right to speak for all employees and the union is receiving attention in Washington and in the press entirely out of proportion to its importance.

There is only one point at issue—the "closed shop." The by-laws of the Amalgamated Association require the closed shop. This means that employers would be required to permit only members of the union to work in the steel mills.

To accede to such a request would be rank treachery on the part of employers since it would force the employees into the union in most cases against their wishes, and compel every employee to pay tribute in the form of union dues for the right to work.

The employers in the steel industry will make no agreement that denies to their employees, whether or not they are members of the union, equal opportunity for work and advancement.

Workmen in the industry have for many years resisted all efforts of the labor unions to control their employment and to deprive the individual worker of the right to advance according to his merits.

The great majority of the employees in the steel works do not want to strike and the companies will co-operate in every way possible to enable them to remain at work.

The union leaders have attempted in public statements to convey the impression that employers in the industry have denied their employees the free right of collective bargaining. Such is not the fact.

The industry has been a leader in the development of the modern method of collective bargaining, in which the employees participate without discrimination. Under employee representation plans, representatives may be union members, if the men so choose. The employee representation plans which are in operation in the steel plants have brought about a close and harmonious relationship between management and men. That a harmonious relationship has existed is evidenced by the fact that the industry has been free from strife for many years.

Annual Convention of National Association of Credit Men to Be Held in Los Angeles June 11 to 15.

The National Association of Credit Men will hold its 39th annual convention and Fourth Credit Congress of Industry in Los Angeles, Calif., June 11 to 15. Foreign trade and export credit problems will be featured in the sessions of the convention, said an announcement by the Association, which continued:

Because the Administration at Washington is at present moving along several lines to develop over-seas trade and because of the rapid rise of export business in the past year in this country, the Association convention officials announced (May 26) that a round-table meeting will be held June 12 at the Hotel Biltmore, in Los Angeles, at which all of the credit delegates who are interested in foreign trade will analyze their problems.

Annual Convention of Advertising Federation of America to Be Held in New York City June 18-20—Broadcasting of Sessions.

Several meetings of the 30th annual convention of the Advertising Federation of America, at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, June 18 to 20, inclusive, in which both Federal and New York State and city officials are scheduled to speak, will be broadcast over the WABC-Columbia network on those dates. The opening luncheon of the convention, at which Governor Herbert H. Lehman, of New York State, and Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, of New York City, will speak, will be broadcast from the Hotel Pennsylvania Monday, June 18, from 1:30 to 2:00 p. m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The second broadcast will come from the convention's banquet, at which H. V. Kaltenborn, news commentator of the Columbia network, will be one of the principal speakers. This broadcast will be given Tuesday, June 19, from 10:30 to 11:00 p. m.

Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace will be the principal speaker in the convention's general luncheon, on Wednesday, June 20, and what he has to say will be relayed over the Columbia network from 1:15 to 1:45 p. m. Other speakers scheduled to talk at the opening luncheon on June 18 include: Edgar Kobak, President of the Advertising

Federation of America; Grover A. Whalen, President of the Advertising Club of New York; C. M. Chester, President of the General Foods Corp., and Mrs. Anna Steese Richardson, director of the Good Citizenship Bureau.

Annual Convention of National Fertilizer Association to Be Held at White Sulphur Springs June 18-20—Appraisal of Code to Be Among Matters Considered.

The tenth annual convention of the National Fertilizer Association will be held at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., June 11, 12, and 13, according to an announcement by Charles J. Brand, Executive Secretary and Treasurer. The date was originally set for June 18, 19, and 20. At the Association's convention a year ago a tentative and preliminary draft of a code for Fertilizer industry was presented and discussed. This code after undergoing many changes was finally approved on October 31 and became effective on November 10. Since then, it is stated, the industry has made much progress toward the recovery goal. Employment in March had increased 89% over March a year ago and pay rolls had increased 108%. According to the Association the present indication is that fertilizer manufacturers will make a moderate profit this year as compared to heavy losses last year.

At the time of the convention this year the industry will have been operating under its code for seven months. The discussion will be in the nature of an appraisal of the code.

Reopening of Closed Banks for Business and Lifting of Restrictions.

Since the publication in our issue of June 2 (page 3718), with regard to the banking situation in the various States, the following further action is recorded:

CALIFORNIA.

The People's Savings & Commercial Bank of Chico, Calif., which remained closed after the banking holiday, has ordered payment of 30% of the remaining commercial deposit liabilities and 15% of the remaining savings deposits, it was announced on May 29 by the State Superintendent of Banks, Edward Rainey, according to the San Francisco "Chronicle" of May 30, from which we quote further as follows:

After the bank holiday a merger and reorganization plan was put into effect, resulting in the payment of 50% of the deposit liabilities. Current payments bring liquidation to 70% of commercial and 57.5% of the savings deposits.

ILLINOIS.

The Fond du Lac State Bank of East Peoria, Ill., failed to open for business on May 28, according to Peoria advices on that date to the Chicago "Tribune," which furthermore said:

State Auditor E. J. Barrett ordered the suspension for examination and adjustment, officials assert. The bank is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

That a new bank would open in Bloomington, Ill., on June 7, was reported in the following dispatch from that place on June 5, appearing in the Chicago "Tribune":

The new National Bank of Bloomington will open Thursday (June 7) officials announced to-day. With its opening, Bloomington will have its first national bank since the bank moratorium in March 1933.

INDIANA.

The Lafayette National Bank of Lafayette, Ind., growing out of the former Fowler Bank City Trust Co. of that city, was formed on June 1 with a capital stock of \$250,000, according to Associated Press advices from Lafayette on that day, which continuing said:

Of the capital, \$150,000 will be subscribed through the RFC and \$100,000 will be subscribed locally.

The institution will be a member of the Federal Reserve System and its deposits will be insured through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Affairs of the old bank are to be liquidated.

IOWA.

The opening of a new bank to be known as the West Liberty State Bank at West Liberty, Iowa, was announced June 1 by D. W. Bates, State Superintendent of Banking, according to the Des Moines "Register" of June 2, which furthermore said:

Superintendent Bates said the new bank had agreed to take over 40% of the liabilities of three banks, the Iowa State Bank, of West Liberty, the Peoples State Bank, of West Liberty, and the Downey Savings Bank, of Downey.

The arrangement will release approximately \$500,000 to depositors of the three banks, Bates stated. All three banks have been operating under Senate File 111.

According to Bates, assets of the three banks will be liquidated through the State Banking Department in receivership proceedings.

MICHIGAN.

Following the approval of reorganization plans, the conservator and depositors of the Charlevoix State Savings

Bank of Charlevoix, Mich., have received instructions to proceed with the work of reopening, according to the "Michigan Investor" of June 2, which continuing said:

When that is completed Charlevoix will again have two banks. The Charlevoix County State Bank, which reopened earlier in the year, has enjoyed an increase of more than \$60,000 in commercial deposits since then, which is an unusual record because in past years deposits showed a seasonal tendency to decrease from Feb. 1 to June 1. Commercial deposits of the bank are now \$20,000 greater than they were a year ago.

The following in regard to the affairs of the People's Wayne County Bank of Hamtramck, Mich., appeared in the "Michigan Investor" of June 2:

A committee which will aid in obtaining waiver and consent agreements from large depositors which will make possible an additional 40% payoff by the People's Wayne County Bank of Hamtramck has been formed, it was announced by H. C. Blackman, conservator. The largest depositors in the bank already have signed the waiver and consent agreements, he said, including the Chevrolet Motor Car Co., the Chrysler Corp., the Swedish Crucible Steel Co. and the City of Hamtramck. The first three named also have subscribed for stock in the proposed reorganized bank.

The First State & Savings Bank of Howell, Mich., reopened on June 1. In indicating this the "Michigan Investor" of June 2 said in part:

Although the Howell bank opened on Friday, June 1, it cannot be said to be stepping into a new career along with blushing June brides, for it is the oldest incorporated bank operating in Livingston County. Organized 43 years ago, it still retains its identity even though having been closed and undergone a reorganization.

The First State opens as the third under the so-called "54 Bank Plan of Michigan." It has no preferred stock and no borrowed money. It has \$62,250 in capital stock, all subscribed and owned locally. It is a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. It is 80% liquid. . . .

Officers of the First State are Wm. E. Robb, President, who continues in office; Don W. Van Winkle, Vice-President, and A. L. Smith, Cashier.

We learn from the "Michigan Investor" of June 2 that the State Banking Advisory Committee has approved reorganization plans for the Maynard-Allen State Bank of Portland, Mich. Carl Derby, conservator, expects the opening to take place July 16 or soon thereafter. The paper added:

He also revealed that the bank will open with its own resources without borrowing from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation or any other source. The capital will probably be \$50,000. There was \$635,000 on deposit when the bank closed.

The Fruit Growers' State Bank of Saugatuck, Mich., reopened last week, making available 50% of their deposits to the depositors. The remaining 50% will be liquidated by the Saugatuck Depositors' Corp. The above information is obtained from the "Michigan Investor" of June 2, which added:

The bank has been closed, except for trust business, since February 1933. Officers of the new bank are: President, R. J. Walker; Vice-President, George Hoy; Cashier, L. P. Braudy; Assistant Cashier, Henry Till.

MISSOURI.

The Rockbridge Bank of Rockbridge, Ozark County, Mo., restricted since March 1933 in its operations, has been closed by its board of directors and will be liquidated by the Finance Department, according to Jefferson City, Mo., advices on June 2 appearing in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat," which also said:

This is one of the smallest banks operating under the State law and had deposits of only \$11,000 when ordered closed by the directors.

An order issued on June 4 by O. P. Moberly, State Bank Commissioner for Missouri, removed all restrictions from the operations of the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank of Huntsville, Mo., according to a Jefferson City dispatch on that day, printed in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat," which also said:

The institution has been on a restricted basis since the beginning of the banking holiday of March 1933.

NEW YORK STATE.

According to advices from Mineola, L. I., on June 6 appearing in the New York "Herald Tribune," Edwin V. Hellawell, receiver for the First National Bank of Hempstead, L. I., closed since the banking holiday of March 1933, announced on that day that an initial dividend of 50% would be paid on all deposits at an early date. He indicated that the payment, which will total about \$1,750,000, will be made within a month. The dispatch added:

The total deposits at the time the bank closed amounted to \$3,500,000. The late August Belmont was one of the organizers of the institution.

Dudley A. Wilson, Chairman of the depositors' committee of the Pelham National Bank, Pelham, N. Y., which has been in receivership since July 1933, has issued a statement declaring that in his opinion depositors should recover the full amount of their deposits if the liquidation of the bank is properly handled by the receiver, according to the New York "Herald Tribune" of June 5, which added:

This contrasts, Mr. Wilson said, with an 11% liquidating dividend authorized the middle of January 1934, the only one to date, and with

slight prospect of much more indicated. The dividend amounted to \$129,382.

The Mount Vernon Trust Co., Mount Vernon, N. Y., which had been closed or operating on a restricted basis since the banking holiday of March 1933, was opened on Tuesday morning, June 5, by order of Joseph A. Broderick, New York State Superintendent of Banks, bringing financial relief to the institution's 22,000 depositors. All restrictions had been lifted simultaneously with the filing of an order by Mr. Broderick with Bernard Koch, the County Clerk at White Plains. The above information is obtained from Mount Vernon advices on June 5 to the New York "Times," from which we quote further in part:

A happy air pervaded the city as word of the opening was spread. Fifty-five per cent of the deposits were available for withdrawal, allowing the release of more than \$3,000,000 to depositors desiring to withdraw, but late in the afternoon bank officials said that deposits had exceeded withdrawals.

The bank's deposits total about \$6,700,000, of which a part consists of trust accounts. Under the plan of reorganization, depositors receive immediate cash credit for 55% of their deposits, "together with capital stock of the reorganized trust company and certificates of beneficial interest in segregated assets to be administered by trustees in a proportion of 11 1/4 and 33 3/4%, respectively, of their deposit balances." A 10% limit on withdrawals was fixed after the banking holiday.

Superintendent Broderick said in a statement that the Mount Vernon bank "is the last of 37 institutions permitted to resume business" of the total of 46 placed on a restricted basis during the banking holiday.

The Superintendent's order said that the reorganization plan was "fair and equitable to all depositors and other creditors and stockholders, and in the public interest." The order added that depositors and other creditors representing about 80% of the bank's liabilities, other than those to be satisfied in full, and stockholders owning at least two-thirds of the outstanding capital stock had approved the reopening plan.

Among conditions upon which hinged the reopening were admittance to membership in the Federal Reserve Bank and in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The bank made also a satisfactory disposition of loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. . . .

John Leland Cross, President of the bank, said in a statement that the total liquid assets of the institution were "far in excess" of all normal requirements, with a liquidity of more than 90%.

"The plan under which the trust company reopens has been criticized, challenged and attacked," he added, "but it has fully stood the tests in both State and Federal courts and has received the complete and unqualified approval of the Federal Reserve Board, RFC, FDIC and State Banking Department." . . .

New officers of the institution, in addition to Mr. Cross, the President, were named in the dispatch as follows:

Arthur W. Mischanko, a State Banking Department representative sent to the bank during the restricted period, Vice-President and Comptroller.

Fred E. Goldman, Vice-President, formerly Assistant Vice-President of the Irving Trust Co., in charge of its office at 470 Broadway, New York, and a banker throughout his career.

John M. Bromley, Secretary and Treasurer, an officer of the bank before its reorganization.

Anthony H. Seitz, Assistant Vice-President, a business man here (Yonkers).

Charles G. Sposato, Assistant Secretary, also active in local business circles.

Albert J. Vey and Harry R. Marshall, trust officers.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The newly organized South Philadelphia National Bank of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa., which succeeds two Philadelphia banks—the Southwestern National Bank and the Sixth National Bank—both of which had been operating on a restricted basis, opened its doors on May 31. The new institution starts with a capital of \$500,000 and surplus of \$100,000, the former consisting of \$300,000 preferred stock and \$200,000 common stock. In indicating the proposed opening of the consolidated institution the next day, the Philadelphia "Record" of May 30 had the following to say in part:

Business will be conducted at both sites of the older institutions. Main offices will be at 2d and Pine Sts., the address of the former Sixth National Bank, and a branch office at Broad and South Sts., address of the old Southwestern.

With the beginning of business at 9 a. m. to-morrow (May 31), 35% will be available to depositors in the old Southwestern and 20% to depositors in the old Sixth National Bank. . . .

John B. (Jack) Kelly, Democratic City Chairman, was one of the prime movers in the reorganization plans which have been in preparation during the past 14 months. . . .

The capital is comprised of 10,000 shares of preferred stock, to be purchased by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation at \$30 a share, and 10,000 shares of common stock, purchased by the bank's stockholders at the same price.

The reorganization is set up on the so-called "Spokane plan" by which the new bank will purchase part of its assets. At the time the restriction was placed, assets of the Southwestern were placed at \$2,500,000 and those of the Sixth at \$6,500,000.

Norman C. Ives, President of the new institution, pointed out yesterday (May 30) that all real estate assets have been liquidated and that the new bank will begin without owning a dollar's worth of real property.

Even buildings in which business will be conducted have been rented from the former institutions, thus giving the old depositors the greatest possible income from the investments in these buildings, he explained.

Nor will the percentage of deposits to be made available to-morrow be all that the old depositors will get, Ives added. Further liquidation will be made and additional payments made to depositors as the process continues.

The total deposits in the Southwestern at the time of the bank holiday were approximately \$1,000,000, and those in the Sixth National approximately \$3,300,000.

Eugene Walters, former President of the Southwestern, will continue as Vice-President of the new South Philadelphia Bank. C. Russell Arnold, for a number of years the chief bank examiner for the RFC in the Third Federal Reserve District, which includes Philadelphia, will act as Vice-President and Cashier of the merged institution.

The old Southwestern was organized in 1886 and for many years was the only National bank in South Philadelphia.

The Pittsburgh "Gazette" of June 1 stated that two of the three banks in that district still operating on a restricted basis would be licensed to conduct a regular banking business, according to an announcement the previous day by Dr. William D. Gordon, State Secretary of Banking for Pennsylvania. The banks named are the Ohio Valley Bank of Pittsburgh and the Rankin Bank of Braddock. The paper mentioned continued:

Of the Braddock Trust Co., Braddock, and several others in the State, the banking chief said their future is dependent "either upon the commitments obtainable from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation or the ability of the parties at interest to obtain the necessary depositor and shareholder approval of the reorganization plans."

An extension until Sept. 1 of the effective period of the Sordani closed bank act has been proclaimed by Governor Gifford Pinchot, Gordon announced.

VIRGINIA.

Advices from Clifton Forge, Va., on June 2 to the Richmond "Dispatch," indicated that a new bank was expected to open in Clifton Forge on June 6, under the title of the Mountain National Bank, which will replace the Clifton Forge National Bank. The advices continued in part:

L. F. Pendleton's conservatorship of the Clifton Forge National Bank was terminated at noon to-day (June 2). It is anticipated that the Mountain National Bank will be open for business Wednesday June 6. This is subject to final instructions of the Comptroller of Currency.

The Mountain National Bank, which will take over the assets of the Clifton Forge National Bank, will have a capital of \$100,000 and a paid in surplus of \$20,000.

Officers in the new bank will be Walter T. Wade, Jr., President; Eugene Mathews, Vice-President; R. B. Jarratt, Active Vice-President and Cashier; W. E. Chambers, Assistant Cashier.

WISCONSIN.

Two banks in Antigo, Wis., the First National Bank and the Langlade National Bank, which had been operating on a restricted basis since the moratorium of March 1933, were closed on June 1 by order of the Comptroller of the Currency. Advices from Antigo to the Milwaukee "Sentinel," reporting the above, continuing said in part:

L. J. Bosworth, conservator at the Langlade, has been made receiver. C. J. Sadlier, receiver for a bank at Clintonville, has been placed in charge of the First National. The closings caused abandonment of reorganization plans started several weeks ago.

A week ago petitions were being circulated by depositors, urging Federal authorities to hasten opening of the two banks.

One bank now serves the community, the Fidelity Savings, operated on a 100% basis.

Associated Press advices from Madison, Wis., on June 1 stated that the Wisconsin Banking Commission on that date announced that it had authorized the Whitewater Commercial & Savings Bank, Whitewater, and the Hustler-Camp Douglas Bank, Camp Douglas, to resume operations on an unrestricted basis and to release \$243,437 and \$124,925, respectively, in deferred deposits.

Additional Banks Licensed to Resume Operations in Second (New York) District.

Supplementing its statement of May 23 (given in our issue of May 24, page 3553), the Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued the following announcement on June 6, showing additional banking institutions in the Second (New York) District which have been licensed to resume full banking operations:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

[Circular No. 1389, June 6 1934. Supplement to Circular No. 1336, as supplemented.]

To All Banking Institutions in the Second Federal Reserve District:

Supplementing information given in our circulars Nos. 1336, 1346, 1356, 1360, 1368, 1374, 1379, 1382 and 1386, the following additions should be made to the list of banking institutions in the Second Federal Reserve District which have been licensed to resume full banking operations:

MEMBER BANKS—NEW YORK STATE.

Mount Vernon—The Mount Vernon Trust Co. (Became member and received license June 4 1934.)

NEW JERSEY.

Cliffside Park—The United National Bank of Cliffside Park. (Newly chartered to succeed The Cliffside Park National Bank, The First National Bank of Fairview, and The Palisade National Bank of Fort Lee.)

Sea Bright—The Sea Bright National Bank. (Newly chartered to succeed First National Bank in Sea Bright.)

NON-MEMBER BANK—CONNECTICUT.

Bridgeport—West Side Bank. (Reopening of bank which suspended Aug. 30 1933.)

GEORGE L. HARRISON, Governor.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

At a meeting of the board of directors of The National City Bank of New York, on June 5, Leo A. Kane and Victor Schoepperle were elected vice-presidents. Mr. Kane is in

charge of the bank's bond department while Mr. Schoepperle joins its foreign department in an executive capacity.

The Irving Trust Co. of New York announced on June 5 the election of John F. McIlwain as an Assistant Secretary in its Wall Street office at 1 Wall Street.

Milton Dammann, President of the American Safety Razor Corp., has been appointed a member of the advisory committee of the Hamilton Trust Branch of The Chase National Bank of New York.

At the monthly meeting of the board of directors of The Marine Midland Trust Co. of New York on June 5, the regular quarterly dividend of 37½ cents per share was declared, in addition to a special extra dividend of 15 cents per share, making a total of 52½ cents per share. Dividend to be payable on June 21 1934 to stockholders of record at the close of business on June 18 1934. The following junior officers were promoted to the rank of Assistant Vice-Presidents:

Arthur M. R. Hughes, George C. Textor, Mervin W. Bricker, Alfred N. Wheeler Jr., R. C. Smith and George B. Paull.

The following were elected Assistant Treasurers: Wilmer S. Wrench and E. G. Stocker.

Guaranty Trust Co. of New York announces the appointment of John D. Bowen and Griffith Mark as Assistant Treasurers. Mr. Bowen was formerly Correspondent in charge of the Chicago Office of the Trust Co.

Former Governor of Massachusetts Frank G. Allen has been elected a director of the Union Trust Co. of Boston, according to the Boston "Transcript" of June 1, which also said:

Mr. Allen is Chairman of the directors of Winslow Brothers & Smith Co. and J. K. Mosser Leather Corp., a director of Winslow & Co. and other corporations, a member of the Executive Committee, Boston Chamber of Commerce; also a trustee of Boston University, Wellesley College and the Franklin Savings Bank of Boston.

Following a Federal court trial without a jury, Federal Judge Ira L. Letts on May 17 found Fred A. Young, President of the closed Leominster National Bank, Leominster, Mass., not guilty of charges said to allege abstraction and conversion of \$10,200 of the bank funds and making false entries, and ordered the defendant discharged, it was stated in the Boston "Herald" of May 18. The Leominster National Bank was closed in May 1932. Our last reference to its affairs appeared in our issue of April 22 1933, page 2738.

The Providence "Journal" of June 1 is authority for the statement that the directors of the Mechanics' National Bank of Providence, R. I., have recommended to stockholders that the institution issue \$250,000 in new preferred stock under the Banking Act of 1933 and that the bank's common stock be reduced by \$250,000. This proposal will be voted upon at a special meeting of the stockholders called for June 29. We quote further from the paper as follows:

The proposed preferred stock, to which shareholders will be entitled to subscribe in proportion to their present holdings, will have a par value of \$25 a share and will be cumulative. Interest will be paid at the rate of 4% until March 31 1939, and at the rate of 5% thereafter. The number of shares of common stock which will be outstanding after the \$250,000 reduction is approved by the Comptroller of the Currency will be 10,000 shares of a \$25 par value per share.

The \$250,000 additional funds obtained by the issue of preferred stock, if shareholders approve the issue, will be used to write down the book value of the bank's assets.

That a new dividend would probably be paid shortly to depositors in the savings department of the defunct Broadway Bank & Trust Co. of New Haven, Conn., was indicated in the New Haven "Register" of May 18, which said:

Prospects are bright for another 10% dividend to savings depositors of the closed Broadway Bank & Trust Co. in the near future, because of the material impetus being given to the bank liquidation by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, the receiver, the First National Bank & Trust Co., announced to-day.

A large number of mortgages are in the process of being exchanged for the Government bonds, which may be liquidated easily, providing the sum needed for another dividend. The bank has paid already 50% to the savings depositors and 20% on commercial accounts. According to the semi-annual report of the receiver, approved to-day in the Superior Court, there was an improvement during the last half year in collections and in the general income of the closed bank.

Practically all of the assets of the closed institution remain in the form of mortgages on real estate, as the bulk of the securities have been closed out.

The Sea Bright National Bank, Sea Bright, N. J., was chartered on June 1 by the Comptroller of the Currency. The new organization, which succeeds the First National Bank in Sea Bright, is capitalized at \$50,000, half of which

is preferred stock and half common stock. Ira D. Emery is President of the new bank and William V. Smith, Cashier.

Charles L. Inslee, Executive Vice-President of the Sussex & Merchants' National Bank of Newton, N. J., died on June 4 at his home in Fredon Township, N. J. Mr. Inslee, who was 60 years of age, was a graduate of the School of Engineering of Cornell University, and practiced as a civil engineer in New York City for a number of years before he retired.

At a special meeting attended by more than 80% of the stockholders of the Trust Co. of New Jersey, Jersey City, N. J., on June 7, the proposed flotation of \$5,000,000 of preferred stock was approved. In reporting the matter, yesterday's New York "Times" added:

The RFC has agreed to buy whatever private buyers do not take. Of the total issue, \$3,000,000 in Series A will pay 4% and the remainder, in Series B, will pay 5%.

Townsend Stites, heretofore Chairman of the finance committee of the Camden Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Camden, N. J., was elected President of the institution at a meeting of the directors on June 7, succeeding Ephraim Tomlinson, who resigned and was made Chairman of the Board of Directors, according to the Philadelphia "Inquirer" of yesterday, June 8, which went on to say:

Mr. Tomlinson stated he wished to be relieved of the arduous tasks attending the office of President and recommended Mr. Stites as his successor.

Directors of the institution also elected John H. Annis, Executive Vice-President; O. Merrill Schlosser, Trust Officer, and Frank S. Norcross, Solicitor. The latter will succeed George Reynolds Oct. 1, when Mr. Reynolds plans to retire from the active practice of law.

Mr. Stites formerly was Vice-President and General Manager of the Welsbach Co.

William J. Montgomery, a Vice-President of the First National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa., and head of the wholesale grocery firm of William Montgomery & Co., was found dead at the wheel of his automobile on June 7 at one of the entrances to Fairmount Park. Death was due to heart disease. Mr. Montgomery, who would have been 70 years old next month, was born in Philadelphia. He received his education in the public schools and after attending a business college, in 1883, with two brothers formed the grocery firm bearing his father's name. He had been senior partner of the firm since 1896. Mr. Montgomery was a trustee of the Saving Fund Society of Germantown; a member of the Philadelphia Clearing House Committee; a director of the Philadelphia Warehousing & Cold Storage Company, and of the Philadelphia "Forum."

On May 29 the First National Bank in Sykesville, Sykesville, Pa., was granted a charter by the Comptroller of the Currency. It replaces the First National Bank of Sykesville and is capitalized at \$50,000 half of which is preferred stock and half common stock. B. B. Weber is President and W. R. Semple, Cashier.

Under date of June 1, the National Bank & Trust Co. at Charlottesville, Va., was authorized to maintain a branch in the Town of Scottsville, Albermarle County, Va.

The Comptroller of the Currency on May 31 issued a charter to the La Fayette National Bank, La Fayette, Ind. The new bank succeeds the Fowler Bank City Trust Co. of La Fayette and has a capital of \$250,000, made up of \$150,000 preferred stock and \$100,000 common stock. Burr S. Swezey is President of the new institution, while Perry Davis is Cashier.

With reference to the affairs of the Farmers' Trust Co. of Indianapolis, Ind., which closed in May 1931, the Indianapolis "News" of June 2 carried the following:

The third current report of the Farmers' Trust Co. was filed Saturday (June 2) by Boyd M. Ralston, receiver, and his attorneys, H. Nathan Swain and Charles W. Richards, in Superior Court, Room 4.

It covers the period from Jan. 30 1933 to April 30 1934. Collections from rents, interests on loans and farm products sold total \$60,892.82, while in liquidating assets the receiver has taken in \$14,021.16. The total income for the period was \$74,913.98.

In the last current report Mr. Ralston showed total cash funds and assets to be \$603,716.66. The total in the most recent report showed them to be \$665,047.05. In the period covered by the new report a 12½% dividend was paid to depositors.

Operating expenses were listed at \$45,082.40, and other expenses totaled \$22,058.14. The total liabilities in the preceding report were \$685,030.58, while the current report showed \$610,033.21.

Mr. Ralston urged that the real estate property of the bank be reappraised. He said the present appraisal is too high. The bank has a balance of \$67,383.76.

The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of June 1 reported that a distribution of approximately \$360,000 would be made

on that day to depositors of the Congress Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, Ill., representing the balance of their unpaid deposits, according to an announcement by Edward J. Barrett, State Auditor of Illinois. The paper added:

The bank, which closed in June 1932, is one of the first in the State of those closing during the depression to pay off its depositors in full.

Checks for some 8,000 depositors will be available at the bank to-day (June 1), Clement H. Nance, Deputy Receiver, stated. The present distribution is made possible by a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, advances from stockholders, and the sale of unencumbered assets of the bank.

We learn from the Chicago "Tribune" of May 30 that the committee for reorganization of the defunct Cosmopolitan State Bank of Chicago, Ill., which has been closed since Feb. 17 1932, has submitted a plan for the reopening of the bank to the State Auditor. The paper continued:

Details are not available and probably will not be revealed unless the plan is approved.

With reference to the affairs of the closed Woodlawn Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, Ill., the Chicago "Tribune" of May 18 had the following to say:

Efforts are being revived to reorganize the Woodlawn Trust & Savings Bank, 1180 East 63rd Street, it was learned yesterday (May 17). Several efforts have been made since the bank closed, in June 1932, to reorganize, but the plans have fallen through each time.

The present move is sponsored by the bank's old management. No dividends have been paid. The bank paid deposits down from \$10,000,000 to \$2,000,000 before it closed. Resources which remained after the closing consisted largely of slow and "frozen" real estate assets.

On May 31 the First National Bank in Golconda, Golconda, Ill., was chartered by the Comptroller of the Currency. The new bank, which replaces the First National Bank of the same place, is capitalized at \$50,000, consisting of \$25,000 preferred and \$25,000 common stock. A. L. Robbs is President and O. R. Karley, Cashier, of the new institution.

Liquidation of the First Trust Co. of Appleton, Wis., an affiliate of the First National Bank of that city, was begun on May 24, after stockholders voted in favor of the plan, according to advices from Appleton on that date by the Associated Press, which added:

A statement by R. S. Powell, President of both the trust company and the bank, declared liquidation was forced by curtailment of business by the new Federal Securities Act and by "the limitations that have resulted from the 1933 banking laws."

On May 28 the Comptroller of the Currency issued a charter to the First National Bank in West Concord, West Concord, Minn. It succeeds the First National Bank of West Concord and is capitalized at \$50,000, consisting of \$30,000 preferred stock and \$20,000 common stock. A. W. Schmidt heads the new bank and W. E. Glarner is Cashier.

The Citizens' National Bank of Ashland, Ashland, Neb., with capital of \$50,000, was chartered by the Comptroller of the Currency on May 31. The new bank replaces the National Bank of Ashland, Ashland. J. C. Railsback and M. Lynn Judy are President and Cashier, respectively, of the new organization.

The respective depositors of two defunct Nebraska banks—the Nebraska State Bank of Bloomfield and the Firth Bank at Firth—received dividends on May 28, according to Associated Press advices from Lincoln on that date, which said:

The State Banking Department, Monday (May 28), made 5% dividend payments totaling \$12,143 to depositors of the failed Nebraska State Bank, Bloomfield, and 25%, or \$39,106, by loan from Reconstruction Finance Corporation to Firth Bank depositors.

That dividend payments to depositors of two closed Oklahoma State banks were authorized on May 29 by W. J. Barnett, the State Bank Commissioner, was indicated in the "Oklahoman" of May 30, which said in part:

Two per cent final dividend will be paid by the Bank of Commerce, Sapulpa. The last dividend totals \$4,369.05 and makes a total of 47% paid.

First dividend of 25%, totaling \$9,489.72, was authorized for the Farmers' State Bank, Ames.

As of May 26, the First National Bank of Calvin, Okla., went into voluntary liquidation. The institution, which was capitalized at \$25,000, was taken over by the First National Bank of Holdenville, Okla.

O. H. Moberly, State Finance Commissioner for Missouri, on June 2 issued a charter to the Palmyra Savings Bank, Palmyra, Marion County, Mo., according to Jefferson City, Mo., advices on June 2 printed in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat." The dispatch went on to say:

■ The new institution is capitalized by local citizens, who hold all of the stock which totals \$25,000, all paid up. It is chartered by V. B. Wilson, Andrew Lochran, J. F. Williams and others.

Plans of the Mercantile-Commerce Co., the investment affiliate of the Mercantile-Commerce Bank & Trust Co. of St. Louis, Mo., to discontinue dealing in securities, effective June 1, in compliance with the Banking Act of 1933, were announced May 28 by W. L. Hemingway, the bank's President. Details appeared in our issue of June 2, page 3756.

The First National Bank of Paris, Ky., with capital of \$100,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on May 9 last. The National Bank & Trust Co. of Paris is the successor institution.

Directors of the St. Augustine National Bank, St. Augustine, Fla., following a meeting June 2, announced the resignation of G. B. Lamar as President of the institution and the election of C. S. L'Engle, Vice-President of the Barnett National Bank of Jacksonville, Fla., as his successor. The above information is obtained from a St. Augustine dispatch to the "Florida Times-Union," which also said in part:

Mr. L'Engle has been active in the management of the local bank for the last four years as a director. . . .

Also at the meeting to-day, Charles E. Young Jr. was elected a director to succeed his father, Charles E. Young Sr.

In tendering his resignation Mr. Lamar stated that his action was due to the fact that he has not yet entirely recovered from his serious illness of the past year.

A new banking institution, the First National Bank in Waynesboro, Waynesboro, Miss., was granted a charter by the Comptroller of the Currency on June 1. It is capitalized at \$50,000, of which \$30,000 is preferred stock and \$20,000 common stock. Robert Golden heads the new bank and V. B. McWhorter is Cashier.

The Comptroller of the Currency on May 29 issued a charter to the First National Bank in DeRidder, DeRidder, La. It succeeds the First National Bank of that place and is capitalized at \$50,000, consisting of \$25,000 preferred stock and \$25,000 common stock. J. F. Sugrue heads the new institution, with J. C. Nichols as Cashier.

The First National Bank of Hamlin, Tex., went into voluntary liquidation on May 19. The institution, which was capitalized at \$40,000, was absorbed by the Farmers' & Merchants' National Bank of Hamlin.

The First State Bank of Matador, Matador, Tex., on May 25 absorbed the First National Bank of that place. The enlarged bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System.

The Vallejo Commercial National Bank, Vallejo, Calif., with capital of \$100,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on May 18. The institution was absorbed by the Bank of America, San Francisco, Calif.

Effective May 22, two California banks—the Placerville National Bank, Placerville, and the First National Bank, Grass Valley—were placed in voluntary liquidation. Both institutions were absorbed by the Bank of America, San Francisco, Calif.

Conforming to the provisions of the Banking Act of 1933, the California Securities Co., the investment affiliate of the California Bank of Los Angeles, Calif., discontinued its investment business and the underwriting and distributing of investment securities as of May 31, and the bank on June 1 opened a department to deal in United States Government and high grade State, county and municipal bonds. A letter notifying the clients and friends of the California Bank of the change said in part:

■ This department will be known as the bond department and its business will be carried on at the head office of California Bank, 625 So. Spring St., Los Angeles. Complete statistical information will be available for the use of the bank's customers and friends, and facilities for safekeeping and shipment of securities will be maintained. Its services will also consist of the execution, as agent for customers, of orders in the purchase and sale of securities, thus permitting clients to place orders through our head office or any of its branches as heretofore. This department will not have any outside representatives. . . .

A 5% dividend was paid to depositors in the commercial department of the First State Bank of Huntington Beach, Calif., according to advices from Newport Beach, Calif., on May 27, which added:

This is a total of 35% in returns to depositors, or about \$146,000.

According to Newport Beach, Calif., advices, on May 27, appearing in the Los Angeles "Times," a 10% dividend was paid recently by the commercial department of the closed First State Bank of Capistrano, Calif. There has been a total of 20% in disbursements from this bank since liquidation, the dispatch said.

H. F. Schilling, appointed receiver of the First National Bank of Beverly Hills, Calif., by the Comptroller of the Currency when bank examiners were reported to have found that institution in difficulties, has filed suits in the United States District Court against seven stockholders, seeking to recover judgments against them on stockholders' assessments, which were ordered made and collected by the Comptroller after Mr. Schilling was appointed receiver.

One additional suit was filed on a promissory note recovery action. The receiver was appointed July 26 1932. Shortly thereafter he was instructed to levy an assessment on the shareholders of the bank's stock in an effort to collect \$450,000. The Los Angeles "Times" of May 28, authority for the above, also said, in part:

. . . Richard L. Hargreaves, former President of the defunct bank, was found guilty recently of misapplying funds of the bank and was sentenced by United States District Judge Cosgrave to a Federal prison term of three years. John R. Scantlin, Vice-President of the bank, co-defendant in the case, was permitted to plead nolo contendere. He will not be sentenced until after the Hargreaves case is disposed of, Mr. Hargreaves having appealed from the jury's verdict.

That the Willapa Harbor Bank at Raymond, Wash., had been sold to the First National Bank of Seattle, Wash., and would be operated as a branch of the latter, was indicated in the Portland "Oregonian" of May 22, which went on to say:

The bank was established 18 months ago by Charles L. Lewis, Willapa lumberman, to give the community banking service, and had resources of \$437,870 as of April 30. Capital, surplus and undivided profits amounted to \$55,250. Deposits total more than \$250,000.

A charter was granted by the Comptroller of the Currency, on May 26, to the First National Bank of Tonasket, Tonasket, Wash. The new organization succeeds the First National Bank of Tonasket and is capitalized at \$50,000, made up of \$20,000 preferred stock and \$30,000 common stock. Arthur Lund is President and E. Workosky, Cashier, of the new institution.

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

Firmer prices were apparent on the Curb Exchange during the greater part of the present week, and while there was some irregularity from time to time, the changes in the general list were usually small and without special significance. There were a few special stocks in which the gains or losses reached a point or more, but these changes were largely among the miscellaneous specialties. Public utilities showed occasional periods of strength and there was some speculative interest apparent in the oil stocks, industrial issues and alcohol shares. Trading was quiet, especially on Monday when the transactions were the smallest since the first of the year. Mining and metal issues were slightly higher on Tuesday but the gains were not maintained as the pace slackened. On Friday prices in this group moved smartly upward under the leadership of Aluminum Co. of America, which forged ahead $7\frac{1}{2}$ points to 72.

Losses of two or more points among the leading industrial, mining and metal shares unsettled the entire market on Saturday and prices sagged all along the line. Some resistance was displayed by a number of the public utilities and oil stocks, but the steady flow of small selling kept the share list tumbling downward most of the day. Trading was unusually dull, the total sales barely reaching 66,000 as compared with 840,778 a year ago. Among the outstanding declines were Aluminum Co. of America, which yielded more than 2 points and Pittsburgh Plate Glass, which slipped back a similar amount. Other prominent issues closing on the down side included such active stocks as Montgomery Ward A, Sherwin-Williams, Newmont Mining, Bunker Hill-Sullivan, American Cyanamid B, National Bellas Hess and United Shoe Machinery. Greyhound Bus recovered a part of its loss of the previous day and Holly Sugar pref. also registered a modest gain on a small turnover. Hiram Walker moved ahead fractionally during the early trading and oil stocks were featureless.

Light trading was the rule on the Curb Exchange on Monday, though there was a strong tendency among the oil stocks, public utilities, alcohol shares and industrial issues to move upward. Mining and metal shares were moderately firm, but showed little change at the end of the day. Popular

speculative issues like Aluminum Co. of America, Parker Rust Proof, Montgomery Ward A and Singer Manufacturing Co. were comparatively quiet or did not appear on the tape at all. General Tire & Rubber was one of the weak spots and declined about 2 points on a single sale. International Petroleum, Niagara Hudson Power, J. B. Stetson and United Shoe Machinery were generally lower, though the declines were largely fractional. Among the active stocks showing moderate gains were such trading favorites as American Cyanamid B, Sherwin-Williams, Electric Bond & Share, Humble Oil, Ford Motor of Canada, Schiff & Co., Lake Shore Mines, American Gas, Imperial Oil of Canada, Pennroad Corp. and Swift & Co. Electric Bond & Share opened higher, but subsequently fluctuated within a very narrow range. Mining stocks were quiet and showed little change either way.

Shares on the Curb Exchange worked slightly higher on Tuesday, though the trading continued slack and without special feature. There was some irregularity during the opening hour, but most of the leaders stiffened later in the day, though the gains were generally within a comparatively narrow compass. Oil stocks were represented among the advances by Gulf Oil of Pennsylvania, which moved ahead about two points. Public utilities continued to extend their gains, though the improvement was small. Liquor shares like Hiram Walker were in moderate demand, but the movements were not especially noteworthy. Aluminum Co. of America recorded a small gain, and Lake Shore Mines and Newmont Mining did equally well. Fractional advances were also recorded by American Gas & Electric, Electric Bond & Share, Bellas Hess, Pioneer Gold and Wright Hargreaves. Miscellaneous shares closing on the downside included among others, Bunker Hill-Sullivan, National Rubber Machinery and Sherwin-Williams.

Curb prices moved irregularly higher for a brief period during the early trading on Wednesday, but the pace slackened later in the session as the specialties fell off due to profit taking. There was a brisk upward movement in the oil group, particularly in Gulf Oil and Pure Oil pref., both of which established substantial advances. In other parts of the list light gains and losses were about evenly divided. The public utility group was easier, Electric Bond & Share and American Gas & Electric slipping back fractionally, while a small gain was recorded by Niagara Hudson Power. Some of the mining and metal shares were higher at times, but, in most instances, failed to hold their advances and closed unchanged from the final prices of the previous day. Montgomery Ward A attracted a small amount of speculative attention and advanced 1½ points, while Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. tumbled downward about 3 points. Lake Shore Mines showed little activity, Newmont was fairly steady and Pioneer Gold was slightly lower. Pittsburgh Plate Glass and Teek Hughes also yielded small fractions.

Mining shares attracted the most attention on Thursday and some of the more active stocks in this group showed modest gains though, on the whole, trading was dull and without noteworthy movement. Public utilities were easier in tone, particularly issues like Electric Bond & Share, American Gas & Electric and Niagara Hudson. Oil shares were lower all along the line, Humble Oil, Gulf Oil of Pennsylvania and Standard of Indiana leading the downward swing. The demand for the alcohol stocks was slightly improved and small gains were registered by Distillers Seagram and Hiram Walker. In the motor group, Ford of Canada B (½b) was the strongest and moved briskly forward 2½ points to 39½ and Singer Manufacturing Co. (6A) closed 3 points higher at 168. Trading was again dull and without noteworthy movement.

Modest gains ranging from fractions to a point or more were registered by some of the more popular of the trading favorites on Friday as the market continued its upward swing. The turnover was the largest in some time, the volume slowly increasing as the day progressed. Oil stocks were the outstanding strong issues, South Penn Oil breaking into new high ground, followed by Gulf Oil of Pennsylvania. Mining and metal shares recorded some good advances, especially Aluminum Co. of America which surged upward 7½ points to 72.

Public utilities were moderately firm but moved within a narrow compass. Hiram Walker was the best of the liquor shares and improved about 2 points. Specialties were fairly active and made some substantial advances. As compared with Friday of last week, many prominent issues were higher, Aluminum Co. of America closing on Friday at 72 against 65 on Friday of last week, American Gas & Electric (4) at 26½

against 23½, American Light & Traction (1.60) at 14¼ against 13¼, American Superpower at 2¾ against 2½, Atlas Corporation at 11½ against 10¼, Brazil Traction & Light at 9½ against 8¾, Consolidated Gas of Baltimore (3.60) at 64 against 62¾, Creole Petroleum at 13½ against 12½, Electric Bond & Share at 16 against 13½, Ford of Canada A (½b) at 21¾ against 20½, Gulf Oil of Pennsylvania at 68¾ against 58½, Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting at 14 against 12½, Humble Oil (new) at 45¼ against 43¼, Parker Rust Proof (C3) at 59½ against 58, Pennroad Corporation at 2¾ against 2½, Singer Mfg. Co. (6A) at 171 against 165, A. O. Smith at 24½ against 23½, Standard Oil of Indiana (1) at 27¾ against 26¾, Swift & Co. at 16¾ against 15, Teek Hughes (.60) at 6¾ against 6¾, United Gas Corp. at 27½ against 2½, United Light & Power A at 3 against 2½, and United Shoe Machinery at 66½ against 65¾.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 3928.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended June 8 1934.	Stocks (Number of Shares).	Bonds (Par Value).			
		Domestic.	Foreign Government.	Foreign Corporate.	Total.
Saturday	65,980	\$1,433,000	\$48,000	\$27,000	\$1,508,000
Monday	98,010	1,990,000	51,000	107,000	2,148,000
Tuesday	131,305	2,459,000	124,000	74,000	2,657,000
Wednesday	125,680	2,739,000	104,000	85,000	2,928,000
Thursday	113,045	2,385,000	160,000	126,000	2,671,000
Friday	247,855	3,483,000	290,000	142,000	3,915,000
Total	781,875	\$14,489,000	\$777,000	\$561,000	\$15,837,000

Sales at New York Curb Exchange.	Week Ended June 8.		Jan 1 to June 8.	
	1934.	1933.	1934.	1933.
Stocks—No. of shares.	771,875	6,871,835	35,729,776	35,692,927
Bonds.				
Domestic	\$14,489,000	\$26,478,000	\$515,932,000	\$402,591,000
Foreign government	777,000	1,491,000	19,064,000	17,511,000
Foreign corporate	561,000	867,000	15,783,000	20,015,000
Total	\$15,827,000	\$28,836,000	\$550,779,000	\$440,117,000

Course of Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings this week 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, June 9) bank exchanges for all cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 4% above those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$4,798,669,212, against \$4,613,455,334 for the same week in 1933. At this center there is a gain for the five days ended Friday of 0.5%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended June 9.	1934.	1933.	Per Cent.
New York	\$2,545,791,570	\$2,533,398,628	+0.5
Chicago	189,105,791	156,770,581	+20.6
Philadelphia	226,000,000	177,000,000	+27.7
Boston	144,000,000	154,000,000	-6.5
Kansas City	56,802,170	44,199,548	+28.5
St. Louis	59,500,000	43,200,000	+37.4
San Francisco	78,871,000	69,206,000	+14.0
Pittsburgh	82,537,750	62,189,322	+32.7
Detroit	50,572,582	31,483,217	+60.6
Cleveland	51,729,612	34,830,317	+48.5
Baltimore	40,262,490	29,708,123	+35.5
New Orleans	21,437,000	13,899,000	+54.2
Twelve cities, 5 days	\$3,546,609,965	\$3,354,884,736	+5.7
Other cities, 5 days	452,281,045	461,106,360	-1.9
Total all cities, 5 days	\$3,998,891,010	\$3,815,991,096	+4.8
All cities, 1 day	799,778,202	797,464,238	+0.3
Total all cities for week	\$4,798,669,212	\$4,613,455,334	+4.0

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has to be in all cases estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ended June 2. For that week there is an increase of 4.3%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$4,494,431,173, against \$4,695,633,653 in the same week in 1933.

Outside of this city there is an increase of 19.5%, the bank clearings at this center having recorded a loss of 14.4%. We group the cities according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District, including this city, the totals show a decrease of 14.1%, and in the Boston Reserve district of 4%, but in the Philadelphia Reserve District there is an increase of 25.5%. The Cleveland Reserve District records an expansion of 21.2%, the Richmond Reserve District of 42%, and the Atlanta Reserve District of 47.8%. The

Chicago Reserve District enjoys a gain of 34%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 12.5% and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 5.7%. The Kansas City Reserve District has enlarged its totals by 28.1%, the Dallas Reserve District by 39.9% and the San Francisco Reserve District by 10.1%.

In the following we furnish a summary of Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week Ended June 2 1934, 1934, 1933, Inc.or Dec., 1932, 1931. Rows: Federal Reserve Dists. 1st Boston, 2nd New York, 3rd Philadelphia, 4th Cleveland, 5th Richmond, 6th Atlanta, 7th Chicago, 8th St. Louis, 9th Minneapolis, 10th Kansas City, 11th Dallas, 12th San Fran. Total, Outside N. Y. City, Canada.

We also furnish to-day a summary of the clearings for the month of May. For that month there is an increase for the entire body of clearing houses of 14.5%, the 1934 aggregate of clearings being \$22,961,950,133, and the 1933 aggregate \$20,046,992,727. In the New York Reserve District the totals record a gain of 8.3%, in the Boston Reserve District of 10.0% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 27.2%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals show an expansion of 37.2%, in the Richmond Reserve District of 40.4% and in the Atlanta Reserve District of 36.0%. The Chicago Reserve District has enlarged its totals by 47.2%, the St. Louis Reserve District by 21.6% and the Minneapolis Reserve District by 13.5%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the increase is 29.7%, in the Dallas Reserve District 26.7% and in the San Francisco Reserve District 15.7%.

Table with columns: May 1934, May 1933, Inc.or Dec., May 1932, May 1931. Rows: Federal Reserve Dists. 1st Boston, 2nd New York, 3rd Philadelphia, 4th Cleveland, 5th Richmond, 6th Atlanta, 7th Chicago, 8th St. Louis, 9th Minneapolis, 10th Kansas City, 11th Dallas, 12th San Fran. Total, Outside N. Y. City, Canada.

We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the five months for each year back to 1931:

Table with columns: 5 Months 1934, 5 Months 1933, Inc.or Dec., 5 Months 1932, 5 Months 1931. Rows: Federal Reserve Dists. 1st Boston, 2nd New York, 3rd Philadelphia, 4th Cleveland, 5th Richmond, 6th Atlanta, 7th Chicago, 8th St. Louis, 9th Minneapolis, 10th Kansas City, 11th Dallas, 12th San Fran. Total, Outside N. Y. City, Canada.

CLEARINGS FOR MAY, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 2.

Large table with columns: Clearings at—, Month of May, Five Months Ended May 31, Week Ended June 2. Rows: First Federal Reserve District—Boston, Me.—Bangor, Portland, Mass.—Boston, Fall River, Holyoke, Lowell, New Bedford, Springfield, Worcester, Conn.—Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury, R. I.—Providence, N. H.—Manchester, Total (14 cities).

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for May and the five months of 1934 and 1933 are given below:

Table with columns: Description, Month of May, Five Months. Rows: Stock, number of shares, Bonds, Railroad & miscell. bonds, State, foreign, &c., bonds, U. S. Government bonds, Total bonds.

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange for the five months of 1931 to 1934 is indicated in the following:

Table with columns: Month of January, February, March, First quarter, April, May. Rows: 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931.

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 1934 and 1933:

MONTHLY CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Month, Clearings, Total All, Clearings Outside New York. Rows: Jan, Feb, Mar, 1st q., April, May.

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of May and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES IN MAY.

Table with columns: City, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Rows: 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, Salt Lake City, Hartford, Total, Other cities, Outside N. Y. City.

We now add our detailed statement showing the figures for each city separately for May and since Jan. 1 for two years and for the week ended June 2 for four years:

(CLEARINGS—Continued).

Table with columns for 'Clearings at—', 'Month of May', 'Five Months Ended May 31', and 'Week Ended June 2'. It lists clearing amounts for various cities and states, including New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, and St. Louis, with sub-columns for 1934 and 1933 values and percentage changes.

Table of bank liquidations and transfers. Includes entries for Philadelphia National Bank, First National Bank in Traer, Iowa, First National Bank in Golconda, Ill., Citizens National Bank of Ashland, Neb., LaFayette National Bank, LaFayette, Ind., First National Bank in Waynesboro, Miss., and Sea Bright National Bank.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table of voluntary liquidations. Includes entries for Gouverneur National Bank, N.Y.; First National Bank of Calvin, Okla.; First National Bank of Cecil, Pa.; Vallejo Commercial National Bank, Calif.; Placerville National Bank, Calif.; First National Bank in Grass Valley, Calif.; and First National Bank of Gladstone, Mich.

CONSOLIDATION.

Table of consolidation. Includes entry for Crocker First National Bank of San Francisco, Calif., consolidated to-day under the provisions of the Act of Nov. 7, 1918.

BRANCH AUTHORIZED.

Table of branch authorization. Includes entry for National Bank & Trust Co. at Charlottesville, Va.

AUCTION SALES.

Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Jersey City, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

Table of auction sales. Lists various securities such as Jasper Land Co. stock, Banisella Corp. stock, Municipal Florida Land Owners, Inc. stock, and various bonds, with their respective prices and terms.

Table of dividends for By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia. Lists various stocks and bonds with their respective dividend amounts and dates.

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 of dividends. Columns include Name of Company, Per Share, When Payable, and Holders of Record. Lists numerous companies such as Agricultural Insurance, American Bakeries Corp., American Express Co., and many others.

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., Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1., and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1933. Rows list various stocks like Adams Express, Adams Mills, and American Brake Shoe.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. ‡ Optional sale. †† Cash sale. ‡‡ Ex-rights.

FOR SALE DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE THIRD PAGE PRECEDING

Table with columns for High and Low Sale Prices (Saturday to Friday), Sales for the Week, Stocks (Indus. & Miscell., NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE), Per Share (Lowest, Highest), and Per Share Range for Preceding Year 1933 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various companies like Best & Co., Bethlehem Steel Corp., and many others.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. a Official sale. c Cash sale. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE FOURTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday June 2 to Friday June 8), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1933. Lists various stocks like Davaga Stores Corp, Deere & Co, Detroit Edison, etc.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. a Options sale. c Cash sale. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE FIFTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday), sales for the week, stock names, and per share prices (Lowest and Highest). Includes a list of various stocks such as Hacksack Water, Hahn Dept Stores, Hall Printing, etc.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. ‡ Optional sale. † Cash sale. ‡ Sold 1/2 days. † Ex-dividend. ‡ 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.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday June 2 to Friday June 8) and rows for various stock prices per share.

Sales for the Week.

Table with columns for 'Shares' and 'Sales for the Week' for various stock entries.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Main table listing various stocks with columns for 'Indus. & Miscell. (Con.)', 'Par', 'Shares', and 'Sales for the Week'.

PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots.

Table with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices per share for various stocks.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1933.

Table with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices per share for various stocks, comparing to the previous year.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. ‡ Optional sale. c Cash sale. s Sold 15 days. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SEVENTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday June 2 to Friday June 8), Shares, and various stock listings including Indus. & Miscell., Pittston Co., Plymouth Oil Co., etc. Includes sub-headers like 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.' and 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1.'.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. a Optional sale. c Cash sale. r Ex-dividend. v Ex-rights.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE EIGHTH PAGE PRECEDING.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday June 2, Monday June 4, Tuesday June 5, Wednesday June 6, Thursday June 7, Friday June 8) and 'Sales for the Week'. Rows list various stocks and their prices per share.

Main table with columns: 'Shares', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots' (Lowest, Highest), and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1933' (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks including Indus. & Miscell., The Fal..., Thermoid Co., Third Nat Investors, etc.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. a Optional sale. c Cash sale. s Sold 7 days. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

On Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

NOTICE.—Cash and deferred delivery sales are disregarded in the week's range, unless they are the only transactions of the week, and when selling outside of the regular weekly range are shown in a footnote in the week in which they occur. No account is taken of such sales in computing the range for the year.

Main table containing bond listings for U.S. Government, State & City, Foreign Govt. & Municipal, and Foreign Govt. & Munic. (Con.) with columns for interest period, price, week's range, and range since Jan. 1.

For footnotes see page 3923.

NOTE.—Sales of State and City securities occur very rarely on the New York Stock Exchange, dealings in such securities being almost entirely over the counter. Bid and asked quotations, however, by active dealers in these securities, will be found on a subsequent page under the general head of "Quotations for Unlisted Securities."

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended June 8, Interest Period, Price Friday June 8, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Foreign Govt. & Munic., Santa Fe, Saxon Pub Wks, Sinking fund, Serbs Croats & Slovenes, Nov 1 1935 coupon, External ser 7 1/2 ser B, Nov 1 1935 coupon on 1962, Silesia (Prov of) extl 7 1/2, Silesian Landowners Assn 6 1/2, Solosons (City of) extl 6 1/2, Styria (Prov) external 7 1/2, Sweden external loan 5 1/2, Sydney (City) s f 5 1/2, Taiwan Elec Pow s f 5 1/2, Tokyo City 5 1/2, External s f 5 1/2 guar., Tolla (Dept of) extl 7 1/2, Trondhjem (City) 1st 5 1/2, Upper Austria (Prov) 7 1/2, External s f 6 1/2 June 15 1957, Uruguay (Rep of) extl 6 1/2, Aug 1 1934 coupon, External s f 6 1/2, Nov 1934 coupon on 1960, External s f 6 1/2, May 1 1964, Nov 1934 coupon on 1964, Venetian Prov Mtge Bank 7 1/2, Vienna (City of) extl s f 6 1/2, Unmatured coupons attached, Warsaw (City) external 7 1/2, Yokohama (City) extl 6 1/2, Ala Gt Sou 1st cons A 5 1/2, Ala & Sunc 1st guar 3 1/2, Alleg & West 1st 4 1/2, Alleg Val gen guar 4 1/2, Ann Arbor 1st 4 1/2, Atch Top & S Fe—Gen g 4 1/2, Adjustment gold 4 1/2, Stamped, Conv gold 4 1/2 of 1909, Conv 4 1/2 of 1905, Conv g 4 1/2 issue of 1910, Conv deb 4 1/2, Rocky Mtn Div 1st 4 1/2, Trans-Con Short L 1st 4 1/2, Cal-Aris 1st & ref 4 1/2, Atl Knox & Nor 1st g 5 1/2, Atl & Charl A L 1st 4 1/2, 1st 30-year 6 1/2 series B, Atlantic City 1st cons 4 1/2, Atl Coast Line 1st cons 4 1/2, General unified 4 1/2, L & N conf 4 1/2, Atl & Dan 1st g 4 1/2, 2d 4 1/2, Atl & Yad 1st guar 4 1/2, Austin & N W 1st g 5 1/2, Balt & Ohio 1st g 4 1/2, Refund & gen 5 1/2 series A, 1st gold 5 1/2, Ref & gen 6 1/2 series C, P L E & W Va Sys ref 4 1/2, Southwest Div 1st 5 1/2, Tol & Cin Div 1st ref 4 1/2, Ref & gen 5 1/2 series D, Conv 4 1/2, Ref & gen M 5 1/2 ser F, Bangor & Aroostook 1st 5 1/2, Con ref 4 1/2, Battle Crk & Stur 1st g 4 1/2, Beech Creek 1st g 3 1/2, 2d guar g 3 1/2, Beech Creek ext 1st g 3 1/2, Belvidere Del ext 1st g 3 1/2, Big Sandy 1st 4 1/2 guar, Boston & Maine 1st 5 1/2, 1st M 5 1/2 series II, 1st g 4 1/2 ser JJ, Boston & N Y Air Line 1st 4 1/2, Bruns & West 1st g 4 1/2, Buff Roch & Pitts gen 5 1/2, Consol 4 1/2, Burl C R & Nor 1st & coll 5 1/2, Canada Sou cons g 5 1/2, Canadian Nat guar 4 1/2, 30-year gold guar 4 1/2, Guaranteed gold 4 1/2, Guaranteed g 5 1/2, Guaranteed g 6 1/2, Guar gold 4 1/2, Guar g 4 1/2, Guar g 4 1/2, Canadian North deb s f 7 1/2, 25-year s f deb 6 1/2, 10-yr gold 4 1/2, Canadian Pac Ry 4 1/2 deb stock, 5 1/2 equip tr ctt, Coll tr g 5 1/2, Coll tr g 5 1/2, Collateral trust 4 1/2, Caro Cent 1st cons g 4 1/2, Caro Clinch & O 1st 30-yr 5 1/2, 1st & cons g 6 1/2 ser A, Dec 15 '52, Cart & Ad 1st g 4 1/2, Cent Branch U P 1st g 4 1/2, Central of Ga 1st g 5 1/2, Consol gold 5 1/2, Ref & gen 5 1/2 series B, Ref. & gen 5 1/2 series C, Chatt Div pur money g 4 1/2, Mac & Nor Div 1st g 5 1/2, Mid Ga & Atl Div pur m 5 1/2, Mobile Div 1st g 5 1/2, Cent New Engl 1st g 4 1/2, Cent RR & Bkg of Ga coll 5 1/2, Central of N J gen 6 1/2, General 4 1/2, Cent Pac 1st ref g 4 1/2, Through Short L 1st g 4 1/2, Guaranteed g 5 1/2, Charleston & Sav'h 1st 7 1/2, Ches & Ohio 1st cons g 5 1/2, General gold 4 1/2, Ref & Impt 4 1/2, Ref & Impt 4 1/2 ser B, Craig Valley 1st 5 1/2, Potts Creek Branch 1st 4 1/2

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended June 8, Interest Period, Price Friday June 8, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Railroads, Ches & Ohio, R & A Div 1st cons g 4 1/2, 2d cons gold 4 1/2, Warm Spring R 1st g 5 1/2, Chic & Alton RR ref g 3 1/2, Chic Burl & Q—III Div 3 1/2, Illinois Division 4 1/2, General 4 1/2, 1st & ref 4 1/2 ser B, 1st & ref 5 1/2 ser A, Chicago & East Ill 1st 6 1/2, C & E III Ry (new co) gen 5 1/2, Certificates of deposit, Chicago & Erie 1st gold 5 1/2, Chicago Great West 1st 4 1/2, Chic Ind & Louis ref 6 1/2, Refunding gold 5 1/2, Refunding 4 1/2 series C, 1st & gen 5 1/2 series A, 1st & gen 6 1/2 series B, Chic Ind & So 60-year 4 1/2, Chic L S & East 1st 4 1/2, Chic M & St P gen 4 1/2 ser A, Gen g 3 1/2 ser B, Gen 4 1/2 ser C, Gen 4 1/2 ser E, Gen 4 1/2 ser F, Chic Milw St P & Pac 5 1/2, Conv ad 5 1/2, Chic & No West gen g 3 1/2, General 4 1/2, Stpd 4 1/2 non-p Fed inc tax '87, Gen 4 1/2 stpd Fed inc tax 1987, Gen 6 1/2 stpd Fed inc tax 1987, 4 1/2 stamped, 15-year secured g 6 1/2, 1st ref g 5 1/2, 1st & ref 4 1/2 stpd, Conv 4 1/2 series A, Chic E R I & P Ry gen 4 1/2, Certificates of deposit, Refunding gold 4 1/2, Certificates of deposit, Secured 4 1/2 series A, Certificates of deposit, Conv g 4 1/2, Ch St L & N O 5 1/2, Gold 3 1/2, Memphis Div 1st 4 1/2, Chic T H & So East 1st 6 1/2, Ine gen 5 1/2, Chic Un Sta 1st 4 1/2, 1st 5 1/2 series B, Guarantied g 5 1/2, 1st guar 6 1/2 series C, Chic & West Ind con 4 1/2, 1st ref 5 1/2 series A, Chic Okla & Gulf cons 5 1/2, Cin H & D 2d gold 4 1/2, C I St L & C 1st g 4 1/2, Cin Leb & Nor 1st con g 4 1/2, Cin Union Term 1st 4 1/2, 1st mtge 5 1/2 series C, Clearfield & Mah 1st g 5 1/2, Cleve Cin Chl & St L gen 4 1/2, General 5 1/2 series B, Ref & Impt 6 1/2 ser C, Ref & Impt 5 1/2 ser D, Ref & Impt 4 1/2 ser E, Calro Div 1st gold 4 1/2, Cin W & M Div 1st g 4 1/2, St L Div 1st coll tr 4 1/2, Spr & Col Div 1st g 4 1/2, W W Val Div 1st g 4 1/2, Cleveland & Mahon Val g 5 1/2, Clef & Mar 1st g 4 1/2, Clef & P gen g 4 1/2 ser B, Series B 3 1/2, Series A 4 1/2, Series D 3 1/2, Series C 3 1/2, Cleve Sho Line 1st g 4 1/2, Cleve Union Term 1st 5 1/2, 1st s f 5 1/2 series B, 1st s f guar 4 1/2 series C, Coal River Ry 1st g 4 1/2, Colo & South ref & ext 4 1/2, General mtge 4 1/2 ser A, Col & H V 1st ext g 4 1/2, Col & Tol 1st ext 4 1/2, Conn & Passum Ry 1st 4 1/2, Consol Ry non-cony deb 4 1/2, Non-cony deb 4 1/2, Non-cony deb 4 1/2, Cuba RR Ry 1st 5 1/2, Cuba RR 1st 50-year 5 1/2, 1st ref 7 1/2 series A, 1st lien & ref 6 1/2 ser B, Del & Hudson 1st & ref 4 1/2, Gold 5 1/2, D R R & Bridge 1st g 4 1/2, Den & R G 1st cons g 4 1/2, Consol gold 4 1/2, Den & R G West gen 5 1/2 Aug 1955, Assented (sub j to plan), Ref & Impt 5 1/2 ser B, Des M & Et Dodge 4 1/2 cts, Des Plaines Val 1st g 4 1/2, Det & Mac 1st lien g 4 1/2, Second gold 4 1/2, Detroit River Tunnel 4 1/2, Dul Missabe & Nor gen 5 1/2, Dul & Iron Range 1st 5 1/2, Dul Sou Shores & Atl g 5 1/2, East Ry Minn Nor Div 1st 4 1/2, East T Va & Ga Div 1st 5 1/2, Elgin Joliet & East 1st g 5 1/2, El Paso & S W 1st 5 1/2, Erie & Pitts g 3 1/2 ser B, Erie C 3 1/2, Erie RR 1st cons g 4 1/2 prior, Erie 1st cons g 4 1/2, 1st cons gen lien g 4 1/2, Penn coll trust gold 4 1/2, 50-year cony 4 1/2 series A, Series B, Gen cony 4 1/2 series D, Ref & Impt 5 1/2 of 1927, Ref & Impt 5 1/2 of 1930, Erie & Jersey 1st s f 6 1/2, Genesee River 1st s f 6 1/2, Fla Cent & Pen 1st cons g 5 1/2

For footnotes see page 3923.

Main table containing bond listings for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended June 8.' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended June 8.' with columns for Interest, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1.

For footnotes see page 3923

Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended June 8. Includes columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price Friday June 8, Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and Bonds Sold. Lists various industrial and municipal bonds.

Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended June 8. Includes columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price Friday June 8, Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and Bonds Sold. Lists various industrial and municipal bonds.

Matured Bonds

(Negotiability Impaired by Maturity)

Table of MATURED BONDS. N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended June 8. Includes columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price Friday June 8, Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and Bonds Sold. Lists various foreign, municipal, railroad, industrial, and utility bonds.

7 Cash sale not included in Year's Range.
8 Deferred delivery sale not included in Year's Range.
* Look under list of Matured Bonds on this page.
† Accrued interest payable at exchange rate of \$4.8665.
‡ Companies reported in receivership.
z Deferred delivery sales in which no account is taken in computing the range, are given below.
Adriatic Elec. 7s 1952, June 6 at 91 1/2.
Antwerp 6s 1958, June 6 at 92 1/2.
Buenos Aires 6s 1961, June 4 at 46 1/2.
Copenhagen 4 1/2s 1953, June 4 at 73 1/2.
Gt. Brit. & Ire. 4s 1990, June 7 at 114 1/2.
Lou. & Nash. 5 1/2s 2003, June 6 at 105.
St. Louis div. 3s 1980, June 6 at 71.
Montecatini 7s 1937, June 8 at 90 3/4.
Poland 6s 1940, June 7 at 73 1/2.
Warren Bros. 6s 1941, June 5 at 50 1/2.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, June 2 to June 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Railroads, Miscellaneous, and Bonds.

z Ex-dividend. * No par value.

CHICAGO SECURITIES

Listed and Unlisted

Paul H. Davis & Co.

Members: New York Stock Exchange, Chicago Stock Exchange, New York Curb (Associate), Chicago Curb Exchange. 37 So. La Salle St., CHICAGO

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, June 2 to June 8, 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 Stocks, Bonds, and Common.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Stocks, Bonds, and Common.

* No par value. z Ex-dividend

Toronto Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Stock Exchange, June 2 to June 8, 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 stock listings such as Abitibi Pow & Pap, Canadian Canners, and various industrial and utility stocks.

Toronto Stock Exchange—Curb Section.—Record of transactions in the Curb Section of the Toronto Stock Exchange, June 2 to June 8, 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 listings for Beath & Son W D, Brewing Corp, and various other curb stocks.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes listings for Ontario Silknet, Power Corp of Can, Rogers Majestic, and various other stocks.

Montreal Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Montreal Stock Exchange, June 2 to June 8, 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 listings for Agnew-Surpass Shoe, Bathurst Pow & Pap, Bell Telephone, and various other Montreal stocks.

Montreal Curb Market.—Record of transactions at the Montreal Curb Market, June 2 to June 8, 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 listings for Asbestos Corp, Asso Breweries of Can, and other curb market stocks.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded)—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices. Low. High., Sales for Week. Shares., Range Since Jan. 1. Low. High. Includes entries for Asso Oil & Gas Co Ltd, Bathurst Pow & Pap B, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, June 2 to June 8, 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 for Bankers Securities pref. 50, Bell Tel Co of Pa pref. 100, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, June 2 to June 8, 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 for Arundel Corporation, Atlantic C Line (Conn), Black & Decker com., etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—See page 3897.

OHIO SECURITIES Listed and Unlisted GILLIS, WOOD & CO. Members Cleveland Stock Exchange Union Trust Bldg.—Cherry 5050 CLEVELAND, - - - OHIO

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, June 2 to June 8, 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 for Brown Fence & Wire Cl "B", Central United Natl., City Ice & Fuel, etc.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, June 2 to June 8, 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 for Beck & Corbett pref., Brown Shoe common, Corno Mills common, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) - Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like International Shoe com., Laclede Steel com., National Candy com., etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Rainier Pulp & Paper Co., Shell Union Oil com., Southern Pacific Co., etc.

BALLINGER & CO.

Members Cincinnati Stock Exchange UNION TRUST BLDG., CINCINNATI

Specialists in Ohio Listed and Unlisted Stocks and Bonds

Wire System—First of Boston Corporation

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transaction at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, June 2 to June 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Aluminum Industries, Amer Laundry Mach., Amer Products com., etc.

San Francisco Curb Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Curb Exchange, June 2 to June 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Amer Tel & Tel., Anglo Nat Corp., Argonaut Mining, etc.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, June 2 to June 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Alaska Juneau Gold Min, Assoc Gas & Elec A., Bolsa Chica Oil A., etc.

New York Produce Exchange Securities Market.—Following is the record of transactions at the New York Produce Exchange Securities Market, June 2 to June 8, both inclusive, compiled from sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Abitibi Power, Admiralty Alaska, Aetna Brew, etc.

Table of stock prices and ranges for various companies, including Austin Silver, Bagdad Copper, Beneficial Indus pr A, etc.

New York Curb Exchange—Weekly and Yearly Record

NOTICE.—Cash and deferred delivery sales are disregarded in the week's range, unless they are the only transactions of the week, and when selling outside of the regular weekly range are shown in a footnote in the week in which they occur.

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (June 2 1934) and ending the present Friday, (June 8 1934).

Main table of stock prices and ranges for various companies, including Acetel Products of A, Acme Wire v t c, Aero Supply Mfg Co, etc.

Table with columns for Stocks (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and Stocks (Concluded) with similar columns. The table lists various companies and their stock performance metrics.

Table with multiple columns: Public Utilities (Concluded), Mining (Concluded), Bonds, and various stock listings. Columns include Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and specific date ranges (e.g., Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun). Rows list numerous companies and their financial metrics.

Table of financial data including bond prices, sales, and ranges since Jan. 1. Columns include Bond description, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (\$), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High), and additional bond details for a second set of bonds.

Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday June 8

Port of New York Authority Bonds.

Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Arthur Kill Bridges, Geo. Washington Bridge, etc.

U. S. Insular Bonds.

Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Philippine Government, Honolulu 5s, U S Panama 3s June 1 1961, 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, World War Bonus, Institution Building, etc.

New York City Bonds.

Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes a3s May 1935, a3s May 1954, a3s Nov 1954, etc.

New York Bank Stocks.

Table with columns: Bank Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Bank of Manhattan, Bank of Yorktown, etc.

Trust Companies.

Table with columns: Company Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Banca Comm Italiana, Bank of New York & Tr., etc.

Public Utility Stocks.

Table with columns: Utility Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Alabama Power, Arkansas Pr & Lt, Asco Gas, etc.

Guaranteed Railroad Stocks.

(Guarantor in Parenthesis.)

Table with columns: Railroad Name, Par, Dividend, Bid, Ask. Includes Alabama & Vicksburg, Albany & Susquehanna, Allegheny & Western, etc.

Public Utility Bonds.

Table with columns: Bond Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Amer SPS 5 1/2s 1948, Amer Wat Wks & Elec 5s '75, etc.

Investment Trusts.

Table with columns: Trust Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Administered Fund, Amer Bankstocks Corp, Amer Business Shares, etc.

Sugar Stocks.

Table with columns: Sugar 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. w When issued. z Ex-dividend

Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday June 8—Concluded

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, and company names like Amer Dist Teleg (N J) com, Cincin & Sub Bell Teleg, etc.

Aeronautical Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, and company names like Aviation Sec Corp (N E), Central Airports, etc.

Chain Store Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, and company names like Bohack (H C) com, 7% preferred, Butler (James) com, etc.

Insurance Companies.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, and company names like Aetna Casualty & Surety, Hartford Fire, etc.

Industrial Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, and company names like American Arch \$1, American Book \$4, American Canadian Prop., 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: Active Issues, Bid, Ask, and company names like Allerton N Y Corp cts., Butler Hall 6s, etc.

Industrial and Railroad Bonds.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, and company names like Adams Express 4s, American Meter 6s, etc.

Short Term Securities.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, and company names like Allis-Chal Mfg 5s May 1937, Amer Wat Wks 5s, etc.

Chicago Bank Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, and company names like Amer Nat Bank & Trust, Continental Ill Bank & Trust, etc.

Railroad Equipments.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, and company names like Atlantic Coast Line 6s, Equipment 6 1/2s, etc.

Water Bonds.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, and company names like Alton Water 5s 1956, Ark Wat 1st 5s A 1956, etc.

* No par value. d Last reported market. e Defaulted. z Ex dividend.

General Corporation and Investment News

RAILROAD—PUBLIC UTILITY—INDUSTRIAL—MISCELLANEOUS.

Below will be found in alphabetical arrangement current news pertaining to all classes of corporate entities—railroad, public utility and industrial companies. This information was heretofore given under classified headings, such as Current Earnings, Financial Reports, Steam Railroads, Public Utilities and Industrial and Miscellaneous.

Monthly Gross Earnings of Railroads.—The following are comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), of all the Class I roads in the country reporting monthly returns to the Inter-State Commerce Commission:

Month.	Gross Earnings.			Length of Road.		
	1933.	1932.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	Per Cent.	1933.	1932.
	\$	\$	\$		Miles	Miles
January	228,889,421	274,890,197	-46,000,776	-16.73	241,881	241,901
February	213,851,168	266,231,186	-52,380,018	-19.67	241,189	241,467
March	219,857,606	288,880,547	-69,022,941	-23.89	240,911	241,489
April	227,300,543	267,480,682	-40,180,139	-15.02	241,680	242,160
May	257,963,036	254,378,672	+3,584,364	+1.41	241,484	242,143
June	281,353,909	245,869,626	+35,484,283	+14.43	241,455	242,333
July	297,185,484	237,493,700	+59,691,784	+25.13	241,348	241,906
August	300,520,299	251,782,311	+48,737,988	+19.36	241,166	242,358
September	295,506,009	272,059,765	+23,446,244	+8.62	240,992	239,904
October	297,690,747	298,084,387	-393,640	-0.13	240,858	242,177
November	260,503,983	253,225,641	+7,278,342	+2.87	242,708	244,143
December	248,057,612	245,760,336	+2,297,276	+0.93	240,338	240,950
	1934.	1933.			1934.	1933.
January	257,719,855	226,276,523	+31,443,332	+13.90	239,444	241,337
February	248,104,297	211,882,826	+36,221,471	+17.10	239,389	241,263
March	292,775,785	217,773,265	+75,002,520	+34.44	239,228	241,194
April	265,022,239	224,565,926	+40,456,313	+18.02	239,109	241,113

Month	Net Earnings.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	
	1933.	1932.	Amount.	Per Cent.
	\$	\$	\$	
January	45,603,287	45,964,987	-361,700	-0.79
February	41,460,593	56,187,604	-14,727,011	-26.21
March	42,100,029	68,356,042	-26,256,013	-38.94
April	52,585,047	56,261,840	-3,676,793	-6.55
May	74,844,410	47,416,270	+27,428,140	+57.85
June	94,448,669	47,018,729	+47,429,940	+100.87
July	100,482,838	46,148,017	+54,334,821	+117.74
August	96,108,921	62,553,029	+33,555,892	+53.64
September	94,222,438	83,092,822	+11,129,616	+13.39
October	91,000,573	98,337,561	-7,336,988	-7.46
November	66,866,614	63,963,092	+2,904,522	+4.54
December	59,129,403	87,861,144	+2,731,741	+2.19
	1934.	1933.		
January	62,262,469	44,978,266	+17,284,203	+38.43
February	59,923,775	40,914,074	+19,009,701	+46.46
March	83,939,285	42,447,013	+41,492,272	+97.75
April	65,253,473	51,640,515	+13,612,958	+26.36

Earnings of Large Telephone Companies.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission at Washington has issued a monthly statement of the earnings of large telephone companies having an annual operating revenue in excess of \$250,000. Below is a summary of the return:

	No. of Co. Service.	Operating Stations in Revenues.	Operating Expenses.	Operating Income.
March 1934	14,580,807	82,614,610	57,763,261	16,621,439
March 1933	14,775,837	78,927,604	57,389,026	14,253,863
3 months ended March 1934	242,710,820	169,345,189	49,136,251	
3 months ended March 1933	234,718,977	171,169,777	41,378,040	

Aberdeen & Rockfish RR.—Construction.

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 22 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct an extension of its line of railroad approximately one mile easterly from the eastern end of its so-called Poe branch spur to the site on the western bank of the Cape Fear River where certain docks are to be constructed, all in the city limits of Fayetteville, Cumberland County, N. C.—V. 134, p. 3451.

Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.—Receivers' Clfs.

Justice A. C. Kingston recently gave to G. T. Clarkson, Manager and Receiver of the company, authority to borrow up to \$1,000,000 on receivers' certificates. This is in addition to borrowings up to \$2,500,000 authorized by previous court orders.—C. 138, p. 3594.

Addressograph-Multigraph Corp.—Additional Orders.

The corporation has received orders for \$38,000 worth of its office machine equipment from the Indiana Motor Vehicle Bureau, Indianapolis; a \$43,000 order from Allegheny County, Pa., for equipment to be used in the collection of taxes, and orders aggregating \$97,699 from one of the Federal Government's corporations.

Develops New Line of Equipment.

The corporation announces the development of an entirely new line of equipment specifically designed to meet the demand for industrial form writing or factory record keeping. Many of the most revolutionary developments in both the Addressograph and Multigraph divisions have been adapted for utilization in the shoe, clothing, textile, electrical and machine industries, according to the company. The development of this equipment was prompted by the desire of manufacturers to reduce factory costs, insure accuracy and speed up the clerical work connected with manufacturing.

As an aid to these industries, the company has made an analysis of the various factory form systems covering all sizes and kinds of factories to which the Addressograph-Multigraph line can be adapted. The company has also instituted a special course of training in the use of this equipment for all Addressograph-Multigraph representatives.—V. 138, p. 3759.

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.—Earnings.

Period End.	May 31—1934	Month—1933.	5 Mos.—1933.
Gross earnings	\$357,500	\$256,500	\$1,863,350
Net profit after operating expenses and develop. charges, but before deprec'n, deplet. & Fed. taxes	\$188,000	101,000	991,750
x Includes gold premium.—V. 138, p. 3759.			473,900

Amalgamated Sugar Co.—New Chairman.

Claude A. Boettcher, a director of the Great Western Sugar Co., has been elected Chairman of the board of the Amalgamated Sugar Co., and A. W. Ivins has been re-elected President.—V. 138, p. 2734.

Allied General Corp.—Earnings.

Earnings for Three Months Ended March 31 1934.		
Interest earned		\$375
Expenses		3,075
Net loss		\$2,700
Previous deficit		51,384
Loss on sales of securities during period		188
Deficit		\$54,272
Profit realized on liquid. of investment in affiliated company		12,308
Deficit March 31		\$41,964

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Mar. 31 '34.	Dec. 31 '33.	May 31 '34.	Dec. 31 '33.
Cash in bank	\$88,582	\$16,012	\$16,126
Securities owned	35,967	122,347	
z Treas. st'k. (cost)	194,588	194,588	
Partic. in General American Life Insurance Co. syndicate	250,000	250,000	
Invest. in other cos	40,569		
Notes receivable	30,653	30,243	
Accts. receivable		52,885	
Special dep. with trustees	6,536	6,536	
Furniture and fixt.	1,243	1,438	
Deferred charge	1,017	1,452	
Total	\$649,157	\$675,503	\$649,157
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. 138, p. 1044.			

American Bemberg Corp.—Earnings.

Earns.—Yrs. End.	Dec. 31 '33.	Jan. 1 '33.	Jan. 3 '32.	Jan. 4 '31.
Operating profit	\$1,720,577	\$500,767	\$379,807	\$558,650
Sell., adm. & gen. exp.	442,788	395,635	561,573	607,583
Depreciation	567,995	633,621	379,302	553,473
Operating loss	prof\$709,794	\$528,489	\$561,068	\$504,540
Other income	13,152	16,785	15,271	22,041
Net loss	prof\$722,946	\$511,704	\$545,797	\$482,498
Prov. for conting., &c.	x212,000	91,915	43,000	
Net loss	prof\$510,946	\$603,619	\$588,796	\$482,498
Dividends paid				122,500
Balance, loss	sur\$510,946	\$603,619	\$588,796	\$604,998

x Includes provision for Federal income tax.
Note.—Full depreciation for the year ended Jan. 1 1933 has been included above. In previous years depreciation on property not operated was charged to capital surplus account.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Dec. 31 '33.	Jan. 1 '33.	Dec. 31 '33.	Jan. 1 '33.
Cash	\$1,225,854	\$318,367	\$341,191
U. S. Treas. notes	200,000	200,000	21,000
Notes & accts. rec.	336,589	403,720	340,000
Accrued interest	1,274	1,302	3,500,000
Inventories	657,321	405,547	280,000
Invest. advance	33,980	34,751	533,214
Deferred charges	9,876	30,075	510,946
a Land, bldgs, mach'ny & equip.	3,061,457	3,347,673	
Total	\$5,526,352	\$4,750,436	\$5,526,352

a Less depreciation of \$3,806,795 in December and \$3,262,801 in January.
b Represented by 140,000 of common and 140,000 common class B both of no par value. c Giving effect to reduction of common stock and common class B from \$1,428,000 to \$280,000 and charging capital surplus with the operating loss for 1932 and with provisions for extraordinary charges.—V. 136, p. 4090.

American Commonwealths Power Corp.—(Plan of Distribution of Assets to Be Placed in New Company to Be Owned by Creditors.)

A plan of distribution of the remaining assets of the corporation providing for the creation of a new company, to be owned by creditors, to acquire the securities still remaining in the receivership estate, has been presented to the Chancery Court in Wilmington, Del., by the receivers, and an order has been issued setting June 27 as the date for hearings on the plan.

The letter to the creditors outlining the plan of distribution follows:

Since a public sale of the receivership assets will only result in an unnecessary and unwarranted sacrifice, at nominal figures, of miscellaneous securities having real intrinsic and substantial potential values, as is evident from the sale held May 3 1934, which the Court of Chancery refused to confirm except with respect to two certain items, these assets should be distributed in kind pro rata among the creditors of American Commonwealths Power Corp.

It will be obvious that a pro rata distribution of the assets in kind is physically impossible and can only be accomplished through the agency of a corporation formed to acquire these assets and whose shares will be distributed by the receivers.

Accordingly a corporation will be formed by the receivers under the laws of Delaware, having approximately 210,000 shares of common stock authorized and no other securities of any nature. The name of the new company, the par value of its shares and other details of its organization will be determined by the receivers.

The receivers, pursuant to an order of the Chancery Court, will assign and transfer to the new company all of the cash, securities and other property remaining in their hands upon their final discharge as receivers, except worthless securities which by the Court's direction are to be abandoned, and the receivers will take in exchange for these assets the exact number of shares and stock scrip certificates of the new company to enable them to issue and distribute to each creditor one share of stock for each \$100 of his claim proven against the receivership estate, with appropriate stock scrip certificates for fractions of \$100. Only the exact amount of stock of the new company necessary to effect this distribution will be issued.

Until the first annual meeting of stockholders to be held in January 1935, the board of directors shall consist of five persons, three of them to be the receivers and the other two to be nominated by the protective committee representing the debenture holders. The only purpose for continuing the receivers as directors for a limited period is to enable them to carry on existing negotiations and plans with respect to receivership assets, particularly in connection with pending reorganizations of corporations some of whose securities are held as a part of the receivership

estate. At the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in January 1935 the stockholders themselves may select their own board of directors. The distribution of the stock will be made by the receivers themselves through their own agencies and without expense to the creditors. The stock and scrip certificates will be issued directly to the creditors as their names appear respectively on the books of the receivers. Attention is particularly called to the fact that the trustee under the indenture securing the debentures has filed a claim with the receivers on behalf of all of the outstanding debentures, and stock and scrip certificates of the new company sufficient to cover all of the outstanding debentures (whether or not deposited with the protective committee) will be issued to said trustee which, in turn, will make distribution to the respective holders of debentures in such manner as it may determine. The receivers, however, cannot assume responsibility for any expenses or charges which the trustee may make in connection with such distribution.

It is proposed that the new company shall, at least until the annual meeting in January 1935, maintain an office in N. Y. City for the management of its affairs and the custody of its property. No director or executive officer shall receive any compensation for his services unless and until the permanent board of directors to be elected in January 1935 shall award such compensation. The expense of said office shall be limited to rent, clerical assistance and incidental items. It is estimated that current income will be more than sufficient to pay such expenses of the new company. All expenses incident to the organization of the new company, including the organization tax, Federal stock issue taxes, Federal capital stock tax, stock transfer taxes incident to the transfer to the new company of the securities and other assets of the receivership estate will be paid out of cash in the receivership estate or out of any cash passing into the treasury of the new company.

Schedule of Securities and Other Property to Be Acquired by the New Company.

American Gas & Power Co.—preference stock	32,500	shs.
Preferred stock	425	shs.
a General Public Utilities Co.—common stock	5,861	shs.
Common stock	2,352	shs.
b Cash or notes or accounts	\$5,290.04	
c National Gas & Electric Corp.—common stock	29,935	shs.
d Common stock	5,990	shs.
Dominion Gas & Electric Co.—common stock	6,105	68-125 shs.
e Public Gas & Coke Co.—common stock	2,000	shs.
f Southwestern Gas Co.—common stock	2,000	shs.
Notes and accounts	\$280,684.67	
United Light & Power Co.—class B common stock	4,530	shs.
Office Building—Manitowoc, Wis.	2	shs.
Kansas Utilities Co.—preferred stock	6,734	shs.
f Michigan Steel Corp.—certificates of beneficial interest	1,000	shs.
g American Community Power Co.—5½% gold note	2,000	shs.
5½% debentures	54,048	
R. T. Hulse account		
Office fixtures, equipment & supplies		

a To be received upon the reorganization of General Public Utilities Co. To be received for notes and accounts of American Community Power Co. subject to the reorganization of General Public Utilities Co. and to the costs and expenses of the receivership and liquidation of American Community Power Co. c To be received upon the reorganization of National Gas & Electric Corp. d Represents one-half interest in claim of National Gas & Electric Corp. against National Gas & Electric Corp. e Approximate shares to be received upon the liquidation of Interstate Fuel & Light Co. f Received liquidating dividend of \$2,895.62. g Interest in deficiency judgment only.—V. 138, p. 3260.

American Gas & Electric Co.—Dividends Declared
 The directors on June 1 declared the following dividends on the common stock: (1) the regular quarterly cash dividend of 25 cents per share, and (2) a regular semi-annual extra dividend of 1-50th of a share in common stock. These dividends are payable July 2 to holders of record July 7. Extra dividends of 1-50th of a share of common stock have been paid semi-annually since July 1924, and in addition the company in January 1925 paid a special extra dividend of 50% in common stock, one of 40% in January 1927, one of 50% in January 1929, and one of 20% in January 1931.

The directors also declared the regular, quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the no par value preferred stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 9.—V. 138, p. 3759.

American Glanzstoff Corp.—Earnings.

Years Ended—	Dec. 31 '33	Jan. 1 '33	Jan. 31 '32	Jan. 4 '31
Operating profit	\$3,215,210	\$1,591,795	\$1,991,798	\$1,868,975
Sell., adm. & gen. expts.	695,747	662,321	728,912	592,440
Depreciation	941,311	1,233,754	1,232,104	1,258,976
Provision for conting.	x347,500	207,757	169,661	50,000
Total oper. loss—prof	\$1,230,652	\$512,037	\$138,879	\$32,842
Commission earned on sales of foreign merchandise, &c.	8,690	3,854	42,854	97,250
Interest earned (net)	36,715	51,274	33,622	94,208
Miscellaneous income	12,521	5,465	20,480	14,858
Net profit for the year	\$1,288,578	loss\$451,443	loss\$41,922	\$173,474
Preferred dividends	166,085		245,000	490,000
Deficit	sur\$1,122,493	\$451,443	\$286,922	\$316,526

x Includes Federal income tax.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Dec. 31 '33	Jan. 1 '33	Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '33	Jan. 1 '33
Cash	2,710,771	2,276,552	Accounts payable	790,702	305,755
U. S. Treas. notes and N. Y. State gold notes	1,000,000	1,250,796	Mortgage payable	8,500	9,000
Notes & accts. rec.	787,705	785,908	Res. for conting.	633,500	502,000
Accrued int. rec.	6,329	9,241	7% preferred stock	762,600	7,000,000
Inventories	847,324	592,337	6% preferred stock	3,118,700	
Investments in and advances to oth. companies	80,407	81,643	b Common stock	2,621,870	2,310,000
a Fixed assets	6,444,337	7,964,172	Capital surplus	3,003,735	2,909,222
Deferred charges	15,226	75,327	Earned surplus	952,493	
Total	11,892,100	13,035,977	Total	11,892,100	13,035,977

a After reserves for depreciation of \$4,513,368 in December and \$4,700,748 in January. b Represented by 300,000 shares class A stock and 212,374 (50,000 in January) class B shares all of no par value.—V. 138, p. 3430.

American Power & Light Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.
 12 Months Ended April 30— 1934. 1933.

Operating revenues	\$73,266,144	\$72,402,467
Operating expenses, including taxes	37,561,137	35,263,994
Net revenues from operation	\$35,705,007	\$37,138,473
Other income	305,014	443,462
Gross corporate income	\$36,010,021	\$37,581,935
Interest to public and other deductions	16,561,043	16,585,821
Interest charges to construction	Cr34,625	Cr180,888
Property retirement reserve appropriations	5,325,827	4,731,388
Balance	\$14,157,776	\$16,445,614
Preferred dividends to public	7,163,304	7,144,437
Portion applicable to minority interest	77,526	93,739
Net equity of American Power & Light Co. in income of subsidiaries	\$6,916,946	\$9,207,438
American Power & Light Co.—Net equity of American Power & Light Co. in income of subs. (as shown above)	\$6,916,946	\$9,207,438
Other income	49,470	641,733
Total income	\$6,966,416	\$9,849,171
Expenses, including taxes	170,330	172,727
Int. to public & other deductions	3,105,142	3,106,621
Balance carried to consolidated earned surplus	\$3,690,894	\$6,569,823

Note.—All inter-company transactions have been eliminated from the above statement. Interest and pref. div. deductions of subs. represent full annual requirements paid or accrued (where not paid) on securities held by the public. The "portion applicable to minority interest" is the calculated portion of the balance of income available for minority holdings by the public of common stock of subsidiaries. The "net equity of American Power & Light Co. in income of subsidiaries" includes interest and preferred dividends paid or earned on securities held, plus the proportion of earnings which accrued to common stocks held by American Power & Light Co.

Balance Sheet March 31.

Assets—	1934.	1933.	Liabilities—	1934.	1933.
Investments	256,311,893	260,735,816	x Cap. stock (no par value)	214,645,637	214,645,636
Cash	6,277,105	7,298,175	Long term debt	50,810,500	50,810,500
Time deposits	6,150,000		Contractual liabilities		8,800
U. S. Govt. secs.	752,364	182,688	Dvts. declared	603,372	603,371
Municipal securs.	100,406	100,750	Accts payable	65,693	62,323
Notes & loans received, subs.	1,236,000	1,588,900	Accrued accts.	274,552	279,058
Notes & loans receivable, other	14,800		Matured int. on long-term debt	125,509	
Accts. rec., subs.	713,339	1,121,648	Liability to deliver securities	10,589,900	10,589,900
Accts. rec., other	22,811	20,041	Deferred credit	442,566	158,849
Special deposits	125,509		Surplus	9,062,729	8,564,614
Required capital stock	20,934	29,934			
Contract rights	10,589,900	10,589,900			
Acrr. int. rec. on contract rights	442,566	158,849			
Unamort. disc't and expense	3,849,324	3,896,351			
Other def. chgs.	4,506				
Total	286,620,458	285,723,051	Total	286,620,458	285,723,051

x Represented by (a) \$6 preferred, cumulative (entitled upon liquidation to \$100 a share), pari passu with \$5 preferred; authorized, 1,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding, 793,581 2-10 shares, inclusive of 41 2-10 shares of scrip. (b) \$5 preferred, cumulative (entitled upon liquidation to \$100 a share), pari passu with \$6 preferred; authorized, 2,200,000 shares; issued and outstanding, 978,444 shares. (c) Common, authorized, 4,000,000 shares; issued, 3,013,812 54-100 shares, inclusive of 3,492 27-50 shares of scrip (3,959 27-50 shares in 1933).—V. 138, p. 3760.

American Seating Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Quar. End. Mar. 31—	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
Gross revenue	\$530,829	\$351,723	\$738,265	\$853,017
Costs, expenses & deprec	567,523	451,897	863,544	911,774
Operating loss	\$36,694	\$100,174	\$125,279	\$58,757
Other income	19,610	21,753	28,462	\$3,082
Net loss	\$17,084	\$78,421	\$96,817	\$25,675
Other expenses	20,748	19,238	14,332	10,550
Interest	43,473	44,937	47,370	60,000
Total loss for period	\$81,305	\$142,596	\$159,019	\$96,225

Current assets as of March 31 1934, including \$1,138,611 cash and short-term U. S. Government securities, amounted to \$3,697,842 and current liabilities were \$183,032. This compares with cash and short-term U. S. Government securities of \$1,238,356, current assets of \$3,699,974 and current liabilities of \$151,642 on March 31 of previous year. Total assets on March 31 last aggregated \$6,606,383, compared with \$6,765,002 on March 31 1933. Inventories were \$1,091,933, against \$668,912. Capital surplus was \$1,065,083, compared with a similar amount at end of March 1933, and operating deficit totaled \$999,572, against \$905,891.—V. 138, p. 2088.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Earnings.

Period End. Apr. 30—	1934—Month—	1933.	1934—4 Mos.—	1933.
Operating revenues	\$7,637,321	\$6,640,399	\$30,910,186	\$26,552,474
Uncollectible oper. rev.	42,117	99,602	222,719	420,021
Operating revenues	\$7,679,438	\$6,740,001	\$31,132,905	\$26,972,495
Operating expenses	5,746,245	5,725,647	22,947,075	22,962,292
Net oper. revenues	\$1,933,193	\$1,014,354	\$8,185,830	\$4,010,203
Operating taxes	557,529	465,260	2,270,182	1,863,791
Net operating income	\$1,375,664	\$549,094	\$5,915,648	\$2,146,412

—V. 138, p. 3261.

American Trustee Share Corp.—No Change in Ownership.

The stock interest in the corporation hitherto held by Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. will continue in the hands of certain of the partners of the banking firm following the segregation of the latter's securities business, it was announced June 7. Incorporated in 1924, corporation is said to be one of the oldest organizations in the investment trust field in this country. It has distributed both unit and management type trust shares through hundreds of dealers, total sales since its establishment having exceeded \$100,000,000, it is stated. The corporation was purchased by W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc. in August 1930. Since the merger of the Harriman firm with Brown Brothers & Co., it has been under the sponsorship of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. The principal investment trusts sponsored by American Trustee Share Corp. are Diversified Trustee Shares, various series and Supervised Shares, Inc. The latter company will continue to receive investment advisory service from the Investment Management Department of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., which will continue as part of the banking firm. Officers and directors of the American Trustee Share Corp. will remain the same. The board comprises Prescott S. Bunt, a partner in Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., Ralph T. Crane, a Vice-Pres. of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., M. E. Traylor, President and Donald K. Walker, Sec. of the corporation.—V. 138, p. 2398.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Output.

Output of electric energy of the company's electric properties for the week ended June 2 1934 totaled 33,692,000 kwh., an increase of 7% over the output of 31,356,000 kwh. for the corresponding period of 1933. Comparative table of weekly output of electric energy for the last five years follows:

Week End.	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
May 12	35,691,000	31,288,000	27,665,000	34,049,000	36,797,000
May 19	35,528,000	31,866,000	26,635,000	34,435,000	35,984,000
May 26	35,634,000	32,274,000	26,164,000	*31,689,000	36,597,000
June 2	*33,692,000	*31,356,000	*24,932,000	32,861,000	*33,930,000

* Includes Memorial Day.—V. 138, p. 3760.

Anchor Cap Corp.—To Increase Capitalization.

The corporation has notified the New York Stock Exchange of a proposed increase in the authorized common stock from 300,000 shares to 500,000 shares, and preferred stock from 50,000 shares to 100,000 shares.—V. 138, p. 3760.

Arkansas Power & Light Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.
Operating revenues	\$6,989,021	\$7,600,645
Operating expenses, including taxes	3,754,203	3,748,046
Rent for leased property (net)	9,381	9,777
Balance	\$3,225,437	\$3,842,822
Other income	17,662	72,194
Gross income	\$3,243,099	\$3,915,016
Interest on mortgage bonds	1,831,528	1,871,411
Other interest & deductions	96,312	74,527
Interest charged to construction	Cr1,212	Cr58,924
Property retirement reserve appropriations	670,000	319,096
Balance available for preferred dividends	\$716,471	\$1,708,906

Dividends on \$7 and \$6 preferred stocks were paid at the regular rates to Jan. 1 1933. Subsequently dividends on these stocks were paid quarterly

at one-third of the regular amount of \$1.75 per share on \$7 preferred stock and of \$1.50 per share on \$6 preferred stock.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, listing items like Plant, prop., franchises, etc. and Capital stock, Capital stock subscribed, etc.

American Woolen Co.—\$1.25 Preferred Dividend. Declared. The directors on June 4 declared a dividend of \$1.25 per share on the 7% cum. pref. stock...

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Output Up 4.9%. For the week ended May 26, Associated Gas & Electric System reports net electric output of 52,134,932 units (kwh.)...

Table for Associated Rayon Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings. Calendar Years—1933, 1932, 1931. Rows include Cash divs., Total income, Net loss for the year, etc.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, listing items like Cash, Interest accrued, Accounts receiv., etc.

The aggregate value of the above investments based on available market quotations (or estimated fair value in the absence thereof) was approximately \$7,080,000 (\$5,200,000 in 1932) or less than the above book value by approximately \$40,240,000 (\$42,226,006 in 1932)...

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—\$2.50 Pref. Div. Declared. The directors on June 5 declared a regular semi-annual dividend of \$2.50 per share on the 5% non-cum. pref. stock...

Austin Silver Mining Co.—Admitted to List. The (New York Produce Exchange) has admitted to the list the capital stock, par \$1.—V. 138, p. 3595.

Automatic Voting Machine Corp.—Initial Dividend. An initial dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the common stock, no par value, payable July 2 to holders of record June 20.

Earnings Period Ended May 31 1934.

Table with columns for Month and 6 Mos., listing Net profit after all charges & taxes, After allowance for taxes, etc.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—May Lease Western Maryland.—The "Wall Street Journal" states that the B. & O. plans shortly to ask the I.-S.-C. Commission for permission to lease the Western Maryland Ry., according to unofficial reports.—V. 138, p. 3764.

Bancokentucky Co.—Appeals Court Holds It Liable for National Bank of Kentucky Assessment.—A decision of a lower court in awarding A. M. Anderson, receiver of the National Bank of Kentucky, a judgment of \$4,103,483 with 6% interest from April 1 1931, against J. S. Laurent, receiver of BancoKentucky Co., was affirmed recently in U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

Barker Bros. Corp.—To Vote on Lease Obligations.—The pref. holders of record May 28 have been asked to consent to any and all action of the board of directors of this corporation with respect to the lease obligations of Barker Bros., Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its subsidiary or connected companies, and with respect to the account represented by the advance of \$3,987,747 from Barker Bros. Corp. to Barker Bros., Inc., authorized by resolution of the Board of Barker Bros. Corp. on April 5 1928.

Bentleyville Brewing Co., Inc.—Receiver Appointed.—Louis Wechsler has been appointed receiver as the result of a suit in equity filed by Charles M. Gleicher of New York, Mr. Gleicher, who is a stockholder, estimated assets to be \$310,199 and the liability at \$137,460. He declared that the concern now is without sufficient cash to meet current expenses.

Baton Rouge Electric Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Period End. Apr. 30, 1934—Month—1933, 1934—12 Mos.—1933. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Int. & amortization, Balance, Appropriations for retirement reserve, etc.

Bal. for common stock divs. & surplus—\$83,226 \$168,727. During the last 27 years, the company has expended for maintenance a total of 6.50% of the entire gross earnings over this period, and in addition during this period has set aside for reserves or retained as surplus a total of 13.00% of these gross earnings.—V. 138, p. 3263.

Belgian National Rys.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years—1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Inc. from traffic, Inc. from various sources, Total receipts, General service, gen. expenses, Maint. of way, structures, etc.

Bellefonte Central RR.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years—1933, 1932. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net operating revenues, Other income, Gross income, Taxes, Hire of equipment, etc.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, listing items like Invest. in road and equipment, Sinking fund, Invest. in affil. cos., etc.

Total \$965,540 \$960,496. Total \$965,540 \$960,496.

* This item is not admitted. It results from claims of the Pennsylvania RR., based on that company's interpretation of alleged divisions agreements with the prior management. A partial check of these claims indicates substantial reduction even on the basis of the alleged agreements.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Period End. Apr. 30, 1934—Month—1933, 1934—4 Mos.—1933. Rows include Operating revenues, Uncollectible oper. rev., Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net oper. revenues, Operating taxes, Net oper. income, etc.

—V. 138, p. 3263.

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Bethlehem Steel Corp.—Securities to Be Exchanged for Williamsport Wire Rope Co. Obligations in Reorganization.
 See Williamsport Wire Rope Co. below.—V. 134, p. 3432.

B-G Sandwich Shops Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—		
	1933.	1932.
Sales	\$2,375,970	\$2,151,192
Cost of sales	964,185	827,491
Shop operating expenses	1,324,655	1,308,855
City supervision expenses	69,355	83,310
General office administrative expenses	111,801	110,505
Losses on closed shops, abandoned leaseholds, &c., less other income	20,646	23,970
Net loss before adjust. of rentals applic. to prior years	\$114,672	\$202,939
Reductions obtained during 1933 in rentals payable for prior years	16,677	
Net loss carried to surplus account	\$97,995	\$202,939

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.		
Cash	\$177,142	\$142,604	Accts. payable	\$116,095	\$127,998
Accts. receivable	4,678	4,506	Notes payable		1,000
Inventories	60,923	54,407	Accrued expense	37,691	23,505
Prepaid expenses	12,531	1,365	Accrued rents sec'd by cash in escrow	15,844	
Deposits, &c.	27,576	7,891	Res. for insur., &c.	15,465	28,480
Prop. equip. & improvements (after depreciation)	488,594	639,770	Capital stock	635,510	635,510
Leaseholds, goodwill, &c.	1	1	Capital surplus		1,963
Total	\$771,445	\$850,545	Earned surplus	def51,123	32,089

—V. 138, p. 3595.

(H. C.) Bophack Co., Inc.—May Sales Up.
 Period End. June 2— 1934—5 Wks.—1933. 1934—18 Wks.—1933.
 Sales \$2,985,084 2,817,226 \$11,063,486 \$10,257,656
 —V. 138, p. 3264, 2738.

Borg-Warner Corp.—Norge Shipments at New High.
 The Norge Corp., a subsidiary, shipped 27,000 electric refrigerators during May, establishing a new high, according to Howard E. Blood, President. May is the 13th consecutive month in which sales topped the total of the like month of the preceding year, he said.—V. 138, p. 3264.

Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—May Output (Cubic Ft.).

Month—	1934.	1933.	% Change.
January	1,172,408,000	1,132,707,000	Inc. 3.5
February	1,171,444,000	1,049,060,000	Inc. 11.7
March	1,126,368,000	1,137,186,000	Dec. 0.9
April	988,598,000	1,008,856,000	Dec. 2.0
May	985,750,000	1,004,554,000	Dec. 1.9

—V. 138, p. 3081, 2739.

Boyd-Richardson Co., St. Louis.—Accumulated Div.
 A dividend of \$2 per share has been declared on account of accumulations on the 8% cum. 1st pref. stock, par \$100, payable June 15 to holders of record June 10. A like amount was distributed on this issue in each of the four preceding quarters.
 Accruals, after payment of the June 15 dividend, will amount to \$8 per share.—V. 138, p. 2090.

British Columbia Power Corp., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Period End. Apr. 30—	1934—Month—1933.	1934—10 Mos.—1933.
Gross earnings	\$1,046,164	\$1,018,220
Operating expenses	521,729	532,688
Net earnings	\$522,435	\$486,531

—V. 138, p. 2739.

Broad River Power Co.—Earnings.—

12 Months Ended March 31—		1934.	1933.
Total operating revenues		\$3,073,416	\$2,643,978
Total operating expenses, &c.		2,152,166	1,722,781
Operating income		\$921,249	\$921,197
x Other income		5,297	6,952
Gross income		\$926,547	\$928,149
Interest on funded debt (less interest on re-acquired bonds in sinking fund)		646,563	658,351
Interest on unfunded debt		103,481	107,138
Amortization of debt discount and expense		63,637	45,179
Interest during construction		Cr2,799	Cr2,872
Balance of income		\$115,666	\$120,353
x Excludes interest on bonds in sinking fund.—V. 138, p. 3765.			

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit System.—Earnings.—
 [Including Brooklyn & Queens Transit System.]

Period Ended April 30	1934—Month—1933.	1934—10 Mos.—1933.
Operating revenues	\$4,497,598	\$4,437,166
Operating expenses	2,740,720	2,610,251
Taxes on oper. properties	370,494	336,595
Operating income	\$1,386,384	\$1,490,320
Net non-oper. income	62,910	62,094
Gross income	\$1,449,294	\$1,552,414
Total income deductions	751,340	787,372
x Curr. inc. carr. to sur. x Accruing to min. int. of B. & Q. T. Corp.	\$697,954	\$765,042
	81,118	92,977

—V. 138, p. 3596.

Brooklyn & Queens Transit System.—Earnings.—

Period Ended April 30	1934—Month—1933.	1934—10 Mos.—1933.
Operating revenues	\$1,798,484	\$1,786,887
Operating expenses	1,355,161	1,303,772
Taxes on oper. properties	134,357	130,696
Operating income	\$308,966	\$352,419
Net non-oper. income	15,533	19,954
Gross income	\$324,499	\$372,373
Total income deductions	129,777	137,820
Curr. inc. carr. to sur.	\$194,722	\$234,553

—V. 138, p. 2739.

Brown Co., Portland, Me.—Earnings.—
 [Including Brown Corp., Quebec—Inter-company items eliminated.]

Years End. Nov. 30—	1933.	1932.	1931.
Loss before deprec. & deplet., int., &c.	\$276,183	\$2,031,869	\$2,128,810
Depreciation and depletion	1,008,969	1,062,886	1,399,575
Interest on funded debt	1,178,403	1,184,530	1,298,337
Other interest and amortization	225,795	163,323	248,261
Total loss	\$2,689,351	\$4,442,608	\$5,074,984
Non-recurring profit on sale of capital assets			4,920,692
Loss for the year	\$2,689,351	\$4,442,608	\$154,292
Two months' proportion of dividend on pref. stock paid Feb. 1 1931.			100,000
Loss for year	\$2,689,351	\$4,442,608	\$254,292

Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.		
Plants	49,439,172	49,498,791	Notes pay., current	2,427,951	2,150,900
Timberlands	15,758,591	15,795,431	Long-term oblig. due within 1 yr.	280,900	280,900
Secs. of affil. cos.	2,808,258	2,808,258	Accounts payable and payroll	765,029	708,616
Cash	273,205	552,521	Prop. tax payable	545,427	584,891
Accts. & notes rec.	1,324,170	1,580,712	Accr. int., taxes, &c.	436,036	461,062
Inventories	4,132,942	5,331,336	Continuing loans	17,514	23,211
Prepaym'ts, pulpwood	504,997	309,604	Long-term oblig'ns	341,145	225,000
Other securities	22,934	32,934	Bonds	21,425,500	21,425,500
Prepaym'ts, insurance and taxes	101,094	124,746	6% pref. stock	10,000,000	10,000,000
Liberty bonds deposited with an indemnity co.	4,938		Common stock	10,000,000	10,000,000
Suspense	114,004	71,603	Reserves	26,394,287	25,696,940
Total	74,494,303	76,105,986	Surplus	1,860,513	4,549,864

—V. 136, p. 4272.

British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd.—Interim Div.
 A third interim dividend of 10d. for each 1 unit of ordinary stock free of United Kingdom income tax, has been declared, payable June 30. Holders of bearer stock to obtain this dividend must deposit coupon No. 155 with the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, 32 Lombard St., London, E. C., England, for examination three clear business days (excluding Saturday) before payment is made.
 Interim dividends of 10d. per ordinary share were also made on Jan. 17 and March 31 last. Total dividends for the year ended Sept. 30 1933 amounted to 48d. on this stock.—V. 138, p. 1565.

Calamba Sugar Estate.—Earnings.—

Years End. Sept. 30—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Gross income	\$2,273,989	\$2,175,467	\$2,199,271	\$2,296,105
Interest expenses, &c.	1,487,318	1,559,088	1,532,294	1,630,150
Net income	\$786,671	\$616,380	\$666,977	\$655,956
Preferred dividends	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000
Common dividends	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Balance, surplus	\$246,671	\$76,380	\$126,977	\$125,956

Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.		
Cash	\$1,151,750	\$798,622	Drafts payable	\$75,000	\$80,000
Notes receivable	315,877	101,967	Accounts payable	30,749	43,572
Accts. receivable	755,628	871,409	Salaries and wages payable	3,193	2,826
Inventories	93,157	89,542	Accrued interest	5,450	5,688
Investments	1,055,528	*1,070,048	Accrued taxes	20,940	16,500
Secured loans	130,309	170,098	Depository credit	22,889	16,778
Future years' oper. x Land, buildings, equipment, &c.	4,180,429	4,317,068	Deferred credits	26,510	27,517
Organization exp.	99,922	116,271	1st mtg. 6% sink. fund bonds	436,000	455,000
Unexpired insur.	11,120	14,126	Preferred shares	2,000,000	2,000,000
Miscell. suspense	33,054	12,824	Surplus	5,232,317	4,985,647
Misc. def'd items	2,320	2,380			
Total	\$7,853,049	\$7,633,078	Total	\$7,853,049	\$7,633,078

x After depreciation of \$2,385,354 in 1933 (\$2,216,162 in 1932).—V. 138, p. 1749.

California Consumers Co.—Plan Formulated.
 The protective committee for the 1st mtg. & 1st lien 20-year 6% bonds has formulated a plan of reorganization, and is soliciting deposit of bonds until July 15.

A receiver was appointed for the company in December 1933, and he reported recently that the company during the first four months this year had a net loss of \$5,903 after all charges, against a net loss of \$49,961 in the first four months of 1934. The company previously was one of the operating companies controlled by Pacific Public Service Co., but the latter has written off its investment in California Consumers Co. as a total loss.

The plan provides for the acquisition of the mortgaged property at foreclosure by a new corporation to be organized by the committee; issuance of 6% mtg. income bonds, due 1948 for the old bonds, and issuance of all the common stock to voting trustees under a voting trust agreement for the benefit of depositing bondholders.
 The depositing bondholders, upon consummation of the plan, are to receive voting trust certificates for one share of stock of the new corporation for each \$500 of bonds, in addition to the new income bonds. Interest on the new bonds will be payable out of the net income of the new corporation, will be non-cumulative for the first three years and cumulative thereafter.—V. 137, p. 4193.

California-Oregon Power Co.—Earnings.—

12 Months Ended April 30—	1934.	1933.
Gross earnings	\$3,649,737	\$3,673,295
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	1,601,035	1,418,915
Net earnings	\$2,048,703	\$2,254,380
Other income	9,923	8,198
Net earnings, including other income	\$2,058,626	\$2,262,578
Lease rentals	238,462	239,357
Interest charges—net	1,052,254	1,045,906
Amortization of debt discount and expense	157,264	145,145
Appropriation for retirement reserve	243,414	200,000
Net income	\$367,231	\$632,170
x Including \$66,667 for amortization of extraordinary operating expenses deferred in 1931.—V. 138, p. 3597.		

California Gold Lode Mines, Inc.—Stock Offered.
 Franklin Flick & Co., New York, are offering (as a speculation) 750,000 shares of capital stock at \$1 per share.

The company has no preferred stock, bank loans or funded debt. Registrar and transfer agent, U. S. Corporation Co., Jersey City, N. J.
Company.—Represents a consolidation of a number of mining properties located on the world famous Mother Lode of California. Company has acquired, or presently will complete the acquisition of all the assets, including plants, equipment, &c., of the constituent properties. The company has acquired all of its present properties primarily on the basis of exchange for its own capital stock, so that persons previously owners of the properties now are numbered among the stockholders and officers of the present company. The company was organized and obtained a charter to develop gold properties in the State of California. Corporation was organized by Charles W. Rees, 820 Story Building, Los Angeles, Calif.
Purpose.—Proceeds of the present public offering are to be employed in additions and betterments to the existing equipment on the company's Longfellow property, proceed with exploration and development work. Proceeds further are to be used to discharge certain obligations in connection with properties, pay organization expenses, &c.

Capitalization, After Giving Effect to the Plan and Present Financing.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock (\$1 par)	2,000,000 shs.	770,000 shs.

Issuance of 1,570,000 shares of fully paid capital stock has been authorized and issued, 800,000 shares of which have been returned to the treasury by donation and are to be sold. 770,000 shares are outstanding in the hands of stockholders, leaving 430,000 unissued shares to complete property acquisitions, &c.
Financing.—800,000 shares of capital stock have been donated back to the treasury by property owners who have received a total of 1,570,000 shares of the above described stock for mining properties.
 The company has entered into an agreement or contract with Franklin Flick & Co., Inc., New York, under which is given exclusive agency for the sale of 750,000 shares of capital stock at a price which shall net the issuer 50 cents per share, and has given to Franklin Flick & Co., Inc., an option on 50,000 shares of capital stock additional on terms as favorable to the issuer. Franklin Flick & Co., Inc., proposes that the stock shall be offered to the public initially at par (\$1 per share).

Management.—President, George L. Davis, Redlands, Calif.; Vice-President, Sylvester C. Phillips, Groveland, Calif.; Secretary-Treasurer, L. M. Forcay, Santa Anna, Calif.

The directors include the President, Vice-President and Secretary and the following: Larry M. Edleson, C. A. Martyn, Los Angeles, Calif.; J. C. Keys, Long Branch, Calif.; W. B. Diehl, Groveland, Calif.; J. W. Newell, E. E. Lanhofer, Placentia, Calif.

Callahan Zinc-Lead Co.—Changes Capitalization.

The stockholders on May 24 approved a proposal to change the authorized capital stock from 1,000,000 shares, par \$10, to 2,000,000 shares, par \$1.—V. 138, p. 3597.

Camden Rail & Harbor Terminal Corp.—Bondholders' Protective Committee to Disband—Advises Adoption of Plan Already Approved by Independent Committee.

The following letter has been sent to the first mortgage bondholders by the committee named below:
On Nov. 9 1933 the committee called the attention of first mortgage bondholders to a circulated Nov. 1 1933 (V. 138, p. 3330) sent out by the reorganization committee.

Because the members of the bondholders' committee had known for several months that the individuals representing this reorganization committee had been working on a plan for reorganization and refinancing and because we did not then have any plan which we considered feasible under existing conditions, we awaited the results of the work of the reorganization committee. When the details of this plan of reorganization and refinancing were made public, we advised first mortgage bondholders and the reorganization committee that we would study the proposed plan and report our findings to the bondholders.

From the beginning it has been the policy and effort of this committee to preserve the property for the benefit of the first mortgage bondholders and to find some means of working out of the existing difficulties. We have been unable to formulate a plan that we could recommend. The plan of the reorganization committee proposes to provide the new and necessary capital not only to develop the water front but also to pay the large amount of accrued taxes, and to provide additional working capital.

The letter of the reorganization committee dated Dec. 6 1933 sets forth that the operating loss of company has varied from \$108,794 in 1929 to \$69,762 for nine months in 1933, and that there are accrued taxes including penalties totaling \$179,567. We are also now informed that the tax situation has reached the stage where some steps are likely to be taken to enforce collection of taxes in the near future.

From our knowledge and study of the property and the problem of rehabilitation, we recognize that an element necessary to the success of any plan of reorganization is some means of securing new revenue not now available to the present company. The reorganization committee represents that it has been able to interest new capital on the basis that the proposed development of the undeveloped water front property will attract a substantial amount of business which the present company cannot secure because of lack of water front facilities. It is evident that something must be done to rehabilitate the property owned by company and it is hoped that the building of water front facilities will bring about the desired results.

We have considered the suggested plan and agreement for reorganization and refinancing. We are informed by the reorganization committee that the \$800,000 of new money required to rehabilitate the property, to be secured by a first mortgage 6% bond of the new corporation, has been promised conditionally upon the plan, as set up in the reorganization committee's letter of Nov. 1, being accepted by a satisfactory number of the present holders of the outstanding first mortgage bonds. If this new capital is a means of establishing a successful operation, present bondholders through their new income debentures and share of stock in the new corporation will share therein.

This committee has been given to understand that the first mortgage bondholders must immediately signify their approval, or disapproval, of this plan of reorganization in order that the tax situation may be settled and also that the water front may be developed before costs increase.

As the plan of reorganization has been developed by an independent committee, if the plan is approved by the bondholders there is then no purpose for the further active continuance of the protective committee. The actual development and working out of the plan of reorganization will then be in the hands of the reorganization committee. If the reorganization plan shall be approved by the first mortgage bondholders, this committee intends to turn over to the reorganization committee all the bonds remaining on deposit with it unless withdrawn by the owners in accordance with the conditions under which they were deposited. The expenses of this protective committee will be added to the expenses of the reorganization committee as part of the expenses of the reorganization. The members of the protective committee will not receive any compensation whatever beyond reimbursement of expenses.

Anyone who has deposited bonds with this committee in accordance with the terms and conditions under which they were deposited is at liberty to withdraw the same at any time before July 7, upon payment of a proportionate part of the expenses of the committee, which will be an amount not to exceed \$11.81 per \$1,000 bond. On or after July 7, we propose to turn over to the reorganization committee all the bonds still remaining on deposit with us.

It is planned that as soon as the new capital has been received as contemplated in the reorganization plan, the reorganization committee will return to the persons who have deposited bonds with us the \$5 paid to our committee with each bond deposited with us and which has been expended for expenses of the committee.

Committee.—Randolph P. Compton, Chairman; Nelson M. Pope and Meredith C. Jones, Secretaries.

A digest of the reorganization plan, (referred to above) is given in V. 137, p. 3330.

Canadian Celanese, Ltd.—Pays 75 Cent Accumulated Dividend.

The directors on June 4 declared a dividend of 75 cents per share on account of accumulations in additions to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, both payable June 30 to holders of record June 15. Like amounts were distributed on March 31 last, while on Dec. 31 1933 a payment of \$1.50 per share on account of arrearages was made.—V. 138, p. 2914.

Canadian Foreign Investment Corp., Ltd.—Calls Debentures.

The Montreal Curb Exchange on June 2 announced that all 7% collateral trust gold debentures of the above corporation had been called for redemption on Aug. 1.—V. 138, p. 2740.

Canadian Industrial Alcohol Co., Ltd.—Resignation.

Rt. Hon. Lord Shaughnessy, K.C., has resigned from the Presidency and directorate of this company and its affiliates. No successor has yet been named.

Other changes in the management are contemplated, but it is understood that L. V. Wright, who has been Vice-President and General Manager for several years, will continue as operating head.—V. 138, p. 3265.

Canadian National Ry.—Earnings.

Earnings of System for Fourth Week of May.

	1934.	1933.	Increase.
Gross earnings.....	\$4,679,338	\$4,090,793	\$588,545

—V. 138, p. 3766.

Carolina Power & Light Co.—Income Account.

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.
Operating revenues.....	\$9,180,454	\$8,940,558
Operating expenses, including taxes.....	4,658,750	4,398,316
Rent for leased property—net.....	211,959	206,864
Balance.....	\$4,309,744	\$4,335,377
Other income.....	24,819	79,499
Gross corporate income.....	\$4,334,563	\$4,414,876
Net interest &c. deductions.....	2,377,007	2,383,075
Property retirement reserve appropriations.....	960,000	960,000
Balance, surplus.....	\$997,556	\$1,071,801

Dividends on the \$7 and \$6 pref. stocks, which are cumulative, have been paid to Dec. 31 1932. The dividends paid for the three quarters to Sept. 30

1933, and declared for the quarter to Dec. 31 1933, for payment Jan. 2 1934, were at one-half the regular rates.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Plant, prop., &c. (ledger val.).....	Capital stock (no par).....
Investments (ledger value).....	1st & ref. mtge. ss.....
Cash in banks—on demand.....	Yadkin River Power Co. 5e.....
Cash in banks—time deposits.....	Current liabilities.....
U. S. Govt. securities.....	Miscellaneous liabilities.....
Notes & loans receivable.....	Reserves: Property retirement.....
Accts. rec.: cust. & miscell.....	Uncollectible accounts.....
Affiliated companies.....	Inventory adjustment.....
Materials and supplies.....	Casualty and insurance.....
Prepayments.....	Other.....
Miscellaneous current assets.....	Earned surplus.....
Miscellaneous assets.....	
Deferred charges.....	
Total.....	Total.....

a Represented by \$7 pref., 112,232 shares (incl. 1,616 shares to be exchanged for stocks of predecessor companies); \$6 pref., \$1,533 shares and common, 2,500,000 shares.—V. 138, p. 3597.

Canadian Pacific Ry.—Earnings.

Earnings for Fourth Week of May.

	1934.	1933.	Increase.
Gross earnings.....	\$3,295,000	\$2,813,000	\$482,000

Bond Issue Sold.—It is announced that the new issue of \$12,000,000 15-year 4% collateral trust bonds was fully applied for on the day of offering.—See V. 138, p. 3766.

Celanese Corp. of America.—Preferred Dividends Declared.

The directors, June 4, declared a dividend of \$3.50 per share on the 7% cum. 1st participating pref. stock, par \$100, and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the 7% cum. series prior pref. stock, par \$100, the former payable on June 30 and the latter on July 1, both to holders of record June 15. The dividend on the participating preferred stock covers the six months' period to June 30 1934, and wipes out all accumulations on that issue. During the current year, the company also paid on the participating stock the following dividends: \$4 per share on March 1 and \$1 per share on June 1.—V. 138, p. 3265.

Celotex Co.—Reorganization Plan Announced.

A reorganization plan for the company, now in receivership, was made public, June 7, following the action of the U. S. District Court at Wilmington, Del. in assuming jurisdiction and supervision of the plan. The plan has been formulated by a reorganization committee working with Bror G. Dahlberg, President of the company. The committee is composed of William B. Nichols, President of William B. Nichols & Co., Inc., New York, as Chairman; E. B. Gilmore, President of Gilmore Oil Co., Los Angeles; John Irwin, President of Irwin Brothers, Inc., Chicago; I. H. Overman, President of I. H. Overman, Inc., Minneapolis, and George M. Seaman, President of Seaman Paper Co., Chicago.

The committee has been authorized by the court to solicit and accept for deposit under the plan, securities of and claims against the company, as well as proxies or powers of attorney with respect to the preferred and common stocks, voting trust certificates and warrants of the company. The court has reserved the right to pass finally upon the plan before it is consummated but has made no recommendation to bondholders, creditors or others as to its fairness or equity, or as to whether they should join in the plan and agreement.

Two Alternative Methods of Reorganization.
Two alternative methods of reorganization or readjustment are proposed by the reorganization committee:

- (1) Formation of a new company to be known as The Celotex Corp., or similar name, to acquire the assets and properties of the Celotex Co., or
- (2) Readjustment of the capital structure of the company itself.

Capital of Reorganized Company.
In either event the new capital structure, upon consummation of the plan, assuming all creditors and stockholders assent to the plan, will be substantially as follows:

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
6 1/2% first mortgage bonds.....	\$321,500	\$821,500
\$5 class A preferred stock.....	25,000 shs.	17,582 shs.
\$5 class B preferred stock.....	30,000 shs.	26,515 shs.
Common stock (voting trust certificates).....	500,000 shs.	167,627 shs.

One hundred thousand shares of new common stock will be reserved for issuance against the exercise of rights to purchase new common stock.

Terms of Exchange.
Holders of securities of and claims against the Celotex Co., who assent to the reorganization plan will be entitled to receive new securities on the following basis:

- (1) Bondholders—new bonds of like principal amount.
- (2) Debenture holders—one share of new class A preferred stock for each \$100 principal amount, with appurtenant interest coupons maturing Nov. 1 1932 and subsequently.
- (3) General creditors—one share of class A preferred stock for each \$100 principal amount and interest on claims (not including any interest accrued subsequent to May 1 1932).
- (4) Preferred Stock.—Option A, one share of class B preferred stock and one share of new common stock (voting trust certificate) for each two shares of old preferred stock and the payment of \$6.66 in cash, or Option B, one share of class B preferred stock for each two shares of old preferred stock, with no cash payment.
- (5) Common stock and common voting trust certificates.—Option A, 1-2-3 shares of new common stock (voting trust certificates) for each four shares of old common stock or voting trust certificates and the payment of \$4.44 in cash, or Option B, one share of new common stock (voting trust certificate) for each four shares of old common stock, with no cash payment.
- (6) Warrants—one share of new common stock (voting trust certificate) in respect of each eight shares purchasable under warrants, and the payment of \$6.66 in cash. If a sufficient number of new shares is not available for warrant holders who elect to make the exchange, provision is made for a proportionate reduction and for a refunding of cash in excess of \$6.66 per share of new common stock actually issued.

Central Securities Corp. has agreed to purchase at \$6.66 per share the shares of new common stock (voting trust certificates) not taken by the existing stockholders and warrant holders on the exchanges referred to above.

Through the payments to be made by stockholders, warrant holders and Central Securities Corp., the plan provides for the raising of \$499,500 in cash. The new money will receive an interest only in the common stock of the new company, taking a position junior to that of the present bondholders, general creditors, debenture holders and preferred stockholders.

Central Securities Corp. has agreed to advance funds up to this amount to the reorganization committee for the purpose of qualifying it to bid at any sale of the properties. It has also agreed to advance up to at least \$25,000 for expenses of the reorganization committee. In return for its assumption of these various obligations under the plan, it is proposed to issue to the Central Securities Corp. 15,000 shares of new common stock (voting trust certificates) and rights to purchase at \$10 a share for five years from date of consummation 100,000 shares of new common stock.

In a letter to creditors and security holders of the company, urging assent to the reorganization plan, the reorganization committee states:

Since June 16 1932 the Celotex Co. has been operating under receivership. Although a slight improvement of business in the construction industries has recently been reflected in its monthly operations, The Celotex Co., in its attempt to get back to a satisfactory and profitable operating basis is burdened by a heavy capital structure, accumulated arrears of bond and debenture interest, accumulated unpaid dividends on its preferred stock, a shortage of working capital and the inevitable handicaps and expenses of receivership.

The owners of substantial amounts of obligations and securities of The Celotex Co. have for several months been giving their careful study to its present situation. They have concluded that it is necessary, if the company is to maintain the supremacy hitherto enjoyed by its products and gain full advantage from any business improvement which may occur, that a read

justment of its obligations and securities, conforming them more closely with present-day conditions and prospects, should be accomplished as speedily as possible. Arrangements have accordingly been made to the end that, with the approval of the holders of the company's obligations and securities, the necessary additional capital may be secured, a prompt reorganization effected, the receivership terminated and the company given an opportunity to maintain its position of leadership in its field.

The offices of the reorganization committee are in charge of L. W. Proctor, Secretary, at 208 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill., where copies of the plan and agreement may be procured.—V. 138, p. 866.

Central Arizona Light & Power Co.—Income Account.

Income Account 12 Months Ended Dec. 31 1933.

Operating revenues	\$2,622,291
Operating expenses, including taxes	1,772,653
Net revenue from operations	\$849,638
Other income	259,984
Gross corporate income	\$1,109,622
Interest on mortgage bonds	375,000
Other interest & deductions	5,553
Property retirement reserve provision	443,835
Surplus	\$285,233
Dividends on \$7 preferred stock	52,429
Dividends on \$6 preferred stock	56,113
Dividends on common stock	125,000
Balance	\$51,690

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Assets		Liabilities	
Plant, property, contract advances, &c.	\$11,990,448	Capital stock (no par)	\$3,256,656
Cash in banks—on demand	296,090	1st mortgage 5s	7,500,000
U. S. Treasury notes	713,593	Current liabilities	622,528
Notes and loans receivable	53,497	Consignments (contra)	3,519
Accts. receivable—Customers & miscellaneous	436,605	Deferred credits	101,327
Materials and supplies	170,160	Reserves—Prop. retirement	2,606,749
Prepayments	26,135	Uncollectible accounts	90,522
Miscellaneous current assets	11,609	Inventory adjustment	8,375
Miscellaneous assets	310,591	Casualty and insurance	5,643
Consigned material (contra)	3,519	Other	30,000
Deferred charges	845,751	Capital surplus	21,585
		Earned surplus	611,094
Total	\$14,858,002	Total	\$14,858,002

a Represented by \$7 preferred (7,500 shs.), \$6 preferred (9,774 shs.), common (840,000 shs.).—V. 138, p. 3597.

Central German Power Co. of Magdeburg.—Interest and Principal Defaulted.

The principal and interest due June 1 1934 on the participation certificates for the 6% notes due June 1 1934 was not paid.—V. 138, p. 1393.

Central Illinois Light Co.—Earnings.

[A subsidiary of Commonwealth & Southern Corp.]

Period End.	Apr. 30—1934	Month—1933	1934—12 Mos.—1933	1933—12 Mos.—1933
Gross earnings	\$592,104	\$536,147	\$6,783,891	\$6,530,686
Oper. exps., including maintenance and taxes	304,478	256,885	3,528,029	3,099,229
Fixed charges	70,963	75,785	850,314	909,423
Prov. for retire. reserve	51,620	51,175	614,945	614,500
Net income	\$165,043	\$152,301	\$1,790,602	\$1,907,532
Divs. on preferred stock	57,751	57,717	694,115	692,609
Balance	\$107,292	\$94,584	\$1,096,487	\$1,214,923

Note.—The effective date of acquisition of stock of Illinois Power Co. was May 1 1933, and for comparative purposes the above figures reflect combined results of operation for all periods shown, with fixed charges on funded debt and dividends on preferred stock for periods prior to that date computed on the basis of annual requirements at that date.—V. 138, p. 3433.

Central States Edison Co.—Reorganization Plan.

A plan of reorganization dated Jan. 23 1934 has been formulated by the committee representing the holders of the 1st lien 5 1/2% gold bonds, series A, due 1943. The plan supersedes a plan proposed by the receivers which has been abandoned.

The committee consists of: Harold C. Yeager, Chairman; William L. Canady, Arnold Feldman; Phillips L. Goldsborough Jr.; E. G. Parsly, and John Robertson, with G. H. Gerberich, Secretary, 43 Exchange Place, New York, and Szold & Brandwen, counsel, 43 Exchange Place, N. Y. Depository, Irving Trust Co., 1 Wall St., N. Y. City.

Securities Deal with Under the Plan.

1s lien 5 1/2% gold bonds, series A, due April 1 1943	\$1,919,000
6% gold debentures, due April 1 1949	\$40,000
Two-year 6% gold notes, due March 1 1933	27,000
Unsecured obligations, not to exceed	57,000

The committee is authorized, if in its judgment it is deemed to be the best interests of depositors under the plan, to make provision for other outstanding securities of the company, which are referred to below. No provision has been made for the preferred and common stockholders.

New Company.—It is proposed to organize a new corporation, which shall acquire all the securities now pledged with the Chase National Bank, successor trustee, as security for the 1st lien 5 1/2% gold bonds, series A, together with the assets and cash in the receivership estate to which the holders of the securities and claims dealt with under the plan may be entitled; and, based upon deposit of all 1st lien 5 1/2% gold bonds, debentures, notes and proofs of claim for unsecured obligations, called for deposit under the plan, shall issue in reorganization in exchange for the 1st lien bonds, debentures, notes and proofs of claim, the following securities:

15-year collateral trust 5% bonds	\$959,500
5% preferred stock, not to exceed	10,519 shs.
Common stock	23,810 shs.

Note.—If the other securities and obligations of Central States Edison Co. hereinafter referred to are included in the reorganization, the new company will issue additional securities, as hereinafter stated.

Description of the New Securities.

Collateral Trust 5% Bonds.—The 15-year collateral trust 5% bonds shall bear interest at rate of 5% per annum payable semi-annually, from and after 12 months after the date of issuance, provided that during said period of 12 months, the board of directors of new company shall have power in its discretion to fix the rate of interest, if any, payable to bondholders; shall be dated as of the first day of the calendar month following the acquisition by the new company of the collateral now pledged under the 1st lien indenture; shall mature 15 years thereafter; shall be redeemable at the option of the new company at any time, in whole or in part, at par and interest. All of the securities acquired by the new company now pledged under the indenture securing the 1st lien bonds shall be pledged under the new indenture.

Preferred Stock.—Shall be without par value; shall be entitled to \$100 per share in the event of liquidation or redemption; shall carry no voting power, except as provided by law, and shall be entitled to dividends at the rate of \$5 per share per annum, which dividends shall not be cumulative except to the extent that income available for dividends has been earned in any one calendar year.

Common stock shall be with or without par value as the committee shall determine. All common stock of the new company will be deposited under a voting trust agreement which shall terminate in five years. The voting trustees shall be selected by the committee and may include one or more members of the committee.

Distribution of New Securities.

The holder of each \$1,000 1st lien 5 1/2% gold bond will, upon consummation of the reorganization contemplated hereunder, receive the following:

\$500 15-year collateral trust 5% bonds,
5 shares 5% preferred stock,
10 shares common stock (voting trust certificates).

The holders of debentures, notes and other unsecured obligations not to exceed \$924,000 principal amount will, upon consummation of the reorganization, receive for \$1,000 principal amount:

1 share 5% preferred stock,
5 shares common stock (voting trust certificates).

The present plan does not cover \$250,000 two-year 6% secured gold notes, due March 15 1933, which notes are secured by pledge of capital stock and obligations not pledged under the indenture securing the 1st lien bonds. If it is deemed by the committee in the interest of depositors under the plan, however, the committee shall have the right to enlarge the scope of the plan to include the two-year 6% secured gold notes. In the event the committee reaches an agreement with the holders of two-year 6% secured gold notes, the committee shall have the right to cause the new company to issue to said holders, either notes of the new company, or notes of a subsidiary thereof to be formed, or other obligations on which the new company will not be liable, in such principal amount, with such security (provided that no part of the assets of the subsidiaries whose securities are now pledged to secure the 1st lien 5 1/2% gold bonds shall be used for the purpose) as the committee shall approve, and on such terms and conditions as the committee in its discretion may determine.

Capital Stock and Various Indebtedness of Subsidiaries Securing 1st Lien 5s.
Shares of Stock—
1,000 Beatrice Power Co. pref. (\$100 par).
1,500 Beatrice Power Co. capital stock (\$100 par).
954 Gasconade Power Co. common (no par).
140 Gulf Ice & Cold Storage Co. capital stock (\$100 par).
22,500 Natural Gas Utilities Co. capital stock (\$1 par).
1,000 North Kansas Power & Light Co. capital stock (no par).
1,200 Riviera Utilities Corp. capital stock (no par).
400 Sedan Gas Co. common (no par).
10,000 Skiatook Service Co. capital stock (\$1 par).
10 Natural Gas Service Co. capital stock (\$100 par).

Demand Notes, All Dated April 1 1932—

	Rate.	Amount.
Beatrice Power Co.	8%	\$147,852
Gasconade Power Co.	8%	512,490
Gulf Ice & Cold Storage Co.	7%	367,120
Natural Gas Utilities Co. x	7%	153,118
North Kansas Power & Light Co.	7%	9,602
Riviera Utilities Corp.	7%	295,555
Sedan Gas Co.	7%	166,633
Skiatook Service Co.	8%	15,338

x Guarantee of principal and interest by the Skiatook Service Co. to the extent of \$46,929.

An instrument of assignment by Central States Edison Co. dated March 25 1932 of a certain open account indebtedness of Beatrice Power Co. in the amount of \$141,900 to Chase National Bank, New York, as trustee under trust indenture of Central States Edison Co. dated Apr. 2 1928.

Capital Stock and Indebtednesses of Subsidiaries Securing 2-year 6% Gold Notes.

Shares of Stock
3,000 Northern Wisconsin Power Co. common (no par).
400 Madison Utilities Corp. capital stock (no par).
20 Grand Marais Light & Power Co. preferred (\$50 par).
500 Grand Marais Light & Power Co. common (\$50 par).

Demand Notes Dated March 2 1931—

	Rate.	Amount.
Northern Wisconsin Power Co.	7%	\$75,000
Madison Utilities Corp.	7%	61,000
Grand Marais Light & Power Co.	8%	8,000

\$150,000 of 1st mtg. 6% gold bonds dated Feb. 1 1931, due Feb. 1 1941, issued under mortgage dated Feb. 1 1931 from Northern Wisconsin Power Co. to Arthur T. Leonard as trustee and Central Trust Co. of Illinois (Chicago) as depository and authenticating trustee.

The committee in a letter to the holders of the securities mentioned above states:

We have received information from the receivers as to the earnings of the subsidiaries whose securities are presently pledged to secure the existing 1st lien 5 1/2% bonds. The figures are not audited and it must be understood are subject to such changes as an audit may disclose.

12 Months Ended—	Net Operating Income.	Depreciation and Other Charges.	Net Income. x
Apr. 30 1933	\$124,597	\$17,930	\$106,666
July 31 1933	109,679	20,532	89,146
Oct. 31 1933	103,965	24,023	79,941
Dec. 31 1933	91,972	28,855	63,117
Mar. 31 1934	81,477	31,918	49,559

x After depreciation and other charges, but before interest paid or accrued to Central States Edison Co.

The foregoing figures indicate the results of the operations of the 1st lien subsidiaries after payments for management fees amounting to \$12,000 to Central States Service Co. for the year ended Dec. 31 1933.

In view of the decline in earnings indicated above, the committee desires to call attention particularly to the power of the committee to amend the plan, which power is expressly reserved as set forth in the plan and prospectus. If the decline in earnings continues, it may become necessary to reduce the amount of fixed interest payable on the new bonds to say, 3%, and the balance of 2% payable only if earned.

The committee desires to secure to the 1st lien bondholders, in the reorganized company, all of the security and earnings to which they legitimately may be entitled. The great desirability of promptly terminating the disadvantages incident to the receivership has led the committee to submit to the security holders its plan of reorganization.—V. 138, p. 1916.

Chain Store Investment Corp.—Earnings.

Period—	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 '33.	Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 '33.
Dividends income	\$866	\$4,352
Interest income		14
Total	\$866	\$4,367
Managers' commission	164	573
Taxes	40	432
Miscellaneous expense	245	809
Net income to current surplus	\$416	\$2,552

Gain or Loss from Security Transactions.

Sales of securities	\$8,638	\$58,019
Cost of securities sold	6,388	54,417
Net gain	\$2,250	\$3,602
Loss from liquidation of investment in Chain Store Fund, Inc.		51,646
Loss from Exchange of Investment in Chain & General Equities for Stock in the Equity Corp.		28,575
Net gain from security transactions	\$2,250	loss\$76,619

Gain from Cancellation of Preferred Stock.

112 shares of preferred stock, stated value	\$5,040	\$5,040
112 shares of preferred stock, cost	1,252	1,252
Net gain from cancellation, to capital surplus	\$3,788	\$3,788

Surplus Account Dec. 31 1933.

	Capital Surplus	Deficit from Security Transactions	Current Surplus
Balance, Jan. 1 1933	\$536,239	\$227,520	\$3,529
Gain from cancellation of preferred stock (as above)	3,788		
Loss from security transactions (as above)		76,619	
Current net income (as above)			2,552
Balance, Dec. 31 1933	\$540,027	\$304,139	\$6,082

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$561	Unclaimed divs.	\$291
Accts. receivable	5	Preferred stock	101,025
x Investments at cost (market val. \$141,871)	352,720	Common stock	10,000
	428,124	Capital surplus	540,027
		Deficit from security transactions	304,139
		Current surplus	3,529
Total	\$353,287	Total	\$353,287

x Investments carried on books at cost at which originally purchased by predecessor corporation or this corporation.—V. 138, p. 3265.

Chain & General Equities, Inc.—Earnings.—

	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
Quar. End. Mar. 31—	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
Interest—	\$13,967	\$1,982	\$974	\$387
Cash dividends—	\$3,396	3,090	17,267	37,267
Stock dividends—	—	—	—	1,511
Total income—	\$3,396	\$5,071	\$18,241	\$39,166
Advisory & oper. exps.—	3,473	2,266	2,471	3,853
Fiscal agency expense—	65	1,768	2,100	2,100
Taxes and legal fees—	675	282	454	655
Net income—	loss \$818	\$755	\$13,215	\$32,558
Divs. on pref. stock—	—	—	—	43,618
Balance, surplus—	def \$818	\$755	\$13,215	def \$11,060
Statement of Charges in Surplus—Three Months Ended March 31.				
	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
Balance of special surplus Dec. 31—	\$1,306,581	\$929,142	\$1,468,240	\$1,928,063
Special surplus created upon retirement of preferred stock—	—	—	—	—
Excess of par value over cost of shares—	45,994	—	11,918	513,254
Adjustment of accrued dividends—	—	—	802	501
Disc. on purch. of pref. stock for retirement—	—	55,622	—	—
Credit arising from reduction of com. stock from \$1 to 10 cents per share—	—	564,480	—	—
Totals surplus—	\$1,352,576	\$1,549,243	\$1,480,961	\$2,441,819
Net income for period (as above)—	loss \$818	755	13,215	32,558
Net loss on securs. sold during period—	309,945	41,175	108,731	240,976
Remainder—	\$1,041,812	\$1,508,823	\$1,385,445	\$2,233,401
Divs. on pref. stock— declared and paid—	—	—	—	26,842
Accrued but not decl.	—	—	41,208	16,776
Bal. of special surplus, March 31—	\$1,041,812	\$1,508,823	\$1,344,236	\$2,189,783
Balance Sheet March 31.				
	1934.	1933.	1934.	1933.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Cash—	\$13,967	\$239,022	Due from sec. pur.	\$385
Securities owned—	313,596	b1,811,820	Loans payable—	163,717
Other investments—	386,202	—	Res. for taxes and accrued exps.—	4,058
Invest. in stock of Interstate Equities Corp.—	1,706,487	b1,438,211	Preferred stock—	1,446,100
Divs. rec. and int. accrued—	257	2,501	A common stock—	62,720
Deferred charges—	—	199	Surplus—	1,041,812
Total—	\$2,420,512	\$3,491,753	Unreal deprec. in securs. owned—	Dr298,280
			Total—	\$2,420,512

a Par value 10 cents per share. b The aggregate value of securities owned at market quotations, except three items which have been valued at fair value of \$24,335 by the directors was less than the above book value by \$1,308,052. The accounts of Interstate Equities Corp. indicate, moreover, that there is no asset value applicable to the common stock of the company as at March 31 1933; 100,000 shares thereof are under option of sale to net not less than \$2 per share.—V. 138, p. 1048.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Earnings.—

	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
April—	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
Gross from railway—	\$8,856,286	\$7,330,160	\$7,499,907	\$9,322,857
Net from railway—	3,847,831	3,056,989	3,080,932	3,114,335
Net after rents—	2,839,198	2,122,547	2,199,957	2,211,276
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway—	36,105,703	30,022,963	31,610,073	38,121,298
Net from railway—	15,780,095	12,088,607	12,402,728	12,392,501
Net after rents—	12,114,322	8,795,348	9,266,772	9,078,704

—V. 138, p. 2914.

Chevrolet Motor Co.—Reduces Prices.—

Substantial price reductions, effective June 2, on all Chevrolet passenger cars and trucks were announced on June 1 by W. E. Holler, General Sales Manager. Chevrolet now offers its lowest priced six at \$465 and the sweeping reduction is as much as \$50 on some models. The effective price reductions on all models was made at this time in an effort to maintain, during the balance of the year, the employment figures so necessary to the general program of National Recovery, the company announced.

Reduction on the knee-action Master models were as high as \$35 on the popular types. The sedan was reduced to \$640; Coach to \$580; the Coupe to \$525, and the Town Sedan was reduced to \$615. Prices on the newly announced standard models placed the Roadster at \$465, the Coupe at \$485 and the Coach and Phaeton at \$495. Reductions on truck models were equally impressive, running as high as \$50.—V. 138, p. 2243.

Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.—2% Dividend Declared.

The directors on June 7 declared a dividend of 2% on the capital stock, par \$100, payable June 25 to holders of record June 16. This compares with 3% paid on Dec. 26 last, which was the first payment since June 25 1932 when 3% was also paid. Previously, semi-annual distributions of 5% had been made up to and incl. Dec. 26 1931. An extra of 5% was also distributed out of accumulated earnings of prior years on Dec. 26 1930.

This company is controlled by the Great Northern Ry. and the Northern Pacific Ry. through stock ownership.

Abandonment.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 22 issued a certificate permitting the company to abandon its Galesburg-West Havana branch which extends from a point on the main line near Galesburg in a general southerly direction to Fairview, 28.83 miles, in Knox and Fulton Counties, Ill.—V. 138, p. 3768.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.—RFC Examiner's Report Urges New York Central Take Over Chicago & Eastern Illinois.

The advisability of consolidating the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry. with the New York Central System, including the Big Four and associated companies, was suggested in a report dated April 10 and made public June 4 to the directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation by its railroad division.

C. & E. I. was allocated by the I.-S. C. Commission in its five-system plan of Eastern railroad consolidation to the Chicago & North Western, and later, in a modified plan providing for four Eastern systems, the road was grouped with the Chesapeake & Ohio-Nickel Plate set-up.

While the latter plan was never fully consummated, the report points out, the C. & O. acquired, through the Virginia Transportation Corp., more than 42% of the total capital stock of the C. & E. I., giving the latter road virtually the affiliation contemplated.

Recognizing this, the report to the RFC directors recites that while the suggested grouping with the New York Central would appear to conflict with the Commission's original and modified plans, the latter "were promulgated prior to the development of condition which have greatly increased the necessity for drastic economies in railroad operation."

Consideration of consolidating the C. & E. I. with the New York Central had been given, said the report, "because it is felt that opportunities for reducing both investment and operating expenses would thereby be increased."

"This latter plan," the report stated, "would involve co-ordinated operation with the New York Central, including the Big Four and other associated railroads, and because the facilities of the Eastern Illinois not only complement, but often effectually duplicate those of one of the other carriers in the group, a situation particularly favorable to the accomplishment of operating economies is created."

The report to the directors is the work of Examiner W. W. Sullivan and was submitted as one of many on railroads considered to be in need of

reorganization, by John W. Barriger 3d, Chief Examiner of the railroad division.

Under the suggested consolidation of the C. & E. I. with the New York Central and the Big Four, its principal subsidiary, each of the lines would have an independent entrance into Chicago, that of the Big Four being by way of trackage rights over the Illinois Central, it is pointed out.

It was held to be unquestionable that very material reductions in terminal expenses would be obtained here if all operations were carefully co-ordinated.

No attempt was made to estimate the extent of such potential economies, but it was stated that since rental, taxes, maintenance and operation of the Chicago & Western Indiana R.R. terminal facilities at Chicago now cost the C. & E. I. about \$1,400,000 a year, or nearly 12% of its operating revenues, "it becomes apparent that the opportunities of the situation are large."

Among consolidations and changes of operation "immediately suggesting themselves," the following were mentioned in the report in connection with the suggested New York Central alignment:

"The concentration of terminal operations in the East St. Louis territory on the facilities of one or the other of the carriers, and the abandonment of one set of facilities."

"The consolidation of freight and passenger service between Evansville and Chicago. Existing C. & E. I. freight trains should be able to absorb all through tonnage to the improvement of train loading, and at the same time make possible the withdrawal of a train a day in each direction on the Big Four-New York Central line."

"Consolidation of facilities and operations at Terre Haute. Indeed, the feasibility of this should be considered whether or not the railroads in question are merged."

"A closer co-ordination of mine assembly work in the territory between Pana and Livingston, and also in the Westville district, where the Big Four now uses the C. & E. I. trackage to reach Peabody No. 24 mine and where there is also some mining activity strictly local to each line."

The RFC report proposing that the New York Central R.R. take over the Chicago & Eastern Illinois was ordered because the latter road is in receivership and owes the RFC a considerable sum. The report sets forth 45 reasons the examiners found for the bankruptcy.

The first five of these are listed as over-capitalization, excessive investments in plant, deficiency of return on freight traffic, excessive charges to maintenance of equipment until a comparatively recent period, and finally, the large amounts paid for equipment rentals.—V. 138, p. 3769.

Chicago & Illinois Valley RR.—Abandonment.—

Permission has been granted by the Illinois Commerce Commission for abandonment by the company of 72 miles of electric line between Depue and Joliet. The company is controlled by the Illinois Power & Light Corp.

Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific RR.—To Borrow \$3,000,000.—

The company has negotiated a loan of \$3,000,000 from bankers in New York and Chicago to assist in meeting its financial obligations maturing between July 1 and Aug. 1 1934.

Approximately \$7,700,000 will become due between those dates, including interest on outstanding obligations as well as equipment trust obligations.

The \$3,000,000 borrowing also will provide working capital. In this connection the road asked I.-S. C. Commission permission to pledge \$600,000 of its 1st & ref. mtge. 6% bonds as collateral security for the short-term loans which will bear 4 1/2% interest.

The loan will be made available June 30 and is expected to be paid at the rate of \$1,000,000 on Sept. 1 and \$2,000,000 on Oct. 1 1934.

The loan will be made by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., \$750,000; the New York Trust Co., \$750,000; National City Bank, \$500,000; First National Bank of Chicago, \$500,000, and Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, \$500,000.—V. 138, p. 3769.

Chinese Rys.—1929 Interest on Hukuang Ry. Loan.—

J. P. Morgan & Co. announce that they have received from China funds for the payment on June 15 of interest due June 15 1929, on Imperial Chinese Government 5% Hukuang Rys. sinking fund bonds of 1911 of the American, British and French series. This includes the payment of such coupon from any bonds of these three series which have been drawn for redemption from any bonds of these sinking fund but as to which China has made no provision to date for the payment of principal.

Interest due Dec. 15 1928, will be paid on bonds of the German series. This also includes the payment of such coupon from any bonds of this series drawn for redemption for the sinking fund after June 15 1924, but as to which China has made no provision to date for payment of principal.

No provision has been made by China for the payment of the principal of any bonds of the American, British and French series drawn for redemption for the sinking fund after June 15 1925, or of any bonds of the German series drawn for redemption for the sinking fund after June 15 1924.

With respect to that portion of the German series which had not yet validated prior to 1924, the bankers point out that China has not yet arranged to pay the interest due between Dec. 15 1920, and June 15 1924, inclusive. In addition, China is in arrears for the payment of the principal of such non-validated German bonds which were drawn for redemption for the sinking fund between June 15 1922 and June 15 1924, inclusive, and no provision has been made for the payment of any interest thereon subsequent to the redemption date.—V. 130, p. 4229.

Chrysler Corp.—Plymouth Models Lower Prices.—

The Plymouth Motor Corp. announces the following price reductions

	Standard Plymouth—	New Price.	Old Price.	Saving—
Business Coupe—		\$485	\$530	\$45
2-Door Sedan—		510	545	35
Plymouth Six—				
4-Door Sedan—		600	610	10
2-Door Sedan—		560	570	10
Business Coupe—		540	560	20
Rumble Seat Coupe—		570	570	---
De Luxe Plymouth—				
4-Door Sedan—		660	695	35
2-Door Sedan—		610	640	30
Town Sedan—		695	730	35
Business Coupe—		595	620	25
Rumble Seat Coupe—		630	660	30
Convertible Coupe—		685	705	20

Note.—Above are list prices at factory, Detroit.

Dodge Also Reduces Prices.—

Reductions ranging up to \$45 were announced by Dodge Bros., effective June 6. The new prices follow;

	Big Dodge 6 117-Inch Wheelbase.	4-Door sedan—	Convertible coupe—
Coupe—	\$645	\$745	\$745
Coupe with rumble seat—	690		
2-Door sedan—	695		
De Luxe Models 117-Inch Wheelbase.			
Coupe—	\$665	\$765	\$765
Coupe with rumble seat—	715		
2-Door sedan—	715		
Special Models 121-Inch Wheelbase.			
Brougham—	\$845	Convertible sedan—	\$875

Note.—All prices F. O. B. factory, Detroit. Subject to change without notice.

Plymouth Sales Increase.—

Retail sales of Plymouth cars during the week ended May 26 totaled 7,707 units, an increase of 5.4% over 7,315 units sold in the preceding week and a gain of 26.5% over sales of 6,091 units in the corresponding week of 1933. The week's sales were the largest weekly total for any May in the company's history, but were exceeded in two weeks of April, this year. Used car sales by Plymouth dealers during the week totaled 13,084 units.

Shipments for the week were 9,200 cars, compared with 10,678 in the preceding week.—V. 138, p. 3434.

Clarkson Coal & Dock Co.—Receiver Named.—

Henry E. Smith, St. Paul, was recently appointed receiver for the company by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce in St. Paul.—V. 119, p. 2291.

Clinton Distilleries Corp.—Admitted to List.—

The New York Produce Exchange has admitted to the list the common stock, par \$5.—V. 138, p. 3598.

Colonial Tobacco Co.—Proposed New Name.—
See George W. Helme Co. below.

Colorado & Southern Ry.—Abandonment.—
The I.-S. C. Commission on May 8 vacated that portion of its order of Nov. 13 1933, vacating certificate of July 31 1933.

The report of the Commission on rehearing says in part:
By report and certificate dated July 31 1933 (V. 137, p. 1237) in this proceeding, 193 I.-C.C. 337, division 4 granted the joint application of Colorado & Southern Ry. and Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. seeking permission for the former to abandon, and the latter to abandon operation of, the so-called Pitkin branch, extending from Parlin to Quartz, 18.54 miles, all in Gunnison County, Colo. The certificate provided that it should become effective from and after 30 days from its date. By order of division 4, entered Aug. 25 1933, the effective date of the certificate was extended to Oct. 14 1933, and by order of Oct. 13 1933, the request of the protestants for a further extension was denied. A petition for rehearing filed by the protestants was granted by us on Nov. 13 1933, and the certificate was vacated and the case re-opened and rehearing and argument had. The protestants state that no opposition is offered to the abandonment of that portion of the branch line between Pitkin and Quartz, approximately three miles.

On rehearing the State of Colorado intervened and filed a motion for dismissal of the application herein alleging generally that we are without jurisdiction because the application does not show that the applicants are engaged in inter-State commerce; that the line involved is located wholly within Gunnison County, Colo., and is disconnected from other lines of the Colorado & Southern; that there is no allegation of the burden on inter-State commerce; that there is no allegation that the present and future public convenience would be promoted by the proposed abandonment of the branch; that facts sufficient to entitle the applicants to the relief sought are not stated, and that facts sufficient to confer jurisdiction upon us are not stated. We are of the opinion that we have exclusive jurisdiction and the motion accordingly is denied.

In 1882 a predecessor of the Colorado & Southern built a narrow-gauge line from Denver to Gunnison, Colo., to furnish transportation facilities for metalliferous and coal mines. From time to time portions of the line were abandoned, including a segment north of Quartz. The segment between Parlin and Gunnison was abandoned in 1911, leaving the segment between Parlin and Quartz entirely disconnected from the remainder of the Colorado & Southern system. The Denver & Rio Grande Western constructed a connecting track between its Salida-Montrose narrow-gauge line and the branch at Parlin, a distance of approximately 2,250 feet, and operation of the branch was taken over by that carrier. There is no written contract between the carriers. The Denver & Rio Grande Western receives the revenues and pays the operating expenses, but no rent. The Colorado & Southern pays the taxes on all the branch excepting that portion owned by the Denver & Rio Grande Western.

The physical condition of the branch is poor and the expenditure of a substantial sum would be required to rehabilitate it for continued operation. While the estimate submitted by the applicants may be somewhat higher than is necessary to permit continued limited operation, it is quite apparent that the estimate submitted by the protestants is too low. This case presents the unusual feature of a line owned by one carrier being operated by another without any rental payment, while the owning carrier pays the taxes and receives no benefit from the traffic. Certainly the Colorado & Southern is fairly entitled to some return on its investment in the line carried in its accounts solely for the benefit of another carrier. The actual cost of the line is not shown, but were the Denver & Rio Grande Western to pay rental on cost or agreed value at the usual rate of 6% per annum, its annual deficit would be increased accordingly. This would be further increased were that carrier to pay the taxes, as is usual in such cases.

In the light of all the facts of record, it appears clear that the present and future public convenience and necessity permit abandonment by Colorado & Southern Ry. and abandonment of operation by Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. of the line of railroad in Gunnison County, Colo., and that the continued operation of that line would impose an undue burden upon the applicants and upon inter-State commerce.

Our order herein, which will become effective 30 days from and after its date, will vacate that portion of our order of Nov. 13 1933, vacating the certificate issued herein on July 31 1933.

Commissioner Atchison dissenting and in part:
There is evidence that the condition of the branch is no worse than other similar sections of the line owned and operated by these applicants, located in the general area, which it is not proposed to discontinue.

To keep this branch in sufficient condition for limited operation will entail relative slight expense. The public disadvantages of dismantling the only adequate, 12-months in the year means of access to a timbered section with observed mineral resources outweigh the inconsiderable burden of continued operation.

The results of operation in the present and recent troubled times do not afford a safe basis for making earnings therefrom the predominant test as to whether public convenience and necessity will permit the abandonment of this, or of any other line of railroad. By such a test, few lines would exist which would not be marked for the junk heap, even those which obviously and without possible cavil are performing absolutely essential public services. I am not ready to apply such a test.—V. 138, p. 3769.

Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.—Increases Div.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the class A and class B stock, both payable June 29 to holders of record June 15. This compares with 25 cents per share paid on both issues on March 31.—V. 138, p. 3268.

Commonwealth Gas Corp.—Substitution.—

The New York Produce Exchange has removed from dealing the Appalachian Gas Corp. (proposed new company) 15-yr. 6% income debentures, non-cumulative, w. l., and substituted on the list 15-yr. 6% income debentures due July 1 1948 of the Commonwealth Gas Corp. In accordance with plan, each \$1,000 of Appalachian Gas 6s '45 receives \$100 of Commonwealth Gas 6s and 60 shares of voting trust certificates of Commonwealth Gas. For further details of plan of Appalachian Gas Corp. see V. 133, p. 3519. Details of Commonwealth Gas Corp. are given in Public Utility Compendium of April 1934, p. 224.

Commonwealth Securities, Inc.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Inc. from divs. & int.	\$36,498	\$98,407	\$361,540	\$945,543
Interest	85,599	148,488	111,860	153,395
General expenses	38,351	46,367	97,743	109,508
Provision for taxes other than Federal				28,438
Loss before security transactions	\$87,451	\$96,447	prof\$151,936	prf\$654,201

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.
Cash	\$40,434	Notes payable to banks (secured)	\$774,642
Notes & accts. rec.	610,036	Accounts payable	509
a Investments	3,487,295	Reserves	485,064
Prepaid interest on bank loans	1,935	Unpaid synd. com.	1,268,374
		Accrd. int. & corporate taxes	2,177
			24,164
		6% pref. stock	8,763,600
		b Paid-in capital	318,853
		Deficit	7,473,519
Total	\$4,139,701	Total	\$4,139,701
	\$3,438,892		\$3,438,892
a After deducting reserves of \$11,124,590 (1932 \$14,671,958).		b Represented by 318,853 (no par) shares.—V. 137, p. 1941.	

Commonwealth & Southern Corp.—System Acquires Properties.—

The company has reacquired two Southern gas properties which it had sold to the Central Public Service Corp. in 1929, together with certain other gas properties in Michigan, in an arrangement with the Consolidated Gas & Electric Corp., holding company for nearly all the former Central Public Service units.

Consolidated Gas & Electric, in the transaction, is released from a debt of \$6,663,200 representing Central Public Service collateral trust notes due on May 1 1936.

The properties acquired by the Commonwealth & Southern group are the Charleston gas property, to be held by the South Carolina Power Co.; the Pensacola gas property, to be held by the Gulf Power Co. of Florida, and certain gas and electric properties in Michigan formerly owned by Michigan Federated Utilities and Lower Peninsula Power Co., to be held by the Consumers Power Co. of Michigan.

The acquired properties now are owned by the Commonwealth & Southern group subject only to \$750,000 debt. In connection with their acquisition Commonwealth & Southern surrendered the \$6,663,200 Central Public Service trust notes due May 1 1936.

In the 1929 transaction between Commonwealth & Southern and Central Public Service the former turned over virtually all of its gas properties to the latter group for an unstated cash amount and \$7,178,000 of collateral trust notes, since reduced to the amount described.—V. 138, p. 3599.

Compania Hispano-Americana de Electricidad, S.A., "Chade."—Series E Dividend.—

The dividend of four pesetas recently declared on the series E shares is equivalent to \$1.27 per "American share," and became payable June 7. See V. 138, p. 3769.

Consolidated Gas Service Co.—Rate Decision.—

Holding that a return of 7% is adequate for a gas utility company to earn during a depression, the Oklahoma Supreme Court has upheld the State Corporation Commission in an appeal brought by the company against an order directing a reduction to 18 cents a 1,000 cubic feet from 25 cents for the first 100,000 cubic feet in the rates for natural gas charged at the city gates of Mangum and Granite.

The opinion, written by Justice Wayne Bayless, also held that the 7% rate will be deemed sufficient to cover all necessary tax charges. The Court held further that 4% is an adequate depreciation allowance; that the Commission retains jurisdiction over gas cases despite a long-term contract between the company and cities operating their own distribution systems; and that a public service company is not entitled to any increase in its rates in order to enable it to make donations or contributions to charitable or other civic causes.

Continental Baking Corp.—\$1 Preferred Dividend.—

The directors on May 31 declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the 8% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable July 1 to holders of record June 18. In each of the six preceding quarters a like amount was distributed, as compared with \$1.50 per share on July 1 and Oct. 1 1932 and regular quarterly dividends of \$2 per share previously.—V. 138, p. 2743.

Continental Can Co., Inc.—Sales Ahead of 1933.—

President O. C. Huffman is quoted in substance as follows:
"Sales of the company for the year to date are running ahead of 1933 and present prospects are for a good year."

"Canning crops have not yet been seriously damaged by dry weather and there is still a good prospect for our business from this source. A continuation of the drouth will naturally affect the size of the crops in the districts where it prevails, but we cover the United States and all fields of can consumption, so that as long as there is business anywhere, we will get our share."

"Our observes in the Middle West report that they are not yet worried about the corn crop. The pea crop has been damaged, but Michigan and Wisconsin have had a fairly good season and altogether our sales of cans for the pea crop should approximate those of last year. Seasonal conditions in the South and East have been very good," he continued.

"We are also receiving the benefit of new business developed through our research department, particularly in the case of cans for motor oil. Sales of oil cans continue to increase substantially and some of our plants are operating overtime to produce containers for this purpose."

Acquires Additional Property.—

According to an announcement made on June 7, the company, has purchased property located at 235 South Cherokee St., in Denver, Colo., consisting of 3.4 acres of land and two modern buildings, suitable for can manufacturing.

Since 1928, when the company acquired the can manufacturing business and machinery of R. Hardesty Manufacturing Co., operations in Denver have been conducted in leased premises.

Machinery and equipment now on the property under lease, together with additional equipment, will immediately be installed in the newly acquired property to take care of the growing demand for the company's products in this section. Ample space is provided for future expansion at the new location.—V. 138, p. 2918.

(The) Cooper-Bessemer Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Manuf. profit after deducting cost of goods sold	\$298,364	\$19,627	\$301,309	\$2,225,121
Sell., admin. & gen. exps	272,283	312,960	556,480	999,571
Operating loss	prof\$26,081	\$293,333	\$255,171	prf\$1,225,550
Other income—net	37,390	25,466		18,570
Total loss	prof\$63,471	\$267,867	\$255,171	prf\$1,244,120
Provisions for deprecia'n	228,866	341,465	342,020	325,939
Other deductions			51,230	
Prov. for Fed. inc. tax				72,937
Adjust. of market secs.	10,828			
Net loss	\$176,223	\$609,332	\$648,421	prf\$845,244
Previous surplus	1,102,321	672,753	1,368,999	1,584,234
Capital surplus arising from adjust. of stated capital		2,510,268		
Discount of pref. stock acquired			111,281	10,175
Transfer from res. for possible obsol. special invent. adjust., &c.	14,923			
Total surplus	\$941,022	\$2,573,689	\$831,859	\$2,439,653
Preferred dividends			147,006	296,250
Common dividends				416,927
Extraordinary reserves		x1,471,368		
Other charges			12,105	357,477
Surplus Dec. 31	\$941,022	\$1,102,321	\$672,753	\$1,368,999
Earns. per sh. on common stock	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$2.63

x Extraordinary reserves authorized by company's board of directors:
(1) For possible obsolescence and special inventory adjustments, \$794,386;
(2) For adjustment of book value of permanent assets to conform with the management's estimate of the present sound value thereof, \$601,982;
(3) For possible losses on investments, \$75,000.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.	
Cash	\$153,032	Accounts payable	\$94,641	
Cts. of deposit	118,896	Accrued taxes	7,414	
Marketable secur.	262,266	Res. for conting's	53,215	
Notes & accts. rec.	361,563	b 3% cum. pref. stk	5,000,000	
Inventory	2,567,961	c Common stock	595,320	
Prof. stk. in treas.	157,262	Surplus	941,021	
Investments	284,671		1,102,321	
Real est. not used in operations	60,937			
Value of life ins.	43,056			
Personal & miscell. accts. receivable	47,662			
Mtgs. & land contracts receivable		26,967		
Land & land impts.	140,713	144,712		
a Bldgs., mach. & equipment, &c.	2,472,535	2,690,707		
Pats. & pat. rights	1	1		
Unexpired insur. premiums, &c.	21,056	20,745		
Total	\$6,691,613	\$6,791,252	Total	\$6,691,613
				\$6,791,252
a After depreciation. b Represented by 100,000 shares (no par).				
c Represented by 198,440 shares (no par).—V. 138, p. 2571.				

Continental Life Insurance Co. (Mo.)—Taken Over by State Insurance Department.

The company, with nearly \$100,000,000 of insurance in force, was placed in the hands of the State Insurance Department of Missouri on May 25 by Circuit Judge O'Neill Ryan, in St. Louis. Insurance Superintendent R. E. O'Malley, alleged that the company, headed by Ed Mays, was impaired to an extent rendering it insolvent and that it had been so grossly mismanaged that its continued operation by those in charge of it was hazardous.—V. 138, p. 509.

Continental Paper & Bag Corp.—Tenders.

The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, trustee, is inviting offers for the sale to it of Continental Paper & Bag Mills Corp. 1st & ref. mtge. 6 1/2% 20-year sinking fund gold bonds, series A, due Feb. 1 1944, at prices not to exceed 104 1/4 and int., in an amount sufficient to exhaust \$70,723 held in the sinking fund. Offers will be received up to 12 o'clock noon on June 15 1934, at the Bank, 11 Broad St., N. Y. City.—V. 138, p. 2405.

Cornucopia Gold Mines.—Admitted to List.

The New York Produce Exchange has admitted to the list the common stock, par 1 cent.

Court Arcade Building, Tulsa, Okla.—Ready to Play.

A summary of the provisions of a plan of readjustment promulgated by the bondholders' protective committee representing the holders of the 1st mtge. series 6% real estate gold bonds of Cynthia T. Aaronson (Court Arcade Building) is as follows:

New First Mortgage Bonds to Be Issued.—Under the plan there will be issued in lieu of the present outstanding bonds new first mortgage bonds to be exchanged at par for the present outstanding bonds. These new first mortgage bonds will be dated April 1 1934 and will mature April 1 1944. Semi-annual interest coupons at fixed rate of 3% per annum will be attached to each bond. There will also be attached to each bond a non-detachable non-interest-bearing warrant calling for the payment at maturity of additional interest at the rate of 2% per annum upon the face amount of the bonds. These bonds will be callable in whole or in part on any interest payment date at par, plus interest.

Sinking Fund.—Deed of trust will provide that the new mortgage corporation shall pay over to the trustee the net income of the Court Arcade Building. The net income will be defined as the entire gross income of the building, less only operating expenses, insurance premiums and a management expense of 10% of the gross income of the building, such management expense not to exceed \$2,400 per annum. Trustee shall set aside out of the income so received an amount sufficient to pay the taxes upon the building and any expenses of the trustee. Trustee shall then set aside an amount sufficient to pay the next semi-annual interest coupon. Any balance after these sums have been set aside shall be available to the mortgage corporation for the payment of dividends or salaries by the corporation, if the corporation shall so request. However, the corporation, its officers and stockholders, shall execute and deliver to the trustee binding and non-cancellable agreements providing that any sums so received by them shall be used solely for the purchase on that any sums so received by the trustee after issuing a call for tender of bonds shall be made by the trustee at the lowest price at which sufficient bonds are tendered and shall be at the lowest price at which sufficient bonds are tendered at not exceeding par. The bonds so purchased shall not be canceled but shall be subordinated both as to payment and lien to the first mortgage bonds which are still outstanding. In the event that the funds, if any, available for dividends or salaries but irrevocably directed to be used for the purchase and subordination of bonds by tender are not used for that purpose, then such funds shall be used by the trustee for the redemption at par, plus all accrued interest, on call by lot.

Payment of Taxes, &c.—The proposed purchaser will pay the expenses incurred by the receiver and under the plan of readjustment, including the expenses of the committee, and will further agree to pay (or deposit collateral in sufficient amount to insure the payment of) the past due and unpaid taxes for the years 1930 and 1931 and taxes for the first three-fourths of 1933 which are due and payable, and to pay further the sum of \$1,000 required to take up \$2,000 of present outstanding bonds which have never been deposited with the committee.

The proposed purchaser reserves the right to withdraw his proposal in the event that the sum required to meet all expenses and taxes should exceed the estimated amount of such expenses and taxes which is estimated at \$26,400. The purchaser also reserves the right to withdraw the proposal in the event that in negotiating new leases with the present tenants of the building there should result a substantial reduction in rentals.

The St. Louis Union Trust Co. is depository under the bondholders' protective agreement. The committee's counsel are Bryan, Williams, Cave & McPheeters, 1630 Boatmen's Bank Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.—V. 138, p. 2743.

Cuban Tobacco Co., Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Calendar Years—				1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Net earnings for the year	\$337,868	loss \$6,151	\$406,479			\$880,557	
Min. stockholders' divs. and their proportion of undistrib. net earnings of subsidiary	Dr. 133,466	Dr. 58,441	Dr. 133,658	Dr. 191,540			
Profit on exch. arising from redemp. of debts of subsidiary company	78,785						
Net income avail. for Cuban Tob. Co., Inc. Int. on 5% sec. g. bonds General reserve	\$283,186 250,705 —	loss \$64,592 253,457 —	\$272,821 265,273 —	\$689,017 275,000 100,000			
Net income	\$32,481	loss \$318,049	\$7,549	\$314,017			
Dividends on preferred			27,500	55,000			
Net inc. after divs. on preferred stock	\$32,481	def \$318,049	def \$19,951	\$259,017			
Previous surplus	2,446,834	2,781,313	2,851,265	2,842,491			
Total surplus	\$2,479,315	\$2,463,264	\$2,831,314	\$3,101,508			
Gen. res.—approp. by board of directors			50,000	250,243			
Adj. due to pref. divs. paid out of surplus to minority stockholders of sub. company		16,430					
Earned surp. Dec. 31	\$2,479,315	\$2,446,834	\$2,781,313	\$2,851,265			
Earns. per sh. on 166,829 shs. common (no par)	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$1.55			

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1933.		1932.		1933.		1932.		
\$		\$		\$		\$		
Assets				Liabilities				
Fixed assets, good-will, &c.	9,404,106	9,180,425	5% pref. stock	1,100,000	1,100,000	5% Common stock	170,000	
5% gold bonds	227,477	207,368	Minority int. in subsidiaries	2,457,128	2,490,714	Funded debt	6,326,200	
Inv. in other cos.	302,032	302,032	Accounts payable	15,197	6,692,644	Bills payable	15,197	
Cash	191,592	388,637	Accrued taxes	629,574	485,052	Loans from assoc. co. not incl. in consol. group	645,000	
Bills & acc'ts. rec., less reserve	706,780	552,843	Accounts payable	629,574	485,052	Bond int. and pref. divs. accrued	61,693	
Adv. to planters	130,668	113,430	Loans from assoc. co. not incl. in consol. group	645,000	200,000	Bond int. and divs. on stocks unclaimed	42,994	
Spec. cash depos.	58,192	91,777	Reserves	1,065,328	1,039,111	Reserves	1,065,328	
Stocks of leaf tob., cigars & suppl.	3,734,523	3,619,994	Earned surplus	2,479,315	2,446,834	Earned surplus	2,479,315	
Growing tobacco	270,344	297,926	Total	15,085,795	14,805,074	Total	15,085,795	
Prepaid insurance	—	—	Total	15,085,795	14,805,074	Total	15,085,795	
Interest, &c.	60,080	50,640						

Total \$15,085,795 14,805,074. x After reserves for depreciation. y Represented by 166,829 shares (no par), (166,829 in 1932) and includes 1,164 (1,280 in 1932) shares to be exchanged for preferred and common stock of Havana Tobacco Co. to be surrendered in accordance with the reorganization plan dated Jan. 31 1924.

Statement of Income Year Ended Dec. 31 1933 (Company Only).

Dividends received from subsidiaries	\$282,637
Interest, &c., received	796
Total income	\$283,433
Administrative and general expenses	15,806
Interest (net)	249,056
Provision for Federal income tax on bond interest	1,648
Profit for year	\$16,922
Surplus, balance Dec. 31 1932	166,249
Surplus, balance Dec. 31 1933	\$183,171

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933 (Company Only).

Assets		Liabilities	
Investments at cost	\$7,106,313	5% cumulative pref. stock	\$1,100,000
Cash in bank	30,142	Common stock	170,000
Special cash deposit	4,875	5% Secured gold bonds	5,500,000
Prepaid insurance	3,698	Current liabilities	41,556
		General reserve	150,000
		Surplus	183,171
Total	\$7,145,028	Total	\$7,145,028

—V. 138, p.

Cunard-White Star, Ltd.—Organized.

The Cunard-White Star, Ltd., has been formally registered in London with a nominal capital of £10,000,000 in shares of £1 each. The board of directors includes Sir Percy Bates, F. A. Bates, Sir Thomas Brocklebank, R. Crail, S. J. Lister, Sir Thomas Royden, A. B. Cauty, Frank Charlton, Lord Essendon and Brigadier-General Sir Arthur Maxwell.

Dallas Power & Light Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—			1933.	1932.
Operating revenues	\$4,967,382	\$5,132,500		
Operating expenses, including taxes	2,362,373	2,493,947		
Net revenues from operation	\$2,605,009	\$2,638,553		
Net non-operating income (debit)	2,535	3,616		
Gross corporate income	\$2,602,474	\$2,634,937		
Interest on mortgage bonds	720,833	697,500		
Other interest, amortization, &c.	37,367	53,534		
Maintenance & deprec. reserve & deductions	450,745	514,550		
Dividends	\$1,393,529	\$1,369,353		
Balance on pref. stocks	506,723	495,819		
Common dividends	885,397	869,914		

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Assets		Liabilities	
Plant, property, &c.	\$28,251,771	7% preferred stock	\$3,500,000
Investments	2,020	\$6 preferred (43,731 shares)	4,427,134
Cash in banks—on demand	506,435	Common (262,500 shares)	5,250,000
Cash in banks—time deposits	950,000	1st mtge. gold bonds	12,600,000
Notes & loans receivable	11,850	Current liabilities	863,336
Accounts receivable	334,277	Matured & accrued interest	393,755
Materials & supplies	483,940	Contingent liabilities (contra)	29,253
Prepayments	31,688	Reserves	4,644,236
Miscellaneous current assets	8,400	Corporate surplus (earned)	74,214
Miscellaneous assets	366,512		
Deferred charges	775,779		
Contingent assets (contra)	29,253		
Total	\$31,751,929	Total	\$31,751,929

—V. 138, p. 3601.

Deere & Co.—Meeting Adjourned.

The special meeting which was scheduled to be held on May 24 to vote on certain changes in capitalization was adjourned to July 31. See also V. 138, p. 3086.

Disel-Wemmer-Gilbert Corp.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—				1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Sales	\$4,138,587	\$5,426,391	\$6,959,948	\$6,599,814			
Cost of sales	3,338,236	4,538,890	5,799,915	5,308,002			
Packing & shipping exps.	23,941	33,607	47,171	47,008			
Selling expenses	296,373	361,384	435,632	440,204			
Admin. & general exps.	143,653	143,415	147,679	128,571			
Net profit	\$336,383	\$349,095	\$529,550	\$676,028			
Miscellaneous income	18,507	33,718	18,618	90,006			
Net inc. before Fed. tax	\$354,890	\$382,813	\$548,168	\$766,035			
Prov. for Fed. inc. tax	44,700	52,000	70,700	83,600			
Miscellaneous charges	50,441	35,108					
Net income	\$259,750	\$295,706	\$477,468	\$682,434			
Capital surplus	1,550,610	2,368,082	2,327,706	2,430,950			
Paid-in surplus				509,993			
Previous earned surplus	\$91,466	\$78,763	\$702,281	\$509,993			
Total surplus	\$2,701,826	\$3,432,551	\$3,507,456	\$3,623,377			
Preferred dividends	\$105,333	118,650	100,000	133,000			
Common dividends		54,353	284,988	357,146			
Surplus, Dec. 31	\$2,596,493	\$3,259,548	\$3,096,469	\$3,133,232			
Shares of com. stk. outstanding (\$10 par)	204,320	208,680	216,410	238,095			
Earns. per sh. on 238,095 shares com. stock	\$0.75	\$0.85	\$1.55	\$2.31			
x Includes provision for dividend not paid during year amounting to \$3.50 per share, or \$51,496.							

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1933.		1932.		1933.		1932.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets				Liabilities			
Cash	\$1,003,014	\$961,860	Pref. 7% cum.	\$1,371,300	\$1,590,000		
Cust. acc'ts. receiv.	239,132	207,267	y Common stock	2,043,200	2,086,800		
Sundry acc'ts. rec.	499	2,230	Accts. pay., trade	45,777	54,829		
Inventories	1,716,874	1,661,429	Due to affil. co.	13,239	868		
Prep. ins., taxes & other charges	55,038	43,333	Unexp. approp. for advertising	—	62,000	62,000	
Adv. to Bernard Schwartz Cigar Corp.	175,000	250,000	Prov. for retire. & divs. on pref. stk.	151,496	—		
Adv. to officers & employees	60,774	16,072	Acrr. royalties and rebates	23,636	14,692		
Funds in clos'd bks	40,085	—	Prov. for Fed. inc. tax	44,700	52,000		
Investments	872,800	1,735,300	Capital surplus	1,550,610	2,368,082		
x Prop., pl. & equip	538,446	578,662	Earned surplus	1,045,883	891,466		
Cigar mach. leased	39,415	48,403					
Organiz. expenses	5,465	10,929					
Good-will, brands & trademarks	1,605,250	1,605,250					
Total	\$6,351,841	\$7,120,736	Total	\$6,351,841	\$7,120,736		

x After depreciation of \$366,478 in 1933 and \$330,795 in 1932. y Represented by 204,320 shares (no par) in 1933 and 208,680 in 1932.—V. 138, p. 3771.

De Jay Stores, Inc.—Earnings.

Earnings for 3 Months Ended April 30 1934.	
Gross profit on sales	\$211,037
Store administrative and general expenses	134,901
Operating profit	\$76,135
Other income	28,027
Total income	\$104,162
Bad debts	45,692
Miscellaneous deductions	4,313
Net profit for period	\$54,157
Earnings per share on common stock	\$0.48
—V. 138, p. 3770.	

Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR.—Equipment Trust Certificates.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 23 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of not exceeding \$1,043,000 equipment-trust certificates of 1934, series B, to be issued by the United States Trust Co. of New York, as trustee, and sold at par to aid in financing the reconstruction of equipment.

The supplemental report of the Commission says in part:
In its application filed Feb. 26 1934, company asked authority to assume obligation and liability in respect of not exceeding \$4,666,000 equipment-trust certificates of 1934. By our original order of May 2 1934, it was authorized to assume obligation and liability in respect of not exceeding \$3,623,000 of the certificates, designated as series A, to be issued to aid in financing that portion of the equipment to be purchased. The remaining \$1,043,000 of certificates were to be issued to finance that portion of the equipment to be reconstructed by the applicant in its shops, and at the request of the applicant, action as to that amount of certificates was deferred because copies of the necessary equipment trust agreement and lease, recently filed, had not then been completed.

The equipment to be reconstructed consists of 20 road engines, to be rebuilt into modern drill or switch engines at an estimated cost of \$300,000, and 986 wooden-sheathed box cars, 886 of which are to be converted into steel-sheathed box cars at an estimated cost of \$598,050 and 100 are to be converted into steel-sheathed automobile cars, of which 50, with an automobile loading device, are estimated to cost \$79,011, and 50, without that device, are estimated to cost \$58,535. The total estimated cost of the reconstruction is \$1,035,596, which is somewhat less than the maximum amount of certificates proposed.

An agreement will be entered into between the applicant and the United States Trust Co. of New York, as trustee, which will provide for the issue by the trustee of not exceeding \$1,043,000 of equipment trust certificates to be known as the Delaware Lackawanna and Western RR. equipment-trust certificates of 1934, series B, and for a trust fund to be furnished to the trustee and applied by it. The equipment will be transferred by the applicant to the trustee, which will lease it to the applicant under a lease, to be executed simultaneously with the agreement.

The certificates to be originally issued are to be temporary registered certificates dated day of issue, and will entitle the holders to an interest in the trust to the amount therein specified and to dividends from and after one year from the date thereof at the rate of 4% per annum, payable semi-annually on June 1 and Dec. 1. They will be exchangeable on or after June 1 1937, for definitive certificates to be dated June 1 1937, which will entitle the holders to the same rate of dividends as the temporary certificates. Certificates to the amount of \$61,000 will be payable on Dec. 1 1936, and on June 1 and Dec. 1 in each year thereafter to and incl. June 1 1944, and \$67,000 on Dec. 1 1944. Redeemable at par and divs. on any dividend-payment date, either as a whole, or from time to time in part in the inverse order of maturity, but if redeemed in part not less than all the certificates of the same maturity may be called for redemption.—V. 138, p. 3770.

Distributors Group, Inc.—Averages Slightly Lower.—

Investment trust securities were slightly lower during the week ended June 1. The average for the common stocks of the ten leading management trusts, influenced by the leverage factor, as compiled by this corporation, stood at 12.57 as of the close June 1, compared with 12.94 on May 25.

The average of the non-leverage stocks stood at 14.57 as of the close June 1, compared with 14.65 at the close on May 25. The average of the mutual funds closed at 10.23 compared with 10.45 at the close of the previous week.—V. 138, p. 2920.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—May Output Up.—

Period End.	1934—Month	1933. 1934—5 Mos.	1933.
Production (value of)	\$619,429	\$490,112	\$3,103,808
	\$2,289,311	\$2,289,311	\$2,289,311

—V. 138, p. 3269, 2745.

Dow Chemical Co.—Note Redemption.—

The company has called for redemption on Aug. 1 1934, \$500,000 of its outstanding 10-year 6% notes at 101 and int. The numbers of the notes to be redeemed and additional information may be obtained after June 15 1934, from the trustee, the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Interest on said redeemable notes will cease to accrue on Aug. 1 1934.—V. 138, p. 3602.

Duquesne Light Co.—Earnings.—

12 Months Ended April 30—	1934.	1933.
Gross earnings	\$24,545,921	\$24,108,533
Operating exps., maintenance & taxes	9,248,096	8,578,199
Net earnings	\$15,297,826	\$15,530,334
Other income—net	945,023	991,229
Net earnings incl. other income	\$16,242,848	\$16,521,564
Rents for lease of electric properties	178,214	178,614
Interest charges—net	3,224,399	3,167,770
Amortization of debt discount & expense	167,281	167,354
Miscellaneous	721	721
Appropriation for retirement reserve	2,063,674	1,928,683
Net income	\$10,608,559	\$11,678,422

—V. 138, p. 3602.

East Kootenay Power Co.—Earnings.—

Month of April—	1934.	1933.
Gross earnings	\$34,547	\$32,683
Operating expenses	11,521	10,715
Net earnings	\$23,026	\$21,968

—V. 138, p. 2746.

Easy Washing Machine Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.
Gross profit after deducting cost of sales, discounts & allowances, & depreciation on plant & equipment	\$1,259,276	\$941,549
Other income	67,799	52,638
Total income	\$1,327,075	\$994,187
Sell., gen. & admin. expenses	984,096	1,114,281
Adjust. of inventories to market values	4,411	17,034
Provisions for contingencies reserve	316	6,700
Miscellaneous	25,581	791
Provision for Federal income tax	312,670	144,619
Profit for year	\$1,279,649	1,425,693
Previous surplus	28,620	Dr 1,425
Additional taxes in respect of prior years	230,550	
Class A dividends	\$1,333,149	\$1,279,649
Class B dividends	\$0.60	Nil

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1933.	1932.	Liabilities—		1933.	1932.
Cash	\$368,732	\$304,250	Accounts payable	\$207,247	\$144,004	29,023	56,700
U. S. Govt., State & municipal bds.	1,099,670	1,001,900	Accrued liabilities	56,700	56,700	29,023	56,700
Accts. receivable	250,925	246,529	Res. for workmen's comp. expenses	29,779	29,779	259,170	2,456,808
Inventory	1,148,333	872,592	Divs. payable	259,170	2,456,808	500,000	500,000
Securities deposited with N. Y. State Indus. Commis.	27,272	27,272	x Common stock	2,456,808	2,456,808	500,000	500,000
Miscell. investm't Land, bldgs., machinery & equip.	1,403,967	1,491,651	Capital surplus	500,000	500,000	1,333,149	1,279,649
Good-will, pats. & trade marks	520,487	526,809	Earned surplus	1,333,149	1,279,649		
Prepd. taxes & un-expired insur.	10,988	21,315					
Misc. def. charges	2,479	3,636					
Total	\$4,842,854	\$4,495,963	Total	\$4,842,854	\$4,495,963		

x Represented by class A authorized 60,000 shares, issued and outstanding 57,240 shares; class B authorized 600,000 shares, issued and outstanding 461,374 shares.—V. 137, p. 4703.

Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc.—Earnings.—

Period End.	1934—Month	1933.	1934—4 Mos.	1933.
Operating revenue	\$700,833	\$642,154	\$2,408,278	\$2,191,136
Operating expense	731,456	679,837	2,705,632	2,402,596
Operating deficit	30,623	37,683	297,354	211,460
Other income	1,795	3,616	6,862	26,423
Other expense	67,418	73,688	272,380	315,987
Net deficit	\$96,246	\$107,755	\$562,872	\$501,024

—V. 138, p. 3269.

Electric Bond & Share Co.—Output of Affiliates.—

Electric output for three major affiliates of the Electric Bond & Share System for the week ended May 31, compares as follows (in kw. h.):

Week Ended May 31—	1934.	1933.	Increase.
American Power & Light Co.	76,321,000	67,273,000	13.4%
Electric Power & Light Corp.	35,542,000	32,316,000	10.0%
National Power & Light Co.	60,989,000	60,656,000	0.5%

—V. 138, p. 3602, 3437.

Electric Controller & Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Net operating (loss)	\$79,151	\$369,890	\$106,146	prof \$515,270
Federal taxes (est.)				53,250
Net loss	\$79,151	\$369,890	\$106,146	prof \$462,020
Previous surplus	334,828	846,428	1,306,849	1,388,089
Net ref. of prior years'				
Federal taxes				23,580
Total surplus	\$255,677	\$476,538	\$1,200,703	\$1,873,689
Dividends	53,141	141,710	354,275	566,840
Rate	(\$0.75)	(\$2)	(\$5)	(\$8)
Profit & loss surplus	\$202,536	\$334,828	\$846,428	\$1,306,849
Shs. of cap. stock outstanding (no par)	70,855	70,855	70,855	70,855
Earned per share	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$6.52

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1933.	1932.	Liabilities—		1933.	1932.
Cash	\$26,191	\$9,541	x Capital stock	\$354,275	\$354,275	23,085	15,755
Marketable secur.	643,588	849,484	Accounts payable	23,085	15,755	9,471	9,383
Notes & accts. rec.	97,347	30,667	Unpaid dividends	—	17,714	998,291	998,292
Inventory	406,807	387,448	Accrued taxes, &c.	9,471	9,383	202,536	334,828
Plant, equip., &c.	363,928	405,815	Capital surplus	998,291	998,292		
Other assets	29,090	32,974	Profit & loss surp.	202,536	334,828		
Depos. in closed bks	7,821	—					
Deferred assets, &c.	12,885	14,316					
Total	\$1,587,658	\$1,730,247	Total	\$1,587,658	\$1,730,247		

x Represented by 70,855 shares (no par value) with a declared value of \$5 per share.—V. 137, p. 1059.

Electric Power & Light Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Subsidiaries—		1934.	1933.
Operating revenues	\$69,575,238	\$70,681,164	
Operating expenses, including taxes	37,082,457	36,085,005	
Net revenues from operation	\$32,492,781	\$34,596,159	
Other income	179,310	183,042	
Gross corporate income	\$32,672,091	\$34,779,201	
Interest to public and other deductions	15,785,373	15,935,909	
Interest charged to construction	Cr 11,842	Cr 73,341	
Property retirement & depl. reserve appropriations	8,118,999	6,880,850	
Balance	\$8,779,561	\$12,035,783	
Preferred dividends to public	7,922,247	7,910,029	
Portion applicable to minority interest	90,690	129,768	
Net equity of Electric Power & Light Corp. in income of subsidiaries	\$766,624	\$3,995,986	

Electric Power & Light Corporation—		1934.	1933.
Net equity of Electric Power & Light Corp. in income of subsidiaries (as shown above)		\$766,624	\$3,995,986
Other income		16,335	218,637
Total income		\$782,959	\$4,214,623
Expenses, including taxes		405,360	458,456
Interest to public and other deductions		1,588,974	1,593,621
Balance carried to consolidated earned surp.—loss		\$1,211,375	\$2,162,546

Notation.—All inter-company transactions have been eliminated from the above statement. Interest and preferred dividend deductions of subsidiaries represent full annual requirements paid or accrued (where not paid) on securities held by the public. The "portion applicable to minority interest" is the calculated portion of the balance of income available for minority holdings by the public of common stock of subsidiaries. Minority interests have not been charged with deficits where income accounts of subsidiaries have so resulted. The "net equity of Electric Power & Light Corp. in income of subsidiaries" includes interest and preferred dividends paid or earned on securities held, plus the proportion of earnings which accrued to common stocks held by Electric Power & Light Corp., less losses where income accounts of individual subsidiaries have resulted in deficits for the period.

Balance Sheet March 31.

Assets—		1934.	1933.	Liabilities—		1934.	1933.
Investments	\$182,860,304	\$182,946,717	y Capital stock (no par value)	155,042,839	155,042,839		
Cash	1,645,749	838,154	Subscriptions to \$7 pref. stock	—	—	12,200	12,200
Time dep. in bks	1,800,000	1,500,000	Long-term debt	31,000,000	31,000,000	95,504	119,000
Notes and loans receiv.—subs.	553,000	1,846,000	Accts. payable	300,167	309,620	156,602	156,752
Accts. rec.—sub	44,969	146,337	Reserve	4,190,985	4,594,428		
Accts. rec.—oths	14,554	5,637	Surplus				
Subscribers to \$7 preferred stk. allot. cts.	12,251	12,253					
x Reasq. capital stock	101,820	101,820					
Unamortiz. debt disct. & exp.	3,735,017	3,774,016					
Other def. chgs.	4,394	—					
Claim receiv.	26,239	64,005					
Total	190,798,298	191,234,940	Total	190,798,298	191,234,940		

x Represented by—\$7 pref. stock		1934.	1933.
Common stock	821 1/2 shs.	961 shs.	821 1/2 shs.
y Represented by—		1934.	1933.
\$7 pref. stock (Value in liquidation \$100 a share.)	515,122 shs.	515,122 shs.	515,122 shs.
\$6 pref. stock	255,430 2-3 shs.	255,430 shs.	255,430 shs.
2d pref. stock	87,378 shs.	103,500 shs.	103,500 shs.
a Common stock	3,404,433 shs.	3,339,945 shs.	

Holders of option warrants outstanding are entitled to purchase one share of common stock, without limitation as to time, at \$25 per share for each option warrant held, and each share of the company's 2d pref. stock, series A, when accompanied by four option warrants, will be accepted at \$100 in payment for four shares of such common stock in lieu of cash.

a Including 560 (592 in 1933) shares issuable in exchange for stock of predecessor company.—V. 138, p. 3771.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston.—Financing Plans.—

The "Wall Street Journal" states: "Present plans for public financing for the company to take care of maturities aggregating \$32,000,000 on July 16 will amount to \$35,000,000 in the form of 3-year notes with a coupon rate of 3%." Unless some change occurs between the time of registration of the issue with the Federal Trade Commission and expiration of the 20-day

period which must elapse before the bonds may be offered to the public, this rate will be the lowest at which any utility has ever borrowed from the public either for short or long term. Registration is expected to start in the near future.

"Maturities to be met July 16 by Boston Edison comprise \$25,000,000 2-year 5s and \$7,000,000 bank loans, the latter representing the remainder of \$10,000,000 borrowed last October to pay off a corresponding amount of 3 1/2% discount notes. Of this advance \$3,000,000 was paid off April 16 with the balance extended for 90 days. The company's public financing has been confined to short-term notes, there being outstanding, in addition to the \$25,000,000 5s coming due July 16, an issue of \$20,000,000 3-year 5s, due May 2 1935, and \$16,000,000 3-year 5s, due April 15 1936."—V. 138, p. 2746.

Electric Public Service Co.—Assets Auctioned.
The assets securing bonds of the company were sold at auction on June 5 by Adrian H. Muller & Sons for \$323,000 and purchased on behalf of the reorganization committee.

The Chancery Court, Wilmington, Del., has ordered the receivers, bondholders and other creditors to show cause June 27 why a reorganization plan should not be approved. The plan does not provide for any distribution of securities of new company to preferred or common stockholders. It states that earnings and assets of the company justify participation only by holders of 15-year 6% secured gold bonds, series A and B, and first lien collateral 5 1/2% series C, bonds.—V. 138, p. 3296.

El Paso Electric Co. (Del.) (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Table with columns: Period End, Apr. 30—1934, 1933; 12 Mos—1934, 1933. Rows: Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Interest & amortizat'n., Balance, Appropriations for retirement reserve.

Balance for common stock divs. & surplus... \$80,335 \$197,603. During the last 32 years, the company and its predecessor companies have expended for maintenance a total of 6.80% of the entire gross earnings over this period, and in addition during this period have set aside for reserves or retained as surplus a total of 9.94% of these gross earnings.—V. 138, p. 3269.

Emporium Capwell Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Table with columns: 12 Months Ended April 30—1934, 1933. Rows: Net profit after deprec., int., Federal taxes, &c., Earnings per sh., Profit of \$194,070 accrued on the purchase and retirement of bonds during 12 months ended April 30 1934.

Engineers Public Service Co.—Earnings.

Table with columns: [And Constituent Companies.] Period End, Apr. 30—1934, 1933; 12 Mos—1934, 1933. Rows: Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net oper. revenue, Inc. from other sources, Int. and amortization, Balance, Appropriations for retirement reserve, Divs. on pref. stock, Balance, Divs. on preferred stock, Amount applicable to common stock, Balance for divs. of Engineers Public Service Co, Divs. on pref. stock, Balance for common stock.

a Income from miscellaneous investments, also \$1,513 (1933, \$710,493) interest on funds for construction purposes. b Equal to 11.3% (1933—10.6%) of gross earnings. c These amounts were earned except for \$1,474,018 in the case of certain constituent companies and for \$632,084 in the case of Engineers Public Service Co. Adjusting for minority interest and inter-company eliminations \$1,464,007 of the former amount would be applicable to Engineers Public Service Co. d Adjusted for unearned preferred dividends of certain constituent companies, which are not a claim against either Engineers Public Service Co. or its other constituent companies, would show a balance for the common stock of Engineers Public Service Co. of \$93,296.

During a period averaging about 29 years for which records are available, the companies in the Engineers group have expended for maintenance a total of 9.1% of their entire gross earnings for the period, and in addition have set aside for reserves or retained as surplus a total of 9.9% of such earnings after allowance for cumulative preferred dividends not declared.—V. 138, p. 3089.

Erie RR.—New Officer.

William White, formerly Assistant General Manager of the western district with headquarters at Youngstown, Ohio, has been appointed Assistant to the Vice-President, department of operation and maintenance, with offices in Cleveland, Ohio, effective June 1.—V. 138, p. 3773.

Equitable Office Building Corp.—Earnings.

Table with columns: (Including Vault Co., Inc.) Years End, Apr. 30—1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Rows: Rentals earned, Miscellaneous earnings, Total earnings, Operating expense, Depreciation, Net operating profit, Other income, Total income, Int., real est. taxes, &c., Federal income tax, Res. for addit'l deprec., Net profit, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Shares com. stock outstanding, Earnings per share.

Comparative Balance Sheet Apr. 30.

Table comparing Assets and Liabilities for 1934 and 1933. Assets include Land, Building, Misc. equipment, Rights, priv., tenancies & going value, Premium paid for cancel. of lease, Sinking fund depts., Invest. held for account of employ., Cash, Accts. receivable, Equip. Office Bldg., Corp. com. stk., Bills receivable, Market securities, 5% 35-yr. sinking fund debs., Other securities, Inventories, Deferred charges. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Common stock, Capital stock, Equit. Life Assur., Soc. mortgage, 6% gold mtge. bds., 35-yr. 5% sink. fund debenture, Accts. pay., taxes, interest, &c., Rents received in advance, &c., Employ. retirement fund reserves, Prop. surplus, Addit'l dep. rec., Surplus.

Total... 38,125,356 39,028,393 a Market value. b Market value \$130,079. c After deducting \$6,329,029 depreciation reserve in 1934 and \$6,038,143 in 1933. d Represented by 895,464 shares of no par value. e Represented by 862,098 no par shares.—V. 138, p. 3773.

Federal-Mogul Corp.—Earnings.

Table with columns: Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1933. Rows: Gross profit from sales, Selling, administrative & general expenses, Int. paid, bad debt losses, Canadian exch. & misc. deductions, Provision for obsolescence of service inventory, Provision for loss on accounts with closed banks, Net income, Int. earned, royalties, prof. on sec. & misc. income, Profit before depreciation and income tax, Depreciation, Federal and Canadian income taxes, Consolidated net profit, Surplus—Jan. 1 1933, Surplus—Dec. 31 1933.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Table comparing Assets and Liabilities for Dec. 31 1933. Assets include Cash, Listed corporate stock, Notes, trade accept., contracts, &c., Inventories, Other assets, x Permanent assets, Patents & good-will, Deferred charges. Liabilities include Notes payable to banks, 6% serial debenture notes due April 1 1934, Accounts payable, Accrued expenses, Federal & Canadian inc. taxes, Long-term indebtedness, Capital stock, Earned surplus.

Total... \$1,698,029 x After depreciation of \$458,630. y Represented by 154,720 shares.—V. 138, p. 2922.

Federated Department Stores, Inc.—Extra Dividend Declared.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 10 cents per share in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share on the no par value common stock, both payable July 2 to holders of record June 21. Like amounts were distributed on Jan. 2 and on April 2 last.—V. 138, p. 3602.

Fidelity Union Title & Mtge. Guaranty Co. (N. J.)—Court Criticizes Bids—Chancellor Says Largest of Four Offers for Assets Would Be Low if Doubled.

Vice-Chancellor Bigelow, sitting at Paterson, N. J., on June 4 on the orders to show cause why the assets of the company should not be sold to one of four bidders, or why the plan of liquidation offered by the joint committee should not be accepted, indicated that he believed the offers made in the four bids were far too low. He said he would not hand down a decision until near the end of June and set July 2 as the date for the continuance of the case. The Vice-Chancellor's attitude in regard to the bids came in the course of the testimony of Paul Cohen, representing the Bankers Securities Corp., which filed a bid of \$1,765,000, the highest bid of four. The Vice-Chancellor interrupted him with the statement: "If you doubled your present offer, it would still be low." The other three offers included the original one from the Mutual Mortgage Loan Co., \$1,664,090, changed in court to \$844,469 in cash with the promise to divide the net profits evenly with the bondholders; one from the Franklin Insurance Co. for \$1,665,000, and a new bid offered in court from the Phoenix Security Corp. of \$1,004,100 in cash and a second-mortgage bond of \$1,664,100.—V. 138, p. 2746.

(William) Filene's Sons Co.—Extra Dividend Declared.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 10 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 20 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable July 2 to holders of record June 20. Similar distributions were made on March 31 last and on Dec. 30 1933.—V. 138, p. 2407.

First National Stores, Inc.—May Retire Pref. Stock.

The decision of the directors to have the executive committee pass upon the advisability of calling part or all of the approximately \$4,800,000 7% pref. stock (company has bought in less than \$200,000) is designed to emphasize to investors that the stock is currently selling about \$3 above the callable price of \$110 a share.—V. 138, p. 3438.

(M. H.) Fishman & Co., Inc.—May Sales.

Table with columns: 1934—May—1933, Increase, 1934—5 Mos.—1933, Increase. Rows: \$298,648 \$228,879 \$69,769 \$1,067,299 \$777,184 \$290,115 —V. 138, p. 3089.

Florida Power & Light Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Table with columns: Calendar Years—1933, 1932. Rows: Operating revenues, Operating expenses, including taxes, Rent for leased property, Balance, Other income, Gross corporate income, Interest on mortgage bonds, Interest on debentures, Other interest and deductions, Interest charged to construction, Property retirement reserve appropriations, Balance, surplus. Note.—Regular dividends on \$7 pref. stock and \$6 pref. stock have been paid to Dec. 31 1932, and dividends on \$7 2nd pref. stock have been paid to Sept. 30 1932. No provision has been made in the above statement for undeclared cumulative dividends on \$7 pref. stock, amounting to \$1,093,008; on \$6 pref. stock, amounting to \$60,000; and on \$7 2nd pref. stock, amounting to \$175,000 to Dec. 31 1933.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Plant, prop., franchises, &c.	\$127,590,815	Capital stock (no par)	\$48,954,358
Investments—securities	153,085	1st mtge. gold 5s	52,000,000
Cash in banks—on demand	317,618	6% debentures, series A	22,000,000
Notes & loans receivable	1,079,863	Municipal bonds assumed	2,500
Accounts receivable	1,470,849	Contractual liabilities	2,220
Materials & supplies	1,080,849	Contracts payable	22,632
Prepayments	57,423	Loans payable—Am. P. & L.	2,233,000
Miscellaneous current assets	78,433	Accounts payable	150,846
3,856 shares \$7 pref. stock	377,697	Customers' deposits	1,291,029
Interest & redemption acct.	1,311,290	Accrued accounts	854,492
U. S. Treasury notes	354,953	Miscellaneous current liab.	4,426
Notes & accts. rec.—not cur	697,464	Matured & accrued interest	1,311,290
Unamor. debt disc. & exp.	1,319,236	Contingent liab. (see contra)	24,000
Unamor. charges applic. to		Sundry credits	35,526
rents & tolls	352,602	Reserves	3,969,914
Other deferred charges	5,168	Capital surplus	706,347
Contingent asset	24,000	Earned surplus	1,746,154

Total. \$135,308,639 Total. \$135,308,639
 x Represented by \$7 pref. outstanding (including 71 shares issuable in exchange for pref. stock of merged company), 160,000 shares; \$6 pref., 10,000 shares; \$7 and pref., authorized 20,000 shares and common, 2,500,000 shares.—V. 138, p. 3602.

Ford Motor Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Annual Report.—

Production for Calendar Years.				
	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Cars	26,398	25,218	30,890	70,259
Tractors				2,186

Income Account for Calendar Years.				
	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Total sales & other inc.	\$16,804,794	\$17,168,776	\$21,880,724	\$45,947,903
Exps., deprec., maint. operation and taxes	17,979,786	22,375,513	23,265,481	42,790,026
Net loss	\$1,174,992	\$5,206,737	\$1,384,757	\$1,817,877
Other adjustments		Dr 42,570		
Previous surplus	18,557,526	24,764,262	28,436,965	29,762,905
Divs. rec. from affil. cos. (net)	554,291			
Total surplus	\$17,936,825	\$19,557,526	\$27,009,638	\$32,920,781
Dividends paid	1,658,960		995,376	3,483,816
Trans. to reserves		1,000,000	1,250,000	1,000,000
Adjust. of prev. yrs. inc. taxes	5,799			

Profit & loss surplus. \$16,272,066 \$18,557,526 \$24,764,262 \$28,436,965
 Shs. cap. stk. outstand. (no par) x1,658,960 x1,658,960 x1,658,960 x1,658,960
 Earnings per share. Nil Nil Nil \$1.90
 x Represented by 1,588,960 shares class A stock and 70,000 shares class B stock.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Plant account	\$25,793,361	Capital stock	\$13,379,100
Patents	1	1st mortgage	566,758
Cash	6,273,951	Res. for invest.	1,000,000
Can. Govt. bonds	11,414,593	Deprec. reserve	20,021,345
Accts. receivable	644,607	Contingency res.	3,250,000
Deferred charges	148,608	Surplus	16,272,066
Inventories	2,197,904		
Investments	6,205,502		
Customs drawback & refund claims	612,486		
Adv. to affil. cos.	2,174,878		
Interest accrued	129,553		

Total. \$55,438,519 \$55,010,067 Total. \$55,438,519 \$55,010,067
 x Represented by 1,588,960 shares class A stock and 70,000 shares class B stock, both of no par value.—V. 138, p. 3089.

(H. H.) Franklin Mfg. Co.—Trustees in Bankruptcy.
 Ben Wiles, referee in bankruptcy, has appointed Giles H. Stillwell, Norman Knous and Hugh H. Goodhart as trustees in bankruptcy for the above company.

Creditor banks, holding 90% of the claims against the company, had nominated Mr. Stillwell to be sole trustee. The banking interests, however, agreed to the appointment of three trustees in compliance with the demand of certain minority creditors.
 Mr. Stillwell, Chairman of the board, had been receiver of the company since its voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed early in April. Mr. Knous is a Syracuse manufacturer and Mr. Goodhart was formerly advertising manager for Franklin.

Referee Wiles said that the first meeting of creditors would be resumed on June 25. It was announced that plans for reorganizing the company were being discussed by various groups but that none of the plans had taken definite form.—V. 138, p. 2923.

Froedtert Grain & Malting Co. (Wis.)—Stock Offered.

—Hammons & Co., Inc., New York, are offering at \$15 per share 80,000 shares preferred stock. This offering does not represent any new financing on the part of the company. A prospectus describing the company affords the following:

Pref. stock is entitled to cumulative dividends at rate of \$1.20 per share per annum, payable Q-F. In addition, pref. stock is also entitled to a non-cumulative participating dividend of 30 cents per share before common stock, in any current fiscal year, is entitled to receive or to have declared and set aside for it more than \$1.20 per share. Each share of pref. stock is entitled to the same voting rights as each share of common stock. In the event of voluntary liquidation or winding up, pref. stock is entitled to a preference of \$20 per share plus divs. to date of liquidation provided that profits or surplus are sufficient to pay difference between \$15 per share and \$20 per share. In the event of an involuntary liquidation, pref. stock is entitled to a preference with respect to the common stock of \$15 per share. Company has the right to call, in whole or pro rata in part, the pref. stock on any dividend date on 90 days' written notice at \$20 per share. Holders of outstanding pref. stock can, on 10 days' notice to the company, convert all or any part of their holdings into common stock on the basis of receiving one share of common stock for each share of pref. stock so converted. If pref. stock is called, then the right so to convert it shall cease and determine 10 days before the 90-day period provided for in connection with said call.

Transfer agent, Registrar & Transfer Co., 7 Dey St., New York. Registrar, Continental Bank & Trust Co., 40 Broad St., New York.

Capitalization—		Authorized.		Outstanding.	
Preferred stock (\$15 par)		80,000 shs.		80,000 shs.	
Common stock (\$1 par)		500,000 shs.		420,000 shs.	

Company.—The company states that it is one of the three largest commercial producers of malt in the world. Company and its predecessors have been in business under the control of the Froedtert family for approximately 66 years, without interruption. Beginning, shortly after the Civil War, with a production of 55,000 bushels of malt annually, the company has grown to the position it now occupies in the industry, with 3 plants capable of producing in excess of 4,000,000 bushels of malt annually. This growth has been accomplished entirely through a reinvestment of earnings, the company having operated at a profit throughout its history of 66 years, with the exception of two years. One of these years was 1930, with the loss amounting to \$107,896.

Company's principal office and largest plant, with a malting capacity of approximately 2,225,000 bushels per annum, is located in Greenfield, Wis. Company owns and operates two other plants: one at Red Wing, Minn., with an annual malting capacity of 415,000 bushels; and one at Winona, Minn., with an annual malting capacity of 1,415,000 bushels. The total storage capacity of these plants is 3,475,000 bushels. These properties and equipment were appraised by American Appraisal Co. as of July 10 1933 at a sound value of \$1,848,307.

The company has had no established dividend rate. A 10% dividend amounting to \$70,000 was paid to stockholders of record Aug. 1 1931; 2½% amounting to \$17,500 to stockholders of record Aug. 31 1932, and 10% amounting to \$70,000 to stockholders of record July 31 1933.
Shipments.—The following figures taken from the reports of Haskins & Sells on Froedtert Grain & Malting Co., Inc., for the fiscal year ending July 31 1933 and for the 6 months' period ending Jan. 31 1934 are submitted. Dollar sales of malt shipped from Aug. 1 1932 to March 31 1933 total \$636,880, an average of \$79,610 per month. From April 1 1933 to Jan. 31 1934 the dollar sales of malt shipped per month were as follows:

Apr. 1933—\$261,283	Aug. 1933—\$453,179	Nov. 1933—\$266,901
May 1933—273,201	Sept. 1933—379,065	Dec. 1933—329,117
June 1933—328,658	Oct. 1933—354,303	Jan. 1934—404,386
July 1933—368,973		

The company's records show the dollar sales of malt shipped in February 1934 were \$555,425; March 1934, \$591,488, and April 1934, \$724,700.

Comparative Profit and Loss Statement.

Period—	6 Mos. End. —		Fiscal Year Ended July 31—	
	Jan. 31 '34	1933.	1932.	1931.
Gross sales of malt	\$2,185,476	\$1,868,920	\$1,286,620	\$1,988,546
Cost of malt sold	1,394,150	726,496	894,010	1,501,912
Gross profit	\$792,328	\$1,142,424	\$432,609	\$486,634
Selling, gen. & adm. exp.	143,429	179,786	163,730	158,995
Bonuses (excl. of grain department)	47,511	185,947	16,195	40,784
Prov. for doubtful accts.	30,000	7,000	2,943	2,756
Maintenance & repairs	23,091	24,118	37,278	20,791
Other expenses	72,412	68,783	66,759	86,635
Taxes—Real and personal property	7,761	12,808	13,771	16,125
Prov. for depreciation	21,775	41,612	38,256	35,413
Miscellaneous	Cr 45,362	Cr 5,004	Cr 4,761	Cr 38,510

Gross income from sales of malt	\$491,709	\$627,368	\$98,432	\$163,639
Other income	10,060	4,840	3,164	3,833
Net non-recurr'g income	Dr 6,684	19,582	43,773	30,957
Gross income	\$495,085	\$651,791	\$145,371	\$198,430
Total deductions	37,485	31,491	30,155	24,412

Net inc. before inc., exc's profits & cap. stk. tax	\$457,599	\$620,300	\$115,215	\$174,018
Federal income, excess profits & cap. stk. tax	66,395	84,035	12,430	10,152
Wisconsin & Minnesota income and surtaxes	25,207	36,926	3,398	1,055

Net income. \$365,996 \$499,338 \$99,387 \$162,810
 Dividends paid in cash:
 On old common stock. 70,000 17,500 70,000
 On new pref. stock. 8,800
 Transf. to cap. stk. accts. through recapitaliza'n 920,000

Directors.—Kurtis R. Froedtert, Chairman, Greenfield, Wis.; Leon B. Lamfrom, President, Milwaukee, Wis.; Walter A. Teipel, V.-Pres., Treas. & Gen. Mgr., Greenfield, Wis.; Fred Levlash, Milwaukee, Wis.

Commissions, Bonuses and Options.—This offering does not represent any new financing on the part of the company. The shares are being purchased for sale to the public from Kurtis R. Froedtert and Elsie Froedtert Lyng. These individuals are paying the following commissions and giving the following bonuses and options from their long-owned interest in the co.:

(a) Commission to Hammons & Co. of \$2.25 per share on each share of the stock sold.
 (b) In addition, based on the amount of stock purchased from said individuals, an aggregate of 9,000 shares of common stock will be received by Hammons & Co., Loewi & Co., for financial advice and other services to the Froedtert family, including procuring the services of Hammons & Co., will receive up to 11,000 shares of common stock based upon the number of shares sold. Hammons & Co., however, have no interest in and will receive, directly or indirectly, no portion of said stock. Options to purchase a further aggregate of 260,000 shares of common stock, terminating March 15 1935, at prices ranging from \$8 per share for the first 60,000 shares, \$13 or \$13.50 on the next 100,000, and \$16 or \$18.50 on the remaining 100,000 shares, all based on earnings, have been granted by the same individuals to Hammons & Co. Although 140,000 shares of the common stock have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, only 80,000 shares thereof are included in this offering, and they have been included for the purpose under the Securities Act of 1933 of enabling the exercise by the preferred stockholders of their conversion rights.

No further options, bonuses or compensation of any nature has been or is to be paid to underwriters in connection with this offering. Hammons & Co., however, expect to offer part of the stock through dealers in securities and registered investment firms and out of the above stated commission of \$2.25 per share will pay dealers and firms the usual discounts.

General Baking Co.—Meeting Again Adjourned.

The annual meeting of the company, which has been postponed several times, was again adjourned on June 5 until July 6. The postponement is pending adjudication of a suit brought by a preferred stockholder against the management over an issue regarding rights of the prior shares. No action has been taken as yet on the dividends ordinarily payable about April 1. The last quarterly distribution of \$2 per share on the pref. and 25 cents per share on the common stock were made on Jan. 2 1934.—V. 138, p. 2923.

General Italian Edison Electric Corp.—Pays Dividend on "American Shares."

The dividend on the "American shares," amounting to \$3.39 per share, will be made on July 13 to holders of record July 6, it is announced. This compares with \$2.04 per share paid on April 20 1933 and \$2.06 per share on April 20 1932. (See also V. 138, p. 3090).—V. 138, p. 3439.

General Motors Corp.—Subsidiary to Extend Plant.

The Inland Manufacturing Co. of Dayton, Ohio, a subsidiary, has announced the letting of contracts for the construction of a \$325,000 factory building adjacent to its plant. It is to be completed in four months to begin the manufacture of products for next year.—V. 138, p. 3603.

General Paint Corp.—Earnings.

Years End. Nov. 30—	1933.		1932.		1931.		1930.	
Sales, less returns & allow	\$2,234,629	\$2,266,462	\$3,972,972	\$4,969,909				
Profit from operations	115,560	loss 101,150	2,418	loss 131,438				
Income credits				41,785				
Gross income	\$115,560	loss \$101,150	\$2,418	loss \$89,653				
Deprec. & maintenance	45,943	112,463	111,861	124,944				
Other charges	28,447	65,491	108,076	116,985				
Applicable to min. int. of sub. companies	Cr 9,893	12,025	Cr 3,386	15,866				
Net loss	prof \$51,062	\$291,129	\$214,132	\$347,449				

Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$59,550	Notes payable	\$150,000
Notes & accts. rec.	387,240	Accounts payable	100,986
Notes rec. (subs. rec.)	68,084	Acpr. prop. taxes, payroll, &c.	20,714
Inventories	814,391	Mtgs. & property assess. payable	40,000
Other assets	99,654	Deferred income	35,050
Investments	182,482	Res. for loss on patent litigation	48,185
x Land, buildings, mach., equip., &c.	671,672	Res. for conting.	27,168
Patents, &c.	1	y Capital stock	3,197,065
Deferred charges	82,341	Deficit	1,253,680

Total. \$2,365,489 \$2,359,659 Total. \$2,365,489 \$2,359,659
 x After depreciation of \$664,560 in 1933 and \$608,492 in 1932. y Repr. sented by 80,000 shares cum. conv. class A stock and 169,143 shares of class B stock (no par).—V. 136, p. 4279.

General Printing Ink Corp.—15-Cent Dividend Declared

The directors have declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable July 2 to holders of record June 18. Similar distributions were made on April 2 last and on Dec. 22 1933, when dividends were resumed.—V. 138, p. 2924.

Georgia & Florida RR.—Earnings.

Period	1934	1933	1934	1933
	—Fourth Week of May—		—Jan. 1 to May 31—	
Gross earnings	(est.)\$27,400	\$22,842	\$452,219	\$333,981

—V. 138, p. 3776.

Graham-Paige Motors Corp.—Reduces Prices.

Factory list prices of Graham standard sixes have been reduced up to \$50, it was announced on June 8. The reduction places the base price of the Graham standard six business coupe at \$695. The cuts were: Standard six business coupe, \$50; standard six coupe with rumble seat, \$30; standard six sedan, \$20.

Prices of other models of the Graham line which includes the Graham special eight, the supercharged special eight and the custom eight with Graham supercharger, remain unchanged.—V. 138, p. 3090.

Grand Trunk Western RR.—Notes.

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 29 authorized the company to issue \$250,000 of 4% registered serial notes to be sold at par and the proceeds used for maintenance.

The report of the Commission says in part: By our certificate of March 31 1934, we approved as desirable for the improvement of transportation facilities maintenance to be applied to the property of the applicant, consisting of the purchase and installation of steel rail, together with the necessary fastenings, tieplates and other accessories, at an estimated cost of \$277,697, of which \$253,224 will be for material and the remaining amount will be for labor. The applicant proposes to finance this maintenance through the aid of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works. To evidence the loan it proposes to issue promissory notes pursuant to the terms of a contract executed by it on May 8 1934 with the United States of America, represented by the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works. The notes will be designated 4% registered serial notes, will be originally issued in registered form both as to prin. and int., payable to the Administrator, or registered assigns, in denom. of \$1,000, but the Government may require the issue of notes in multiples of \$1,000. They will be dated as of the date of issue, will bear int. from and after one year from their respective dates of issue at rate of 4% per annum payable semi-annually on Jan. 1 and July 1 in each year, and will mature in annual installments of \$31,250 from Jan. 1 1937 to Jan. 1 1944, inclusive. The notes will be redeemable in whole or in part in the inverse order of their maturity, on any semi-annual interest date at their principal amount and accrued interest, it being provided that notes of the same maturity must be redeemed as a whole.—V. 138, p. 3776.

(W. T.) Grant Co. (Del.).—May Sales.

1934—May—1933.	Increase.	1934—5 Mos.—1933.	Increase.
\$7,179,930	\$6,552,836	\$627,094	\$29,288,808
—V. 138, p. 3091.			\$26,721,697
			\$2,567,111

Great Northern Ry.—Securities.

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 26 authorized the company (1) to issue not exceeding \$850,000 of 4% registered serial collateral notes, to be sold at par and the proceeds used for maintenance, and (2) to pledge, as collateral security for the notes, not exceeding \$1,300,000 of general mortgage 6% gold bonds, series F.

The report of the Commission says in part. By our certificate of May 7 1934, we approved, as desirable for the improvement of transportation facilities, certain maintenance to be applied to the property of the applicant. The maintenance consists of the repairing of 487 refrigerator cars by the substitution of steel side-frames for arch-bar trucks, at an estimated cost of \$52,160, and the rebuilding of 652 refrigerator cars by application of steel underframes and other heavy repairs, the water-proofing of floors and application of side-sheathing angles, etc., at an estimated cost of \$798,735, a total approximate cost of \$850,895. The applicant proposes to finance this maintenance through aid of Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works. To evidence its borrowings, it proposes to issue 16 promissory notes pursuant to terms of a contract executed by it on May 16 1934, with the United States of America, represented by the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works. Two of the notes will be in the face amount of \$54,000, and 14 in the face amount of \$53,000. They will be designated as 4% registered serial collateral notes, will be dated as of the date of the payment against which they are delivered, will be payable to the Administrator or registered assigns, will be registered as to principal and interest, will bear interest from and after one year from their respective dates at the rate of 4% per annum, payable semi-annually on April 1 and Oct. 1, and will mature as follows: \$54,000 on Oct. 1 1936 and April 1 1937, \$53,000 on Oct. 1 1937, and a like amount on each April 1 and Oct. 1, thereafter to and including April 1 1944. The notes will be redeemable, at the option of the applicant, as a whole, or in part in the inverse order of maturity, all, but not a part, of the notes of any maturity being redeemable, on any semi-annual interest payment date at par and accrued interest.—V. 138, p. 3776.

Greif Bros. Cooperaage Co.—25-Cent Class A Dividend

A dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the \$3.20 cum. class A common stock, no par value, payable July 2 to holders of record June 15. A like amount was paid on this issue on April 5 last and on Dec. 20 1933. Quarterly distributions of 40 cents per share were made from Jan. 2 1931 to and incl. April 1 1932 as compared with regular quarterly dividends of 80 cents per share previously.

6 Mos. End.	Apr. 30—	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
Net profit after int. de-prec. & Fed. taxes		\$142,935	loss\$42,137	loss\$22,967	\$43,737
Current assets as of April 30, last, including \$356,876 cash, amounted to \$2,831,898 and current liabilities were \$508,518. This compares with cash of \$711,482, current assets of \$2,268,628 and current liabilities of \$55,607 on June 30 1933.—V. 138, p. 2251.					

Greyhound Corporation.—Annual Report.

C. E. Wickman, President, in reviewing the operation of the company for 1934, stated in part:

Earnings of Associated Bus Companies.—Corporation owns interests in 14 associated bus companies which constitute the National system of Greyhound Lines. In 1933 these companies operated 106,386,939 bus miles and took in total revenues of \$27,172,866, practically the same mileage and revenue as in 1932. Although rates were reduced during the year, enough additional passengers were carried to maintain revenue. The combined net profit from operations of the associated bus companies, after deducting depreciation, interest and taxes was \$3,111,457 in 1933 as compared with \$849,766 in the previous year. Of such net profit for 1933, the portion applicable to the interest of Greyhound Corp. in these companies was \$1,427,512. These figures do not include the results from operations at A Century of Progress. The improvement was secured largely through reduction of expenses, although wage rates were raised during the year.

Taxes on bus companies continue to increase. The associated bus companies paid \$2,492,788 in operating taxes (exclusive of income taxes) in 1933 as compared with \$2,316,136 in the year before. Including income taxes, the amount paid to National, State and local governments in 1933 was equivalent to 10.8c. out of each \$1 of gross revenue.

Through a wholly owned subsidiary, the corporation provided 60 special buses to supply the land transportation service at A Century of Progress of 1933. This operation did a gross business of \$1,657,660. After paying all expenses, deducting A Century of Progress' share of the earnings, and writing the buses down to \$1,000 each, there was a net profit of \$507,230, of which \$500,000 was paid to the corporation in dividends.

Earnings of Greyhound Corporation.—In previous years we have consolidated with the financial statements of Greyhound Corp., companies in which it owned more than 75% of the voting stock. These subsidiaries, however, represented only a small portion of the total bus operations of the Greyhound System, and it was decided that a more informative picture would be presented in a simple balance sheet and earnings statement of the corporation, accompanied by separate statements of the associated bus companies. We therefore present an earnings report of the corporation showing as income only dividends and interest received from which are deducted interest paid and general expenses. Profit and loss from sale of securities and retirement of notes are carried direct to surplus or investment reserve.

Reduction of Indebtedness.—Corporation retired more than \$2,000,000 of funded debt and other obligations in 1933, reducing its total liabilities about 36%, while its cash balance increased. This was accomplished through the application of funds derived from net earnings and from the sale and maturity of investments. The associated bus companies also made progress in strengthening their financial position. They paid off during the year a net amount of approximately \$2,500,000 of equipment notes, debentures and other funded obligations, and during the same period increased their working capital. None of the Greyhound companies is indebted to banks.

Recapitalization.—On July 12 1933, the directors submitted to the stockholders a plan of recapitalization, the principal purpose of which was to eliminate heavy accumulations of dividends on the participating preference stock. The plan was adopted by the affirmative vote of the holders of more than 94% of the participating preference stock and 83% of the common stock, and the Court of Chancery of Delaware approved the plan, making it effective Sept. 15 1933. Accordingly each share of participating stock, together with accrued dividends, has become five shares of common stock, and each share of common stock outstanding prior to Sept. 15 1933, has become one-twentieth of a share of common stock. This action simplified and strengthened the company's capital structure.

At a stockholders' meeting on Nov. 27 1933, a par value of \$5 per share was placed upon the common stock, following which the capital was reduced to an amount equal to \$5 per share on the outstanding common stock and \$100 per share on the outstanding preferred A stock, the difference being transferred to capital surplus.

The recapitalization having been completed in the latter part of Nov., the directors took action to set up an investment reserve as of Nov. 30. The balance in earned surplus on that date together with \$5,310,212 from capital surplus were transferred to investment reserve. It was further stipulated that the losses and gains realized on investments held Nov. 30 should be charged or credited to the investment reserve. Substantial charges were made against this reserve in December.

Southwestern Greyhound Lines, Inc.—The two weakest operating companies in the Greyhound System have been Southland Greyhound Lines, Inc. and Western Greyhound Lines, Inc. These companies, operating in the comparatively thinly populated territory of the Southwest suffered heavy deficits following 1929 which left them burdened with debt. Although results from operations were better in 1932 and 1933 it was clear that the capitalization of the companies was excessive. The St. Louis, Southwestern Ry. was supplying bus service through a subsidiary in connection and operated profitably after the elimination of duplicate overhead and service. Accordingly Southwestern Greyhound Lines, Inc. was organized to acquire the bus operations of Southland Greyhound, Western Greyhound and the St. Louis, Southwestern Ry. in the territory between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains. The new company has earned a profit in each month since its inception, Oct. 1 1933. Western Greyhound's route west of Albuquerque was sold to Pacific Greyhound Lines. Southland Greyhound and Western Greyhound will be liquidated as soon as practicable by distribution of their assets, which now consist mainly of securities of Southwestern Greyhound Lines.

Condensed Comparative Income Account for Calendar Years.

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.
Dividends received	\$1,295,358	\$487,369
Interest received	174,516	198,033
Total income	\$1,469,874	\$685,402
Interest and amortization	329,968	480,745
Salaries	69,640	106,561
Provision for management compensation	45,000	—
Miscellaneous expenses	67,025	61,003
Expense incident to recapitalization	23,353	—
Charges to associated bus companies	Cr43,045	Cr58,771
Net income for year	\$979,932	\$95,866

Surplus Accounts and Investment Reserve Year Ended Dec. 31 1933.

Capital Surplus—	
Amount transferred from common stock, in connection with reduction of capital	\$10,186,464
Organization and development expense written off	676,251
Transferred to investment reserve	5,310,213
Balance, Dec. 31 1933	\$4,200,000
Earned Surplus	
Balance, Jan. 1 1933	\$1,055,401
Net income, year ended Dec. 31 1933 (as above)	979,932
Discount on collateral trust notes repurchased (net)	358,462
Refund of Federal Income tax	12,387
Total	\$2,406,184
Loss upon liquidation of Greyhound Securities Corp., June 2 '33	134,888
Interest accrued in prior years, written off as uncollectible	22,300
Loss on sale of miscellaneous investments (net)	30,514
Balance in earned surplus at Nov. 30 1933 transferred to investment reserve	1,614,529
Balance, Dec. 31 1933	\$603,952
Investment Reserve—	
Transferred from:	
Earned surplus (balance Nov. 30 1933)	\$1,614,529
Capital surplus	5,310,213
Reserve for contingencies	10,903
Total	\$6,935,646
Loss upon sale, liquidation or write-down of invest'ts & advances	x2,965,334
Balance, Dec. 31 1933	\$3,970,312
x Made up as follows: Western Greyhound Lines, Inc., \$2,183,721; Southland Greyhound Lines, Inc., \$308,179; Transportation Credit Corp., \$198,769; Travelers Coffee Shops, Inc., \$117,920; Pickwick Corporation, \$45,000; Greyvan Lines, Inc., \$111,744.	

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Cash	\$ 47,262	\$ 203,585	Accounts payable	33,075	3,878
Accounts receiv'le	2,301	3,626	Accrued int. & taxes	4,300	25,873
Due from officers	5,800	6,250	3-yr. 6% coll. trust gold notes	—	297,000
Notes & contracts receivable	59,647	115,850	6% coll. trust sink-fund gold notes	3,209,000	3,658,000
Special deposits	9,647	197,690	Stock purch contracts—secured	196,820	354,020
Investments in and advances to associated cos.	16,246,219	20,014,142	Secured serial notes	—	875,000
Invest' reserve	Cr3,970,311	—	Notes payable to assoc. bus cos.	100,000	375,000
Furn. and fixtures	9,775	11,397	Res. for conting.	—	11,281
Organization and development	1	676,252	a Convert. pref. A stock, series 1	2,205,000	2,205,000
Def. charges—Un-amortized note expense	96,732	98,049	Partic. pref. stock	—	8,835,170
			b Common stock	2,324,925	3,631,219
			Capital surplus	4,200,000	—
			Earned surplus	603,952	1,055,401
Total	\$12,877,073	\$21,326,841	Total	\$12,877,073	\$21,326,841

a Represented by 22,050 no par shares. b Shares of \$5 par value.—V. 137, p. 4367.

Grigsby-Grunow Co.—Sale Continued.

The sale in bankruptcy of the assets of the company has been continued until June 14.—V. 138, p. 3272.

Gulf Mobile & Northern RR.—Equipment Trust of 1934.

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 29 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of not exceeding \$210,000 equipment trust certificates of 1934 in connection with the procurement of certain equipment. The report of the Commission says in part:

Our certificate issued April 11 1934 approved, as desirable for the improvement of transportation facilities, equipment to be acquired by the applicant and consisting of four motor cars equipped with Diesel electric engines, two passenger cars, two observation-sleeping cars, 150 steel underframe 50-ton box cars and 50 steel underframe 50-ton gondola cars. The

applicant has made arrangements to build 50 of the box cars in its shops at Bogalusa, La., at an estimated cost of \$2,320 each, and to build the 50 gondola cars in its shops at Mobile, Ala., at an estimated cost of \$1,875 each a total cost for these cars of \$209,750. This constitutes all the equipment to be procured immediately.

In connection with the acquisition of all the equipment above described, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the Merchants' National Bank of Mobile, Ala., as trustee, and certain vendors, creating the Gulf Mobile & Northern R.R. equipment trust of 1934, and providing for the issue thereunder by the trustee of not exceeding \$961,000 of equipment trust certificates. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the vendors will acquire the equipment, including that which the applicant is to construct in its shops, under a separate construction contract to be made by it with the vendors. The vendors will then sell all the equipment to the trustee, which in turn will lease it to the applicant.

The certificates will be dated the day of issue, will be in such denom. as the vendors may request, will represent an interest in the trust to the amount therein specified, and will entitle the registered owner to dividends from and after one year from the date thereof at the rate of 4% per annum, payable semi-annually on May 1 and Nov. 1. The certificates will mature in amounts of \$5,000 on Nov. 1 1935, and on each May 1 and Nov. 1 thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1948, and in the amount of \$16,000 on May 1 1949, but will be redeemable either as a whole or in part on any semi-annual dividend payment date, at par plus dividends. As collateral security for its guaranty and for its performance and observance of all the covenants and conditions contained in the equipment trust agreement and lease, the applicant will pledge with the trustee \$250,000 of first mortgage bonds of the New Orleans Great Northern Ry. which it holds.—V. 138, p. 3776.

Gulf Power Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. Apr. 30—	1934—Month—1933.	1933.	1934—12 Mos.—1933.	1933.
Gross earnings	\$73,395	\$67,348	\$849,947	\$835,533
Oper. exps. including maintenance and taxes	45,858	42,321	532,433	509,579
Fixed charges	15,403	15,401	183,644	176,942
Prov. for retire. reserve	2,560	2,500	30,000	30,000
Net income	\$9,633	\$7,125	\$103,869	\$119,011
Divs. on first pref. stock	5,594	5,616	67,184	67,264
Balance	\$4,039	\$1,509	\$36,685	\$51,747

—V. 138, p. 3272.

Gulf States Utilities Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. Apr. 30—	1934—Month—1933.	1933.	1934—12 Mos.—1933.	1933.
Gross earnings	\$404,757	\$379,558	\$5,242,646	\$5,223,279
Operation	182,326	176,305	2,255,727	2,288,611
Maintenance	19,491	15,493	200,079	180,024
Taxes	43,793	34,927	458,175	425,029
Interest & amortization	89,976	93,167	1,086,456	1,092,852
Balance	\$69,169	\$159,663	\$1,242,207	\$1,236,860
Approp. for retire. res.			493,500	458,000
Balance			\$748,707	\$778,860
Preferred stock dividend requirements			567,182	567,182
Balance for common stock div. & surplus			\$181,524	\$211,677

—V. 138, p. 3272.

(George W.) Helme Co.—To Change Name.—

The stockholders will vote July 2 on approving a proposal to change the name of this company to Colonial Tobacco Co.—V. 138, p. 1571.

Hercules Motors Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Manufacturing profit	\$508,995	\$286,194	\$1,204,998	\$1,209,754
Sell., gen. & adm. exp.	276,969	308,048	567,392	539,899
Operating income	\$232,025	def\$21,854	\$637,606	\$669,855
Other income	42,948	48,733	34,617	
Total income	\$274,973	\$26,878	\$672,223	\$669,855
Depreciation	147,002	156,692	145,369	123,002
Federal income taxes	11,651		58,000	54,000
Other deductions	39,804		143,993	105,040
Net income	\$76,516	loss\$129,814	\$324,861	\$387,813
Dividends declared		62,020	280,890	515,625
Balance, surplus	\$76,516	def\$191,834	\$43,971	def\$127,812
Sbs.com.stk.out.(no par)	310,100	310,100	310,100	312,500
Earned per share	\$0.25	Nil	\$1.04	\$1.24

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
x Land, buildings, mch., equip., &c.	\$805,774	\$912,439	y Capital stock	\$1,315,738	\$1,315,738
Cash	202,752	330,491	Accounts payable	203,927	106,861
Cts. of deposit & accrued interest	13,628	51,317	Accrued accounts	27,556	10,396
Acr. int. on sec.	2,189	1,894	Contingent reserve	35,000	25,000
U. S. Govt. & oth. marketable secs.	637,297	498,611	Profit and loss surplus	1,459,435	1,382,920
Notes, accounts, &c., receivable	547,923	340,560			
Inventories	746,378	565,101			
Other assets	75,394	133,465			
Deferred charges	10,320	7,035			
Total	\$3,041,657	\$2,840,915	Total	\$3,041,657	\$2,840,915

x After depreciation of \$849,892 in 1933 and \$703,122 in 1932. y Represented by 310,100 no par shares.

Earnings for 3 Months Ended March 31.

	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
Net profit after deprec., taxes, &c.	\$20,171	loss\$43,975	loss\$48,567	\$121,181
Earns. per sh. on 310,100 sbs. com. stk. (no par)	\$0.06	Nil	Nil	\$0.39

—V. 138, p. 1925.

(Wm.) Hoelscher & Co.—Initial Dividend Declared

An initial semi-annual dividend of 20 cents per share has been declared on the \$2 cum. conv. pref. stock, no par value, payable July 2 to holders of record June 20. See offering in V. 138, p. 333.

Homestake Mining Co.—Usual Extra of \$1 Declared

The directors have declared the usual extra dividend of \$1 per share in addition to the regular monthly dividend of like amount on the capital stock, par \$100, both payable June 25 to holders of record June 20. Similar distributions were made on Jan. 25, Feb. 26, Mar. 26, Apr. 25 and May 25 last.—V. 138, p. 3091.

Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Production	\$13,778,633	\$11,723,074	\$10,528,865	\$10,263,505
Other revenue	161,762	145,418	416,120	639,427
Total income	\$13,940,444	\$11,868,493	\$10,944,985	\$10,902,931
Operating charges	6,791,676	6,827,736	6,949,860	6,529,901
Taxes	699,741	526,132	410,105	289,150
Depreciation, &c.	258,603	59,952	76,816	120,153
Workmen's compens. & silicosis assessment	453,248	491,787		
Net income	\$5,737,176	\$3,962,885	\$3,508,204	\$3,963,728
Dividends	4,182,000	3,690,000	3,444,000	3,444,000
Balance, surplus	\$1,555,176	\$272,885	\$64,204	\$519,728
Earns. per sh. 4,920,000 sbs. cap. stk. (par \$5)	\$1.17	\$0.80	\$0.71	\$0.80

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Properties, &c.	\$22,490,785	\$22,493,785	Capital stock	24,600,000	24,600,000
Plant	1	104,780	Wages payable	166,069	180,146
Inv. in other cos.	205,327	118,081	Accounts payable	186,364	149,163
Materials, &c.	650,855	592,290	Contingencies		
Cash	2,108,370	322,811	Silicosis, &c.	440,000	285,438
Bullion	1,367,594	512,916	Tax reserve	445,000	275,000
Accts. receivable	19,608	560,820	Surplus	5,439,326	11,556,655
Call loans	11,016	79,366			
Accrued interest	16,537	17,998			
Investments	4,406,665	12,243,555			
Total	\$31,276,758	\$37,046,402	Total	\$31,276,759	\$37,046,402

a Including International Bond & Share Corp. stock.—V. 138, p. 3776.

Holly Development Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Sales	\$218,805	\$302,747	\$324,386	\$384,281
Decrease in crude oil inventory at market	434	5,007		
Royalties & joint interest	43,601	58,522	60,714	92,365
Production expenses, &c.	42,873	48,570	42,380	40,959
Administrative expenses	20,417	18,226	14,828	13,933
Insurance	639	1,001	1,085	1,043
Taxes	10,698	12,378	12,045	11,774
Redrilling & intang. costs		30,826	12,315	18,541
Lease rentals	1,844	1,843	3,344	5,193
Miscellaneous				512
Operating profit	\$98,300	\$126,572	\$177,675	\$199,960
Miscellaneous income	9,254	11,936	10,593	11,071
Total income	\$107,584	\$138,509	\$188,268	\$211,031
Depletion	2,804	4,785	9,458	8,115
Depreciation	12,791	21,452	22,280	25,325
Property abandoned	22,919		2,800	
Abandonment of lease		500		
Loss on sale of mark. sec.		1,346		
Loss on invest. in High-line Oil Syndicate			5,940	
Prov. for Federal tax	10,408	14,832	15,034	12,688
Profit for the year	\$58,662	\$95,592	\$132,755	\$164,904

x Includes increase in crude oil inventory at market of \$6,380.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
x Capital assets	\$661,289	\$688,959	Capital stock	\$900,000	\$900,000
Investm'ts & adv.	264,250	230,750	Dividend payable		22,500
Accts. receivable	13,727	26,364	Accounts payable	2,782	2,744
Inventory	2,124	2,558	Reserve for taxes	2,576	1,679
Cash	188,886	120,473	Res. for Federal income tax		155,120
Cash on deposit in closed bank	2,654		Capital surplus	101,083	92,969
Marketable secur.	146,968	191,978	Earned surplus	119,913	123,251
Deferred charges	1,573	2,184			
Total	\$1,281,474	\$1,263,267	Total	\$1,281,474	\$1,263,267

x After reserves for depletion and depreciation of \$2,299,232 in 1933 and \$2,151,392 in 1932.—V. 138, p. 2749.

Hoskins Mfg. Co., Detroit.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Manufacturing profit	\$377,864	\$274,736	\$487,596	
Sell., admin. and general expense	200,905	186,967	220,172	
Operating profit	\$176,958	\$87,770	\$267,424	
Interest on bonds, &c.	Cr13,601	Cr28,004	Cr36,434	
Depreciation	48,864	52,257	53,597	
Provision for Federal tax	16,081	6,742	27,850	
Net profit	\$125,615	\$56,774	\$222,411	
Previous surplus	362,610	514,645	\$651,834	
Total surplus	\$488,224	\$571,419	\$874,245	
Dividends paid		209,308	359,550	
Adjustment in respect of Federal tax of prior years			Cr491	Dr50
Loss on bonds sold and on bonds declared illegal		23,186		
Prov. to reduce secur. to market value		310,844		
Prov. for est. loss on closed banks		21,000		
Surplus, Dec. 31	\$133,194	\$362,610	\$514,645	

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Cash	\$32,926	\$58,089	Accts. payable and accrued expense	\$58,765	\$23,788
Customers' notes & accounts	75,105	64,705	Provision for Federal tax	16,081	6,742
Group insur., &c.	4,795	3,907	Capital stock	1,200,500	1,200,500
Inventories	148,106	130,527	Surplus	133,194	362,610
Marketable invest.	495,991	671,447			
Cash in closed bks.	33,892				
Acr. interest rec.	8,055	9,104			
y Land, buildings, mach. & equip.	588,689	634,218			
Good-will & pat's.	1	1			
Deferred charges to future operation	5,851	6,511			
Treas. stock held for resale to empl	15,130	15,130			
Total	\$1,408,541	\$1,593,640	Total	\$1,408,541	\$1,593,640

y After reserve for depreciation of \$264,288 in 1933 (1932, \$262,053). z Represented by 120,050 (no par) shares.—V. 138, p. 2925.

Hotel St. Regis, New York.—Receivership.—

Raymond Moley was appointed receiver on June 7 in the foreclosure suit brought by Vincent Astor because of default in the payment of \$150,000 interest and principal on \$5,000,000 of mortgages and default of \$47,760 in taxes. Professor Moley was named by Supreme Court Justice Ernest E. L. Hammer, who directed him to file a bond for \$100,000. The appointment was made on the eve of the hearing (June 8) of an application by Mr. Astor to continue a restraining order preventing the removal of the furniture, furnishings and other equipment of the hotel on the ground that under the terms of the mortgage Mr. Astor has a right to buy the entire equipment for \$100,000. The owners of the property are alleged to have declined to sell for that sum and to have threatened to strip the hotel of all its contents. A temporary restraining order was signed by Justice Carew on June 1. The mortgage foreclosure suit is brought against the Hotel St. Regis, Inc., which operates the hotel, and the Durham Realty Co., owner of the hotel real estate. The injunction suit also names the Durham Holding Co. and the Durham Properties Corp., on the ground that they own the hotel company and one of them holds a chattel mortgage on all the equipment of the hotel, which they have threatened to foreclose. In applying for the receivership, it was asserted in behalf of Mr. Astor that the present value of the hotel real estate is less than \$5,000,000, the amount of the mortgage. The injunction order prohibits interference with Mr. Moley in his receivership of the hotel. The petition for the receivership stated that the St. Regis is a 19-story building containing 554 guest rooms and 31 additional guest rooms. The receiver also gets control of the McLaughlin building at 697 Fifth Avenue, adjoining the hotel property.

Hupp Motor Car Corp.—Shipments Higher.—

Shipments of Hupmobiles for May increased 24% over April, according to Rufus S. Cole, Vice-President and Assistant General Manager.—V. 138, p. 3092, 2926.

Idaho Power Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 2 columns: 1933, 1932. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net revenue from operations, Gross corporate income, Interest on mortgage bonds, Other interest and deductions, Interest charged to construction, Property retirement reserve appropriations, Balance surplus, 7% preferred dividends, \$6 preferred dividends, Common dividends.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Table with 2 columns: 1933, 1932. Rows include Assets (Plant, prop., franchises, etc., Investments, Cash in banks, etc.), Liabilities (Capital stock, 1st mtge. 5% bonds, etc.), Total.

a Represented by 7% preferred 38,010 shares \$6 preferred, 28,457 shares; common (\$100 par), 150,000 shares; subsidiaries' directors' qualifying shares (\$100 par) 8 shares common.—V. 138, p. 3604.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 1934—Month—1933, 1934—4 Mos.—1933, 1933—Month—1932, 1933—4 Mos.—1932. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net oper. revenues, Operating taxes, Net oper. income.

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 1 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$12,500,000 3-year 6% notes in part renewal of \$20,000,000 notes maturing June 1 1934.

The report of the Commission says in part: In accordance with an offer to the holders of the notes, dated April 24 1934, company proposes to pay in cash 37.5% of the face amount of the notes and to issue new notes for the remaining 62.5%.

One of the conditions of our approval of the loan was that the applicant should deposit with the Finance Corporation satisfactory evidence that the holders of substantially all of the maturing notes would extend 62.5% of the principal thereof for a term not less than the term of the loan.

The proposed notes will be issued pursuant to an indenture proposed to be executed by the applicant under date of June 1 1934 to the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co., as trustee. They will be known as the applicant's 3-year 6% notes, will be dated June 1 1934, will be issued as coupon notes, registerable as to principal in the denominations of \$125, \$500 and \$1,000, will bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum, payable semi-annually on June 1 and Dec. 1, will be redeemable as a whole at the option of the applicant on June 1 or Dec. 1 1935 at 101, or on June 1 or Dec. 1 1936 at 100 1/2 plus int. in each case, and will mature June 1 1937.

Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd.—Final Dividend.— The company has declared a final dividend of 5% on the American depositary receipts for ordinary shares for the year ended Dec. 31 1933, less British income tax at the rate of 4s. 2 1/2d. in the pound and deduction of expenses of depositary, payable June 8 to holders of record April 12. This is equivalent to 19 cents per share on the American shares.—V. 138, p. 2094.

Intercolonial Coal Co., Ltd.—Increases Dividend.— The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of \$2 per share on the common stock, par \$100, payable July 3 to holders of record June 21. Semi-annual distributions of 50 cents per share were made on this issue Oct. Jan. 2 last and July 3 1933, as against \$1 per share on Jan. 3 1933 and 50 cents per share on Jan. 2 and July 2 1932.—V. 136, p. 4280.

International Business Machines Corp.—New Comptroller.— H. E. Pim has been elected Comptroller, succeeding W. F. Batten, who retains his position as Treasurer.—V. 138, p. 3605.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation and maintenance, Net earnings from operation, Profit on sale of gas leases, Profit on drilling contracts, Rentals, interest and sundry receipts, Total net earnings, Interest charges, Prov. for Federal income tax, Prov. for deplet. and deprec., Proportion of net income of Sub. co. applicable to minority interest, Net income, Previous surplus, Other credits, Net income for month of Nov. 1930 before provision for depletion and depreciation, Total surplus, Adj. of surplus applicable to prior period, Adjustment to extinguish deficit, Sundry charges applicable to prior period, Total.

x Before provision for depletion and depreciation and minority interests.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1933, 1932. Rows include Assets (Plant & invest., Due from Emp., Gas & Fuel Co., etc.), Liabilities (Class A stock, Class B stock, Minority stockholders' int., etc.), Total.

Total 132,420,840 130,324,303 Total 132,420,840 130,324,303 a Represented by 1,304,600 no par shares. b Represented by 7,090,037 no par shares.—V. 136, p. 4099.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 1934—Month—1933, 1934—9 Mos.—1933, 1933—Month—1932, 1933—9 Mos.—1932. Rows include Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Taxes, Current rent deduc., Used for purchase of assets of enterprise, Payable to city under contract No. 3, Fixed charges, Net inc. from oper., Non-operat. income, Balance before deduct. 5% Manhattan div. rental, Amount required for full div. rental @ 5% on Manhattan Ry. Co. modified guar. stk., payable if earned, Amount by which the full 5% Manhattan div. rental was not earned.

—V. 138, p. 3778.

International Hydro-Electric System (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 1934—3 Mos.—1933, 1934—12 Mos.—1933, 1933—3 Mos.—1932, 1933—12 Mos.—1932. Rows include Operating revenue, Other income, Prof. on bonds, etc., red., Net loss on exchange, Total revenue, Operating expenses, Taxes, Maintenance, Int. on funded debt & other int. of subs., Int. on unfunded debt of International Hydro-Electric System (net), Other int. of International Hydro-Electric System, Depreciation, Amort. of discount & exp Reserve for income tax, Divs. on pref. and cl. A stocks of subsidiaries, Min. int. in earnings of subs, Bal. added to surplus, Earned surplus—beginning of period, Total surplus, Divs. on International Hydro-Electric System pref. stock convertible \$3.50 series, Earned surplus end of period.

Note.—In the above statement all figures have been stated at parity of exchange without adjustments of differences between Canadian and United States funds. It is the practice of the company to take into current operations any profit or loss on exchange at the time funds are actually transferred.

Archibald R. Graustein, President, says in part: During the 12 months ended March 31 1934, consumption of electricity in the New England territory has been rising, but since last September earnings have suffered increasingly because of new taxes and higher costs. The balance added to surplus both for the 12 months and for the quarter ended March 31 1934, were somewhat larger than the figures for the corresponding periods ended March 31 1933. The new revenue bill, however, by taking away the right that holding companies have had since 1917 of filing income tax returns under certain conditions on the basis of consolidated earnings, will increase income taxes substantially. The total of additional burdens imposed on International Hydro-Electric System and its subsidiaries by governmental action since last summer now totals more than \$2,000,000 a year and, unless the trend of power consumption continues strongly upward, it is hard to see how further shrinkage in net earnings can be avoided.

The policy of using available earnings to retire debt and to strengthen current position is being continued. During the first quarter, reductions were made totaling \$12,500 in current notes payable and \$400,605 in funded debt of subsidiaries. In addition, International Hydro-Electric System purchased for treasury account \$428,000 of its outstanding 6% debentures due 1944.—V. 138, p. 2579.

International Mercantile Marine Co.—Annual Meeting.—

At the annual meeting held June 4, P. A. S. Franklin, President, said: "There is no action that we can take in the immediate future in regard to our claim against the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. in connection with the merger of the Cunard and White Star lines." Mr. Franklin pointed out that his company had sold the shares of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Co., the holding company for the White Star Line, to the Royal Mail and the stock was up as collateral for the debt to I. M. M. "The Leviathan will lose about \$500,000 during its operation as required by the Government," Mr. Franklin said. "We offered to place this sum in escrow for the construction of a new ship, and if this ship was not built

this money was to go to the Government," Mr. Franklin said, "but the Government rejected this offer and required us to place the Leviathan back in service."

Mr. Franklin expressed doubt that any other company was making an offer for the Munson Line. "We made the company a proposition which is still in existence," he said. "If they can ultimately comply with that, we may get the line."

Asked whether the company expected any serious difficulties with respect to mail contracts, Mr. Franklin responded in the negative.

Passenger rates have been stable at a fair level for some time and no difficulty appears in prospect at this time, Mr. Franklin said. European tourist traffic to the United States as a result of present exchange rates appear to hold considerable possibility, and I. M. M. hopes to develop a share in this business, Mr. Franklin said.—V. 138, p. 3605.

International Paper & Power Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings

	1934.	1933.	1932.
3 Months Ended March 31—			
Gross sales	\$35,929,649	\$30,031,891	\$35,916,838
Cost of sales & expenses (net)	25,113,686	20,860,114	24,651,248
Operating profit	\$10,815,963	\$9,171,778	\$11,265,591
Profit on bonds, &c., redeemed	180,868	245,879	96,272
Net revenue, incl. other income	\$10,996,831	\$9,417,657	\$11,361,863
Int. on funded debt & other int.	5,028,134	5,184,326	5,257,436
Depreciation	2,611,618	2,209,279	2,163,946
Depletion	174,152	155,916	146,514
Amortization of discount & expense	338,026	331,319	382,794
Reserve for income taxes	588,599	533,411	559,067
Divs. paid or accrued on pref. & minority common stocks of subs.	2,215,493	2,239,142	2,697,383
Accum. unpaid divs. on pref. & class A stocks of subsidiaries	647,943	635,364	68,897
Minority int. in earnings of subs.	373,839	367,972	485,392
Net loss	\$980,975	\$2,239,073	\$399,567
Surplus beginning	def. 2,600,191	3,204,158	11,961,887
Surplus end	def. \$3,581,166	\$965,085	\$11,562,319

Notes.—Unpaid cumulative dividends on 7% and 6% preferred stocks of International Paper & Power Co. from April 1 1931 to March 31 1934 amount to \$19,731,828.

In the above statement all figures have been stated at parity of exchange without adjustment of differences between foreign and United States funds. It is the practice of the company to take into current operations any profit or loss on exchange at the time funds are actually transferred.

Archibald R. Graustein, President, says in part:

Gross revenues for the first three months of 1934 increased almost 20% over the corresponding 1933 figures. A large part of this increase in gross was offset by increased taxes and costs, but the net loss, after all charges, has been reduced to \$980,975 this year as compared to \$2,239,073 for the first quarter last year.

Effective Jan. 1 this year, depreciation of pulp and paper properties has been increased by about 50% over the amount charged in 1933. Consolidated depreciation during the first quarter of 1934 amounted to \$2,611,618 as compared to \$2,209,279 against the same properties in the first quarter of 1933.

The new Federal revenue bill which has just been passed takes away the right that holding companies have had since 1927 of filing income tax returns under certain conditions on the basis of consolidated returns. This will result in an appreciable increase in tax burdens, particularly in the case of power and utility subsidiaries.

During the first quarter consolidated funded debt was reduced by \$1,276,066 and consolidated notes payable were reduced by \$1,166,703. An additional \$1,000,000 of bank loans was paid off by International Paper Co. in the month of April.—V. 138, p. 2580.

International Paper & Paper Co. of Newfoundland, Ltd.—Earnings for Calendar Years.—

	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Gross sales	\$6,757,851	\$7,074,429	\$9,493,192	\$8,822,995
Cost of sales & expenses, after deducting miscellaneous income	5,352,026	5,137,888	6,639,673	5,749,309
Operating income	\$1,405,825	\$1,936,541	\$2,853,519	\$3,073,596
Net profit on exchange	436,375	545,003	69,734	-----
Net revenue	\$1,842,200	\$2,481,543	\$2,923,253	\$3,073,596
Int. on 1st mtge. bonds	243,300	243,300	243,300	243,300
Deb. and other interest	1,139,272	1,254,740	1,415,331	1,324,451
Depreciation & depletion	625,026	629,942	626,342	737,554
Bond discount	3,648	3,648	3,649	-----
Bal. added to surplus loss	\$169,046	\$349,913	\$634,630	\$764,641
Surplus beginning	3,502,329	3,152,417	2,517,786	1,753,145
Surplus end	\$3,333,284	\$3,502,329	\$3,152,417	\$2,517,786

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.	
Cash	132,830	70,104	1,733,834	
Accounts receivable	1,686,892	249,036	Notes payable	1,686,892
Inventories and advances on operations	3,392,718	4,949,343	Accounts payable	456,719
Def. assets & exp.	569,780	562,869	Accrued interest	439,206
Sinking fund in hands of trustees	80,173	2,837	Due Intl. Paper Co	1,254,601
			Deprec. on plants and properties	2,768,155
			Deple. timberlands	824,178
			Other reserves	258,742
			5% preference shs.	10,122,320
			Common shares	2,433,250
			Special debenture res. under company's charter	2,500,000
			Earned surplus	833,283
				1,002,329
Total	46,621,474	48,419,976	Total	46,621,474

—V. 137, p. 500.

Interstate RR.—Equipment Trust Clfs., Series F.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 26 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability, as guarantor, in respect of not exceeding \$250,000 equipment trust certificates, series F, to be issued by the Provident Trust Co. of Philadelphia, as trustee, and sold at par in connection with financing of maintenance. The report of the Commission says in part:

By our certificate of April 4 1934, we approved railroad maintenance consisting of heavy repairs to 500 steel coal cars to cost \$250,000.

To finance the proposed maintenance, the applicant has arranged with the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for aid to an amount of not exceeding \$250,000, and proposes to enter into an agreement under date of April 2 1934 with the Provident Trust Co. of Philadelphia, as trustee, creating the Interstate RR. equipment trust, series F, and providing for the issue by the trustee of not exceeding \$250,000 of equipment trust certificates. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the trustee will acquire from the applicant, free from all encumbrances, 1,000 steel coal cars, including 493 of the cars repaired, stated to have present day fair appraisal value of not less than \$1,000,000. The trustee will lease the equipment to the applicant under a lease also to be dated April 2 1934, to continue in force until the rent paid thereunder is sufficient to discharge and cancel the interests in the trust created with respect to the equipment, and certain other payments and charges.

The trust agreement will provide that at the request of the applicant the trustee will, upon deposit of cash, issue in a principal amount equal to the cash deposited, temporary registered trust certificates in the denom. of \$1,000 or multiples thereof as the applicant requests. These certificates will be dated the day of issue, will represent an interest in the trust to the amount therein specified, and will entitle the owner to dividends from and after one year from the date thereof at 4% per annum, payable as to the first dividend on Sept. 1 1935, and semi-annually thereafter. The temporary certificates will be exchangeable on or after Sept. 1 1935 for definitive trust certificates which will be dated the first day of March or the first day of September last preceding the date of their issue, will be in the denom. of \$1,000, will be payable to bearer, and will have dividend warrants at,

tached entitling the holder thereof to dividends at the rate of 4% per annum—payable semi-annually on March 1 and Sept. 1. They will mature in semi-annual instalments of \$14,000 on Sept. 1 and March 1 from Sept. 1 1935 to Sept. 1 1943, inclusive, and a final instalment of \$12,000 on March 1 1944. Redeemable at the applicant's option as a whole, or in part in the inverse order of their maturity, on any div. date at par and divs., it being provided that certificates of any one maturity must be redeemed as a whole and not in part.

The certificates are to be sold at par to the Government.—V. 138, p. 2580.

International Products Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Loss from operations	\$73,352	\$376,183	prof\$140,911	prof\$943,966
Interest earned	4,351	5,277	9,378	33,970
Loss	\$69,001	\$370,906	prof\$150,289	prof\$977,936
Deprec'n and depletion	273,695	246,734	234,203	207,768
Res. for Fed. income tax	---	---	---	99,166
Exchange adjustments	Cr24,508	4,712	138,438	Cr954
Provision for inventory write-down	---	50,000	200,000	40,000
Net loss	\$318,189	\$672,351	\$422,352	prof\$631,955
Shs. com. stk. out. (no par)	435,846	435,846	435,846	469,346
Earnings per share	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$0.77

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.	
Cash—U. S. curr.	784,302	555,254	Accts. pay. & accr.	\$
For. curr., other than Parag' currency	129,997	30,879	Liabilities	57,355
Accts. & bills rec.	280,513	342,921	Reserve for contingencies, &c.	56,696
Inventories	1,076,245	1,671,139	6% preferred stock	3,324,900
Paraguayan cash & accts. rec., not conv. to other currencies	630,263	141,972	Common stock	6,845,217
Cattle on ranches	433,489	422,612	Surplus—	
Inv. in Columbia Products Co.	1,822,529	1,821,975	arising from re-acquisition of pref. stock at less than par.	1,046,559
Fixed assets	6,880,397	7,120,851	Earned surplus	398,404
Def'd charges, &c.	21,395	61,681		566,593
Total	11,729,131	12,169,285	Total	11,729,131

a After reserve for write-down to market value of \$200,000 in 1933 and \$350,000 in 1932. b After reserve for possible loss of \$100,000. c After depreciation and depletion reserves of \$1,695,744 in 1933 and \$1,433,807 in 1932.—V. 137, p. 1773.

Interstate Equities Corp.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Three Months Ended March 31 1934.		
Total income	-----	\$38,406
Operating expenses	-----	15,545
Interest paid	-----	1,079
Franchise and capital stock taxes	-----	2,847
Net income for the period (without giving effect to results of security transactions)	-----	\$18,934

Statement of Deficit Account as at March 31 1934.

Balance (deficit) as at Dec. 31 1933	\$2,575,712
Provision for contingencies	8,259
Total deficit	\$2,583,971
Net income for the three months ended March 31 1934 (as above)	18,934
Net profit on sales of securities (based on valuations at June 30 1932 or cost of subsequent purchases) for the three months ended March 31 1934	20,232
Deficit as at March 31 1934	\$2,544,804

Statement of Securities Fluctuation Account as at March 31 1934.

Balance per report of Dec. 31 1933, representing unrealized appreciation (net) since June 30 1932 in securities owned as at Dec. 31 1933	\$75,943
Net increase in quoted market value of securities owned during the three months ended March 31 1934	11,093
Total	\$87,037

Deduct: Amount of the above appreciation realized through the sales of securities during the 3 months ended March 31 1934 (based on June 30 1932 valuations or subsequent cost), applied in reduction of deficit account

Balance of above appreciation not yet realized, (net) since June 30 1932 on securities owned at March 31 1934, carried to balance sheet	\$66,805
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Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
Mar. 31 '34.	Dec. 31 '33	Mar. 31 '34.	Dec. 31 '33.	
Cash on hand and in banks	\$233,886	\$58,929	Accts. pay. & accr. expenses	\$16,625
Misc. secur. owned	2,545,951	2,524,463	Bank loan pay.	300,000
Accts. receivable	99,669	484,315	Res. for Fed. and franchise tax	11,469
Invest. in controlled insurance cos.	910,266	903,023	Reserve for contingencies	39,760
Particip. in syndicates	2,000,505	2,000,505	Reserve unrealized apprec.—secur. owned	66,805
Silver	---	676,856	a \$3 cumul. pref. stock, series A	6,958,700
Divs. rec. and int. accrued	5,526	5,237	b Common stock	1,250,000
Deferred charges	2,750	---	Deficit account	2,544,805
Total	\$5,798,554	\$6,053,329	Total	\$5,798,554

a Represented by shares of \$50 par value. b Represented by shares of \$1 par. c After deducting bank loan of \$95,000. d United Founders Corp. syndicate, \$500,505; Gen. American Life Insurance Co. syndicate, \$1,500,000.—V. 138, p. 2253.

Interstate Natural Gas Co., Inc.—Bonds Called.—

A total of \$326,000 of 1st mtge. 10-year 6% s. f. gold bonds, due July 1 1936, have been called for payment July 1 next at 105 and int. at the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 137, p. 4019.

(Byron) Jackson Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Gross profit from sales	\$399,092	\$177,986	\$377,092	\$1,580,459
Operating expenses, incl. warehouse, selling, delivery and administrative expenses	359,767	463,710	724,783	1,115,548
Operating profit	\$39,325	loss\$285,724	loss\$347,691	\$464,911
Non-oper. income, consisting of divs. earned from outside corps., interest earned, &c.	129,486	185,525	176,689	108,019
Proport. share of net earnings of Pet. Rectifying Corp.	---	---	---	107,183
Net discount earned on 6½% conv. sink. fund gold debens. retired	67,606	73,951	102,504	---
Profit	\$236,417	loss\$26,248	loss\$68,498	\$680,113
Non-oper. expenses	49,333	32,889	49,735	112,805
Int. exp. & amortiz. of annual deb. disc. and expense	151,638	160,468	174,853	178,241
Federal taxes	---	---	---	31,000
Net profit	\$35,445	loss\$219,606	loss\$293,087	\$358,067

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Cash	\$506,338	\$423,974	Debt interest	\$64,951	\$70,330
Notes & accts. rec.	377,821	254,668	Notes & accts. pay	122,260	72,306
Inventories	900,424	999,643	Accrued expenses—	22,821	18,489
Prepaid items and oth. curr. assets	22,140	27,571	6 1/2% conv. sinking fund gold debts—	1,998,500	2,159,000
Due from officers and employees	49,580	62,792	b Capital stock	1,986,345	1,986,345
Short-term municipal bonds	110,075	121,959	Earned surplus	286,377	325,933
Install. on cust. contr. due after 1 year	56,166	6,474	Treasury stock	Dr109,095	Dr113,405
Warrants receiv.	6,474	21,559			
Inv. in cap. stk. of Petrolite Corp.	786,122	847,297			
Inv. in & advs. to allied corps.	57,500	137,500			
Other investments	1	1			
Land	448,750	448,750			
a Bldgs. & lmpmts., factory eq., &c.	970,473	1,072,297			
Pats., pat. rights, &c.	1	1			
Deferred charges	80,292	100,985			
Total	\$4,372,160	\$4,518,999	Total	\$4,372,160	\$4,518,999

a After provision for depreciation of \$1,066,211 in 1933 and \$986,039 in 1932. b Represented by 356,476 no par shares.—V. 138, p. 3092.

Jacksonville Gas Co.—June 1 Interest Not Paid.
The interest due June 1 1934 on the 1st mtge. 5% bonds due June 1 1942 (without additional 3% coupon attached) is not being paid.—V. 126, p. 2963.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales Continue Higher.
Period End. May 19— 1934—4 Wks.—1933. 1934—20 Wks.—1933.
Sales \$1,265,773 \$1,034,399 \$6,369,345 \$5,317,608
Aver. no. of sales routes 1,520 1,434 1,496 1,430
—V. 138, p. 3275.

Johns-Manville Corp.—To Pay Dividend Accruals.
The directors on June 4 declared a dividend of \$1.75 per share on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, to clear up the payment due on Oct. 1 1933, and a regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the same issue, both payable July 2 to holders of record June 18.
This will clear up all accruals on the pref. stock.—V. 138, p. 2751.

(Mead) Johnson & Co.—Extra Distribution. ~~Dividend declared~~
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the no par value common stock, both payable July 2 to holders of record June 15. Like amounts were paid on April 1 last.

New President.
Lambert D. Johnson, Executive Vice-President, has been elected President and Chairman of the board to fill the unexpired term of his father, E. Mead Johnson, who died March 20.—V. 138, p. 1573.

Period End. Apr. 30—	1934—Month—1933.	1934—12 Mos.—1933.		
Gross earnings	\$1,195,175	\$1,137,407	\$4,383,728	\$4,553,464
Oper. exps. (incl. maint., gen. and property tax)	523,037	482,001	6,457,439	6,224,618
Interest charges	147,531	147,118	1,763,217	1,732,360
Amort. of disc't & prem.	10,967	10,967	131,609	131,498
Depreciation	183,223	183,157	2,199,945	2,169,393
Fed. & State income tax	45,200	47,500	560,400	655,696
Balance	\$285,215	\$266,661	\$3,271,116	\$3,639,896
Earnings per share of pref. before inc. tax	8.26	7.85	95.79	107.39
Earns. per sh. pref. after income tax	7.13	6.67	81.78	91.00
Earns. per sh. common before income tax	.59	.56	6.84	7.72
Earns. per sh. com. after income tax	.51	.47	5.77	6.48

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.
Operating revenues	\$4,884,669	\$5,307,128
Operating expenses, including taxes	2,492,582	2,649,647
Net revenue from operations	\$2,392,087	\$2,657,480
Other income	17,468	29,004
Gross corporate income	\$2,409,555	\$2,686,484
Interest on mortgage bonds	720,000	720,000
Interest on debenture bonds	180,000	180,000
Other interest and deductions	85,431	87,626
Interest charged to construction	Cr594	Cr2,565
Property retirement reserve appropriations	600,000	600,000
Balance surplus	\$824,718	\$1,101,424
Dividends on preferred stock (7%)	438,326	520,707
Dividends on \$6 preferred stock	82,458	
Dividends on common stock	250,000	

Assets—	1933.	Liabilities—	1933.
Plant, prop., franchises, &c.	\$30,584,813	7% preferred stock	\$6,650,000
Investments	20,566	\$6 preferred (15,511 shs.)	1,577,122
Cash in banks—On demand	412,314	Common (600,000 shs.)	6,000,000
Cash in banks—Time dep.	1,900,000	1st mtge. gold bonds, 4 1/2%	16,000,000
Notes and loans receivable	32,037	6% gold debenture bonds	3,000,000
Accts. receivable—Customers and miscellaneous	428,280	Current liabilities	1,048,548
Materials and supplies	454,100	Matured interest	5,254
Prepayments	33,466	Reserves	2,421,185
Miscellaneous current assets	37,764	Earned surplus	1,555,171
Miscellaneous assets	600,005	Capital surplus	145,814
Unamortized debt disc. & exp.	3,895,343		
Other deferred charges	4,405		
Total	\$38,403,095	Total	\$38,403,095

Kennecott Copper Corp.—Common Dividend Resumed.
The directors on June 5 declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable June 30 to holders of record June 15. On Jan. 2 1932 the company distributed 12 1/2 cents per share on this issue; none since. The latter compared with 25 cents per share paid on July 1 and Oct. 1 1931 and 50 cents per share each quarter from Oct. 1 1930 to and incl. April 1 1931.—V. 138, p. 3093.

Years Ended Dec. 31—	1933.	1932.
Gross earnings	\$1,688,482	\$1,718,681
Operating expenses and taxes	1,119,480	926,983
Net earnings from operations	\$569,002	\$791,698
Other income (net)	10,596	Dr41,811
Net earnings	\$579,598	\$749,887
Interest and other deductions	428,669	439,696
Net income	\$150,929	\$310,191

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Plant, prop., rights, frans. &c.	\$8,488,460	6% preferred stock	\$2,348,898		
Pref. stk. comm. & exps.	148,265	Common stock	2,052,287		
Inv. in & advs. to sub. eos (net consolidated)	4,241,755	Pref. stk. Lexington Util. Co.	2,542,600		
Due fr. Middle West Util. Co.	646,566	Fd. debt. Lexington Util. Co.	4,614,791		
Bond disc't. & expense	534,028	Deferred liabilities	27,284		
Pref. accts. & def. charges	16,819	Current liabilities	410,462		
Current assets	460,874	Reserves	2,167,601		
		Surplus	372,942		
Total	\$14,536,868	Total	\$14,536,868		

—V. 138, p. 1042.

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Operating revenues	\$1,371,136	\$1,426,934	\$1,765,585	\$2,042,179
Operating expenses	732,246	735,560	x953,510	1,138,104
Operating income	\$638,890	\$691,374	\$812,074	\$904,075
Uncollectible bills			5,172	7,296
Taxes	132,278	118,757	143,644	129,116
Operating income	\$506,612	\$572,617	\$663,258	\$767,663
Rent for lease of lines & plants			190	846
Net oper. income	\$506,612	\$572,617	\$663,068	\$766,817
Rent from lease of lines & plants			22,500	5,878
Non-oper. income	2,063	30,066	7,794	
Gross income	\$508,675	\$602,683	\$693,362	\$772,695
Interest on funded debt	272,259	272,250	272,930	218,889
Misc. int. deduc. (net)	26,278	16,934	Cr3,218	21,742
Amort. of dt. dis. & exp.	31,239	30,844	32,581	23,304
Misc. deduc. fr. gross inc			3,109	2,092
Net income	\$178,899	\$282,643	\$387,961	\$506,667
\$7 pref. stock divs.	120,889	120,903	127,069	26,494
\$6 pref. stock divs.			90,498	81,798
Common stock dividends		80,000	320,000	320,000
Balance, surplus	\$58,010	\$81,740	def\$49,606	\$78,375

x Including retirement provision, \$61,133.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Plant, property, rights, franchises, &c.	\$9,501,625	\$7,000,000	\$7 preferred stock	\$376,400	
Pref. stock discount & exp.	95,722	\$6 preferred stock	1,553,200		
Invest. in mun. bonds, &c.	4,912	y Common stock	1,800,000		
Due from Inland Power & Light Corp.	60,000	Funded debt	5,440,000		
Bond discount & exp. in process of amortization	405,783	Deferred liabilities	124,766		
Prepaid accts. & def. charges	10,114	Bank loans	190,000		
Cash	59,190	Accounts payable	38,600		
Working funds	11,712	Due to affiliated eos	2,283		
Dep. for pay. of pref. divs.	30,226	Preferred stock divs payable	30,226		
x Accounts receivable	107,322	Accrued interest	90,954		
Due from affiliated eos	465	Accrued taxes	68,505		
Materials and supplies	87,960	Reserves	584,399		
		Surplus	75,700		
Total	\$10,375,034	Total	\$10,375,034		

x After reserve for uncollectible accounts of \$14,671. y Represented by 160,000 shares of no par value.—V. 138, p. 3605.

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Net sales	Not reported		\$7,511,513	\$6,688,892
Cost of sales			5,604,035	5,128,710
Gross profit from sales	\$1,898,314	\$1,842,460	\$1,907,477	\$1,560,181
Other operating revenue	115,251	90,164	97,913	64,231
Gross operating profit	\$2,013,566	\$1,932,625	\$2,005,390	\$1,624,412
Oper. and admin. exps.	1,462,028	1,440,077	1,468,937	1,206,215
Net profit	\$551,537	\$492,548	\$536,453	\$418,197
Miscell. income (net)	6,954	8,607	8,454	11,379
Net income before income taxes	\$558,491	\$501,155	\$544,906	\$429,576
Provision for Federal and State income taxes	83,538	71,935	70,260	54,145
Net income	\$474,954	\$429,220	\$474,646	\$375,431
Previous earned surplus	424,133	316,023	133,624	69,397
Profit on pref. stock purchased for sinking fund deposit	7,175	9,805		
Net income of wholly-owned sub. prior period		3,059		
Sundry adjust. applicable to prior period	155	Dr177	1,669	
Total	\$906,417	\$757,929	\$609,939	\$444,828
Reduction of treasury com. stk. to par value of \$1 per share		44,750		
Preferred dividends	81,544	88,114	91,650	94,468
Common dividends	201,295	200,931	202,266	203,510
Atty. fees in connection with reorganization				13,226
Earned surpl., Dec. 31	\$623,579	\$424,133	\$316,023	\$133,624

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Cash	\$109,166	\$161,848	Accounts payable	\$174,010	\$180,744
Marketable secur.	80,238	206,882	Prov. for Fed. and State inc. taxes	83,537	71,935
Accts. receivable	105,305	79,189	Accrued expenses	33,957	25,018
Merchandise inv.	1,363,144	993,343	Disc. notes rec.	11,175	24,287
Stk. subscrip. rec—employees	9,400	26,765	Res. for contng. x \$6.50 cum. pref. stock	1,135,200	1,173,900
Other investments	79,776	67,016	Common stock	101,133	101,133
Treasury stock	65,339	40,754	Capital surplus	101,792	101,792
Equip. & leaseholds	413,323	481,838	Earned surplus	623,579	424,133
Cash surr. val. of life insur. pol.	27,515	25,018			
Notes rec. disc.	11,175	24,287			
Goodwill—nominal value	1	1			
Total	\$2,264,384	\$2,106,945	Total	\$2,264,384	\$2,106,945

x Represented by 13,200 no par shares in 1933 and 13,650 in 1932.—V. 138, p. 2751.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—May Sales.
1934—May—1933. Increase. 1934—5 Mos.—1933. Increase.
\$11,680,348 \$9,941,023 \$1,739,325 \$51,769,077 \$44,421,205 \$7,347,872
At the end of May the company had 679 American and 44 Canadian stores, or a total of 723 stores in operation, against a total of 720 stores at the end of May 1933.—V. 138, p. 3275, 3093.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—May Sales 22.4% Higher.
1934—May—1933. Increase. 1934—5 Mos.—1933. Increase.
\$6,095,747 \$4,978,301 \$1,117,446 \$28,348,922 \$21,639,896 \$6,709,026
—V. 138, p. 3275, 2581.

Kentucky Utilities Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Operating revenues	\$6,011,514	\$6,215,380	\$6,818,466	\$7,165,599
Oper. exp., incl. taxes	3,530,677	3,235,383	3,756,488	4,057,871
Rent for leased lines	-----	-----	13,614	13,388
Net earnings	\$2,480,837	\$3,979,997	\$3,048,363	\$3,094,339
Miscellaneous income	44,465	55,519	313,786	281,478
Gross income	\$2,525,302	\$3,035,516	\$3,362,149	\$3,375,817
Interest charges, &c	1,838,843	1,847,880	1,579,185	1,481,560
Net income	\$686,459	\$1,187,637	\$1,782,964	\$1,894,257
Preferred dividends	-----	-----	835,380	851,689
Common dividends	-----	411,784	823,568	823,568
Balance, surplus	def\$148,337	def\$59,527	\$107,707	\$219,297
Profit and loss, surplus	736,620	1,024,460	2,045,073	1,982,608
Sbs. com. out. (par \$100)	102,946	102,946	102,946	102,946
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$3.38	\$3.42	\$9.04	\$10.13

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.		1932.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Fixed capital	50,149,495	50,112,328	7,601,100	7,601,100
Properties of sub. cos. abandoned	59,576	155,635	5,409,800	5,410,100
Cash	1,584,348	1,876,042	10,294,600	10,294,600
x Notes & accts. receivable	652,616	700,075	31,088,400	32,111,900
Mat'l & supplies	270,835	340,068	142,750	166,015
Working funds	14,255	14,765	14,256	-----
Special dep. for bond interest	16,825	-----	181,026	-----
Due fr. affil. cos.	38,951	-----	260,452	281,867
Unbilled revenues	-----	103,869	176,079	176,071
Special deposits	42,076	31,135	Misc. curr. liabil.	15,875
Unamortiz'n debt disc. & exp. in process of amort.	2,901,782	3,118,067	Accrued liabilities	655,522
Prepayments	100,012	61,957	Reserves	1,185,990
Miscell. invest. ts.	1,183,534	1,222,439	Surplus	736,620
Disc. on cap. stock	748,168	767,186		1,024,460
Total	57,762,470	58,503,565	Total	57,762,470

x After reserve for uncollectible accounts and notes of \$112,755 in 1933 and \$74,500 in 1932.—V. 138, p. 3779.

Key West Electric Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. Apr. 30—	1934—Month—	1933.	1934—12 Mos.—	1933.
Gross earnings	\$12,203	\$12,454	\$148,897	\$171,141
Operation	6,096	4,845	66,866	69,589
Maintenance	1,031	585	15,163	17,551
Taxes	1,331	1,334	14,356	14,880
Interest & amortization	2,101	2,226	26,755	27,217
Balance	\$1,642	\$3,462	\$25,756	\$41,903
Appropriations for retirement reserve	-----	20,000	20,000	20,000
Balance	-----	\$5,756	\$21,903	\$21,903
Preferred stock dividend requirement	-----	24,500	24,500	24,500
Balance for common stock div. & surplus	-----	\$18,743	def\$2,596	-----

During the last 27 years, the company has expended for maintenance a total of 9.34% of the entire gross earnings over this period, and in addition during this period has set aside for reserves or retained as surplus a total of 14.23% of these gross earnings after allowance for cumulative preferred dividends not declared.—V. 138, p. 2581-3275.

Laclede Steel Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1933.

Gross profit, after deducting cost of operations, maintenance, selling, and administrative expenses	\$163,982
Provision for depreciation and obsolescence	204,332
Federal and State income taxes	133
Net loss for the year	\$40,483
Surplus, Jan. 1 1933	1,700,340
Total surplus	\$1,659,857
Dividends paid during the year	123,750
Surplus, Dec. 31 1933	\$1,536,107

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash in bank and on hand	Accounts payable
Expense advances to emp'es	Accrued wages, taxes, int., &c.
Due from customers	Two year 5½% notes 1935
Inventories	Reserves
Other assets	Capital stock
x Real est. bldgs., mach. & equipment	Surplus
Deferred charges	
Total	Total

x After depreciation reserves of \$2,028,049.—V. 138, p. 2253.

L'Air Liquide, France.—Annual Dividend.— declared
An annual dividend of 19.596 francs per share has been declared on the American depositary receipts for series O bearer shares for the year 1933 less deduction for expenses of depositary, payable June 8 to holders of record May 31. This is equivalent to \$1.28 per share on the American shares.—V. 132, p. 4775.

Lane Bryant, Inc.—May Sales Up 16.3%.—

1934—May—1933.	Increase.	1934—5 Mos.—1933.	Increase.
\$1,269,213	\$1,091,076	\$5,565,142	\$4,508,337
-----	-----	-----	\$1,056,805

—V. 138, p. 3275, 2581.

Langendorf United Bakeries, Inc.—25-Cent Dividend.— declared
A dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the \$2 cum. class A stock, no par value, payable July 15 to holders of record June 30. Like amounts have been paid each quarter since and incl. Oct. 15 1932, prior to which the stock received regular quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share.—V. 138, p. 2095.

(F. & R.) Lazarus Co.—Extra Distribution.— declared
An extra dividend of 5 cents per share has been declared on the common stock, no par value, in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 10 cents per share, both payable June 30 to holders of record June 20. Similar distrib. ut. ions were made on March 31 last.—V. 138, p. 3093.

Lee Rubber & Tire Corp.—Earnings.—

6 Mos. End. Apr. 30—	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
Net sales	\$3,043,785	-----	\$2,556,436	\$2,769,713
Expenses, &c	2,737,577	-----	2,545,655	2,978,034
Operating profit	\$306,208	loss\$139,818	\$10,781	def\$208,321
Other income	33,931	25,590	40,892	37,779
Total income	\$340,139	loss\$114,228	\$51,673	def\$170,542
Interest	683	-----	17,162	22,659
Depreciation	88,010	80,931	83,987	-----
Excise taxes	122,936	-----	-----	-----
Net loss	prof\$128,510	\$195,159	\$49,476	\$193,201
Dividends	50,953	-----	-----	-----
Deficit	sur\$77,557	-----	-----	-----

x Includes depreciation.—V. 138, p. 3780.

Leslie-California Salt Co.—Earnings.—

Per. End. March 31—	1934—3 Mos.—	1933.	1934—9 Mos.—	1933.
Net inc. after all chgs	\$43,475	\$40,319	\$169,209	\$142,212
Earns. per sh. on 116,520 shares	\$0.37	\$0.35	\$1.45	\$1.22

—V. 137, p. 4537.

Lexington Utilities Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

3 Months Ended March 31—	1934.	x1933.
Total gross earnings	\$403,510	\$405,885
Operating expenses and taxes	281,109	250,434
Net earnings from operations	\$122,401	\$155,451
Other income (net)	6,207	20,519
Net earnings available for interest	\$128,608	\$175,969
General interest of subsidiary companies	382	499
Bal. avail. for int. of Lexington Utilities Co.	\$128,226	\$175,470
Interest on funded debt	57,688	58,131
General interest	1,232	89
Amortization of bond discount and expense	7,383	7,383
Net income before dividends	\$61,924	\$109,867

x In addition to excluding the operations of the Kentucky Traction & Terminal Co., other adjustments including increased provision for depreciation made subsequent to March 31 1933 but applicable to the period beginning Jan. 31 1933 have been given effect to in this column.

Note.—This income statement includes the operations of the Kentucky Coal Co. and the Lexington Ice Co., subsidiaries, but does not reflect the income and expenses of the Kentucky Traction & Terminal Co. placed in receivership Jan. 14 1934.—V. 138, p. 3780.

(Marcus) Loew's Theatres, Ltd.—Accumulated Dividend. declared
The directors have declared a dividend of 1¼% on account accumulations on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable in Canadian funds on June 30 to holders of record June 15. Non-residents will be subject to the 5% dividend tax. Semi-annual payments of 3¼% were made on Jan. 15 and July 15 1931; none since.
After this payment accruals on the pref. stock will amount to \$43.75 per share.—V. 135, p. 3865.

London Tin Corp., Ltd.—Rights.—
The corporation is offering to holders of its ordinary registered and its 7½% preferred shares of record May 31 the right to subscribe at 12s. 6d. a new share to one new ordinary registered share for every 12 shares held. The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, depositary, will receive up to 3 p.m. June 7 1934 application for subscription to the new shares from registered holders of American depositary receipts representing London Tin ordinary and 7½% preferred shares.—V. 138, p. 3607, 3276.

Long Island RR.—Meets Maturities.—
The company on June 1 paid off \$1,500,000 5% debenture bonds and \$251,000 4½% series I equipment trust certificates.—V. 138, p. 3781.

Los Angeles Ry. Corp.—Tenders.—
The Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, trustee, Los Angeles, Calif., will until June 18 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st and ref. mtge. 5% bonds due Dec. 1 1940 to an amount sufficient to absorb \$125,318 now in the sinking fund.—V. 138, p. 2753.

Louisiana & Arkansas Ry.—Loan Renewal.—
The company has filed a supplemental application with I.-S. C. Commission for authority to renew \$557,223 of outstanding short term notes representing the balance of an original loan of \$750,000 from the Railroad Credit Corp. The road has requested a two year extension of its unpaid balances of which \$232,223 mature on June 26 1934 and \$325,000 Dec. 26 1934.—V. 138, p. 3781.

Louisiana Power & Light Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.
Operating revenues	\$5,250,861	\$5,464,881
Operating expenses, including taxes	3,081,122	2,947,274
Rent from leased property (net)	78,475	Dr12,344
Total	\$2,178,213	\$2,505,262
Other income	14,328	40,808
Gross corporate income	\$2,192,542	\$2,546,071
Net interest and other deductions	925,937	921,956
Property retirement reserve appropriations	400,138	300,000
Balance surplus	\$866,466	\$1,324,115
Dividends \$6 preferred stock	356,652	353,855
Dividends 2d preferred stock (\$6)	180,000	180,000
Dividends common stock	240,000	720,000

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Plant, prop., franchises, &c.	Capital stock (no par)
Investments	Capital stock subscribed
Cash in banks—On demand	First mortgage 5s
Cash in banks—Time deposits	Municipal obligations
Notes and loans receivable	Current liabilities
Accts. rec.—Cust. & misc.	Note payable—not current
Affiliated companies	Consignments (contra)
Subser. for \$6 pref. stock	Reserves
Materials & supplies	Capital surplus
Prepayments	Earned surplus
Miscellaneous current assets	
Miscellaneous assets	
Consigned materials (contra)	
Deferred charges	
Total	Total

a Represented by: \$6 preferred, 60,000 shares; 2d preferred, 30,000 shares; common, 1,200,000 shares.—V. 138, p. 3607.

Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (Del.) (& Subs.)—Earnings.

12 Mos. Ended April 30—	1934.	1933.
Gross earnings	\$9,848,587	\$9,710,616
Operating expenses, maintenance & taxes	4,554,544	4,635,320
Net earnings	\$5,294,043	\$5,075,296
Other income	403,046	435,124
Net earnings, including other income	\$5,697,089	\$5,510,420
Interest charges—net	1,535,672	1,533,528
Amortization of debt discount & expense	141,937	141,797
Other charges	37,959	37,959
Appropriation for retirement reserve	893,000	893,000
Balance	\$3,088,521	\$2,904,135
Dividends on pref. stock of Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (Kentucky)	1,354,920	1,354,920
Net income	\$1,733,601	\$1,549,215

—V. 138, p. 3607.

Manhattan Ry.—Interest Available for Certificates of Deposit Representing Mortgage Bonds.—
Van S. Merle-Smith, of Dick & Merle-Smith, Chairman of the protective committee for the consol. mtge. 4% gold bonds, due April 1 1930, announced on June 4 that in the Interborough-Manhattan Receivership matter, the Court has entered an order for the payment of the April 1 1934 interest on the consolidated bonds. As a result funds for the payment of the interest on these bonds deposited with the committee are now in the hands of the depositary, the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., where payment of such interest will be made upon presentation of the outstanding certificates of deposit, for appropriate stamping.
Bondholders Committee Chairman Resigns.—Rollin C. Bortle has resigned as Chairman of the 1st mtge. 4% independent bondholders' committee.—V. 138, p. 3782.

McColl-Frontenac Oil Co., Ltd. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Years End. Jan. 31—	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
Operating profit.....	\$2,703,439	\$3,029,269	\$3,370,186	\$2,449,546
Bond interest.....	589,830	592,260	586,311	522,038
Other interest, &c.....	640,047	633,314	2,900	80,309
Depreciation.....	140,000	135,100	146,400	50,287
Bond debt reserve.....	93,492	147,052	167,833	---
Tax provision.....	---	155,268	384,741	---
Res. for bad & doubtful accounts.....	45,004	47,180	43,563	---
Res. for conting., &c.....	32,959	87,335	57,087	---
Amort. of bond disc.....	---	---	---	---
U. S. exch. paid & accr'd on bond interest.....	---	---	---	---
Balance.....	\$1,162,106	\$1,231,760	\$1,381,350	\$1,191,984
Preferred dividend.....	463,173	466,563	473,392	480,237
Common dividend.....	314,986	299,986	297,352	298,181
Balance.....	\$383,947	\$465,211	\$610,605	\$413,566
Res. for invest. in affil. cos. & adjust. affecting prior years.....	---	---	---	Dr358,274
Loss on realiz. of inv. adj. of sales, tax & other chgs. affect. prior yrs.....	---	---	---	---
Previous surplus.....	2,504,354	2,039,143	1,428,537	1,373,246
Profit & loss balance.....	\$2,888,302	\$2,504,354	\$2,039,143	\$1,428,537

Consolidated Balance Sheet Jan. 31.

Assets—	1934.	1933.	Liabilities—	1934.	1933.
Cash.....	908,661	601,716	Accounts payable.....	588,945	831,728
Bonds & stocks not exceeding market value.....	394,846	311,067	Accrued interest.....	196,576	236,132
Accts. receivable.....	1,385,844	1,328,362	Income tax reserve.....	190,528	141,849
Dom. of Canada bonds.....	191,053	---	Deferred contract.....	44,200	120,196
Inventories.....	3,445,214	3,600,954	Mortgage payable.....	231,133	275,615
Investment, &c.....	981,171	993,258	Bonds.....	9,731,500	9,880,000
6% bonds for sinking fund.....	371,500	60,000	Reserves.....	3,395,577	2,861,245
Deferred charges.....	878,001	903,436	Preferred stock.....	7,650,800	7,750,800
Plants, &c.....	17,923,664	17,713,426	x Common stock.....	9,390,000	8,890,000
Trade marks, processes and goodwill.....	742,838	---	Surplus.....	2,888,302	2,504,354
Prem. paid on purchase of subsid. cap. stk., trade-marks, &c.....	6,942,479	7,685,317			
Cost of com. shs. of company purch. under by-law.....	142,291	294,381			
Total.....	34,307,563	33,491,919	Total.....	34,307,563	33,491,919

x Represented by 550,000 shates (no par) in 1934 and 500,000 in 1933.—V. 138, p. 3094.

Maine Central RR.—Extends RFC Loan Maturity.

The I.-S. C. Commission has approved the extension from June 1 1934 to Dec. 1 1935, of the maturity date of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan of \$1,590,025.—V. 138, p. 3781.

Manitoba Power Co., Ltd.—Earnings.

Period End. Apr. 30—	1934—Month—	1933—Month—	1934—4 Mos.—	1933—4 Mos.—
Gross earnings.....	\$105,741	\$102,509	\$422,556	\$412,332
Operating expenses.....	23,235	23,370	88,715	91,642
Net earnings.....	\$82,506	\$79,139	\$333,841	\$320,690

—V. 138, p. 2754.

Marine Midland Corp.—Chairman Elected.

Bayard F. Pope has been elected to the newly created office of Chairman of the board. George F. Rand continues as President and chief executive officer.—V. 138, p. 2582.

(Glenn L.) Martin Co.—Co-Transfer Agent.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed co-transfer agent for 1,000,000 shares of common stock, without par value.—V. 138, p. 2931.

Marx Brewing Co., Wyandotte, Mich.—Stock Offered.

John L. Brown & Co., Detroit, are offering (in the State of Michigan only) 332,000 shares of capital stock at \$1 per sh.

Capitalization—	Authorized. To Be Outstanding.
Common stock (\$1 par).....	500,000 shs. x475,000 shs.
x Issued to owners for plant and equipment.....	143,000 shs.; for public subscription at \$1 per sh., 332,000 shs.

National Bank of Detroit, transfer agent and registrar.

History.—Business of company was founded in Wyandotte, Mich., in 1853 by George Marx. On or about May 10 1910 the business was incorporated under name of Marx Brewing Co. The brewery now has a brewing capacity of 160,000 barrels of beer a year and a storage capacity of 120,000 barrels of beer a year. With little additional cost the storage capacity will be increased to give the brewery a well rounded-out capacity of 160,000 barrels of beer a year.

Purpose.—The company did not get under way with the sale of its beer until late in October 1933, but is now in full production. The proceeds from the sale of this issue of stock will go to liquidate all of the company's indebtedness, including the mortgage against the property, to increase fermenting cellars and to provide working capital.

Officers.—M. F. Nichols, President; F. A. Marx, Vice-President; Alois Chronowski, Treasurer, and C. C. Gaynor, Secretary.

In addition to the above officers, the board of directors includes Albert Schmidt and John L. Brown of Detroit. Of the above named directors, Alois Chronowski and John L. Brown are directors of Auto City Brewing Co.

Matson Navigation Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Net profit from vessels, operations.....	\$356,531	\$128,669	\$265,349	\$301,658
Miscellaneous earnings.....	1,181,127	1,269,259	1,365,896	1,912,737
Net income after prov. for Fed. inc. tax.....	\$1,537,659	\$1,397,929	\$1,631,245	\$2,214,395
Dividends paid.....	1,467,126	1,467,126	1,467,126	1,467,120
Balance, surplus.....	\$70,533	def\$69,197	\$164,119	\$747,275
Shs. of cap. stk. outs'd g (par \$100).....	244,521	244,521	244,521	244,521
Earned per share.....	\$6.29	\$5.72	\$6.66	\$9.06

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Cash & market. sec.....	5,988,336	4,410,002	Miscell. accounts.....	2,199,974	962,713
Miscell. accounts.....	1,260,364	7,789,802	Reserves.....	3,707,487	3,174,495
Materials & supp.....	555,524	284,990	Conv. dev. bonds.....	4,756,500	4,793,950
Investments.....	15,820,174	15,638,418	Deferred credits.....	354,922	62,545
U. S. Gov. sec. on deposit.....	681,609	877,314	x Capital stock.....	24,452,100	24,452,100
Floating equip.....	16,182,302	9,895,244	Fractional accts.....	---	267
Real property.....	2,673,443	2,762,778	Cap. surp. paid in.....	62,500	1,188,614
Deferred charges.....	669,413	389,516	Surp. from apprec.....	806,834	---
Total.....	43,831,167	42,048,062	Earned surplus.....	7,490,849	7,413,379

x Represented by 244,521 shs. of \$100 par value.—V. 137, p. 326.

(Oscar) Mayer & Co., Inc.—Earnings.

Years Ended—	Nov. 11 '33.	Nov. 12 '32.	Nov. 21 '31.	Nov. 29 '30.
Profits on operations.....	\$383,690	\$158,820	\$377,702	\$149,066
Fed. & State inc. taxes.....	64,250	a22,500	60,000	23,610
Discount on preferred & common stock purch.....	---	bCr8,810	Cr5,525	---
Balance.....	\$319,441	\$145,131	\$323,227	\$125,456
1st pref. divs., 7%.....	23,864	18,739	26,348	27,575
2d pref. divs., 8%.....	34,032	26,254	36,262	36,560
Additional assessm't Fed. additional income tax.....	---	---	---	2,071
Adjust to elem. from earned surplus credits thereto arising from discounts on capital stock purchase.....	26,080	---	---	---
Adjust. of prop. value to eliminate increase on appraisal in 1919.....	---	368,852	---	---
Balance.....	\$235,466	def\$268,714	\$260,617	\$95,250
Previous balance.....	1,217,614	1,486,329	1,225,711	1,166,462
Balance end of year.....	\$1,453,079	\$1,217,615	\$1,486,329	\$1,225,712

a Federal income taxes only. b Discount on pref. stock purchase only.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Nov. 11 '33.	Nov. 12 '32.	Liabilities—	Nov. 11 '33.	Nov. 12 '32.
Cash.....	\$307,169	\$239,688	Accts. payable.....	\$143,751	\$98,205
Accts. receivable.....	590,825	513,653	Fed. & local taxes.....	207,975	79,866
Balances due on employ. stk. sub.....	---	305	1st pref. stock.....	333,000	345,100
Inventories.....	929,328	754,436	2d pref. stock.....	600,000	415,500
Investments.....	38,178	24,886	Common stock.....	1,200,000	1,199,700
Prepayments.....	25,712	29,536	Capital surplus.....	15,761	---
x Properties.....	1,898,150	1,793,480	Earned surplus.....	1,288,875	1,217,615
Total.....	\$3,789,362	\$3,355,955	Total.....	\$3,789,362	\$3,355,955

x After depreciation of \$1,174,531 in 1933 and \$1,067,253 in 1932.—V. 138, p. 1059.

Melbourne Electric Supply Co., Ltd.—Removed from List.

The New York Curb Exchange has removed from unlisted trading privileges the 25-yr. 7½% gen. mtge. sink. fund gold bonds, series A, due Dec. 1 1946.—V. 137, p. 4014.

Merchants & Miners Transportation Co.—Tr. Agt.

The Chase National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed transfer agent for the common stock.—V. 138, p. 3443.

Mexican Light & Power Co., Ltd.—Earnings.

Period End. April 30—	1934—Month—	1933—Month—	1934—4 Mos.—	1933—4 Mos.—
Gross earnings from oper.....	\$689,151	\$735,343	\$2,797,113	\$3,114,685
Oper. & deprec. expenses.....	453,281	482,418	1,758,425	1,961,234
Net earnings.....	\$235,870	\$252,925	\$1,038,688	\$1,153,451

Note.—The operating results as shown in Canadian Dollars are taken at average rates of exchange. They have been approximated as closely as possible, but will be subject to final adjustment when the annual accounts are made up.—V. 138, p. 3277.

Mexico Tramways Co.—Earnings.

Period End. April 30—	1934—Month—	1933—Month—	1934—4 Mos.—	1933—4 Mos.—
Gross earnings from oper.....	\$203,464	\$237,368	\$816,498	\$960,518
Operating & deprec. exp.....	267,420	313,968	1,071,475	1,266,113
Net earnings (def.).....	\$63,956	\$76,600	\$254,977	\$305,595

Note.—The operating results as shown in Canadian dollars are taken at average rates of exchange. They have been approximated as closely as possible, but will be subject to final adjustment when the annual accounts are made up.—V. 138, p. 3277.

Mining Corp. of Canada, Ltd.—Rights.

The directors have decided to offer to the shareholders, of record June 1, the right to take up one new share of treasury stock, at the price of \$2 per share, for every ten shares held, fractions excluded. Rights expire on June 11.—V. 137, p. 326.

Mining & Development Corp.—Stock Offered.

Bartley & Co., Ltd., Montreal, in May, offered a block of 50,000 shares of capital stock at \$5 per share. This offering in Canada limited to 50,000 shares, owned by Bartley & Co., Ltd., is part of a total offering of 650,000 shares.

Subscriptions to the stock are also being received by Johnston & Ward, Klippen & Co., Montreal; Geo. Beausoleil & Co., Montreal and H. B. Houser & Co., Toronto.

Capitalization— Authorized. To Be Outstanding. Capital stock (par \$5)..... 2,000,000 shs. *1,312,500 shs.

* After completion of present financing.

Transfer Agent.—Corporation Trust Co., New York. **Co-Transfer Agent and Registrar.**—Eastern Trust Co., Montreal. **Registrar.**—Empire Trust Co., New York.

Management.—August Heckscher, Chairman; Thomas F. Cole, Pres.; G. Maurice Heckscher, Vice-Pres.; New York; Rodman Wanamaker, Vice-Pres., Philadelphia, Pa.; Floyd deL. Brown, Treas.; G. F. Thompson, Sec.; Thomas W. Decker, M. E. Erdofy, New York; Joseph I. France, Port Deposit, Md.; Alfred H. Paradis, Montreal; J. Leonard Replogle, New York.

Corporation.—The primary purpose of the corporation is the development of mineral resources in different parts of the world and, with this objective, to provide adequate financial resources and a high standard of business and technical management in the acquisition, exploration, development, operation and financing of mining properties in Canada, the United States and other countries.

The corporation plans extensive operations in the principal mining districts of Canada, and is at present examining several important Canadian properties.

Assets and Earnings.—Without taking into consideration income from other sources, or assets to be acquired or operations to be undertaken through full employment of the corporation's capital, or income to be derived from such other assets or operations, but considering only cash, after giving effect to the present financing, and the group of gold, silver and tin properties now owned or controlled by the corporation, the appraised net value of these assets, after all deductions, including estimated cost of additional mining and milling equipment, is \$8,388,103, equivalent to \$6.28 a share; the estimated annual net profit to be derived by the corporation from operation of the present properties under the proposed development program is \$1,420,000 a year, equivalent to \$1.08 a share; after giving effect to the present financing, the corporation will have cash in excess of \$2,500,000.

Subscriptions may be made through the foregoing or through recognized financial institutions, bankers, brokers or security dealers.

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Earnings.

Fourth Week of May—	Jan. 1 to May 31—	
1933.	1932.	
Gross earnings.....	\$137,789	\$182,151
	\$2,890,829	\$2,769,605

—V. 138, p. 3783.

Minnesota Power & Light Co.—Pays Larger Pref. Divs.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.12 per share on the 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, and on the \$6 cum. pref. stock of no par value, and a dividend of \$1.31 per share on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, all payable July 2 to holders of record June 11. In each of the four preceding quarters the company distributed 75 cents per share on the 6% and \$6 pref. stocks and 87½ cents per share on the 7% issue, prior to which distributions were made on the above issues at their regular quarterly rates.

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.
Operating revenues	\$4,870,605	\$5,179,398
Operating expenses, including taxes	1,961,548	1,952,918
Net revenue from operations	\$2,909,057	\$3,226,479
Other income	932	15,837
Gross corporate income	\$2,909,989	\$3,242,317
Net interest and other deductions	1,745,408	1,756,666
Property retirement reserve appropriations	300,000	250,000

Balance, surplus \$864,581 \$1,235,650
 Note.—Regular dividends on 7% pref. stock, 6% pref. stock, and \$6 pref. stock have been paid to March 31 1933. The dividends paid July 1 1933, and Oct. 2 1933, for the quarters ended June 30 1933, and Sept. 30 1933, were each at one-half (87½ cents, 75 cents, and 75 cents, respectively) the regular rates. The dividends paid Jan. 2 1934, for the quarter ended Dec. 31 1933, were at the rate of 88 cents a share on the 7% pref. stock, and one-half (75 cents each) the regular rates on the 6% pref. stock and \$6 pref. stock. No provision has been made in the above statement for undeclared cumulative dividends on the 7% pref. stock, amounting to \$209,531 on the 6% pref. stock, amounting to \$3,577, and on the \$6 pref. stock, amounting to \$157,925, to Dec. 31 1933.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Plant, prop., franchises, &c. \$75,415,739	Capital stock \$35,124,400
Investments—securities 1,852	1st & ref. 5s 1955 10,700,000
Cash in banks—on demand 408,390	1st & ref. 4½s 1978 18,000,000
Notes & loans receivable 47,576	Great Nor. Pow. 1st mtge. 6s 6,589,000
Accts. rec.—Cust. & miscell. 674,876	Current liabilities 1,422,482
Affiliated companies 36,031	Miscellaneous liabilities 178,702
Materials & supplies 493,068	Reserves 4,333,307
Prepayments 15,578	Earned surplus 3,422,471
Miscell. current assets 4,263	
Miscellaneous assets 720,082	
Deferred charges 1,952,905	
Total \$79,770,364	Total \$79,770,364

a Represented by 7% pref., 84,474 shares; 6% pref., 1,590 shares; \$6 pref., 70,189 shares; common (\$10 par), 2,000,000 shares—V. 138, p. 3609

Mississippi Power Co.—Earnings.—

[A subsidiary of Commonwealth & Southern Corp.]

Period End. Apr. 30—	1934—Month—1933.	1934—12 Mos.—1933.	1933—12 Mos.—1932.
Gross earnings	\$224,872	\$208,883	\$2,755,798
Oper. exps., including maintenance and taxes	155,742	159,962	1,893,040
Fixed charges	55,043	54,935	654,543
Prov. for retire. reserve	6,100	6,100	73,200
Net income	\$7,985	\$12,115	\$135,013
Divs. on 1st pref. stock, a	21,099	21,425	254,238
Deficit	\$13,113	\$33,541	\$119,224

a Represents full dividend requirements; none paid since Oct. 1 1933.—V. 138, p. 3278.

Missouri Pacific RR.—Federal Judge Directs Quick Reorganizing of Missouri Pacific and Frisco.—

Trustees of the Missouri Pacific and the St. Louis-San Francisco companies have been directed by U. S. District Judge Faris to expedite their reorganization plans so that the roads can be taken out of bankruptcy proceedings.

Judge Faris feels that the railroads have had sufficient "breathing spells" to perfect reorganization plans for meeting their obligations and that they do not longer require the protection of Federal courts. He admitted that he felt the roads should either perfect their plans soon or dismiss their debtors' petition under which they received time to effect reorganizations of their capital structures.

Traffic Up in May.—

Freight traffic on the Missouri Pac. Railroad increased 6.2% in May 1934, compared with May a year ago, according to an announcement. The total for May this year was 90,483 cars, divided 56,771 cars loaded locally on Missouri Pacific rails and 33,712 cars received from connections. This compares with 85,206 cars for May 1933, divided 52,974 cars loaded locally and 32,232 cars received from connecting lines. The total for the year to date on the Missouri Pacific is 444,851 cars, compared with 383,484 cars in the first five months of 1933, an increase of 16%.

On the International-Great Northern, freight traffic totaled 20,582 cars divided 11,743 cars loaded locally and 8,839 cars received from connections. This compares with a total of 28,542 cars in May a year ago, divided 20,697 cars loaded locally and 7,845 cars received from connections. Total traffic handled by the I.-G.-N. during the first five months of 1934 is 99,818 cars, compared with a total of 103,349 cars in the same period last year.

Gulf Coast Lines' freight traffic for May totaled 18,254 cars, divided 12,288 cars loaded locally and 5,966 cars from connections, compared with a total of 15,137 cars in May 1933, divided 11,066 cars loaded locally and 4,071 cars received from connections. Total traffic to date this year on the Gulf Coast Lines is 85,821 cars, compared with 67,570 cars for the same period a year ago.—V. 138, p. 3783.

Missouri Southern RR.—Public Works Improvement.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 22 approved proposed expenditures of \$36,000 to be loaned by the Public Works Administration for the improvement of its transportation facilities.

The report of the Commission says in part: The company, on May 7 1934, applied under Section 203(a), clause (4) of the NIRA for approval of the acquisition of a locomotive, which it proposes to finance with the aid of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.

The applicant proposes to acquire a Diesel-electric or gasoline-electric locomotive having a gross weight of approximately 70 tons, and in connection therewith to install one 15,000-gallon storage tank and to provide suitable engine-house space and facilities to care for and protect the equipment.

The total cost of the project, including freight charges and the incidental expenditures mentioned, is estimated to be \$54,000, of which \$52,000 represents the estimated cost of the locomotive f.o.b. factory. Of this latter amount, \$36,000 will be obtained from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, the remainder to be paid by unsecured promissory notes in amounts acceptable to the vendor or by cash from the applicant's current funds, or by a combination of these two methods.—V. 135, p. 1992.

Montana Power Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.
Operating revenues	\$8,936,161	\$7,653,210
Operating expenses, including taxes	4,635,130	3,435,660
Net revenue from operations	\$4,301,031	\$4,217,550
Other income	67,661	58,901
Gross corporate income	\$4,368,692	\$4,276,452
Interest on mortgage bonds	1,743,000	1,558,041
Interest on debentures	625,000	625,000
Other interest and deductions	241,772	232,610
Total	\$2,610,373	\$2,415,652
Less interest charged to construction	66,483	190,407
Net interest and other deductions	\$2,543,889	\$2,225,244
Balance	\$1,824,802	\$2,051,207
Property retirement reserve appropriations	415,000	320,000
Balance carried to earned surplus	\$1,409,802	\$1,731,207
Dividends on pref. stock, \$6 series	953,657	944,570
Dividends on common stock		620,416

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Plant, property, franchises, &c. \$121,107,467	Capital stock \$65,451,623
Investments 238,027	Capital stock subscribed 80,900
Cash in banks—On demand 378,395	Long term debt 46,488,400
Notes & loans receivable 220,125	Contract payable 12,000
Accounts receivable	Loans payable 693,000
Customers and miscell. 1,993,931	Accounts payable
Subscribers for pref. stk., \$6 series 34,474	Affiliated companies 45,708
Materials and supplies 608,909	Other 139,645
Prepayments 18,445	Customers' deposits 364,041
Miscellaneous current assets 18,914	Accrued accounts 1,229,442
Miscellaneous assets 2,323,611	Miscell. current liabilities 5,350
Contractual rights 10,934,424	Miscellaneous liabilities 718,930
Unamortized debt disc. & exp 2,327,122	Contractual liability 10,934,424
Other deferred charges 34,242	Reserves 5,450,099
Total \$140,238,089	Earned surplus 8,624,522
Total \$140,238,089	Total \$140,238,089

a To acquire from American Pow. & Lt. Co. securities of Montana Power Gas Co. (see contra). b Represented by: Pref. \$6 series, 159,068 shares; common, 2,481,665 shares; subsidiaries—directors' qualifying shares, 8 shares common.—V. 138, p. 3609.

Mock, Judson, Voehringer Co., Inc.—25-Cent Div. Declared

The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the no par value common stock, payable July 15 to holders of record July 1. On March 12 last a distribution of 50 cents per share was made, which was the first dividend paid since Aug. 15 1930.—V. 138, p. 1410.

Monroe Chemical Co.—No Common Dividend Declared

The directors have declared the usual quarterly dividend of 87½ cents per share on the pref. stock payable July 2 to holders of record June 15, but took no action in respect to a payment on the common stock. On March 20 last a distribution of 50 cents per share was made on the latter issue, prior to which no dividends were made on the common stock since July 1 1930. (See V. 138, p. 1241.)—V. 138, p. 2418.

Montgomery Ward & Co.—May Sales Up 37.3%.—

Sales for Month and Four Months Ended May 31.	1934—Month—1933.	Increase.	1934—4 Mos.—1933.	Increase.
\$20,934,510	\$15,247,812	\$5,686,698	\$75,541,012	\$52,308,663
			\$23,232,349	\$23,232,349

—V. 138, p. 3609, 3444.

(Philip) Morris & Co., Inc.—May Consolidate Units.—

This company has under consideration a plan to consolidate various units in the group into one company which will own all of the brands and manufacturing facilities and will do away with the present holding company, Philip Morris Consolidated, Inc.

It is contemplated that Philip Morris & Co., Ltd., will acquire the assets of the Continental Tobacco Co., the manufacturing unit, from Philip Morris Consolidated, Inc., which holds practically all of the stock of Continental and a part of the stock of Philip Morris & Co., Ltd. Terms for this acquisition have not been decided, but an announcement is expected within the month.

The plan so far is understood to call for the Consolidated company to use the amount which it receives for the Continental Tobacco Co. to liquidate its class A shares. Following this, Consolidated would liquidate through distribution to its common stockholders of the Philip Morris & Co., Ltd., shares which it holds in its treasury.

These changes would leave only Philip Morris & Co., Ltd., which would own outright its manufacturing facilities and brands, and this would be accomplished with no increase in capitalization over the presently outstanding 415,000 common shares. No financing would be necessary in connection with the purchase of the Continental Tobacco Co.—V. 138, p. 3609, 2256.

(Philip) Morris Consolidated, Inc.—May Liquidate.—

See Philip Morris & Co., Ltd., above.—V. 138, p. 695.

Mountain States Power Co.—Earnings.—

12 Mos. Ended April 30—	1934.	1933.
Gross earnings	\$2,746,339	\$2,809,111
Operating expenses, maintenance & taxes	2,027,586	1,919,280
Net earnings	\$718,753	\$889,831
Other income	246,652	246,460
Net earnings including other income	\$965,405	\$1,136,291
Lease rentals	12,000	12,000
Interest charges—net	874,897	864,273
Appropriation for retirement reserve	78,508	52,293
Net income	Nil	\$207,725

—V. 138, p. 3609.

Mount Vernon-Woodbury Mills, Inc.—Pays Accumulated Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 2½% on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable on account of accumulations on June 30 1934 to holders of record June 16. The last payment, one of 1% on account of accruals, was made on June 30 1931.

Arrearages, after payment of the June 30 1934 dividend, will amount to \$58.50 per share.—V. 137, p. 327.

(G. C.) Murphy Co.—May Sales Increased.—

1934—May—1933.	Increase.	1934—5 Mos.—1933.	Increase.
\$2,367,449	\$1,661,437	\$705,962	\$9,812,697
			\$6,956,518
			\$2,856,179

—V. 138, p. 3278.

National Exhibition Co., St. Louis.—Sale Ordered.—

Under a decree handed down May 22 by United States District Judge Davis in St. Louis the Arena will be sold for the benefit of bondholders of the National Exhibition Co., which operates the structure. Judge Davis' decree ordered the Arena foreclosed and set \$500,000 as the upset or minimum price at which prospective purchasers may bid for it.

Former Circuit Judge William H. Killore was appointed special master to conduct the sale. Sale of the Arena will be subject to approval of Federal Court and proceeds will be distributed first to holders of \$750,000 first closed mortgage fee and leasehold 6½% serial bonds, which are secured by a mortgage on the property, and then to \$127,083 junior bonds on the property.

The Arena, which was erected in 1928 at an estimated cost of \$2,300,000, has been in receivership since April 7 1933. Since that time claims aggregating \$848,607, including those of well-known St. Louisians who advanced funds for the completion of the structure, have been filed against the company.

Nebraska Power Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.
Operating revenues	\$6,550,647	\$6,822,772
Operating expenses, including taxes	3,367,302	3,380,513
Net revenue from operations	\$3,183,344	\$3,442,258
Other income	25,104	62,565
Gross corporate income	\$3,208,448	\$3,504,824
Interest on mortgage bonds	742,500	742,500
Interest on debenture bonds	210,000	210,000
Other interest and deductions	87,383	86,154
Total	\$1,039,883	\$1,038,654
Less interest charged to construction	2,384	3,410
Net interest and other deductions	\$1,037,499	\$1,035,243
Property retirement reserve appropriations	330,000	330,000
Balance, surplus	\$1,840,949	\$2,139,581
Dividends on 7% preferred stock	363,814	363,799
Dividends on 6% preferred stock	135,406	136,030
Dividends on common stock	1,300,036	1,500,055

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Table with two columns: Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Plant, prop., franchises, &c., Investments, Cash in banks, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Capital stock subscribed, 1st mtge. gold, etc.

Total \$39,556,970. a Represented by 7% pref., 52,000 shs.; 6% pref., 23,000 shs.; common (no par), 1,000,000 shs., and Citizens Power & Light Co. directors' qualifying shs., 7 shs. common at \$140.—V. 138, p. 3611.

Natomas Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—1933, 1932. Rows include Gold dredging, Rock operations, Land rentals, Land sales, Water system, etc.

Capital Surplus Account Dec. 31.

Table with columns: 1933, 1932. Rows include Paid-in surplus, Account of reduction of capital stock, Total, Dividends paid out of capital, Capital surplus, Dec. 31.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns: 1933, 1932. Rows include Assets—Cash & etfs. of dep, Reconstr. Finance, Corp. etfs., etc. Liabilities—Audited pay-rolls, vouchers & other current liabilities, etc.

Total 12,057,055 9,899,340. x After depletion and depreciation of \$956,145 in 1933 and \$756,977 in 1932. y Represented by 99,582 no par shares.—V. 138, p. 3784.

Neisner Bros., Inc.—May Sales Up 25.19%.—

Table with columns: 1934—May—1933, Increase, 1934—5 Mos.—1933, Increase. Rows include sales figures for May and 5 months.

Nevada-California Electric Corp.—Pays \$3 Per Share on Account of Dividend Arrearages.—

The directors on June 1 declared a dividend of \$3 per share as a partial payment of the accumulated unpaid dividends on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable July 2 to holders of record June 9.

The directors at the same time declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the pref. stock for the quarter ended June 30 1934, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record June 30. A distribution of \$1 per share has been made since and including May 1 1933, prior to which the company paid regular quarterly dividends of \$1.75 per share.—V. 138, p. 3784.

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—Sales.—

Table with columns: 1934—May—1933, Increase, 1934—5 Mos.—1933, Increase. Rows include sales figures for May and 5 months.

New England Power Association.—Halves Common Div.

The directors on June 5 declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the no par value common stock, payable July 16 to holders of record June 30. This compares with 50 cents per share paid each quarter from Oct. 1927 to and including April 1934.

Explaining the above action, President Frank D. Comerford said "Because of the heavy burdens imposed on our company by Governmental action during the last year, the directors felt compelled to declare only 25 cents a share on our common shares. Since the Association was formed in 1926 it has not up to this time omitted or reduced a preferred or common dividend and we regret that necessity has compelled us to interrupt this record."

"Through the application of the 3% tax on domestic and commercial electricity, the institution of the 40-hour week and other heavy costs brought about by the NRA, and more recently by the abolition of consolidated tax returns, our operating expenses for these three items are to-day running at a rate of \$2,000,000 annually in excess of a year ago."

"While it is true that consolidated gross and net earnings for the first quarter were better than in the same quarter in 1933, the comparison is not altogether encouraging. In the early months of 1933 general business was in a demoralized condition due to bank closings and other factors, which eventually brought about the bank holiday. Power production in the first quarter of this year was running 10 to 15% ahead of last year, but this increase has now practically disappeared and last week's figure actually fell behind the corresponding week of 1933."

Approximately 87% of the outstanding 932,609 shares of New England Power Association common stock is owned by the International Hydro-Electric System, which in turn is controlled by the International Paper & Power Co.

For the first quarter of the current year the Association reports net income before reserves and dividends of \$2,735,085, compared with \$2,642,296 in the corresponding period of 1933. The balance available for reserves and common dividends this year was \$1,740,675, against \$1,647,595.

Gross revenues in the first quarter this year were \$13,262,426, compared with \$12,552,727 last year, an increase of 5.6%.—V. 138, p. 3279.

New Bradford Oil Co.—Offers to Purchase Holdings of Small Stockholders.—

This company is making an offer of \$1.75 a share for its stock to holders of small lots in order to reduce the large number of stockholders owning a small number of shares. The company states that the cost of maintaining about 3,000 stock accounts with less than 100 shares each, mailing of notices, statements, &c., is very expensive in comparison with the value of the stock. On the payment of dividends, the cost of issuing the checks, mailing and paying Government tax in many cases amounts to more than the value of the check.—V. 138, p. 875.

New Niquero Sugar Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Earnings for Year Ended July 31 1933. Rows include Sugar and molasses produced, interest and discounts received, miscellaneous income, total income, producing and manufacturing costs, etc.

Balance Sheet July 31 1933.

Table with columns: Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Property and plant, Work animals, live stock and equipment, etc. Liabilities include Common stock, 1st mortgage 7s, Cuban censos, etc.

—V. 134, p. 1209.

New Orleans Public Service Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—1933, 1932. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, including taxes, Net revenue from operations, etc.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Table with columns: Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Plant, prop., franchises, &c., Investments, Cash in banks, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock (no par), Long term debt, etc.

Total \$87,102,731. a Represented by preferred \$7, 78,100.5 shares; common, 753,366.78 shares.—V. 138, p. 3784.

New River Co.—Resumes Dividend on Preferred Stock.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 1 1/2% on account of accumulations on the 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. On Nov. 2 1931, the company made a distribution of like amount which represented the payment due May 1 1924; none since. Accruals, after disbursement of July 1 dividend, will amount to \$60 per share as of Aug. 1 1934.—V. 138, p. 2283.

Noblitt-Sparks Industries, Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1933. Rows include Net sales, Cost of goods sold, Selling and general expenses, Federal income & excess profits taxes, etc.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns: Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Cash, Empl. notes receiv, Deposits in c'd bks, etc. Liabilities include Accounts payable, Accruals, Dividends payable, etc.

Total \$1,855,209 \$1,487,746. x Represented by 76,018 shares in 1933 and 76,018 shares in 1932. y After depreciation.—V. 138, p. 3445.

Nipissing Mines Co., Ltd.—Plans Resumption of Div.—
At the annual meeting of the stockholders held on June 5, President E. P. Earle stated that it was the purpose of the company to pay a dividend of 12½ cents per share, probably in July. From July 20 1927 to and incl. April 20 1931, quarterly distributions of 7½ cents per share were made on the outstanding capital stock, par \$5.—V. 137, p. 504.

North American Cement Corp.—Earnings.—

12 Months Ended March 31—	1934.	1933.	1932.
Net loss after taxes, depreciation, depletion, interest & amortization	\$734,070	\$804,810	\$570,302
Earnings for 12 Months Ended Dec. 31.			
	1933.	1932.	1931.
Net sales	\$1,524,586	\$1,736,652	\$3,292,557
Cost of sales	819,311	1,145,100	2,113,201
Selling and other expense	484,093	498,412	630,064
Net profit	\$221,181	\$93,140	\$549,293
Other income	6,658	11,141	28,144
Total income	\$227,839	\$104,281	\$577,437
Int. & amort. on bonds	173,005	285,009	362,355
Depreciation & depletion	777,173	649,719	711,602
Federal taxes	-----	-----	22,357
Other deductions	-----	-----	32,474
Prov. for loss on cash in closed bank	20,000	-----	-----
Net loss	\$742,340	\$830,447	\$496,520
Preferred dividends	-----	-----	88,443
Deficit	\$742,340	\$830,447	\$496,520
Earns. on pref. shares	Nil	Nil	Nil

Surplus Account Dec. 31 1933.

Initial and earned surplus, Dec. 31 1932	\$624,542
Credits resulting from retirement of stock in treasury	74,051
996 shares preferred, par value, \$99,600 less cost, \$25,549	74,051
7,309 shares common, no par value, at average book value, \$77.478; less cost, \$44,096	33,382
Total	731,975
Extrad. exps. to June 29 1933 in connection with exch. of mtge. & mtge. inc. bonds for debts, and changes in outstanding cap. stock involved in readjustment of capital structure	43,741
Net loss from oper. from Jan. 1 1933 to June 29 1933	356,086
Net surplus, per books, June 29 1933	\$332,148
Credits resulting from changes in outst. cap. stk., June 30 1933	4,999,896
50,504 shs. pref., par value, \$5,050,400 changed to 50,504 shs. preferred, par value, \$50,504	4,999,896
125,491 shs. com., no par, at avge. book val., \$1,335,022 changed to 18,891 shares, par value, \$18,891	1,316,131
Credits result. from cancell. of int. for the period Sept. 1 1932 to March 1 1933 on 6½% debts., effected by issuance of 10 shs. series B conv. prior preference stock, \$1 par, in lieu of int. on each \$1,000 of debts., in connection with exchange of mtge. and mtge. income bonds for debts.	111,532
Credit resulting from adj. of prov. for Fed. inc. taxes, prior yrs.	155
Total	\$6,759,862
Items written off: Balance as at Aug. 1 1933 of unamortized disc. & exp. on 6½% debts., \$255,543; commission on sale of pref. stock, \$121,800; organization expense, \$64,937	442,280
Charges arising from adj. to set up res. for retire. of pref. stk., \$1 par val., rec. in exch. for ser. A conv. prior preference stock	50,504
Extrad. exps. incurred from June 30 1933 to Dec. 31 1933 in connec. with exch. of mtge. & mtge. inc. bonds for debts. & changes in outst. cap. stk. involved in readj. of cap. structure	119,437
Net loss from operations from June 30 1933 to Dec. 31 1933	386,254
Capital surplus, less oper. deficit, Dec. 31 1933	\$5,761,387
Capital surplus	6,147,642
Operating deficit from June 30 1933	386,254
Balance, Dec. 31 1933	\$5,761,388

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.
a Real est., bldgs., equipment, &c.	11,342,032	12,011,316	c Ser. A pref. stk. 57,082
Cash	322,088	362,870	c Ser. B pref. stk. 49,570
Accts. & notes rec.	134,042	119,912	c Preferred stock 21,963
Inventories	480,912	665,978	c Cl. A com. stock 18,891
Miscell. investm'ts	12,763	7,250	7% preferred stock 5,150,000
Special deposits	7,032	-----	Common stock 6,142,500
Cfs. of indebt. for cash in cl'd bks.	47,892	-----	Bonds 5,978,000
Treas. securities	115,125	-----	Accounts payable 48,650
Sinking fund	78	584	Acr. int. wgs., &c 111,450
Prepaid expenses	9,873	491,550	Fed. tax reserve 16,529
			Int. pay. deferred 201,419
			Reserves 91,770
			Initial surplus 6,147,642
			Deficit 386,254
Total	12,356,712	13,774,584	Total

a After depreciation and depletion of \$5,128,654 in 1933 (1932, \$4,450,450). b Represented by 133,250 shares (no par). c Par value \$1.—V. 138, p. 3785.

Northampton Brewery Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Clokey & Miller, New York, and James M. Johnston & Co., Washington, D. C., are offering 279,400 shares (\$2 par) convertible preferred stock at \$2 per share. These shares are offered as a speculation.

Manufacturers Trust Co., New York, transfer agent; Continental Bank & Trust Co., New York, registrar.
Capitalization—Authorized. *Outstanding.
Convertible preferred stock (par \$2) 400,000 shs. 120,600 shs.
Common stock (par \$1) 1,000,000 shs. 500,000 shs.
* As at April 19 1934.

No options have been granted by the corporation on either of its classes of stock.
The 279,400 shares of convertible preferred stock constituting this offering consist of authorized but unissued shares which Presser & Lubin, 120 Broadway, New York, the principal underwriters, have contracted to find purchasers for or to purchase from the corporation at \$2 per share, in accordance with the terms of an underwriting contract between the parties dated April 14 1934, pursuant to which the underwriters are to be allowed compensation from the company for the sale or underwriting of such shares at the rate of 35c. per share. That firm has formed a group consisting of James M. Johnston & Co., Washington, D. C. and Clokey & Miller, New York, to make a public offering of these shares.

A prospectus affords the following:
Organization.—Corporation was incorp. on April 2 1934, in Pennsylvania to acquire, own and operate all of the assets, properties and business formerly owned and operated by the Northampton Brewery Corp. (Del.), and its subsidiary Northampton Property Co. Since date of organization, the new corporation has acquired as at Jan. 31 1934, all of such assets and in consideration therefor has assumed as at Jan. 31 1934 all of the liabilities of the old corporation and its wholly owned subsidiary, Northampton Property Co., and has delivered to it 120,600 shares of convertible preferred stock and 500,000 shares of common stock. The old company is to distribute these shares to its stockholders no later than Oct. 3 1934, against exchange of certificates representing the common shares of the old company.
The right to exchange for either the preferred or common stock shall be on the basis of either 4½ shares of the new company preferred or 4½ shares of the new company common for each one share of the old company stock held. The foregoing right shall be available to the holders of the common stock of the old company not identified with the management and who have previously purchased their stock publicly.

The old company common stock was sold to the public upon the original offering in July 1933, at \$9 per share. The management group will receive only 4 shares of the common stock of the new corporation for each share of the common stock of the old company owned by them. Should any of the stockholders not identified with the management elect to take common stock of the new corporation instead of the new convertible preferred stock, the management group will accept whatever preferred stock is not taken, and the common stock available to them in exchange will be reduced accordingly.

History of Business.—The brewery was established by the original owners in 1898 and up to Prohibition in July 1919, brewed and sold the famous "Tru Blu" Porter, Munchner and Pilsner style beer. The brewery was again placed in operation in April 1933, for the production and distribution of Tru-Blu beers.

The plant covers approximately 63,000 square feet of land. The capacity of the Northampton Brewery is 226,750 barrels per annum.
Preferred Stock.—Entitled to receive preferential cumulative dividends at rate of 20c. per share per annum cumulative from and after July 1 1934, and payable Q.-J. After full dividends of 20c. per share shall have been declared, additional dividends may be declared and paid during such year. Such additional dividends, if declared, shall be declared for and paid exclusively to the holders of the common stock, share and share alike. In case of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up whether voluntary or involuntary, and after payment of all debts, assets shall first be applied to the payment of the preferred stock at par, plus dividends and no more, and the remainder shall be distributed among the holders of the common stock, share and share alike.

The holder of record of preferred stock may at any time, on or before Jan. 1 1939, convert his shares into common stock on a share for share basis without any adjustments for current dividends. On or after Feb. 1 1938 preferred stock callable at \$2.50 per share plus divs. upon 60 days' notice. Holders shall have option during this period of converting into common shares.

Application of Proceeds of this Issue.—Corporation will receive for each share of preferred stock sold under this public offering, the sum of \$2 in cash, out of which, compensation for the sale or underwriting of said shares at the rate of 35c. per share will be allowed to the underwriters.

The 35c. per share, together with 4,500 shares of the common stock of the predecessor company, which is to be paid by certain stockholders of the predecessor company out of their personal stockholdings, will be the gross underwriting profit. This gross profit is to cover expenses incurred by the underwriters and out of which the underwriters will allow to other security dealers a concession of 25c. per share on all stock sold to them. The net profit derived from the sale of this offering is to be divided among the underwriters in the following proportions: Presser & Lubin, 40%; James M. Johnston & Co., 45%; Clokey & Miller, 15%.

As a condition to the granting of this underwriting agreement the underwriters were required to lend, or cause to be loaned, the sum of \$50,000, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum, discounted in advance. In connection therewith, certain stockholders, out of their own stockholdings, delivered without cost to the lenders and James M. Johnston & Co., 3,625 shares of common stock of the predecessor company, and granted options to purchase 2,500 shares thereof at \$8 per share for two years, from April 9 1934.

The estimated net proceeds (\$461,000) are intended to be devoted to (a) repayment of sums borrowed (\$50,000); (b) payment of expenses for legal services (\$20,000); (c) reduction of predecessor company's obligations assumed (\$7,471); (d) additional working capital; (e) provision for expansion of plant facilities.

Profit and Loss Account March 21 1933 (Beginning of Business) to Jan. 31 1934 (Delaware Company).

Gross sales, less returns and allowances	\$585,532
Cost of goods sold	174,690
Gross profit	\$410,841
Total expenses (including depreciation, beverage taxes, &c.)	340,398
Operating income	\$70,443
Interest deductions	2,664
Provision for Federal income tax	10,208
Net income	\$57,570

The New York Produce Exchange has admitted to the list the convertible preferred stock, par \$2.—V. 138, p. 3785.

Northeastern Public Service Co.—Hearing on Plan of Reorganization.—Argument on the proposed plan of reorganization was heard June 8 by Chancellor J. O. Wolcott, at Wilmington, Del. and decision was reserved. It is expected an order will be handed down before the end of the month.—V. 138, p. 3785.

Northern States Power Co. (Del.) (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Period End, Mar. 31—	1934—3 Mos.—1933.	1934—12 Mos.—1933.
Gross earnings	\$8,380,059	\$8,136,086
Oper. exps., maint. and taxes	4,509,638	4,024,969
Net earnings	\$3,870,421	\$4,111,117
Other income	29,088	22,599
Net earnings	\$3,899,509	\$4,133,715
Interest charges—Net	1,453,282	1,453,746
Amort. of debt discount and expense	51,489	51,643
Minority interest in net income of subsidiary	6,622	6,309
Appropriation for retirement reserve	640,000	640,000
Net income	\$1,748,116	\$1,982,017
Earned surplus, beginning of period	5,806,078	6,426,995
Total surplus	\$7,554,193	\$8,409,012
Preferred dividends	1,267,212	1,274,947
Common dividends	103,617	414,440
Sundry adjust.—Net	29,885	114,114
Earned surplus, end of period	\$6,153,479	\$6,719,625

Note.—Dividends on the preferred stock of Northern States Power Co. (Wis.) were discontinued Feb. 28 1933.

No provision has been made in the foregoing statement for taxes imposed under the terms of the North Dakota Gross Receipts Tax Law enacted in 1933, which, in the opinion of counsel for the company, is unconstitutional. The taxes so imposed are estimated to be approximately \$60,000 for the calendar year 1933 and \$80,000 for the calendar year 1934. A temporary injunction has been issued restraining the assessment of these taxes.—V. 138, p. 3448.

North Shore Gas Co.—50-Cent Preferred Dividend declared

A dividend of 50 cents per share has been declared on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable July 2 to holders of record June 9. A similar distribution was made on this issue on Jan. 2 and April 2 last, prior to which the stock received regular quarterly dividends of \$1.75 per share.—V. 138, p. 1918.

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

12 Months Ended April 30—	1934.	1933.
Gross earnings	\$10,643,799	\$10,484,399
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	5,548,032	5,272,370
Net earnings	\$5,095,767	\$5,212,029
Other income	64,125	58,420
Net earnings, including other income	\$5,159,893	\$5,270,448
Interest charges—net	2,262,093	2,264,166
Amortization of debt discount and expense	200,000	200,000
Appropriation for retirement reserve	950,000	950,631
Net income	\$1,747,799	\$1,855,651

—V. 138, p. 3613.

Northern Texas Utilities Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 7% s. f. gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1935, have been called for payment July 1 next at par and int. at the Manufacturers Trust Co., successor trustee, 45 Beaver St., N. Y. City.—V. 137, p. 1938.

Old Colony Trust Associates.—Earnings.—

	1933.	1932.	1931.
Dividends from bank stocks	\$369,914	\$578,246	x\$821,933
Interest	22,757	17,246	16,208
Commissions		5,000	
Profit on sale of bonds			188
Total income	\$392,671	\$600,492	\$838,329
Operating salaries and expenses	57,611	64,225	59,048
Trustees' fees	1,740	2,120	1,560
Interest paid	39,759	14,766	3,890
Premium on matured municipal note		147	
Provision for State taxes	24,724	783	2,689
Provision for Federal taxes	8,492		
Net income	\$260,344	\$518,450	\$771,141
Balance Dec. 31	379,118	124,477	104,187
Totals surplus	\$639,462	\$642,927	\$875,327
Dividends paid	225,725	263,810	750,850
Undivided profits Dec. 31	\$413,737	\$379,118	\$124,477

x The trustees report that reserves set up, and losses during 1931, plus the dividends paid in that period, reduced the undivided profits accounts of certain of the affiliated banks to amounts less than at the time of acquisition by the Associates.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.
Assets—				
Inv. in cap.stks.of				
18 banks	c9,597,046	b19,205,736		
Demand notes	e328,803	68,779		
Other investments		166,581		
Invest. in cap. stk. of First National Bank of Boston	x500,000			
Demand note	d358,000	899,920		
Cash in banks	102,320	124,369		
Other assets		7,400		
Total	10,886,169	20,472,786		
Liabilities—				
Notes payable	1,400,000	1,100,000		
Provision for taxes	28,952	783		
Dividend payable	56,431	56,431		
a Capital shares	5,000,000	18,936,453		
Undivided profits		379,118		
Bal. arising from restatement of cap. shares		3,987,048		
Res. for divs. & other purposes	406,119			
Res. for expenses	7,618			
Total	10,886,169	20,472,786		

a Represented by 376,208 no par shares. b At cost. c After reserves of \$7,412,401 to reduce investments to book value. d Demand note of Everet Trust Co. after reserve of \$541,865 necessary to reduce investment to market value. e After provision for contingency of \$135,139. x Cost \$2,360,000; amount necessary to reduce investment to market value, \$1,860,000.—V. 138, p. 3283.

Otis Steel Co.—To Pay Interest.—

The company has announced that on June 18 1934, it will pay the interest coupons which matured for payment on March 1 1933, and are attached to the 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds. Payment of the coupons can be secured on or after June 18 1934, by the surrender thereof to Union Trust Co., Cleveland, O., or City Bank Farmers Trust Co. of New York.

The bondholders' protective committee will secure payment of such coupons attached to the bonds which are on deposit with the committee and distribute the interest so received to the holders of its certificates of deposit. Such interest will be distributed to the record holders, at the close of business June 18 1934, of the certificates of deposit of the committee. To receive such distribution, certificate holders must execute and deliver an ownership certificate to Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, O., depository.—V. 138, p. 3613.

Parmelee Transportation Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Operating revenue	\$9,002,944	\$9,279,232	\$18,105,272	\$21,806,923
Oper. and other expenses	8,175,420	9,042,401	16,093,367	21,417,521
Deprec. and amort.	1,403,585	1,424,628	2,718,584	
Net oper. loss	\$576,060	\$1,187,797	\$706,679	prof\$389,402
Other income	146,397	187,017	156,876	218,545
Loss	\$429,664	\$1,000,780	\$549,804	prof\$607,947
Interest, &c.	287,063	358,325	616,151	608,344
Loss on sale of sec. owned or writ.-off as valueless	637,265	906,318		
Loss on account of discontinued oper. of cos.		488,115		
Loss on sale of realty owned by subsidiary		14,716		
Loss on unoccupied prop	26,136	33,216		37,625
Loss on disposal of cabs and other equipment	824,982			
Loss for payments as indemnitor on oblig. of former subs.	75,755			
Miscellaneous deductions	41,615			
Special reserve approp. for contingency			2,000,000	
Net loss	\$2,322,479	\$2,801,471	\$3,165,954	\$38,021
Preferred dividends				45,000
Common dividends				381,418
Deficit	\$2,322,479	\$2,801,471	\$3,165,954	\$464,440

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.
Assets—				
Reality, leasehold & equipment	3,513,590	3,359,228		
Securities owned	2,573,383	2,803,167		
Cash & securities	1,475,696	2,022,036		
Deferred accts. rec	5,781			
Cash	286,862	202,059		
Accts. & notes rec.	77,326	79,729		
Inventories	40,994	74,421		
Marketable secur.	27,516			
Dep. in closed bks.	2,941			
Dep. on leases	45,700			
Cash in sink fund	3,150			
Intangible assets	3,055,290	3,574,258		
Interest & divs. rec	13,110	13,110		
Deferred charges	244,149	225,458		
Total	11,352,379	12,353,476		
Liabilities—				
x Common stock	4,682,328	4,682,328		
Minority interest	9,501	138,126		
Mortgages payable	231,000	237,750		
Funded debt	3,055,000	3,055,000		
Accounts payable	141,129	220,653		
Bank loans	24,000	34,500		
Notes payable	250,000	225,418		
Accruals & miscell.	362,327	177,260		
Equip. notes and accts. payable	1,956,249	2,321,786		
Equip. trust cert.				
and mtge. pay.		82,516		
Non curr. liab. to Checker Cab Mfg. Corp. & sub	2,001,128			
Special reserve	189,851			
Res. for contng.	76,844			
Reserve	1,289,978	1,366,489		
Paid-in surplus	3,684,458	3,854,008		
Earned deficit	6,601,415	4,042,357		
Total	11,352,379	12,353,476		

x Represented by 721,905 no par shares.—V. 138, p. 3102.

Penn-York Oil & Gas Corp.—Admitted to List.

The New York Produce Exchange has admitted to the list 664,477 shares of class A stock. The stock is \$1 par value, non-voting, but carrying a cumulative dividend of 10% a year and is non-callable.

Pennsylvania Glass Sand Corp.—\$1.75 Pref. Div. Declared.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.75 per share on account of accumulations on the \$7 cum. pref. stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record, June 15. A like amount was distributed on this issue on Jan. 3 and April 1 last. Accruals, after the July 1 payment, will amount to \$8.75 per share.—V. 138, p. 3786.

Pelzer Manufacturing Co.—Earnings.—

[Including Tucapau Mills and Lisbon Spinning Co.]

Earnings for Year Ended Sept. 30 1933.

Gross sales	\$3,837,758
Deductions from sales, including selling expenses	208,662
Cost of sales and operating expenses	3,392,017
Other charges less other credits	9,326
Depreciation charged	304,662
Current interest	7,510
Net operating loss, after all charges	\$84,419
Unexpended depreciation	289,194
Gain in net current assets from operations	\$204,774

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1933.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$270,747	Notes payable	\$25,000
Cash in closed bank	6,107	Accounts payable and accruals	422,370
Notes & accts. rec. (less res.)	456,270	Reserve for suits pending	125,000
Inventories	1,369,893	Capital stock (\$5 par value)	364,774
Prepaid items	61,927	Surplus	12,148,912
Plant account	10,921,112		
Total	\$13,086,057	Total	\$13,086,057

The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of Sept. 30 1933, has been adjusted to reflect retroactively therein the acquisition, pursuant to a plan agreed to by the committees representing respectively approximately 92.7% of the 7% notes of New England Southern Mills (assumed by New England Southern Corp.) and 93.9% of the 5% notes of New England Southern Corp., of the entire capital stocks of Tucapau Mills and Lisbon Spinning Co., and the payments of cash and adjustments of stock made or to be made as a result thereof.—V. 136, p. 4285.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—May Sales Increase.—

1934—May—1933. Increase. 1934—5 Mos.—1933. Increase.
\$17,086,235 \$14,431,647 \$2,654,588 \$73,227,581 \$56,401,499 \$16,826,082
—V. 138, p. 3285, 2587.

Pennsylvania Ohio & Detroit RR.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 22 approved a reduction in the interest rate on \$3,943,000 of 1st and refunding mortgage bonds, series B, from 5% to 4½% and authorized the Pennsylvania RR. to assume obligation and liability in respect of the bonds and to sell them to Kuhn, Loeb & Co. at 98½ and interest.

The bonds, which in their original form were payable in gold coin, will bear a notation indicating that they will be subject to the provisions of Public Resolution No. 10 of the 73d Congress, approved June 5 1933.—V. 138, p. 3285.

Pennsylvania RR.—Special Improvements Program Progresses.—

The following official announcement was issued on June 4:
With special improvement payrolls running well over \$750,000 monthly, 8,500 furloughed railroad workers regularly employed, and orders for materials and supplies already placed in American markets totaling \$25,000,000, the Pennsylvania RR. is moving rapidly forward toward the summer peak on its huge \$77,000,000 electrification and equipment building program, financed by Public Works Administration. This project, termed the largest corporate construction job in the country, was started four months ago.

Approximately 6,000 furloughed railroad workers are now regularly employed between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington stringing wires, erecting steel poles and pouring concrete pole foundations. They are preparing the way for the inauguration by the Pennsylvania RR. of through electrified service, both passenger and freight, between the metropolis and the capitol early in 1935. Payrolls on the roadway electrification work alone approximate \$500,000 monthly and construction will continue actively throughout the year.

In the New York territory 1,200 men are working, 2,000 are employed in the Philadelphia-Wilmington district and 2,200 between Baltimore and Washington. Nearly 600 men are engaged in work of a general nature common to all sections of the electrification.

Also included in the improvement program, financed by PWA, is the work of constructing 7,000 new freight cars in the railroad's shops at Altoona, Pittsburgh and Harrisburg. More than 2,600 men are now regularly employed on car construction in these shops, with monthly pay checks totaling well over \$300,000. New freight cars are rolling out of the construction runways at the rate of 60 a day. With a total of \$17,000,000 allotted for this car building program—to be spent largely for wages and materials—work will go steadily forward until late this year.—V. 138, p. 3614.

Peoples Drug Stores, Inc.—May Sales Higher.—

1934—May—1933. Increase. 1934—5 Mos.—1933. Increase.
\$1,336,055 \$1,242,600 \$93,455 \$6,683,074 \$6,259,202 \$423,872
—V. 138, p. 3102.

Philadelphia Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

	1934.	1933.
12 Months Ended April 30—		
Gross earnings	\$46,083,610	\$45,353,841
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	22,374,042	22,179,474
Net earnings	\$23,709,569	\$23,174,367
Other income—net	802,597	731,899
Net earnings, including other income	\$24,512,165	\$23,906,267
Rent of leased properties	1,707,803	1,719,878
Interest charges—net	6,764,948	6,678,881
Contractual guarantee	69,258	69,312
Amortization of debt discount and expense	387,138	387,057
Other charges	121,244	121,149
Appropriation for retirement and depletion reserve	7,288,671	7,146,625
x Net income	\$8,173,104	\$7,783,364

x For divs. on pref. stks. and min. int. of sub. cos. and on pref. and com. stks. of Phila. Co.—V. 138, p. 3614.

Pines Winterfront Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

	1933.	1934.
Years Ended April 30—		
Net sales	\$274,101	\$390,666
Cost of goods sold	243,771	320,465
Shipping and selling expenses	72,906	50,408
Administrative expenses	95,604	55,603
Special charges	329,253	42,668
Net operating loss	\$467,433	\$58,477
Other income	5,674	60,070
Miscellaneous charges to earnings	Dr10,994	Dr8,642
Net loss before depreciation	\$472,753	\$7,050
Depreciation	85,913	73,920
Net loss	\$558,665	\$80,970

Condensed Balance Sheet April 30.

	1934.	1933.	1934.	1933.
Assets—				
Cash	\$62,755	\$28,129	Accounts payable	\$19,733
Liberty bonds	600	600	Accrued expenses	9,788
Notes & accounts receivable, &c.	y29,611	32,502	Notes payable	30,000
Accts. rec. (other)	299	250	Reserve for taxes	59,067
Inventories	60,303	66,669	Provision for misc. liabilities	47,837
Containers	276		Capital stock	1,546,785
x Land, buildings, equipment	1,458,404	1,536,834	Capital surplus	882,928
Pat'ts & good will	1	1	Operating deficit	943,334
Deferred and other assets	40,556	75,653		
Total	\$1,652,804	\$1,740,638	Total	\$1,652,804

x Less depreciation reserve. y Accounts receivable only.—V. 137, p. 156

Pirelli Co. of Italy (Societa Italiana Pirelli), Milan.—To Change Par Value.—

Notices and proxies have been issued to holders of American shares to obtain consents to amendments in the deposit agreement to give appropriate effect to a change in the par value of the shares from a par value of 500 lire to a par value of 400 lire.

At the general meeting on March 21 the stockholders passed a resolution according to which after having assigned the dividend of 50 lire per share, the sum of 8,000,000 lire was to be taken from the amount remaining available out of the profits of the year 1933 for the purpose of increasing the capital to 200,000,000 lire, the 16,000 shares thus resulting (14,079 shares of series A and 1,921 of series B) to be assigned to the shareholders free of charge by means of one new share for each 24 of the old capital. It was also decided to reduce the capital to 160,000,000 lire by reimbursing 100 lire on each share, thus reducing the face value of the shares from 500 lire to 400 lire.—V. 138, p. 3615.

Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.
Gross income from operations	\$1,363,977	\$1,277,175	\$1,493,954
Operating expenses and cost of sales	885,352	839,383	1,018,726
Depreciation	130,494	134,803	152,380
Development and research	59,496	48,289	46,178
Profit from operations	\$288,635	\$254,700	\$276,669
Other income	9,824	1,196	Dr2,192
Sundry	7,642	—	—
Total	\$306,100	\$255,896	\$274,476
Interest and expense on funded debt, bank loans, &c.	22,368	24,887	41,446
Sundry	29,023	14,233	17,408
Federal, State & Foreign income taxes	38,000	28,000	27,200
Net profit for the year	\$216,709	\$188,774	\$188,421
Dividends	—	108,326	120,740
Balance	\$216,709	\$80,449	\$67,681
Shares capital stock (no par)	850,633	854,368	826,825
Earnings per share	\$0.25	\$0.22	\$0.22

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Cash	\$264,777	\$72,883	Notes payable	—	\$50,000
Call loan	—	35,000	Accts. payable, accrued int., &c.	\$39,020	15,219
Notes receivable	488	1,854	Fed. & State taxes	40,633	28,000
Accts. receivable	176,867	296,022	10-yr. 6% gold note	159,335	223,265
Inventories	354,238	737,543	Unearned income	228,176	339,342
Sundry debtors	10,508	2,735	x Capital stock	1,585,247	1,602,467
Postage meters on rental service	1,357,958	2,297,566	Capital surplus	16,151	16,728
Other equipm't on rental service	—	8,470	Earned surplus	834,161	689,547
Inv. foreign sub.	329,971	305,012	Appraisal surplus	1,258,852	1,411,585
Fixed assets	1,114,784	568,521			
Patents, good-will & development	518,038	—			
Deferred charges	33,947	50,548			
Total	\$4,161,576	\$4,376,153	Total	\$4,161,576	\$4,376,153

x 850,633 shares (no par) in 1933 (854,368 in 1932).—V. 138, p. 2939.

Pittsburgh Steel Co.—Tenders.—

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, will until noon on June 20 receive bids for the sale to it of 20-year 6% s. f. debenture gold bonds, dated Feb. 1 1928, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$250,923 at prices not to exceed 104 and int.—V. 138, p. 1579.

Pittsburgh Water Heater Co.—Receivership.

Judge T. M. Marshall in Common Pleas Court, Pittsburgh, has appointed J. C. Baird and J. W. Patterson receivers on application of two stockholders and Three Rivers Securities Corp. The company joined in the petition for receivership. The petition states that the company has been losing money the last four years. Assets are given as \$1,090,848 and liabilities as \$1,296,982.—V. 126, p. 3771.

Ponce Electric Co.—Earnings.

Period End. Apr. 30—	1934—Month—	1933—12 Mos.—	1933—12 Mos.—	1933—12 Mos.—
Gross earnings	\$25,810	\$29,102	\$318,417	\$322,096
Operation	14,386	11,015	140,508	120,755
Maintenance	1,023	1,387	14,302	14,839
Taxes	2,895	3,559	47,953	41,272
Interest charges	34	75	792	905
Balance	\$7,470	\$13,063	\$114,860	\$144,323
Appropriations for retirement reserve	—	—	40,000	40,000
Balance	—	—	\$74,860	\$104,323
Preferred stock dividend requirements	—	—	25,722	25,986
Balance for common stock divs. & surplus	—	—	\$49,137	\$78,336

During the last 32 years the company and its predecessor companies have expended for maintenance a total of 7.48% of the entire gross earnings over this period, and in addition during this period have set aside for reserves or retained as surplus a total of 10.52% of these gross earnings.—V. 138, p. 3286.

Pond Creek Pocahontas Co.—To Purchase Bonds.—

The directors have authorized the purchase of the 10-year 7% convertible gold debentures due May 1 1935 at a price not to exceed 105 plus accrued interest.

Under the trust agreement the final sinking fund payment in an amount equal to 6 cents per ton of coal mined and shipped during the calendar year 1934, will be made in Jan. 1935. At any time prior to May 1 1935, the date of maturity, the holders may surrender their debentures with all unmatured coupons attached, to the company and receive in exchange therefor a certificate for six shares of its common stock (no par) fully paid, for each \$100 of face value of the debentures, together with a cash payment of any interest which may have accrued since the date of the last matured coupon. Any debentures not retired through the operation of the sinking fund or converted into capital stock prior to the date of maturity, May 1 1935, will be redeemed in cash at par on that date.

The company is prepared to purchase for its next year's sinking fund bonds at 105 and accrued interest, and reserves the right to reject any offers in excess of the amount required.—V. 138, p. 3451.

Poor & Co.—Results for First Three Months Improved.—
President Fred A. Poor May 1 stated:

In our letter of May 2 1933 covering the business of the company for the first three months of that year, we stated that the volume of business had been reduced because of the many unusual events that had taken place in that period. In the first three months of this year we note for the first time the effect of increased railroad purchases, and the operations for this year therefore show a decided contrast as against the operations of a year ago. The figures used in the following brief summary are taken from our operating statements and the results in dollars are expressed to the nearest thousand.

Net billings for the first quarter of this year were \$877,000 or very nearly three times what they were a year ago. The net profit realized from these billings was \$33,000 before making any provision for Federal taxes. A year ago there was a loss of \$150,000. In computing this net profit, we have made provision for \$29,000 of bond interest, compared with \$31,000 a year ago, and for \$25,000 of depreciation compared with \$29,000 a year ago.

We continue to compute our depreciation upon the same basis that we have used for a number of years past, and the reduction in its amount is largely accounted for by the retirement of certain subsidiary equipment or its complete depreciation. The net of surplus charges this year is \$35,000. A year ago it was \$31,000. After taking into account all charges, the surplus for the period this year is reduced \$2,000, whereas a year ago it was reduced \$181,000. The surplus stands at \$428,000, compared with \$601,000 a year ago.

Net working capital amounted to \$1,324,000 on March 31 1934 and included \$476,000 of cash and marketable securities which cost \$452,000, but which had a market value on April 15 1934 of \$357,000. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities is six to one.

The estimated billing value of our unshipped business at the close of the quarter is approximately three and three-fourths times as large as it was a year ago. Shipments are being made against these bookings at an excellent rate.

On March 31 1934 the accumulated unpaid dividends on the class A stock amounted to \$3,375 per share on the 160,000 shares outstanding.

In the foregoing paragraphs will be seen the first evidence of improved business which the company has experienced in several years. The bulk of the improvement in shipments was experienced in March 1934. In January and February the shipments were relatively light. Unless we experience some particularly adverse event in the next three months, we will finish the first half of this year with a profit.—V. 138, p. 3451.

Powdrell & Alexander, Inc.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Net sales	\$6,342,820	\$5,174,814	\$6,017,720	\$5,997,181
Expenses	6,076,268	5,108,147	6,065,433	5,861,462
Taxes	37,056	4,052	—	11,359
Net profit	\$229,495	\$62,614	def 47,713	\$124,360
Preferred dividends	26,141	29,316	31,852	35,214
Common dividends	—	—	153,209	237,067
Surplus for year	\$203,354	\$33,298	def \$232,774	def \$147,921
Shs. com. outst. (no par)	55,788	55,788	55,788	55,788
Earnings per share	\$3.64	\$0.59	Nil	\$1.59

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Cash	\$316,589	\$194,720	Notes payable	\$940,000	\$425,000
Notes & accep. rec.	820	1,313	Accts. payable	50,025	86,193
Accts. receivable	607,680	717,396	Salaries, wages & comm. accrued	56,611	35,239
Other receivables	11,962	3,541	Other curr. Liabl.	36,548	3,873
Inventories	1,513,102	800,337	State and Federal income taxes	44,558	7,215
Mtgs. and notes receivable, &c.	69,128	36,824	Processing & other taxes payable	96,105	—
Inv. in Powdrell & Alexander & Canada, Ltd.	79,811	—	Res. for pref. cap. stock	52,381	13
Cash depts. pending claim	—	32,913	Preferred stock	364,500	418,800
x Plants & props.	1,320,405	1,355,011	y Common stock	2,079,995	2,079,995
Organization exp.	16,391	18,891	Earned surplus	306,071	154,682
Prepaid insurance	63,311	33,674	Capital surplus	3,765	—
Prepaid interest	3,246	2,363			
Cotton futures and prepaid expenses	1,627	2,498			
Adv. to salesmen	8,485	11,530			
Prepaid rent	18,000	—			
Total	\$4,030,561	\$3,211,011	Total	\$4,030,561	\$3,211,011

x After depreciation of \$613,025 in 1933 and \$551,805 in 1932. y Represented by 55,788 shares (no par).—V. 137, p. 2473.

Puget Sound Power & Light Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Period End. Apr. 30—	1934—Month—	1933—12 Mos.—	1933—12 Mos.—
Gross earnings	\$1,049,401	\$990,638	\$12,765,765
Operation	398,213	380,764	4,864,429
Maintenance	54,222	43,406	604,818
Taxes	152,171	106,944	1,585,697
Net oper. revenue	\$444,794	\$459,972	\$5,710,820
Inc. from other sources	34,733	34,895	418,229
Balance	\$479,527	\$494,867	\$6,129,049
Interest & amortization	329,311	343,523	4,016,728
Balance	\$150,216	\$151,344	\$2,112,320
Appropriations for retirement reserve	—	—	1,432,557
Balance	—	—	\$679,763
Prior preference stock div. requirements	—	—	550,000
Balance	—	—	\$129,763
Preferred stock dividend requirements	—	—	1,583,970

Balance for common stock divs. & surplus—def \$1,454,206 def \$114,210 a Includes \$675,621 interest on funds for construction purposes.

During the last 34 years the company and its predecessor companies have expended for maintenance a total of 9.69% of the entire gross earnings over this period, and in addition during this period have set aside for reserves or retained as surplus a total of 6.70% of these gross earnings after allowance for cumulative preferred dividends not declared.—V. 138, p. 3286.

Pullman Co.—Obituary.

Vice-President James Keeley died at Lake Forest, Ill., on June 7.—V. 138, p. 3452.

Radio Corp. of America.—Settlement.

The issue involving the contracts, arrangements and understandings between the corporation and other defendants and foreign governments and companies in the Government's anti-trust suit, filed in Wilmington, Del., nearly three years ago, was settled in a consent decree signed by Judge John P. Fields in U. S. District Court on May 25. When a consent decree in the suit was signed in November 1932, disposing of most of the issues, the issue relating to contracts and arrangements between the defendants and foreign governments and companies, which embodied exclusive license and sales restrictions, was left open for future trial if necessary. It was provided that if the defendants succeeded in securing modification or changes to meet the Government's objections the case would be dismissed as to this issue.

The decree of May 25 states that the exclusive license and sales restrictions embodied in the contracts have been modified to meet the objections of the Government. Another issue relating to foreign traffic and communication agreements still remains.—V. 138, p. 3616.

Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp.—Corporation Seeks to Reorganize Under Terms of New Bankruptcy Law—Other Corporations Do Likewise.

A large number of corporations, all involved in equity receiverships or in bankruptcies, took steps June 7 in the Southern District of New York to benefit by the bill signed the same day by President Roosevelt, permitting them to reorganize with the consent of two-thirds of their creditors and stockholders.

As soon as the bill had been signed, the Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp., which has been in equity receivership since Jan. 27 1933, sought permission to reorganize its business under the new law.

Later in the day similar applications were filed by attorneys in behalf of the companies themselves or groups interested in the affairs of the United Cigar Stores Co. of America, the Paramount-Public Corp., the Roxy Theatres Corp. and the Associated Telephone Utilities Co.

In all cases permission was sought to reorganize under a court-approved plan to which holders of a majority of the total amounts of claims have agreed. The privilege was sought under Section 77B, Chapter 8, of the Acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy.

In the case of the Paramount Public Corp., two petitions seeking the same benefit were filed by separate groups. One petition, balancing the assets and liabilities of the corporation at \$149,210,921.35, was signed by Frank A. Vanderlip, Morris L. Ernst, Dr. Julius Klein, Duncan G. Harris and others.

The RKO Corp. was the first concern to take advantage of the new law. M. R. Aylesworth, President of the company, said that no reorganization plan had been prepared, but that the company had taken prompt action so that it could be in a position to reorganize as soon as conditions permitted.

The petition of the United Cigar Stores Corp. of America, which is in receivership, showed that the concern was capitalized at 171,357 shares of 6% cumulative preferred stock valued at par at \$100 a share, and 5,375,660 shares of common valued at \$1 par. Eugene W. Stetson, Chairman of

a reorganization committee, commenting on the move, said that it had the approval of his committee.

The petition entered in behalf of the Roxy Theatres Corp. was filed by a noteholders' protective committee for the five-year secured 6½% sinking fund gold notes of the corporation.

The application of the Associated Telephone Utilities Co., a Delaware corporation, with offices at 80 Broadway, N. Y. City, was signed by Harold V. Bozell, Executive Vice-President, and explained that receivership proceedings had been pending in the Chancery Court of Delaware since April 1 1933.—V. 138, p. 3287.

Reliance International Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Interest rec. and accrued	\$64,519	\$95,001	\$147,906	\$227,011
Cash dividends	252,958	304,866	499,256	587,146
Other income	-----	-----	4,909	-----
Total income	\$317,477	\$399,867	\$602,071	\$814,157
Expenses (incl. management fee)	76,655	103,839	133,427	172,842
Net loss from sales of securities	11,381	1,809,742	2,588,759	203,562
Net loss	prof.\$229,442	\$1,513,713	\$2,120,114	pf.\$437,752

Capital Surplus Account Dec. 31 1933.

Proceeds from sale of capital stock over stated value	\$9,501,375
Discount on pref. stock purchased for the treasury	2,019,813
Total	\$11,521,188
Organization expenses and stock transfer taxes	78,966
Net deficit, Dec. 31 1932, \$3,128,263, less surplus for year ended Dec. 31 1933, \$231,147	2,897,116
Preferred dividends paid to Dec. 31 1932	1,523,691
Preferred dividends paid during 1933	340,882
Capital surplus, Dec. 31 1933	\$6,680,532

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Cash	\$ 9,423	\$ 309,355	Sundry accounts payable	20,632	23,512
Due for sec. sold	8,251	7,084	Unclaimed divid'd	24	50
Accrued interest & divs. receiv	49,577	54,767	c Preferred stock	4,261,025	4,261,025
a Invest. at cost	11,771,429	11,568,961	b Common stock	876,469	865,314
			Capital surplus	6,680,532	6,790,267
Total	11,838,681	11,940,167	Total	11,838,681	11,940,167

a Market value, \$7,078,044 in 1933 (1932, \$5,306,355). b Represented by 622,889 shares of class A stock of no par value in 1933 (1932, 613,104 shares). c Represented by 170,441 shares of no par value.—V. 138, p. 3287.

Reo Motor Car Co.—May Shipments.—

The company shipped 2,517 passenger cars and trucks during May, or more than triple the May 1933 shipments. Truck shipments to June 1 this year passed the entire 1933 truck output, it was reported. Orders on hand for both passenger cars and trucks indicate continuation of substantial increases over last year.—V. 138, p. 3452.

Republic Petroleum Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.
Crude oil production, gross	\$547,574	\$476,563	\$544,694
Proceeds of sale of gas & casinghead gasoline	49,605	22,565	45,226
Royalties received	1,293	1,052	-----
Total earnings	\$598,472	\$500,181	\$589,921
Royalties on crude oil	89,354	76,509	87,972
Royalties on gas & casinghead gasoline	16,152	5,186	7,921
Net realization from production	\$492,966	\$418,486	\$494,022
Direct production costs	88,467	107,695	100,202
Field overhead	-----	-----	30,841
Dehydration costs	19,984	21,644	-----
Administrative & general expense	64,774	38,934	37,336
Increase in crude oil inventory	Cr8,537	-----	-----
Miscellaneous income (net)	Cr4,071	-----	-----
Depreciation	105,899	99,103	97,633
Depletion	55,437	67,541	119,601
Abandonment & losses on disposition of fixed assets	216,489	37,469	186,701
Net loss	\$45,477 prof.	\$46,099	\$78,293
Capital surplus:			
Paid-in & arising from forfeiture of stock	278,805	278,805	278,806
Surplus from revaluation of oil properties	2,741,264	2,741,264	2,741,125
Total	\$3,020,076	\$3,020,070	\$3,019,931
Organization expense charged off	-----	-----	44,531
Discount on stock charged off	1,596,062	1,596,062	1,596,062
Total capital surplus	\$1,424,008	\$1,424,008	\$1,379,338
Earned surplus	109,082	133,010	153,949
Total surplus	\$1,533,090	\$1,557,019	\$1,533,286

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Oil lands & leases owned	\$3,670,964	\$3,653,712	Capital stock	\$3,444,000	\$3,444,000
Oil wells and lease equipment	2,068,303	1,985,381	Surplus	1,533,090	1,557,018
Bldgs., pipelines, pumping plants and equipment	68,978	60,670	Contracts payable	5,750	-----
Devel. wk. in prog.	32,097	2,696	Accounts payable	51,978	16,419
Drilling tools	132,340	125,453	Accrued payroll	6,495	3,906
Autos & trucks	28,316	19,651	Accrued interest	9,331	229
Furn. & fixtures	1,704	1,703	Accrued taxes	7,345	-----
Depletion	Cr591,572	Cr540,344	Notes payable	62,529	14,750
Depreciation	Cr529,884	Cr429,605	Royalties payable	12,831	7,641
Adv. to assist empl. in financing purchase of co. stk.	21,400	25,000	Improv. & assd. payable	437	-----
Adv. on proposed purch. of land & leases	8,697	-----			
Investments	59,328	65,031			
Cash	13,505	2,753			
Accts. receivable	69,106	64,828			
Treasury stock	26,398	-----			
Invent. of cruod oil	16,076	7,540			
Mat'ls & supplies	13,405	2,685			
Prepaid expenses	11,441	9,901			
Total	\$5,120,692	\$5,057,059	Total	\$5,120,692	\$5,057,059

—V. 138, p. 2940.

Roane County Oil Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.
Sales	\$32,139	\$34,262
Operating expenses	19,279	14,962
Administrative and general expenses	8,357	9,313
Profit from operations	\$4,503	\$9,988
Other income	594	1,578
Profit before int. on bonds, depletion & deprec.	\$5,098	\$11,566
Interest on bonds	5,120	7,855
Depletion and depreciation	25,849	26,774
Loss	\$25,871	\$23,064

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1933.

Assets—	1933.	Liabilities—	1933.
Cash	\$26,984	Accrued taxes	\$1,235
Accounts receivable	2,685	Accrued interest payable	790
Inventory of oil in storage at \$2.07 per bbl.	1,654	1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds	17,000
Cash on deposit with sinking fund trustee	75	1st mtge. 6% sink. fd. gold bonds due May 1 1934, extended to May 1 1944	103,000
Investment securities at cost	17,323	d Common stock	2,555
a Lease investment	37,626	e Preferred stock	69,000
b Furniture & fixtures	-----	f Paid-in surplus	16,901
c Automobile truck	291	Deficit	123,780
Total	\$86,702	Total	\$86,702

a After depreciation and depletion reserve of \$362,453. b After depreciation of \$260. c After depreciation of \$190. d Par value 10 cents.—V. 137, p. 2118.

Reynoldsville & Falls Creek RR.—Abandonment.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 22 issued a certificate permitting (a) the company to abandon, as to inter-State and foreign commerce, its entire railroad, extending from a connection with the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry. at Falls Creek to Soldier Run Mine, about 12 miles, all in Clearfield and Jefferson Counties, Pa., and (b) the Baltimore & Ohio RR. to abandon operation thereof.—V. 128, p. 4152.

Roman Catholic Diocese of London (Ont.).—Bonds Offered.—A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd., Montreal, are offering in Canada at 99 and int., yielding 5.08%, \$1,250,000 1st mtge. sinking fund bonds, 5% series A.

Dated Jan. 2 1934; due Jan. 2 1954. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable in lawful money of the Dominion of Canada at principal office of the Bank of Montreal in Toronto, Montreal or London, Ont., at the holder's option. Red., all or part (in principal amounts not less than \$100,000 unless bonds of another or other series are being redeemed at the time, in which case the proportionate amount of cash being used in redemption of series A bonds may be applied, notwithstanding that it may be less than \$100,000) and the bonds to be redeemed to be selected by lot at any time on 60 days notice at 103 and int. Except under sinking fund provisions applicable to the particular series, bonds of series other than series A may be redeemed, if and to the extent that moneys made available for the purpose are sufficient to redeem at least \$100,000 of bonds and are apportioned and applied amongst the different series, including series A ratably to the principal amount of the different series then outstanding.

Provision will be made for a yearly sinking fund for series A bonds commencing Jan. 2 1935 sufficient to redeem all the bonds of series A on or before maturity. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Trustee: Canada Trust Co., London, Ontario.

The agreement with the corporation provides for the purchase of \$650,000 of the bonds of series A and the granting of an option to purchase the whole or any part of a further \$600,000 of the bonds of series A. The \$1,250,000 of the bonds of series A will be lodged with one of the corporation's bankers, with whom an arrangement has been made that as from time to time bonds of this series are sold the net proceeds, to the extent necessary, will be applied in the reduction of the corporation's indebtedness to banks and the appropriate principal amount of the bonds released, and that until so released the bonds shall be held as security for the bank indebtedness. \$250,000 of the bonds of series A will be issued to and accepted by Saint Peter's Seminary Corp. of London in Ontario, Ltd., in settlement of \$250,000 of the indebtedness of the corporation to it.

The authorized principal amount of series A bonds is limited to \$1,500,000, being part of a total authorized issue limited to \$2,500,000. The Roman Catholic Diocese of London in Ontario, which was originally erected Feb. 21 1856, comprises the Counties of Perth, Oxford, Norfolk, Middlesex, Elgin, Huron, Lambton, Kent and Essex in southwestern Ontario. This area was formerly part of the Diocese of Toronto. According to the Dominion Census of 1921, the total population of this territory was 536,311, which included 76,552 Roman Catholics. The Dominion Census of 1931 shows the corresponding totals respectively of 614,752 and 109,581.

The bonds will carry the covenant of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corp. of the Diocese of London in Ontario. The bonds will in addition be secured by a first fixed and specific mortgage on certain several parcels of lands and buildings valued at \$8,551,472.

St. Louis Public Service Co.—Defaults Interest and Principal on \$38,220,000 Bonds.—

The company will not pay interest or principal due July 1 on \$38,220,000 outstanding and pledged bonds, it has been announced by T. E. Francis, attorney for receiver Henry W. Kiel.

This will be the third time interest on these bonds has not been met, the other occasions being July 1 1933, and Jan. 1 1934.

Past due interest amounts to \$1,561,430 for outstanding bonds and bonds pledged as collateral. The final payment will aggregate \$780,715. Thus, after July 1, the company will be \$2,342,145 in arrears on its bond interest.

The United Railways Co. gen. 1st mtge. 4% bonds and the City & Suburban 5% 1st mtge. bonds both come due in July. The company has \$17,894,000 gen. 4s outstanding and \$17,063,000 pledged as collateral. The majority of this collateral, \$16,626,000, is posted with St. Louis banks for a loan now listed at \$9,499,653. Consequently, its real indebtedness under this issue is \$27,393,653.

City & Suburban 5s outstanding total \$3,263,000. In addition the company already is in default for \$2,448,875 outstanding 6% gold notes, which were due Jan. 1 1933.

The receiver, Henry W. Kiel, in the annual report for 1933 says in part:

The receiver took charge of the property and operations on April 15 1933. Total funded debt, compared to the balance sheet, as at Dec. 31 1933, was \$24,146,875, as compared with \$24,186,875 as at Dec. 31 1932, a decrease of \$40,000, resulting from the purchase and retirement through the sinking fund, prior to the receivership, of City & Suburban Public Service Co. 5% bonds.

On April 12 1933, the banks participating in the company's \$10,000,000 demand loan called the loan and sequestered all of the company's funds on deposit with them, amounting to \$500,346. This loan has in consequence been reduced to \$9,499,653. Company had deposited with these banks \$16,626,000 of United Railways Co. of St. Louis 4% bonds to secure the loan. The question as to the validity of the pledge of a part of these bonds is now being litigated in the Federal Court.

On the day the receiver took possession, the company had only a very nominal sum of money with which to continue its operations.

On Nov. 1 1933, conformably to a contract to purchase, made by the St. Louis Public Service Co. in 1929, and under authority granted by the Federal Court, the receiver acquired People's Motorbus Co. of St. Louis, for the reason that it was confidently thought that the acquisition of this company would greatly strengthen the position of the St. Louis Public Service Co. and add to its value and, at the same time, benefit the public. The co-ordination of the facilities of the two companies has already caused these expectations to be realized.

The balance of the purchase price paid for People's Motorbus Co. was \$1,232,950. The transaction was financed by means of receiver's certificates in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,150,000 and \$82,950 cash.

Between Nov. 1 1933 and March 1 1934, the receiver paid and retired certificates aggregating \$900,000, leaving outstanding, as of April 1 1934, \$250,000.

On the date of acquisition, the receiver took over the People's Motorbus Co., and has operated its bus lines and other property since that date. The receiver is President of that company and its board of directors is composed of certain members of the receiver's staff.

The U. S. Government has presented a claim for additional income taxes and interest to Dec. 31 1933, in the amount approximately of \$830,000, which it alleges is due from the company for the years 1928 to 1932, inclusive. The interest accruals on this claim, if allowed, will amount approximately to \$40,000 per annum.

The money made available by the non-payment of interest has been used by the receiver for the purpose of preserving the property by improving its physical condition through repairs and replacements, for the payment of the receiver's certificates above mentioned and for the discharge of paramount and specially secured liens which had arisen or been created prior to the receivership.

On June 1 1933, the receiver paid 1932 State, city, county and school district ad valorem taxes, amounting to \$657,080, which became delinquent on Dec. 31 of that year. Payment had been withheld pending a suit filed by the company challenging the reasonableness of the assessment of the company's property for taxation purposes. Ad valorem taxes for the year 1933 were paid during the year, advantage being taken of 1/4 of 1% reduction for early payment.

Notes, amounting to \$219,784 principal amount, outstanding at the time the receiver took charge, secured by a chattel mortgage on new bus equipment, purchased prior to the receivership, together with interest thereon, were paid during the year.

\$100,000 was paid on the principal amount of Florissant Construction, Real Estate & Investment Co. 5 3/4% notes, in Jan. 1934, and the unpaid balance (\$441,000) was then renewed for one year. Interest on these notes, which are secured by non-operating real estate, has been paid to date.—V. 138, p. 3789.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—Abandonments.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 26 issued a certificate permitting the company and its trustees to abandon the Weir branch extending from Weir Junction to Weir City, about 2.7 miles, all in Crawford and Cherokee counties, Kan.

The Commission also authorized the abandonment of a branch line of railroad extending westerly from Vanduser to Bloomfield, 17.3 miles, all in Scott and Stoddard counties, Mo.

Quick Reorganizing of Road Requested by Judge Faris.—See Missouri Pacific RR. above.

Request Accounting of Managers—Trustees Reject Explanation Made for \$400,000 Expense Fund.—

The trustees have rejected as incomplete the accounting offered by the road's original reorganization managers for the \$400,000 expense fund provided by the now abandoned Frisco readjustment plan of July 6 1932. Declaring that the managers should "submit a proper and complete account," counsel for the trustees have requested the Federal District Court at St. Louis to require the reorganization managers to turn over immediately \$318,850 and interest. This sum represents the unexpended balance of the original amount alleged to be on hand when the road was placed in receivership Nov. 1 1932.

Judgment against the reorganization managers was requested by the trustees. The trustees claim that the expense fund should have been turned over to them, along with all other Frisco property and accounts, when they took control of the property under the receivership.—V. 138, p. 3789.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Lines.—Earnings.—

Period—	—Fourth Week of May—		—Jan. 1 to May 31—	
	1934.	1933.	1934.	1933.
Gross earnings.....	\$413,300	\$406,668	\$5,921,638	\$4,919,053

—V. 138, p. 3789.

San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

12 Months Ended April 30—	1934.		1933.	
	Gross earnings.....	\$6,884,361	\$7,193,949	
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes.....	3,904,584	3,879,574		

Net earnings.....	\$2,979,777	\$3,314,376		
Other income.....	6,215	7,758		

Net earnings, including other income.....	\$2,985,992	\$3,322,134		
Interest charges—net.....	863,157	831,771		
Amortization of debt discount and expense.....	80,495	93,082		
Appropriation for retirement reserve.....	1,176,000	1,170,000		

Net income.....	\$866,340	\$1,227,281		
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—V. 138, p. 3616.

Savage Arms Corp.—Enters Air-Conditioning Field.—

This corporation has entered into an exclusive license agreement under which it will manufacture and market the products known as "Zephyr Air" made and sold by the Air Conditioning Industries, Inc., over the past eight years. These comprise a complete line of air-conditioning equipment. The personnel of Air Conditioning Industries, Inc., will join the Savage organization.—V. 138, p. 2941.

Savannah Electric & Power Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. Apr. 30—	1934—	Month—	1933.	1934—	12 Mos.—	1933.
Gross earnings.....	\$141,787	\$143,439	\$1,755,796	\$1,818,080		
Operation.....	52,335	48,754	629,332	639,792		
Maintenance.....	7,998	9,023	100,924	117,596		
Taxes.....	16,132	16,312	195,126	191,048		
Interest & amortization.....	32,993	33,900	399,865	407,635		

Balance.....	\$32,327	\$35,448	\$430,547	\$462,007		
Appropriations for retirement reserve.....			150,000	150,000		

Balance.....	\$280,547	\$312,007				
Debt stock dividend requirements.....	149,114	149,105				

Balance.....	\$131,432	\$162,902				
Preferred stock dividend requirements.....	60,000	60,000				

Balance for common stock divs. & surplus..... \$71,432 \$102,902
During the last 32 years the company and its predecessor companies have expended for maintenance a total of 8.29% of the entire gross earnings over this period, and in addition during this period have set aside for reserves or retained as surplus a total of 7.81% of these gross earnings.—V. 138, p. 3289.

Savannah Sugar Refining Corp.—1933 Report.—

During 1933 the stockholders received \$403,740 in dividends, these being at the rate of 7% on the preferred stock, and \$6 per share on the no par common. After the usual reserves for depreciation, Federal and State income taxes, bad debts, &c., \$85,288 was added to surplus. The earnings per share on the common stock were \$9.02 in 1933, as compared with \$6.91 in 1932.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Refin'g plant, incl. machinery, &c.....	\$4,131,136	\$4,102,712	Capital stock.....	\$3,578,400	\$3,578,400
Cash.....	1,854,533	1,327,648	Accounts payable.....	602,460	144,069
Accts. rec., less res.....	806,076	1,206,895	Sundry reserves.....	290,230	222,316
Mdse. & supplies.....	1,153,303	551,615	Reserve for depreciation.....	2,283,214	2,136,012
Charges deferred to future operations.....	5,391	6,050	Surplus.....	1,586,242	1,500,953
Investments.....	390,105	386,820			
Total.....	\$8,340,545	\$7,581,750	Total.....	\$8,340,545	\$7,581,750

x Represented by 33,444 shares of preferred stock, par \$100 and 28,272 shares of common stock, no par value.—V. 137, p. 1951.

Schenley Distillers Corp.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quar. End. Period July 1 '33	Mar. 31 '34.	Period July 1 '33	to Dec. 31 '33.
Net profit after interest, Federal and excess profit taxes and other charges.....	\$3,214,338	\$3,522,307		
Earns. per sh. on 1,050,000 shs. cap. stk. (par\$5).....	\$3.06	\$3.35		

As of Dec. 31 1933 the company's balance sheet showed current assets totaling \$14,150,745 and current liabilities of \$7,114,113. Included in the current assets figure is cash, \$1,019,136, notes and accounts receivable, \$3,694,422, and inventories of whiskey and materials, \$9,437,185. Current liabilities included notes payable, \$2,244,389, and accounts payable, \$2,503,878.—V. 138, p. 1580.

Siemens & Halske (A. G.)—To Redeem \$132,500 Bonds.

Dillon, Read & Co., as sinking fund agent, announce that \$132,500 of the outstanding 10-year 7% secured sinking fund gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1935, will be redeemed at 102 and int. on July 1 1933, out of moneys to be paid to them as sinking fund agent by the corporation under the sink-

ing fund agreement. The bonds which have been designated by lot for redemption will be paid at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., 28 Nassau St., N. Y. City.

Under the terms of the law of the German Government of June 9 1933, Siemens & Halske, A. G., and Siemens-Schuckertwerke, G.m.b.H., are required to make interest and sinking fund payments on the bonds above referred to in Reichsmarks to the Conversion Bank for Foreign Debts, a German public corporation, for the account of the person or persons entitled to receive such payments under the terms of the indenture, the bankers announced.—V. 138, p. 2268.

Schiff Co.—May Sales Increased.—

Period End. May 26—	1934—4 Wks.—	1933.	1934—5 Mos.—	1933.
Sales.....	\$1,187,179	\$877,446	\$4,177,118	\$3,174,979
Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Net sales.....	\$9,376,018	\$8,878,279	\$10,179,534	\$9,932,983
Cost of sales, oper. exps., deprec., amortiz., Fed. taxes, &c.....	8,723,266	8,659,090	9,835,390	9,565,752
Extraordinary and non-operating items.....			Cr1,665	
Balance of leaseh'd accts. written-off.....	83,582			
Net profit.....	\$569,170	\$219,189	\$345,800	\$367,231
Preferred dividends.....	57,111	61,539	70,000	70,000
Common dividends.....	99,000	148,500	198,000	198,000
Balance, surplus.....	\$413,059	\$9,150	\$77,800	\$99,231
Sundry adjustments.....		Dr21,048		
Previous surplus.....	945,843	957,740	879,940	780,710
Profit on preferred stock purch. for retirement.....	17,355			
Total surplus.....	\$1,376,257	\$945,843	\$957,741	\$879,941
Earnings per share on 99,000 shs. com. stock (no par).....	\$5.17	\$1.59	\$2.77	\$2.99

General Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Cash.....	\$363,575	\$452,503	Accounts payable.....	\$143,706	\$64,946
Accts. receivable.....	35,081	42,415	Empl. profit shar'g bonuses.....	99,104	30,539
Due from empl.....	32,386	22,476	Sund. acer. exps.....	33,356	34,711
Treas. stk., purch. for employees.....	30,222	30,222	Federal taxes.....	114,717	27,246
Due fr. accts. pay.....	1,956	2,115	Local & sales taxes.....	18,981	
Inventories.....	2,358,451	1,532,868	7% pref. stock.....	791,500	843,400
Due from officers & directors.....	6,309	21,035	x Common stock.....	675,000	675,000
Leaseholds, amort. deducted.....	10,440	97,650	Capital surplus.....	121,179	121,179
Furn. & fixtures, amortiz. deduct.....	454,310	466,085	Earned surplus.....	1,376,257	945,843
Deferred assets.....	40,800	37,034			
Com. stock purch. for employees.....	30,222				
Sundry assets.....	709				
Cash in bks. which have susp. pay.....	6,653	10,340			
Life insurance.....	32,909	28,121			
Total.....	\$3,373,800	\$2,742,863	Total.....	\$3,373,800	\$2,742,863

x Represented by 99,000 no par shares.—V. 138, p. 3289.

Seiberling Rubber Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Years Ended Oct. 32—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Net sales.....	\$319,261	\$510,089	\$850,089	loss\$54,272
Net income from oper.....	loss\$2,962	See x	351,605	349,741
Depreciation.....				427,826
Provision for loss.....	y331,154			
Net loss.....	\$334,116	\$32,343	prof'500,348	\$1,282,098

x After depreciation charges. y On accounts receivable from Willys-Overland Co., loss on cotton futures and on investments and restricted balances, all totaling \$331,154.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

Assets—	a1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	a1933.	1932.
d Land, buildings, mach'y, &c.....	\$2,538,198	\$3,228,459	8% pref. stock.....	\$1,474,500	\$1,474,500
Cash.....	243,223	435,917	f Common stock.....	271,106	2,711,060
Sees. owned (cost).....	1,054,136	435,917	6% deb. notes.....	2,350,000	2,350,000
Accts. receivable.....	1,147,618	803,090	Accounts payable.....	c557,797	111,858
Notes & trade accepts' receivable.....	e377,551	146,406	Notes & trade accepts' payable.....	b48,432	337,213
For'n accepts. rec.....	146,406		Discounted cust's notes.....		117,015
Inventories.....	1,182,813	936,765	Deferred income.....	4,417	
U. S. Treas. otf's.....	25,074		Accr. int. and tax.....	148,085	117,262
Other assets.....	890,569		Accrued royalty.....		10,990
Unused real estate.....	412,424		Reserves.....	27,213	21,664
Accts. rec. in susp. Res. for poss. losses on notes & accts. receivable.....	12,128	Cr213,952	Surplus.....	1,459,958	430,532
Patents.....	1	1			
Adv. & accts. with special deal's, &c.....		759,731			
Deferred assets.....	18,601	24,847			
Total.....	\$6,458,524	\$7,565,080	Total.....	\$6,458,524	\$7,565,080

a After giving effect to proposed change in declared value of common stock. b Notes payable only. c Includes trade acceptances payable. d After deducting \$1,894,075 reserve for depreciation in 1933, and \$2,737,868 in 1932. e After deducting \$262,994 discounted at banks in 1932 and \$440,275 in 1931. f Represented by 271,106 shares of no par value. x Notes matured Nov. 15 1933 but were extended two years to Nov. 15 1935.—V. 138, p. 2267.

(Howard) Smith Paper Mills, Ltd. (& Subs.)—Earnings

Calendar Years—	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Net profit from oper'n's.....	\$1,676,489	\$1,377,556	\$1,101,716	\$1,231,760
Bond interest.....	529,607	552,990	560,919	568,188
Depreciation.....	761,721	426,355	420,172	222,866
U. S. exch. on bond int.....	48,545	67,850	54,306	
Prov. for inc. tax (subs.).....	7,028	1,630	3,957	
Reserve for conting.....		50,000		
Miscell. adjustment.....	1,753	145,958		
Reserve for inventories.....	140,627			

Net profit (before providing for inc. tax).....	\$187,206	\$132,772	\$62,362	\$440,707
Preferred dividends.....	2,604	2,604	47,604	376,564
Common dividends.....	3,000	3,000	7,500	6,000

Net profit subject to income tax.....	\$181,602	\$127,168	\$7,258	\$58,143
Previous surplus.....	1,327,760	1,200,593	1,424,056	1,461,914

Total surplus.....	\$1,509,363	\$1,327,761	\$1,431,314	\$1,520,057
Loss on sale of co's shares to employees.....				75,000
Adjustment to investments in sub. cos.....				21,000
Adjustment prior pref.....			230,722	

Balance at credit Dec. 31, subject to min. stockholders' equity.....	\$1,509,363	\$1,327,761	\$1,200,593	\$1,424,056
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x Includes income from investments, miscellaneous revenue and discount on bonds redeemed.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1933.	1932.		1933.	1932.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Cash	237,760	196,463	Bank loans	756,000	1,427,500
Accounts and notes			Notes of affil. cos.		
rec., less reserve	1,115,003	857,127	under disc.	40,389	87,351
Inventories	1,829,146	1,973,382	Accts. & bills pay.	344,008	351,918
Life insur. policies	16,148	12,729	Accr. & other liab.	148,429	128,829
Mortgage receiv	21,742	25,251	Mortgages payable	92,200	99,900
Invest. in other cos	55,936	64,476	Bal. purch. price of		
bonds and pref.			undelivered shs.		
stock	98,934	143,198	of sub. co.		35,000
Guarantee deposits	86,875	32,000	Accounts payable	286,401	308,713
Cash with trustee	5,619	17,567	Bonds outstanding	9,163,400	9,356,300
Cash held in sink-			Prof. stock of sub.		
ing fund	799	757	outstanding	2,290,700	2,290,700
Deferred charges	42,923	64,161	Min. stockholders		
Fixed assets	21,163,055	21,227,589	equity in com.		
			stock & surpluses	640,014	631,742
			Res. for deprec.,		
			depletion, &c.	3,960,931	3,121,331
			6% pref. stock	4,500,000	4,500,000
			Com. stock (220-		
			000 shs. no par)	900,622	900,623
			Capital surplus	140,205	136,912
			Earned surplus	1,410,642	1,237,881
Total	24,673,943	24,614,699	Total	24,673,943	24,614,699

—V. 137, p. 2821.

Solvay American Investment Corp.—Earnings.—

	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
Dividends received	\$3,089,509	\$3,040,404	\$3,101,031	\$3,021,970
Interest received	277,002	880,689	578,176	599,024
Royalty	212	790	1,533	2,081
Loss on realization of investments	743,622	1,011,901	522,606	prof549,886
Total income	\$2,623,100	\$2,909,982	\$3,158,134	\$4,172,962
Int. on secured gold notes	506,236	750,000	750,000	750,000
Disc. on notes payable	—	216,193	32,500	32,500
General, &c., expenses	198,767	154,165	251,355	258,589
Taxes paid and refund	26,687	9,718	10,944	10,646
Federal income tax	—	—	—	7,500
Net income	\$1,891,440	\$1,779,906	\$2,113,334	\$3,113,726
Balance, March 31	5,674,378	5,197,126	3,865,810	3,989,253
Income tax adjustment	—	—	—	Dr527
Prof. on securities red.	2,485,313	—	—	—
Proportion of spec. cash reserve fund applic. to gold notes redeemed	900,000	—	—	—
Total, surplus	\$10,951,130	\$6,977,032	\$5,979,144	\$7,102,452
Preferred dividends	1,318,127	1,318,027	1,343,904	1,375,007
Common dividends	—	—	—	1,800,000
Approp. as add'l reserve for secured gold notes	—	Cr12,109	153,542	61,635
Additional reserve for possible tax claims	—	—	—	—
Excess of par value over cost of preferred stock reacquired	—	Cr3,264	21,777	—
Excess of face value over cost of corp. 5% gold notes purch. but not retired	—	—	Cr193,830	—
Balance, March 31	\$9,633,103	\$5,674,378	\$5,197,126	\$3,865,810
Earns. per sh. on 300,000 com. stock (no par)	\$1.91	\$1.54	\$2.56	\$5.79

Balance Sheet March 31.

	1934.	1933.		1934.	1933.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Cash	4,849,516	3,991,143	Notes payable, sec.		
Investments	75,217,980	76,311,138	Series A	5,753,000	10,062,000
Advances	8,996,927	—	Interest accrued	30,363	c41,925
Int. and divs. accr.	8,653	15,524	Sundry creditors	11,213	26,548
Cash reserve fund	600,000	1,500,000	Acrr. prem. pay.		
			on redemp. notes	172,590	—
			Special reserve	600,000	1,500,000
			Cum. pref. stock	15,000,000	24,034,000
			a Common stock	49,475,880	49,475,880
			Earned surplus	7,146,742	5,244,256
			Capital surplus	2,486,361	430,122
Total	80,676,149	90,814,731	Total	80,676,149	90,814,731

a) Represented by 300,000 no par shares. b) After deducting \$4,938,000 worth of bonds purchased and held by corporation but not retired. c) After deducting \$20,575 as interest on bonds held (see note b). d) After deducting \$9,247,000 worth of bonds purchased and retired.—V. 138, p. 1761.

South Carolina Power Co.—Earnings.—

	1934—Month—	1933—Month—	1934—12 Mos.—	1933—12 Mos.—
Period End. Apr. 30—				
Gross earnings	\$190,524	\$174,373	\$2,130,031	\$2,115,715
Oper. exps., including maintenance and taxes	101,965	88,271	1,146,217	1,111,876
Fixed charges	\$46,012	46,248	553,353	661,638
Prov. for retire. reserve	10,000	10,000	120,000	120,000
Net income	\$32,546	\$29,853	\$310,460	\$222,200
Divs. on 1st pref. stock	14,286	14,288	171,465	171,436
Balance	\$18,260	\$15,565	\$138,994	\$50,764

Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

	1934—Month—	1933—Month—	1934—12 Mos.—	1933—12 Mos.—
Period End. Apr. 30—				
Gross earnings	\$239,229	\$214,344	\$2,777,553	\$2,805,177
Oper. exps., including maintenance and taxes	135,660	122,386	1,557,935	1,506,050
Fixed charges	26,412	26,996	316,513	326,820
Prov. for retire. reserve	23,141	23,141	277,700	277,700
Net income	\$54,014	\$41,819	\$625,404	\$694,605
Divs. on preferred stock	45,192	45,135	542,029	535,465
Balance	\$8,821	def\$3,315	\$83,374	\$159,140

Southern Public Utilities Co.—Earnings.—

	1934—Month—	1933—Month—	1934—12 Mos.—	1933—12 Mos.—
Period End. Mar. 31—				
Gross income	\$1,058,153	\$945,427	\$12,850,059	\$12,610,959
Oper. exps., incl. taxes	701,378	666,872	8,730,951	8,437,063
General expense	55,889	26,473	481,972	425,564
Renewals & replace. res.	128,182	127,108	1,530,577	1,518,104
Int. on underlying and divisional bonds	25,375	26,444	308,728	340,569
Int. on S. P. U Co. 5% bonds	68,695	68,695	824,350	824,350
Profit	\$78,631	\$29,832	\$973,479	\$1,065,306

Southern Ry. System.—Earnings.—

	1934.	1933.	1934.	1933.
Period—				
Gross earnings (est.)	\$2,803,144	\$2,892,316	\$43,926,446	\$38,288,801

Sparta Foundry Co.—Increases Dividend Rate.—

A quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share has been declared on the no par value common stock, payable June 30 to holders of record June 15. Previously, the company made quarterly distributions of 25 cents per share on this issue. In addition, extra dividends were paid as follows: 25 cents per share on March 31 last and on Sept. 30 and Dec. 12 1933, and 10 cents per share on June 30 1933.—V. 138, p. 1761.

Spiegel, May, Stern Co.—May Sales.—

1934—May.—1930 Increase. | 1934—5 Mos.—1933. Increase.
 \$2,193,078 \$901,041 \$1,292,037 | \$9,597,485 \$3,695,817 \$4,901,668
 Sales for May were the largest in the company's history for that month and 21 1/2% above the previous high mark for May, \$1,804,373 in 1929. Last month was the 16th consecutive monthly increase over a corresponding period of a year earlier. The company reports a higher rate of collections and a minimum of slow accounts. Only about 10% of its trade is with farmers, most of its credit business being in cities and towns in the East, South and Central States.—V. 138, p. 3291.

Square D Co.—Dividend on Account of Accruals.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 27 1/2 cents per share on account of accumulations on the \$2.20 cum. class A pref. stock, no par value, payable June 30 to holders of record June 20. The last distribution, of like amount, was made on this issue on Sept. 30 1930, prior to which regular quarterly dividends of 55 cents per share were paid.

The president F. W. Magin issued the following statement: "The business of the company has increased materially in the last few months and it is now operating on a profitable basis. The earnings in May were satisfactory and it is expected that they will so continue, at least, during the month of June. It was thought by the board that some portion of current profits should be paid to the class A stockholders.

"As the future still presents uncertainties, the stockholders are to be informed that the declaration of this dividend is not to be considered as a permanent dividend policy nor that further dividends will be declared in succeeding quarters. The company has certain definite requirements to meet with respect to the retirement of debentures, increasing inventories, increasing costs on raw material and labor which make it inadvisable to fix any definite dividend policy at this time. It has always been and will continue to be the policy of the board to declare and pay such dividends as are consistent with the safety of the company and its financial needs."—V. 138, p. 3455.

(E. R.) Squibb & Sons.—Earnings.—

	1933.	1932.	1931.
Calendar Years—			
Net profit after depr., Fed. taxes, &c.	\$1,124,456	\$1,236,457	\$1,651,234
Shs. com. stock outstanding (no par)	450,949	450,949	450,785
Earnings per share	\$1.77	\$2.00	\$2.92
Carleton H. Palmer, President, says in part:			
One of the most important financial transactions of the year was the organization of the Jones Estate Corp. In this connection it will be recalled from my last annual report to the stockholders, company made a commitment to purchase \$225,000 5% mtge. bonds and \$1,025,000 6% junior mtge. bonds and 60% of the stock of the Jones Estate Corp., which company was formed to purchase and did purchase the Squibb Building and the land underneath it at Fifth Ave. and 58th St., N. Y. City.			
During the year all of these securities were bought by your company and paid for except \$346,000 junior mtge. bonds which will be taken up if, as and when the proceeds thereof may be needed by the Jones Estate Corp. These purchases have been made with surplus cash and with the proceeds of New York City notes accumulated for that purpose (and sold at a profit), and the money on the commitment can be fulfilled with current funds without borrowing any money or increasing the capital stock issue.			
It will also be recalled that this commitment provided for the cancellation of our 21-year lease of 12 floors in the Squibb Building at \$334,500 annual rent and the making of a new lease with the new Jones Estate Corp. of three floors at \$63,000 annual rent. This has been done.			

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1933.	1932.		1933.	1932.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Cash	1,757,764	2,031,760	Accounts payable	378,638	\$24,882
Accts. & notes rec. a	2,649,817	2,793,694	Notes and accept.		
Inventories	2,532,431	2,000,290	payable		3,411
Inv. in affil. cos.	950,627	42,200	Commissions, dis-		
N. Y. C. notes &			counts, &c.	297,340	328,125
spec. rev. bonds		504,208	Provision for Fed-		
Due from affil. cos.	57,365	50,178	income tax	177,834	166,947
State, county and			Due affiliated cos.	141,925	153,785
munic. warrants	38,345	21,105	Surp. from redemp.		
Sundry investm'ts	115,441	119,170	of pref. stock	47,364	23,236
Treasury stock	271,175	292,434	Reserve	253,184	29,524
Leaseholds		1,000	c Capital stock	6,805,157	6,805,157
Deferred charges	709,676	618,215	Surplus	5,150,362	4,997,222
b Ld., bldgs., ma-					
chinery & equip.	2,977,333	3,165,445			
Good-will, patents,					
trade-marks, &c.	1,191,831	1,192,591			
Total	13,251,807	12,832,289	Total	13,251,807	12,832,289

a) After reserve four doubtful accounts of \$129,061 in 1933 and \$103,445 in 1932. b) After reserve for depreciation of \$1,937,811 in 1933 and \$1,731,471 in 1932. c) Represented by 56,303 (57,914 in 1932) shares \$6 1st pref. stock and 450,949 shares of common stock, both of no par value.—V. 137, p. 3851.

Stop & Shop, Ltd.—Sales Continue Higher.—

	1934—4 Weeks—	1933—4 Weeks—	1934—12 Wks.—	1933—12 Wks.—
Period Ended May 19—				
Sales	\$516,830	\$502,993	\$1,613,350	\$1,516,845

Sun Investing Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Calendar Years—				
Int. on bonds, call loans &c.	\$23,085	\$23,090	\$43,262	\$70,898
Dividends earned	50,720	73,757	143,977	222,741
Profit from arbitrage trans			459	48,656
Stock of Radio Corp. of America rec. as div	1,291			
Total income	\$75,096	\$96,848	\$187,699	\$342,295
Exps. & other charges	27,057	33,672	56,661	107,124
Net loss on sales of sec.	b466,352	eprof18,870	c314,429	a68,005
Net income	loss\$418,314	d\$82,046	loss\$183,392	\$167,165
Earned surplus Jan. 1	def6,294	def76,340	235,503	305,530
Adj. of Pec. income tax reserve		Dr12,000		3,271
Adj. of pref. stock divs			50	
Total surplus	def\$424,607	def\$6,294	\$52,161	\$475,966
Preferred dividends			128,501	240,462
Earned deficit Dec. 31	def\$424,607	\$6,294	\$76,341	sur\$235,503

a) After deducting \$101,754 charged to capital surplus. b) Computed on the basis of the identified cost of certificates sold. c) Net loss on sales of securities acquired subsequent to June 30 1930. d) Exclusive of realized losses from sales of securities acquired prior to July 1 1930. e) After deducting \$2,555 for losses on sales of securities acquired prior to July 1 1930, in excess of losses charged to capital surplus.

Statement of Capital Surplus at Dec. 31 1933.

Credit arising from reduction in stated value of 115,000 shares common stock from \$25 a share to \$10 a share in

Assets—	1933.	1932.	Liabilities—	1933.	1932.
Cash	\$181,384	\$159,400	Taxes pay. & accr.	\$18,021	\$15,146
Accrued int. and divs. receivable	12,686	10,924	Unclaimed divs.	—	—
a Investm'ts (cost)	3,070,711	3,614,771	b Preferred stock	1,751,300	1,910,400
Cash in closed bks.	1,979	—	c Common stock	1,400,000	1,400,000
			Capital surplus	522,022	465,844
			Deficit	424,608	6,294
Total	\$3,266,761	\$3,785,096	Total	\$3,266,761	\$3,785,096

a Market value including syndicate participation Dec. 31 was \$2,339,062 in 1933 against \$1,788,266 in 1932. b Represented by 35,026 (38,208 in 1932) no par shares. c Represented by 140,000 no par shares.—V. 137, p. 1429.

Standard Oil Co. of N. J.—Earnings Rise—Board Reduced.
The company's earnings are running at the rate of about \$3,500,000 a month, stockholders were told at their annual meeting June 5. At the same time, W. S. Farish, Chairman, said that the company's business in Canada and the United Kingdom was "very satisfactory."
The board of directors was reduced from 13 to 10 through the resignations of J. A. Mowinkle, H. G. Seidel and Peter Hurl, who are all living in Europe.—V. 138, p. 3619.

(M. T.) Stevens & Sons Co.—Expansion.
This company announces the acquisition of the plants of the Hockanum Mills Co., Rockville, Conn., which will be operated as a separate unit under the same mill management as heretofore and on the types of fabrics for which they are known.
The men's wear fabrics will continue to be distributed through the present Hockanum sales organization at 51 Madison Ave., N. Y. City, while the women's wear fabrics will be distributed as heretofore through Rose & Werner at 450 Seventh Ave., N. Y. City. Sales will be factored through J. P. Stevens & Co., Inc., 261 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City.—V. 126, p. 3943.

Sussex RR.—Abandonment.
The I.-S. C. Commission on May 26 issued a certificate permitting (a) the Sussex RR. to abandon, and (b) the Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR., lessee, to abandon operation of a branch line of railroad extending in a general northeasterly direction from Branchville Jct. to Franklin, about 9.16 miles, in Sussex County, N. J.—V. 138, p. 1557.

Swift & Co.—New Vice-President.
Daniel W. Creeden has been elected a Vice-President.—V. 138, p. 3620.

Texas & New Orleans RR.—Abandonment.
The I.-S. C. Commission on May 29 issued a certificate permitting Morgan's Louisiana & Texas RR. & Steamship Co. and Texas & New Orleans RR., lessee, to abandon that portion of the Baton Rouge branch owned by the first-named carrier, which extends from Lenora in an easterly direction to Sunrise, 35.944 miles, in the parishes of St. Martin, Iberville, and West Baton Rouge, La. Connecting and secondary tracks to be abandoned along with the main line aggregate 7.1 miles in length.—V. 138, p. 3792.

Years Ended March 31	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
Operating profit	\$110,701	\$111,837	\$107,130	\$95,781
Depreciation	30,515	36,793	28,789	19,163
Net profit	\$80,185	\$75,044	\$78,341	\$76,618
1st preferred dividend	22,279	22,397	22,750	22,750
2d preferred dividend	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400
Ordinary dividends	8,000	—	—	—
Net earnings	\$41,507	\$44,248	\$47,191	\$45,468
Previous surplus	119,712	93,296	55,189	29,094
Profit on redemp. of 290 shs. 1st pref. stock	—	2,320	—	—
Total surplus	\$161,219	\$139,863	\$102,380	\$74,562
Income tax & adjustm't.	11,129	20,151	9,084	19,373
Profit & loss surplus	\$150,089	\$119,711	\$93,296	\$55,189

Assets—	1934.	1933.	Liabilities—	1934.	1933.
Property	\$156,822	\$162,058	1st pref. stock	\$342,750	\$342,750
Good-will, &c.	39,000	39,000	2d pref. stock	120,000	120,000
Deferred charges	13,849	17,576	Common stock	See x	See x
Cash	45,033	190,366	Payables	160,521	149,276
Call loans	85,000	—	Tax reserve	11,129	10,656
Investments	42,837	1,722	Surplus	150,089	119,712
Cash surr. value of life insur. policy	5,489	3,140			
Receivables	87,880	53,130			
Inventories	308,630	275,402			
Total	\$784,491	\$742,394	Total	\$784,491	\$742,394

x 20,000 no par shares outstanding. y After depreciation of \$96,708 in 1934 and \$70,844 in 1933.—V. 137, p. 4372.

(Joseph) Triner Corp.—Admitted to List.
The Chicago Curb Exchange has admitted to the list 150,000 shares (\$2 par) capital stock.

Truax-Traer Coal Co.—To Vote on Options.
The stockholders will vote June 28 on approving a proposal to grant options to certain of the officers and employees of the company and its affiliated companies for an aggregate of 40,000 shares of common stock.—V. 138, p. 1582.

Earnings—Year Ended Dec. 31 1933.	
Net income after deduction of all charges	\$1,646,542
Depreciation	1,048,337
Amortization of intangible assets	54,468
Write-off of capital assets not fully depreciated at time of disposal or retirement—Net loss	96,567
Interest on bonds	137,604
Net income for the year	\$309,566
Earned surplus Jan. 1 1933	2,695,797
Miscellaneous credit to surplus	14,329
Earned surplus Dec. 31 1933	\$3,019,692

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash	\$946,313
x Accounts and notes receivable	535,876
Inventories	1,937,700
Investments	1
Patents, licenses & other intangible assets, unamor. bal.	762,034
Deferred charges	161,908
y Plant & village properties	9,621,723
Total	\$13,965,555

x After reserve for doubtful accounts of \$101,727. y After reserve for depreciation of \$8,661,661.

Regarding these maturing bonds, a notice to stockholders for the annual meeting held May 7 stated in part: "In order to meet the obligation maturing Jan. 1 1934 the company, by agreement with the individual holders, extended until Jan. 1 1935 \$528,000 of its bonds and borrowed from the banks funds for paying off the balance. In addition to arranging for this maturity without refinancing, the company since Jan. 1 1933 has expended approximately \$1,700,000 in its plants, increasing the annual capacity of its viscose plant from 6 to 11 million pounds, and installing a complete knitting plant at Hopewell."
Increase in Bonds and Capital Stock.—The stockholders at the annual meeting held May 7 authorized the following:

(1) Sale of \$3,000,000 instead of \$2,000,000 of bonds of a total authorized issue of \$5,000,000.
(2) Amended the charter, increasing the authorized common stock from 500,000 to 700,000 shares, thus providing common shares, of which part will be available for conversion of bonds and the balance for future financing.—V. 138, p. 3292.

2 Park Ave. Corp. (Park Ave. & 33d St. Corp.)—Mortgage Reorganization Plan.

A decision of Charles C. Lockwood, Justice of the New York Supreme Court in connection with the reorganization of the properties is outlined below:
The owners of Two Park Avenue petitioned the Court to direct the receiver of S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., to supply them with a list of the holders of the mtge. bonds against the property, sold to the general public through the Straus company, or to forward to the bondholders a proposed plan to reorganize and readjust the mtge. liens. This Court referred the matter to Charles F. Murphy, as referee, to take proof and report as to all matters relating to the property, and whether or not the proposed plan of reorganization was so meritorious as to warrant its being forwarded to the bondholders for their consideration and action.

The mortgages cover the 26-story store, office and loft building occupying the entire block front on the west side of Park Avenue, running from 32d to 33d street, Manhattan, and exceeding 200 feet in depth.
The mortgages now against the property are:
First mtge. bond issue, original amount \$6,500,000, int. 6%, payable June and Dec. 15, principal due Dec. 15 1941; paid on account of principal, \$491,500; amount outstanding, \$6,008,500.

Second mtge. bond issue, original amount \$2,500,000, int. at 6½%, payable Jan. 15 and July 15, principal due July 15 1939; paid on account of principal, \$200,000; amount outstanding, \$2,300,000.
As of Sept. 1 1933, the total leases in effect were on a yearly basis of \$845,380, which, deducted from the 1932 rental and income receipt of \$1,208,824, shows a comparative loss in rentals of \$363,444.

In view of business conditions, and the necessary deductions, the owners and experts, who testified before the referee, estimate the rental income for the next year at not more than \$690,000. From this must be paid: Real estate and other taxes which, based on the year 1933, are about \$201,000; operating expenses, including wages of employees under National Recovery Administration code, supplies, water rates under new law and other necessities, estimated, \$215,000; total, \$416,000; leaving estimated amount available for mortgage interest and payments on account of principal, \$274,000. The mortgage requirements at present are: Interest at 6% on 1st mtge. bonds of \$6,008,500, \$360,510; amortization or payment on principal by retirement of 1st mtge. bonds, year 1933, \$159,500; interest at 6½% on 2d mtge. bonds of \$2,300,000, \$149,500; amortization or payments on principal by retirement of 2d mtge. bonds, year 1933, \$75,500; total \$745,010.

The owners have paid all taxes to date and have made the payments of interest and met the amortization requirements by using the surplus accumulated during the prosperous years.
They now submit that they have reached the point where they are unable to meet the yearly fixed mtge. charges of \$745,010 with an estimated available income after payment of taxes and operating expenses of only \$274,000. The only security of these bondholders is this property and the only money to pay the bondholders comes from this property.

It is clear that the situation affecting the property requires the bondholders to decide promptly what is best for their interests. Three courses are open to them:

- (1) The 1st mtge. bondholders may bring foreclosure proceedings, have a receiver appointed, and unless the 2d mtge. bondholders protect the property, buy it in and reorganize. This plan means large expenses, long delay, probably the stoppage of interest payment on the bonds for several years, further loss in rentals, as new tenants avoid moving into buildings in charge of a receiver, and old tenants usually demand and receive further adjustments of rents from new receivers. The possibility of the 2d mtge. bondholders buying in is remote. If this first course is pursued, it probably means the wiping out of the 2d mtge. bonds.
- (2) If the 1st mtge. bondholders insist upon the full rate of interest, the 2d mtge. bondholders may bring proceedings involving like expense and like damage to the rental income which might seriously affect and reduce the moneys available for the 1st mtge. bond requirements.
- (3) Both sets of bondholders may, in co-operation with the owners, agree upon an equitable plan of reorganization. With that end in view the owners suggested a plan, which, as modified by the Court, is briefly as follows:

- (a) All power or authority vested in S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., under the existing mortgages shall be eliminated.
- (b) All expenses incurred in the presentation and carrying out of the plan shall be paid by the owners, excepting any additional expense which may become necessary if to complete the reorganization, proceedings must be conducted under the Burchill Law. No assessment or direct charge for expenses is to be made against the bondholders.
- (c) All salaries of employees and other expenses of operation of the building, all taxes, water rates, and assessments, maintenance charges, administration and management charges shall be paid promptly when due.
- (d) The due date of the 1st mtge. bonds and the mtge. securing the same, should be extended to Dec. 15 1946 and the interest on the same reduced from 6% to 4% per annum, payable semi-annually, cumulative.
- (e) A reserve fund of \$100,000 shall be created by the deposit by the owner out of income with the trustee of \$25,000 annually. This fund shall be maintained out of income to secure continuity of payment of the interest on the 1st mtge. bonds and used by the trustee to pay interest when the funds are not otherwise made available. Any withdrawals are to be made up by annual deposits not to exceed \$25,000, the purpose being to maintain the fund at \$100,000.
- (f) Existing provisions for retirement of 1st mtge. bonds is to be modified and the owners required after the payment of the taxes, water rates, assessments, maintenance, operation, administration, management charges, and the 4% interest on the 1st mtge. bonds and the annual payments to the security fund to purchase out of remaining net income, if any, outstanding 1st mtge. bonds in the open market to the extent of 2% of the outstanding bonds in principal and on Dec. 15 in each year to present the same to trustee for retirement.
- (g) Holders of the present 6½% 2d mtge. bonds, shall receive an income bond bearing interest at 2% per annum, cumulative, payable semi-annually, the interest payable out of income, if earned, after the making of the pref. payments enumerated above, the requirement for amortization of retirement of 2d mtge. bonds to be eliminated. The due date of the 2d mtge. bonds and the mtge. securing the same shall be extended to Dec. 15 1946.
- (h) After the payments above required, there shall be paid each year by the owner to the 1st mtge. bondholders an additional 1% interest provided there shall be such 1% available from income in such year to make such additional payment, after all other payments heretofore provided for have been made.
- (i) Thereafter, and after all payments including the additional 1%, if earned, to the 1st mtge. bondholders have been made, there shall be paid each year, if earned, an additional 1% interest to the 2d mtge. bondholders.—V. 124, p. 247.

12 Months Ended March 31—	1934.	1933.
Operating revenues	\$479,694	\$487,507
Operating expenses	127,532	137,669
Maintenance	20,301	13,946
General taxes	60,633	56,545
Net earnings	\$271,228	\$279,347
Other income	472	1,074
Gross corporate income	\$271,699	\$280,421
Interest on long-term debt	142,093	142,093
Miscellaneous interest charges	1,249	129
Amortization of debt discount and expense	3,286	3,758
Interest charges to construction	Cr22	Cr225
a Provision for Federal income tax	12,056	12,146
Provision for retirements and replacements	26,750	33,750
b Miscellaneous deductions	—	2,028
Net income	\$86,287	\$86,742
Dividends on preferred stock	36,000	36,000

a The provision for Federal income tax for the period under review is based upon the allowance under the income tax law and regulations of certain deductions not reflected in the above income accounts.

b This item represents reimbursement to bondholders of Federal and State taxes which has been included in general taxes in 1934.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for Mar. 31 '34, Dec. 31 '33, Mar. 31 '34, and Dec. 31 '33. Includes items like Plant, property, equipment, Cash, Notes receivable, etc.

Total \$5,339,558 \$5,249,638. x Including unamortized debt discount and expenses and commission on capital stock. y Represented by 6,000 shares (no par). z Represented by 9,900 shares (no par).—V. 138, p. 2765.

Tudor Corp. of N. Y. City.—Federal Trade Commission Suspends Effectiveness of Registration Statement of Commonwealth Bond Corp. for Bonds.—See "Chronicle" of June 2, p. 3699.

United Electric Coal Cos.—May Pay July Interest.—The company in May announced that present indications were that the semi-annual interest due July 1 on the 20-year income gold bonds would be earned and paid.

United Gas Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—Table with columns for 12 Months Ended April 30—1934 and 1933. Rows include Operating revenues, Gross corporate income, Net equity of United Gas Corp., etc.

United Gas Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—Note.—All intercompany transactions have been eliminated from the above statement. Interest and pref. dividend deductions of subsidiaries represent full annual requirements paid or accrued (where not paid) on securities held by the public.

United Gas Improvement Co.—Electric Output.—Table with columns for Weeks Ended—June 2 '34, June 3 '33, and Increase. Row: Elec. output of U. G. I. System (kwh.).

United Rys. & Electric Co. of Baltimore.—Earnings.—Table with columns for Period End. Apr. 30—1934—Month—1933, 1934—4 Mos.—1933. Rows include Total revenue, Total expenses, Taxes, Operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, x Fixed charges, Net income.

United States Gauge Co.—Dividend Rate Increased.—The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of \$2.50 per share on the common stock, par \$50, payable July 2 to holders of record June 20.

United States Sugar Corp.—Voting Trust to End.—The voting trustees have elected to terminate the voting trust agreement on June 22.

United States Tobacco Co.—Dividend Rate Increased.—The directors on June 6 declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the common stock, no par value, payable July 2 to holders of record June 18.

Universal Pipe & Radiator Co.—Rights—Pays Int.—Holders of pref. stock and common stock of record June 9 1934 will be offered the right to subscribe on or before July 5 at \$2 per share for common stock, par value \$1, to the extent of one share for each share of stock held.

"On June 16 1931, this company entered into an agreement with the Committee for 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds of the Central Foundry Co. (the principal operating subsidiary of your company). In and by said agreement your company agreed, among other things, to purchase on or before May 1 1934, the deposited bonds at 105 and int., plus reasonable compensation for the services of the Committee, its counsel and depository and its and their disbursements.

"To provide the necessary funds, the directors have determined to offer for subscription 512,994 additional shares of the previously authorized but unused common stock of the par value of \$1 per share.

Universal Products Co., Inc.—20-Cent Dividend Declared.—A dividend of 20 cents per share has been declared on the common stock, no par value, payable June 30 to holders of record June 20.

Virginia Electric & Power Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—Table with columns for Period End. Apr. 30—1934—Month—1933, 1934—12 Mos.—1933. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Balance, Interest & amortization, etc.

Vortex Cup Co.—Larger Common Dividend Declared.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable July 2 to holders of record June 15.

Wabash Ry.—Abandonment, &c.—The I.-S. C. Commission on May 23 issued a certificate (1) permitting (a) the company and its receivers to abandon a line of railroad, and (b) the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR. to abandon a line of railroad.

The report of the Commission says in part: The Wabash Ry. and Norman B. Pitcairn and Frank C. Nicodemus Jr., its receivers, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR. on March 12 1934, jointly applied (1) for permission (a) to the Wabash to abandon that part of the railroad of the Wabash extending from a point near Albia, in a north-westerly direction to a point near Hamilton, approximately 11.207 miles, except a section at or near Sheahan, about 3.4, 50 feet long, and (b) to the Burlington to abandon that part of its railroad extending from a point near Hamilton in a northerly direction to a point at or near Tracy, about 8.343 miles, except a section at or near Bussey, about 2,900 feet long.

Walgreen Co.—May Sales 19.6% Higher.—Table with columns for 1934—May—1933, 1934—5 Mos.—1933, Increase. Rows: \$4,356,435, \$3,643,478, \$712,957, \$21,569,262, \$17,421,699, \$4,157,563.

Westchester Title & Trust Co.—Three Mortgage Firms to Be Liquidated—Court Approves Plan for New Corporation to Supersede Westchester Concerns.—A new corporation was created by order of Supreme Court Justice William F. Bleakley on June 5 to manage the more than \$85,000,000 of mortgages of the three Westchester title companies now under rehabilitation by the State Superintendent of Insurance.

The companies whose mortgages will be serviced by the new corporation are: Westchester Title & Trust Co. and the Lawyers Westchester Mortgage & Title Co. of White Plains, and the First Mortgage Guaranty & Title Co. of New Rochelle.

"This is all being done for the certificate holders, and for no one else. Directors have been found who, it is hoped, will restore confidence in the administration of mortgages."

The plan was presented under the name of and with the approval of Superintendent of Insurance George S. Van Schaick, but it was prepared during several weeks of conferences between Justice Bleakley and Hughes, Schurman & Dwight, counsel for the Insurance Superintendent. "The plan of administration has a threefold purpose," the petition to the court stated. "First, to establish an efficient servicing unit in Westchester County in which mortgage and certificate holders will have confidence, to provide machinery for conveying the property underlying each certificate issue to some permanent entity representing the certificate holders in the particular series, and to provide for the orderly liquidation of the three title and mortgage companies doing business in Westchester County."

The new corporation will serve as agent for the Superintendent of Insurance, having all of his powers under the State insurance laws and the Schackno Act, with respect to the three companies, with the exception that the new corporation will not serve in the interest of certificate holders of the First Mortgage Guaranty & Title Co., as the Supreme Court already has designated the New Rochelle Trust Co. as trustee for those certificate holders.

There are about 21,000 certificate holders of the two White Plains companies whose interest will be served by the new corporation. While nothing is provided in the plan in connection with the corporation serving as trustee in rehabilitated certificate series, it is understood a further plan will be approved whereby directors of the new corporation will serve as such trustees under the Schackno Act. That would bring the entire Westchester mortgage situation under a central control, which is one of the purposes of the plan.

Western Auto Supply Co.—May Sales.—

1934—May—1933.	Increase.	1934—5 Mos.—1933.	Increase.
\$1,456,000	\$1,156,000	\$300,000	\$5,460,000
			\$4,018,000
			\$1,442,000

—V. 138, p. 3294.

Western Maryland Ry.—Changes in Personnel.—

Charles W. Brown, Vice-President and General Manager, has been elected President to succeed George P. Bagby, who died on June 3. M. A. Long succeeded Mr. Bagby as Chairman of the board.—V. 138, p. 3795.

Western Public Service Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Period End.	Apr. 30—	1934—Month—1933.	1934—12 Mos.—1933.
Gross earnings	\$160,237	\$147,011	\$1,939,855
Operation	83,606	81,333	1,013,844
Maintenance	6,773	6,597	79,031
Taxes	15,091	12,267	161,730
a Inc. from other sources	30,715	31,995	---
Balance	\$24,050	\$14,817	\$685,248
Interest & amortization	---	---	377,038
Balance	---	---	\$308,210
Note interest (Eastern Texas Electric Co., Del.)	---	---	122,416
Balance	---	---	\$308,210
Appropriations for retirement reserve	---	---	200,000
Balance	---	---	\$108,210
Preferred stock dividend requirements	---	---	119,449
Balance for common stock dividends & surplus.	---	---	def\$11,238
a Interest on funds for construction purposes.—V. 138, p. 3300.	---	---	def\$100,797

Winnipeg Electric Co.—April 1 Interest Paid.—

At a meeting of the directors held May 23 it was decided to pay forthwith the half-yearly interest which fell due on April 1 1934. Payment of the April 1 1934 interest on the 5% mortgage stock will be made by the British Empire Trust Co., London, Eng., in the usual way, and the April 1 1934 coupons on the 6% bonds will be paid upon presentation by the holders at the Bank of Montreal, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal or the agency of the Bank of Montreal in New York.—V. 138, p. 3796.

Winn & Lovett Grocery Co.—Sales.—

Per. End.	May 26—	1934—4 Wks.—1933.	1934—21 Wks.—1933.
Sales	\$360,636	\$346,387	\$2,106,357
			\$1,916,848

—V. 138, p. 3458, 2599.

Williamsport Wire Rope Co.—Reorganization Plan.

The bondholders' protective committee, comprising Joseph P. Ripley, Chairman; George de B. Greene, Albert R. Thayer and Frank C. Wright, is notifying holders of company's 1st mtg. sinking fund 6% gold bonds and certificates of deposit therefor of the adoption of a reorganization plan. Expressing the opinion that the plan is fair and reasonable, the committee, acting under the authority of the U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, is asking deposits under the plan. Holders of bonds not already deposited, the notice states, may become parties to and be bound by the plan and entitled to its benefits by depositing their bonds on or before June 30 1934 with the depository, City Bank Farmers Trust Co., 22 William St. Copies of the plan may be had from John M. Fisher, Secretary of the committee, 44 Wall St., or from the depository. An introductory statement to the plan says in part:

On Sept. 16 1932, on a creditor's bill, receivers were appointed by the U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the properties and business of the company.

At the date of the receivership there were outstanding \$1,221,000 bonds, as well as substantial amounts of miscellaneous obligations and claims. Since that date none of the interest that has become due on the bonds has been paid, nor has any amount been paid on account of the sinking fund obligation contained in the mortgage securing such bonds.

The four chief unsecured claims are Philadelphia National Bank, Baltimore Trust Co. and Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, aggregating as of Sept. 19 1932 \$543,484, and of Bethlehem Steel Co.

The committee has received from Bethlehem Steel Corp. a proposal for the reorganization of Williamsport. The proposed reorganization is to be effected by the acquisition, upon the foreclosure of the mortgage securing the Williamsport bonds or by other judicial or other proceedings of all of the properties, assets and good-will of Williamsport and its receivers by a corporation controlled or to be controlled by Bethlehem in consideration of the delivery by Bethlehem of securities of Bethlehem, to be distributed to Williamsport bondholders and unsecured creditors. The three bank creditors and Bethlehem Steel Co. have assented to the plan and will accept for their claims the amounts of Bethlehem bonds provided by the plan.

Digest of Reorganization Plan Dated May 24 1934.

The plan contemplates a reorganization of Williamsport to be effected by the acquisition by the new company of all the properties, assets, business and good-will of Williamsport and the receivers, by foreclosure of the mortgage securing the Williamsport bonds or by such other judicial proceedings as shall be approved by the committee and by Bethlehem, in consideration of the issue and delivery of the securities of Bethlehem and the distribution of such securities among the bondholders and creditors of Williamsport entitled thereto under the plan as follows:

Treatment of Bonds and Obligations of Williamsport.
Existing Securities. Outstanding. Will Receive Bethlehem Steel Corp. Securs.

	Serial 4 1/2s.	Common Stock.
Williamsport bonds. a \$1,221,000	\$732,600	3,663 shs.
Each \$1,000	b600	3 shs.
Unsecured debt. c 1,298,566	560,279	---
Each \$1,000	431.46	---

a With coupons maturing Nov. 1 1932 and subsequently attached.
b In each case equally divided among series F, G, H, I and J, maturing respectively on the first day of January in each of the years 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940 and 1941. There may be delivered in lieu of Bethlehem bonds, trust receipts representing an interest in Bethlehem bonds of the five series. c Amount as of Sept. 19 1932.

The plan does not make any provision for the preferred or common stock of Williamsport.

Balance Sheet Feb. 28 1934.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash in banks, wkg. funds, &c. \$272,928	Receivers' liabilities: \$38,569
Accts. and notes rec., less res. 224,582	Accounts payable----- 24,179
Inventories (less reserve) 658,486	Liabilities prior to receivership: 7,578
Prepaid expenses----- 8,934	Taxes accrued----- 1,249,269
Invests. & advances (less res.) 61,466	1st mtg. 6s (and int.)----- 1,298,566
Plant & equip't (less deprec.) 2,518,690	7% prior preference stock----- 993,000
Bond disc. & exp., less amortiz. 70,153	Common stock (par \$100)----- 1,200,000
Good-will, trade mks., pats, &c 3,325,508	Earned deficit----- x1,160,080
	Capital surplus----- y3,489,665
Total----- \$7,140,748	Total----- \$7,140,748

x Balance deficit Sept. 19 1932, \$841,579; loss for period Sept. 19 1932 to Feb. 28 1934 (incl. deprec. on cost of plant and equipment, \$204,927), \$119,941; total (as above), \$1,160,080. y Capital surplus: Arising from adjustment of plant and equipment to appraised values, less deprec. on appreciation to Feb. 28 1934, and common dividend of \$400,000, \$220,483; arising from adjustment of good-will, trade marks, patents, &c., \$3,269,183; total, \$3,489,665.—V. 135, p. 2352.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—May Sales Up.—

1934—May—1933.	Increase.	1934—5 Mos.—1933.	Increase.
\$22,004,508	\$19,801,192	\$2,203,316	\$101,825,975
			\$89,559,999
			\$12,265,976

—V. 138, p. 3300.

(L. A.) Young Spring & Wire Corp.—Resumes Divs.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 16. Quarterly distributions of like amount were made on this issue from Jan. 2 1932 to and incl. Jan. 3 1933: none since.—V. 138, p. 3119.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—William H. Melvin has formed a firm bearing his own name to deal in investment securities at 105 S. La Salle Street, Chicago. Associated with him is Robert J. Phillips.

Mr. Melvin has been on La Salle Street for about 14 years. In the past he was with the Harris Trust & Savings Bank and with Halsey, Stuart & Co. Recently both he and Mr. Phillips were with A. G. Becker & Co.

—F. R. Fenton & Co., Inc., specialists in United States Government securities, have appointed Lee Huntington, formerly with the Huntington National Bank of Columbus, Ohio, as their Ohio representative with headquarters in the Huntington Bank Building, Columbus. The firm's main office is in New York City with a branch in Philadelphia.

—The New York Stock Exchange firm of Rhoades, Williams & Co. has opened a London office at 27 Austin Friars, London, E. C. 2, under the management of Hugh M. O'Connor with whom Denis Hill-Wood will be associated. The firm has a representative in Paris and maintains branch offices in Chicago, Boston and Westery, R. I.

—B. B. Robinson & Co., Chicago, announce the removal of their offices from 120 So. La Salle St. to 39 So. La Salle St., and the opening of a trading department in charge of Arthur T. Crutenden, who was previously Syndicate Manager for Lee, Higginson & Co. for several years, and more recently was with Morrill, Clarke & Rich.

—Thomas C. Thorp has been elected Vice-President and Sidney E. Clark has been elected Vice-President and Secretary of Duncan Collins & Co. of Los Angeles. This firm has also prepared, for general distribution, a pamphlet analysis of fire insurance stocks.

—A. L. Walker, formerly Manager of the Stifel, Nicolaus & Co.'s trading department, has been appointed Manager of the unlisted trading department of A. W. Warner & Co., Chicago. The new department will specialize in municipal and corporation bonds.

—Max McGraw & Co., Chicago, announce that James A. Keating, formerly with Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. and prior to that with the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, has become associated with them as manager of their municipal bond department.

—John Cecil Bessel, formerly with the Guaranty Co. of New York, and more recently associated with the Municipal Securities Service, has become associated with the Municipal Bond Department of Washburn, Frost & Co. of Boston.

—Frank C. Masterson & Co., 25 Broad St., New York, are distributing their monthly price list giving the closing bid and asked prices as of June 1, on approximately 2,500 stocks and bonds traded in over the counter.

—Baer, Stearns & Co., Members New York Stock Exchange, announce that Theodore Rosenfeld, with 17 year's bond experience, has become associated with them in their recently organized Bond Department.

—Mallory, Pyncheon & Eisemann, Members New York Stock Exchange, announce that Raymond J. Watrous and Horace C. O'Sullivan have become associated with them as Managers of their bond department.

—Atkinson & Co., Inc., announce that Ernest Reed Hudson, who has been in charge of the trading department for the past year and a half, has been elected a Vice-President of the firm.

—Ira Haupt & Co., Members New York Stock Exchange, announce that Sam Williams has become associated with them as Manager of their branch office at 1560 Broadway, New York.

—Hoit, Rose & Troster, 74 Trinity Pl., New York, have prepared a special bulletin on New York City bank stocks, insurance company stocks and other over-the-counter securities.

—Pfaff & Hughel, Inc., Chicago, have completed the organization of a general municipal and joint stock land bank bond department under the direction of Charles W. Isaacs, Jr.

—The New York Stock Exchange firm of A. M. Kidder & Co. have opened a Bond Department under the management of Alfred W. Young, formerly with Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc.

—Raymond P. Peterson, formerly with Rutter & Co., and more recently with Otis & Co., has become associated with Downs & Barker, Inc., as a Vice-President.

—Charles E. Doyle & Co., 20 Pine St., New York, have issued their monthly New York bank stocks and insurance stocks guide.

—James Talcott, Inc., has been appointed Factor for Williamsburg Silk Mills, Inc., Bethlehem, Pa., manufacturers of silks.

—Homer & Co., Inc., 40 Exchange Pl., this city, has prepared a special list of high grade railroad and public utility bonds.

—Kelley, Richardson & Co., Inc., Chicago, have moved their offices to the Field Building, 135 S. La Salle St.

—Bristol & Willett, 115 Broadway, New York, are distributing their current offering list of Baby Bonds.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS

PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, June 8 1934.

Coffee futures on the 4th inst., closed 7 to 9 points lower on Santos contract and 10 to 11 points off on Rio, with sales of 6,000 bags of the former and 3,000 bags of the latter. On the 5th inst., futures declined 6 to 8 points on Santos and 5 to 8 points on Rio, with sales of 66 lots of the former and 15 lots of the latter. Trade selling brought out stop loss orders and in the absence of support the market declined. Coffee on the spot was quiet and easier with Santos 4s quoted unchanged at 11½c. Cost and freight offers were also easier with Santos 4s prompt shipment held at 11 to 11.25c.; Victoria 7-8s, 9.85c., and Giradots in the mild group, 14¼c. On the 6th inst., futures closed 4 to 7 points lower on Santos with sales of 18,250 bags and unchanged to 4 points lower on Rios with sales of 7,750 bags.

On the 7th inst. futures ended 1 point lower to 1 point higher on Santos with sales of 9,000 bags and unchanged to 2 points higher on Rios with sales of 3,000 bags. World consumption continued at close to a record rate. Deliveries for 11 months of the crop year, July 1 to May 31 amounted to 22,631,321 bags, against 20,835,620 in the preceding season. This is a gain of 8.6% according to the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange. Consumption in the United States was 11,365,321 bags during the 11 months against 10,515,620 the year before, a gain of 8%. European consumption increased 8% to 10,156,000 bags. The rest of the world took 1,110,000 bags, a gain of 20.9%. To-day futures closed 1 point lower on Rio contracts and 3 to 5 points lower on Santos.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

July.....	8.40	March.....	8.60
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Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

July.....	10.74	December.....	11.26
September.....	11.11	March.....	11.36

Cocoa futures closed 2 to 3 points higher on the 4th inst., after sales of 1,585 tons. July in the end at 5.29c.; Sept., 5.45c., and Dec., 5.65c. On the 5th inst., futures closed 6 to 8 points higher with sales of 2,439 tons. London was unchanged to 3d higher. A large part of the business was in September contracts. Commission houses sold and there was some hedge selling. July ended at 5.37c.; Sept. at 5.53c.; Oct. at 5.59c.; Dec. at 5.71c., and May at 6.05c. On the 6th inst., futures closed 1 point lower to 1 point higher with sales of 1,139 tons. July ended at 5.37c.; Sept. at 5.53c. and Dec. at 5.70c.

On the 7th inst. futures ended unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of only 804 tons. July ended at 5.38c., Sept. at 5.57c. and Dec. at 5.70c. To-day futures closed 1 to 6 points higher with sales of 134 lots. January ended at 5.80c., March at 5.89c., July at 5.44c., Sept. at 5.58c., Dec. at 5.75c.

Sugar futures on the 4th inst. closed 2 to 3 points lower. The raw spot price fell 2 points and holders of futures became discouraged and sold. Support was lacking. Sales amounted to 9,200 tons. On the 5th inst. futures moved irregularly, but generally the trend was upward. They ended unchanged to 1 point higher. Early gains ranged from 2 to 4 points. Sales were 490 lots and consisted mostly of switches from July to December. Cuban interests sold July and bought the distant months. The announcement of a processing tax of ½c. a pound raw value had little or no effect. Refined was advanced to 4.65c. by several refiners effective Friday. Puerto Ricos sold at 2.78c., while sales of Philippines were made at 2.73c. On the 6th inst. futures closed 1 to 3 points higher with sales of 21,850 tons. Buying was influenced by news that the Reciprocal Tariff bill was ready for the President's signature. Raws were firmer with sales reported of Philippines at 2.78c., or 5 points higher. Later sales were made at 2.80c.

On the 7th inst. futures closed 1 to 3 points higher with sales of 17,450 tons. Refined was quoted at 4.65c. by nearly all refiners. In the raw market Puerto Ricos were up 2 points to 2.80c. To-day futures closed 1 point higher and as follows:

July.....	1.54	January.....	1.72
September.....	1.61	March.....	1.78
December.....	1.71		

Lard declined 15 to 20 points under liquidation inspired by the weakness in grains at one time, but on the decline some demand appeared and prices rallied to close at net losses of 10 to 17 points. Hogs now being marketed were reported to be of inferior quality. This is said to be due to premature marketing. Exports were small, totaling 29,900 lbs. to Marseilles and Naples. Hogs were unchanged to a shade higher. Cash lard was easier; in tierces 6.42c., refined to Continent, 4¾c.; South America, 4½c. On the 5th inst. futures closed unchanged to 5 points higher. Early prices were lower under general liquidation, but later there was a rally in response to the rise in wheat which attracted buyers. Exports were larger, being 845,095 lbs. to London, Liverpool, Glasgow and Rotterdam. Hogs were weaker; top \$3.65. Cash lard was steady; in tierces, 6.37c.; refined to Continent, 4¼ to 4¾c.; South America, 4⅝ to 4½c. On the 6th inst. futures closed 5 points lower on liquidation, due to the weakness in corn. Exports were only 484,065 lbs. to Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Naples, Palermo, Trieste and North African ports. Cash lard was easier at 6.25c. in tierces; refined to Continent, 4¼ to 4¾c.; South America, 4⅝ to 4½c.

On the 7th inst. futures closed 2 to 5 points higher. Demand was not large but it was sufficient to absorb the offerings. Foreign demand was slow. Exports were only 93,750 lbs. to Hamburg. Hogs were 10 to 25 cents higher with the top \$3.65. Cash lard was steady; in tierces 6.37c.; refined to Continent 4¼ to 4¾c.; South America 4⅝ to 4½c. To-day futures ended at a rise of 10 to 15 cents.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July.....	6.42	6.40	6.40	6.35	6.40	6.55
September.....	6.70	6.62	6.67	6.62	6.67	6.80
October.....	6.70	6.75	6.77	6.72	6.75	6.87

Pork, steady; mess, \$20.25; family, \$21; fat backs, \$15 to \$17. Beef, steady; mess, nominal; packet, nominal; family, \$12 to \$13.50, nominal; extra India mess, nominal. Cut meats were firmer; pickled hams, 4 to 6 lbs., 6¾c.; 6 to 10 lbs., 8½c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 15c.; 18 to 20 lbs., 13¼c.; 22 to 24 lbs., 12¾c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 8 lbs., 14c.; 8 to 10 lbs., 13½c.; 10 to 12 lbs., 13c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, N. Y., 14 to 16 lbs., 10¾c.; 18 to 20 lbs., 10½c.; 20 to 25 lbs., 9¾c.; 25 to 30 lbs., 9¼c. Butter, creamery, firsts to higher than extra, 22½ to 26c. Cheese, flats, 16 to 19c. Eggs, mixed colors, checks to special packs, 13½ to 22c.

Oils.—Linseed was quiet and crushers who had been quoting 9.5c. recently reduced prices to 9.3c. for tanks. Coconut, Manila coast, tanks, 2¾c.; tanks, N. Y., spot, 2¾ to 2¾c.; Chinawood, N. Y., drums, delivered, 9¼c., tanks, spot, 8.6c. Corn, crude, tanks, f. o. b. Western mills, 4½c.; Olive, denatured, spot, Spanish, 85 to 87c.; shipment Spanish, 85 to 86c. Soya Bean, tank cars, f. o. b. Western mills, 5½ to 6c.; cars, N. Y., 7c.; L.C.L., 7.5c.; Edible, olive, \$1.60 to \$2.15. Lard, prime, 9½c.; extra strained winter, 7½c. Cod, dark, 31c.; light filtered, 32c. Turpentine, 54 to 58½c. Rosin \$5.60 to \$6.35.

Cottonseed Oil sales to-day, including switches, 35 contracts. Crude, S. E., 4¼ nominal. Prices closed as follows:

Spot.....	@	September.....	5.47@5.52
July.....	5.10@	October.....	5.55@5.58
August.....	5.32@4.45	November.....	5.56@5.75
		December.....	5.73@
		January.....	5.75@5.81

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 on the 2d inst. closed 5 to 11 points lower with sales of only 3,180 tons. At the end of July was 12.89c. Sept. 13.18c. and Dec. 13.54c. A late reaction in London and heavier Malayan shipments during May accounted for the weakness. Malay shipments during May totaled 67,722 tons against 55,601 tons in April and 42,902 tons in May 1933. For the five months Malayan exports were 295,876 tons compared with 205,876 tons during the same time in 1933 and 201,516 tons in the five months of 1932. On the 4th inst. futures closed 1 to 17 points lower with sales of 2,110 long tons. July ended at 12.85c., Sept. at 13.12c. and Dec. at 13.46c. On the 5th inst. futures closed 32 to 40 points higher. Actuals were up ¾c. London was firmer. Dealers and commission houses were buying. June ended at 13.06c., July at 13.18c., Sept. at 13.48 to 13.49c., Oct. at 13.59c., Dec. at 13.81c., Jan. at 13.93c., and March at 14.17c. On

the 6th inst. futures rose 7 to 10 points on sales of 6,050 tons. July ended at 13.28 to 13.29c., Sept. at 13.58c. and Dec. at 13.90 to 13.91c.

On the 7th inst. futures dropped 3 to 6 points on sales of 1,950 tons. July finished at 13.22c.; Sept. at 13.53c. and Dec. at 13.84 to 13.85c. To-day futures closed 48 to 51 points higher with sales of 611 lots. July ended at 13.62 to 13.69c.; Sept. at 13.91 to 13.98c. and Dec. at 14.34 to 14.35c.

Hides futures on the 2d inst. closed 50 points lower to 5 points higher in the old contract and 15 points off to 5 points up in the standard contract; June old, 7.75c.; Sept. old, 8.10c., and Dec. old, 8.40c.; Sept. new, 8.60c. and March new, 9.15c. On the 4th inst. futures ended 5 to 10 points lower; old Sept., 8.20c.; Dec., 8.55c.; new Sept., 8.60c.; Dec., 9.00c.; March, 9.32c., and June 9.55c. On the 5th inst. hides were more active and prices showed advances of 20 to 60 points on the active positions. Renewed talk of inflation attracted buying. Offerings were light. Spot hides were rather quiet and unchanged. Old contract ended with June at 8.00c.; Sept., 8.55c.; Dec., 8.80c.; new contract June, 9.90c.; Sept., 9.20c.; Dec., 9.50c., and March, 9.70c. On the 6th inst. futures closed 45 to 50 points higher on the old contract and 45 to 55 on standard in a more active market. Sales amounted to 4,320,000 lbs. New Sept. ended at 9.20c.; Dec. at 9.50c.; March at 9.70c., and June at 9.90c.; old Sept., 8.55c., and Dec., 8.80c.

On the 7th inst. futures declined 25 to 35 points on old contract, after sales of 280,000 lbs. and 20 to 35 points on the new contract with sales of 1,280,000 lbs. Old contract ended with Sept. at 8.65 to 8.75c.; Dec., 9.05c.; new contract, Sept., 9.40 to 9.50c.; Dec., 9.66c., and March, 9.90 to 9.95c. To-day standard futures closed 45 to 50 points higher with sales of 50 lots. Sept. ended at 9.85c.; Dec. at 10.15 to 10.20c., and March at 10.40c.

Ocean Freights showed a little more activity.

Charters included grain from Montreal, June, to Rotterdam 1s. 3d.; berthed June, Montreal, 30 loads, Rotterdam 7c.; 27,000 loads, Montreal, June, United Kingdom 1s. 4½d. Booked included some parcels to Havre-Dunkirk at 7c., 5 or 6 to Hamburg at 7c.; four loads, New York-Hamburg, June 7c. Sugar—prompt, Cuba—United Kingdom—Continent 12s. 9d.; Coal—prompt Hampton Roads—Rosario 10s.; Hampton Roads, June Buenos Aires 10s. Trips—prompt, North Atlantic, across 3s. 1½d.

Coal was in smaller demand. Production in the Central West has slowed down and it was increasing east of the Ohio. A further increase in steel operations was a sustaining factor. Coal bunker trades showed some improvement. Bituminous production last week was 5,850,000 tons. For the three current weeks the total was 18,437,000 and the weekly average 6,145,000 tons against 15,096,000 and 5,032,000 tons respectively a year ago. In May the output was 28,025,000 tons as compared with 24,772,000 in April. Anthracite production in May was 5,261,000 tons against 4,837,000 in April and only 2,967,000 in May 1933.

Silver was rather quiet on the 2d inst. and prices after an irregular opening advanced slightly and ended unchanged to 10 points higher. At the last July was 44.92c.; Sept., 45.05c., and Dec., 45.35c. On the 4th inst. futures closed 5 points lower to 5 points higher with sales of only 950,000 ounces. July ended at 44.93c.; Sept. at 45.10c., and Dec. at 45.28c. On the 5th inst. futures closed unchanged to 13 points higher with sales of 900,000 ounces. The bar price was up 1.8c. to 44¾c. London was 3-16d. higher at 19 11-16d. Here June ended at 45.00c.; July, 45.03c.; Sept., 45.13c., and Dec., at 45.28 to 45.35c. On the 6th inst. futures closed 39 to 52 points higher in a more active market. Sales were 2,400,000 ounces. There were 50,000 ounces tendered for June delivery, making total tenders 1,025,000 ounces. June ended at 45.45c.; July at 45.45 to 46.00c.; Sept. at 45.52 to 46.00c.; Dec., 45.80c., and March at 46.10c. Stronger foreign exchange helped the rise.

On the 7th inst. futures closed 10 points lower to 9 points higher, with sales of 1,725,000 ounces. Most of the activity was in December. June ended at 45.35c.; July at 45.38 to 45.45c.; Sept. at 45.50 to 45.60c., and Dec. at 45.80 to 45.90c. To-day futures closed 5 points lower to 1 point higher, with sales of 1,500,000 ounces. July ended at 45.35 to 45.36c.; Sept. at 45.50 to 45.55c. and Dec. at 45.81c.

Copper was a little more active during the week for domestic account and the European market has been brisk. Prices were firmer at 8½c. for domestic delivery, while the foreign range was 8.10 to 8.20c. Trading in futures during the week was on a larger scale with prices tending upward. In London on the 7th inst., spot standard advanced 6s. 3d. to £32 13s. 9d.; futures advanced 7s. 6d. to £33; sales 150 tons of spot and 750 tons of futures; electrolytic bid rose 2s. 6d. to £35 15s.; asked up 7s. 6d. to £36 5s.; at the second session standard was unchanged with sales of 100 tons of spot and 750 tons of futures. Futures to-day closed 10 to 19 points higher, with sales of 72 lots. July ended at 7.39 to 7.40c.; Sept. at 7.53c., and Dec. at 7.71c.

Tin was in small demand but recently prices advanced to 52½c. for spot Straits. In London on the 7th inst. spot standard advanced £2 12s. 6d. to £231 15s.; futures up £2 15s. to £229 15s.; sales 80 tons of spot and 520 tons of futures; spot Straits rose £3 10s. to £232 5s.; Eastern c.i.f. London was up £2 7s. 6d. to £228 17s. 6d.; at the second session standard was 5s. higher with sales of 20 tons of spot and 230 tons of futures.

Lead was in good demand and firm at 4c. New York and 3.85c. East St. Louis. Makers of pigments and batteries were the best buyers. In London on the 7th inst. prices were up 2s. 6d. to £11 3s. 9d. for spot and £11 8s. 9d. for futures; sales 200 tons of spot and 450 tons of futures; at the second London session there was a decline of 1s. 3d. with no sales.

Zinc was steady owing to favorable statistics. The price was 4.25c. East St. Louis. Demand however was small. Statistics for May showed a reduction of 4,643 tons in surplus stocks. Stocks at the end of the month were 104,732. Production for the month was 30,992 tons as against 30,562 in the previous month; shipments 35,635 tons against 31,948 tons in April. Retorts operating numbered 27,193 at the end of the month and the average number for the month was 25,086. Unfilled orders at the end of May were 20,831 tons against 27,396 at the end of April. The average daily production was 1,000 tons against 1,019 tons in the preceding month. In London on the 7th inst. prices advanced 2s. 6d. to £14 17s. 6d. for spot and £15 2s. 6d. for futures; sales 50 tons of spot and 50 tons of futures.

Steel operations reached the highest peak since July 1933. Steel plants during the current week increased operations to nearly 60%. The rate in the Pittsburgh district was estimated at 50% and sheet mills were reported at close to 70% of capacity. The Chicago output reached 71%. Threats of strike and a desire to complete contracts by the end of the quarter were the principal causes of the increases. New business was chiefly in structurals. Specifications were double those of the previous week. In the Chicago district backlogs are large enough to keep the output up to 40% for the next few weeks. There was less demand from the automotive industry.

Pig Iron was dull. The only bright spot in the situation is the shipments. There has been no heavy increase in shipments but they are holding up satisfactorily and during June they are expected to be very heavy.

Wool was rather steady but demand was rather light. Boston wired a government report on June 7 which said "Quoted prices on territory wools unchanged, although there is not enough business to establish a market. A few lots of the shorter staple Texas wools have been moved at steady prices compared with last sales reported. Greasy fall Texas wool was sold at 70c. scoured basis. Scoured eight months' Texas wool, including new and old clip lines has recently sold at 80c."

Raw Silk futures ended ½ to 1½c. higher on the 4th inst. with sales of only 250 bales. At the last June was \$1.20½, July \$1.21, Oct. and Nov. \$1.23, and Dec. and Jan. \$1.23½. On the 5th inst. futures ended ½ to 1c. higher with sales of only 320 bales. The firmness was due to the surprising total of 38,746 bales of raw silk delivered to American mills during May compared with the average estimate of about 33,000 bales. It was a holiday in Japan. Here prices closed with June at \$1.21½ to \$1.23, July \$1.22 to \$1.23, Aug. \$1.23 to \$1.24, Sept. \$1.24 to \$1.25, Oct. \$1.24, Nov. \$1.24 to \$1.24½ and Dec. \$1.24 to \$1.25. On the 6th inst. futures closed unchanged to 1c. higher with sales of 770 bales. June ended at \$1.21½ to \$1.23, July at \$1.23 to \$1.23½, Aug. at \$1.23½ to \$1.24½, Sept., Oct. and Nov. at \$1.24½ to \$1.25, Dec. at \$1.24½ and Jan. at \$1.24½ to \$1.25.

On the 7th inst. futures showed net gains in the end of 3 to 4½c. after sales of 2,140 bales. June ended at \$1.18 to \$1.20, July at \$1.20 to \$1.20½; Sept. and Oct. \$1.20 to \$1.21½; Nov. \$1.20 to \$1.21 and Dec. and Jan. at \$1.20 to \$1.21½. To-day futures closed ½ to 3c. higher with sales of 42 lots. July ended at \$1.21; Sept. at \$1.23 to \$1.23½; Oct. at \$1.22½ to \$1.23½; Nov. \$1.22½ to \$1.23; Dec. \$1.23 to \$1.23½; and Jan. at \$1.23.

COTTON

Friday Night, June 8 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 34,989 bales, against 33,148 bales last week and 34,486 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1933, 7,099,409 bales, against 8,265,852 bales for the same period of 1932-33, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1933 of 1,166,443 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	724	517	1,604	673	422	55	3,395
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	84	84
Houston	372	541	675	138	201	1,663	3,590
Corpus Christi	—	255	—	—	—	—	255
New Orleans	1,993	2,959	6,473	1,978	1,925	3,804	19,132
Mobile	461	129	371	1,281	262	147	2,651
Pensacola	58	—	—	—	1,946	—	2,004
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	—	50	50
Savannah	80	317	17	36	138	374	962
Charleston	318	25	249	35	504	145	1,276
Lake Charles	—	—	—	—	—	66	66
Wilmington	11	1	—	13	—	4	29
Norfolk	63	175	15	475	27	41	796
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	699	699
Totals this week.	4,080	4,919	8,804	4,629	5,425	7,132	34,989

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1933 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to June 8.	1933-34.		1932-33.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1933.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1932.	1934.	1933.
Galveston	3,395	2,107,633	18,337	1,954,971	617,423	573,952
Texas City	84	177,591	1,179	242,885	8,773	26,130
Houston	3,590	2,197,648	23,821	2,758,123	972,150	1,476,012
Corpus Christi	255	320,810	1,834	299,271	53,125	57,995
Port Arthur &c.		10,443	844	29,338	3,790	18,498
New Orleans	19,132	1,426,361	15,225	1,841,998	646,740	896,390
Gulfport				606		
Mobile	2,651	158,321	3,033	319,420	94,956	134,189
Pensacola	2,004	147,062	8,642	134,144	11,809	31,417
Jacksonville	50	13,636		9,244	3,734	7,781
Savannah	962	170,283	2,867	155,022	103,703	120,298
Brunswick		36,660	23	37,001		
Charleston	1,276	132,325	6,264	183,248	49,412	56,494
Lake Charles	66	103,098	2,153	168,832	22,629	76,085
Wilmington	29	22,869	430	53,521	17,006	21,262
Norfolk	796	41,085	993	54,364	14,771	42,413
Norfolk News, &c				8,689		
New York		141			67,114	198,480
Boston					9,455	19,296
Baltimore	699	33,443	419	15,175	3,270	2,632
Philadelphia						
Totals	34,989	7,099,409	86,064	8,265,852	2,699,860	3,759,324

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1933-34.	1932-33.	1931-32.	1930-31.	1929-30.	1928-29.
Galveston	3,395	18,337	6,951	1,211	2,739	3,572
Houston	3,590	23,821	2,969	3,091	5,579	1,966
New Orleans	19,132	15,225	10,419	9,329	6,727	3,929
Mobile	2,651	3,033	1,303	938	817	2,030
Savannah	962	2,867	2,294	1,166	8,265	1,211
Brunswick		23	1,374			
Charleston	1,276	6,264	3,574	1,247	5,741	155
Wilmington	29	430	245	25		79
Norfolk	796	993	176	317	944	1,920
Newport News						
All others	3,158	15,071	1,286	1,276	607	2,456
Total this wk.	34,989	86,064	30,591	18,600	31,419	17,318
Since Aug. 1.	7,099,409	8,265,852	9,489,228	8,379,265	8,072,184	8,945,346

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 83,056 bales, of which 1,946 were to Great Britain, 4,224 to France, 5,419 to Germany, 9,372 to Italy, 17,677 to Japan, 18,584 to China, and 25,834 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 148,570 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 6,819,522 bales, against 7,256,052 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Week Ended June 8 1934. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Japan.	China.	Other.	
Galveston	1,403	549		6,901	13,430	341	11,399	34,023
Houston		2,995		2,471	1,500	18,243	4,889	30,098
Corpus Christi					347			347
New Orleans		380	5,305				9,113	14,798
Lake Charles		300					275	575
Mobile							100	100
Jacksonville			6					6
Pensacola	494							494
Savannah					100			100
Norfolk			108					108
Gulfport							58	58
San Francisco	49				2,300			2,349
Total	1,946	4,224	5,419	9,372	17,677	18,584	25,834	83,056
Total 1933	45,696	7,099	30,722	11,213	28,108	10,721	15,011	148,570
Total 1932	16,841	6,900	30,790	7,339	6,774	12,682	15,704	97,030

From Aug. 1 1933 to June 8 1934. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Japan.	China.	Other.	
Galveston	254,661	235,079	234,170	184,466	521,490	82,880	322,948	1,835,694
Houston	257,736	254,226	419,787	247,937	555,279	108,319	335,944	2,177,222
Corpus Christi	97,748	54,058	29,173	17,621	127,259	8,895	43,267	378,021
Texas City	20,159	24,062	43,917	4,396	3,466	179	22,316	118,495
Beaumont	4,107	4,743	2,397	1,300	3,516	2,140	1,928	20,131
New Orleans	285,581	109,845	260,525	147,944	186,339	40,889	185,250	1,216,653
Lake Charles	10,723	24,653	25,850	2,857	17,761	8,080	25,218	115,142
Mobile	45,273	9,167	79,417	13,631	19,531	1,000	11,071	179,090
Jacksonville	3,549		9,101		100		670	13,420
Pensacola	22,185	1,432	34,876	12,992	16,549	2,000	1,684	91,718
Panama City	22,350	259	15,982		11,100	8,500	1,547	59,738
Savannah	68,215	100	67,440	1,324	18,168		9,531	164,778
Brunswick	30,767		5,868				25	36,660
Charleston	52,227	379	61,099	66			2,187	115,958
Wilmington			12,059	500			1,350	13,909
Norfolk	8,414	2,124	7,025	274	798		360	18,995
Gulfport	6,221	171	3,699	19			108	10,218
New York	8,918	263	7,390	369	1,098	1,398	8,089	27,525
Boston	151	129	205				8,395	8,880
Los Angeles	6,756	1,205	9,290		139,448	6,246	2,723	165,668
San Francisco	2,255	575	1,675		42,969	2,237	1,655	51,366
Seattle							241	241
Total	1,208,276	722,470	1,330,945	635,696	1,664,871	272,757	984,507	6,819,522
Total 1932-33	1,292,355	800,198	1,706,604	727,335	1,485,363	269,784	974,413	7,256,052
Total 1931-32	1,250,240	454,819	1,520,158	614,910	1,217,011	101,068	949,136	7,972,356

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

June 8 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—						Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.	Total.	
Galveston	2,700	3,300	4,000	41,900	2,000	53,900	563,523
New Orleans	4,494	1,846	1,886	20,938	498	29,662	617,078
Savannah							103,703
Charleston							49,412
Mobile	52			5,143	15	5,210	89,746
Norfolk							14,771
Other ports *	2,500	2,000	3,500	33,500	500	42,000	1,130,855
Total 1934	9,746	7,146	9,386	101,481	3,013	130,772	2,569,088
Total 1933	15,509	9,348	20,636	66,054	13,165	124,712	3,634,612
Total 1932	13,132	5,546	19,444	80,608	2,511	121,241	3,604,836

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery increased somewhat, and prices advanced for the week owing to unfavorable weather and talk of the possibility of inflationary developments and a change in the gold price.

On the 2d inst. prices advanced 11 to 13 points on buying owing to better Liverpool cables than expected, fears that the drouth in the grain belt may extend down into the cotton country and reports from Washington indicating a possibility of averting the textile strike. Except for showers in the Panhandle of Texas there was an absence of rainfall in the Southwest. There was considerable selling to take profits on the advance and New Orleans sold to some extent. Yet offerings from the South continued light. There was renewed buying by foreign interests towards the close and prices ended at practically the high of the day. On the other hand, conditions in the trade are against the market at the present time. Spot cotton was in poor demand and the outlook for the textile markets is not very promising.

On the 14th inst. prices ended 12 to 13 points lower in comparatively light trading. Values were off at all times. There was less fear of the drouth in the grain belt affecting the cotton crop for good rains fell in the Northwestern grain area and there were widespread showers in the Southwestern cotton belt. Liverpool cables were disappointing. The spot demand was poor and the textile markets were inactive. The West bought and New Orleans and brokers with Japanese connections were also buyers. Liverpool, the Continent and commission houses supplied the contracts. Selling seemed to consist largely of profit taking. The rains in Texas and Oklahoma were considered beneficial but those in the Atlantic and the South Central region were not wanted.

On the 5th inst. prices advanced on rumors of a possible rise in the Government gold price or some other inflationary development and the strength of stocks and grain. The ending was 27 to 30 points higher on the active months. It was a fairly active market. New peaks for the movement were reached. The early trend was slightly weaker owing to disappointing cables and selling by Liverpool. The market however, gained almost steadily from the opening on a broader trade demand and considerably better speculative support. General rains fell overnight in the belt and contributed to the advance. Northwest Texas and Oklahoma continued to suffer from drouth. Beneficial showers fell elsewhere in Texas. Bullish crop reports came from the South Central region and the East where high temperatures and continued rains favored the weevil. Shorts were covering. Some domestic mills were buying and foreign interests bought to some extent, as well as Wall Street and the West.

On the 6th inst. prices advanced to new high records for the movement on a better demand spurred by further rains over the Central and Eastern sections of the belt. A sharp drop in wheat and liquidation caused a recession from the early rise but the ending was at net gains of 1 to 5 points. July sold above the 12c. level for the first time since April. There was buying from Europe, Japan and the West in the early dealings. Wall Street was also a buyer. On the other hand, Southern offerings increased a little and holders of 10c. lean cotton showed more disposition to sell at the present level. This checked the buying to some extent and played a large part in the reaction from the early high. Sales of textiles were the largest in some time. Spot demand however, was still slow but the basis remained firm.

On the 7th inst. new highs for this movement were again reached. The market early in the day was quiet and easier, but firmed up later, and ended with a gain of half a dollar a bale. Early in the session aggressive buying was restricted because of fears of a strike in the steel trade and declines in wheat and stocks. Considerable rain in the drouth sections of the Northwest tended to encourage the liquidation. The liquidating movement was short-lived, however, owing to continued rains in the eastern half of the belt and a revival of rumors that Congress is apt to appropriate enough money to buy a million bales of cotton for relief purposes. Buying gained momentum late in the session on rumors of a sharp advance in gold at London. Rains were general in the Eastern belt, and rather heavy precipitation fell in Alabama and eastern Tennessee. The Western belt was dry and warm. A private report estimated the acreage at 28,854,000 bales, and put the condition at 71.9%, or about the same as last year. It added that weevil were more numerous than for many years.

To-day prices recovered somewhat from an early decline of half a dollar a bale, to end with losses of 5 to 6 points. The rally was caused by a somewhat aggressive speculative demand, influenced by the strength in stocks and generally unfavorable weather conditions. There was a scarcity of contracts. Further rains occurred in the Eastern belt, where they are not needed, and in the Western belt, where it has been exceedingly dry, there was no precipitation reported. Selling by the South and Liverpool accounted for the early decline. There was a late recession because of increased selling on the bulge. The trade was fixing prices on a small scale, and wire houses bought to some extent. Final prices show a rise for the week of 33 to 35 points. Spot cotton ended at 12.15c. for middling, or 35 points up for the week.

Staple Premiums
60% of average of
six markets quoting
for deliveries on
June 14 1934.

15-16 Inch.	1-Inch & longer.				
.13	.36	Middling Fair	White	.75	on Mid.
.13	.36	Strict Good Middling	do	.59	do
.13	.36	Good Middling	do	.47	do
.13	.36	Strict Middling	do	.32	do
.13	.36	Middling	do		Basis
.11	.31	Strict Low Middling	do	.38	off Mid
.10	.27	Low Middling	do	.78	do
		*Strict Good Ordinary	do	1.28	do
		*Good Ordinary	do	1.72	do
		Good Middling	Extra White	.45	on do
		Strict Middling	do do	.33	do
		Middling	do do	.01	do
		Strict Low Middling	do do	.37	off do
		Low Middling	do do	.74	do
.12	.36	Good Middling	Spotted	.28	on do
.12	.36	Strict Middling	do	Even	do
.10	.30	Middling	do	.38	off do
		*Strict Low Middling	do	.78	do
		*Low Middling	do	1.28	do
		Strict Good Middling	Yellow Tinged	.02	off do
.11	.29	Good Middling	do do	.25	off do
.11	.27	Strict Middling	do do	.43	do
		*Middling	do do	.78	do
		*Strict Low Middling	do do	1.25	do
		*Low Middling	do do	1.66	do
.10	.27	Good Middling	Light Yellow Stained	.41	off do
		*Strict Middling	do do do	.78	do
		*Middling	do do do	1.26	do
.10	.27	Good Middling	Yellow Stained	.77	off do
		*Strict Middling	do do	1.24	do
		*Middling	do do	1.67	do
.10	.27	Good Middling	Gray	.25	off do
.10	.27	Strict Middling	do	.50	do
		*Middling	do	.80	do
		*Good Middling	Blue Stained	.78	off do
		*Strict Middling	do do	1.24	do
		*Middling	do do	1.66	do

*Not deliverable on future contract.

Differences between grades established for deliveries on contract June 14 1934 are the average quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

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.

	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.
Stock at Liverpool	908,000	651,000	600,000	833,000
Stock at London				
Stock at Manchester	99,000	107,000	199,000	204,000
Total Great Britain	1,007,000	758,000	799,000	1,037,000
Stock at Hamburg				
Stock at Bremen	497,000	544,000	335,000	435,000
Stock at Havre	241,000	216,000	178,000	356,000
Stock at Rotterdam	17,000	22,000	28,000	12,000
Stock at Barcelona	74,000	81,000	96,000	115,000
Stock at Genoa	74,000	110,000	69,000	51,000
Stock at Venice and Mestre	6,000			
Stock at Trieste	8,000			
Total Continental stocks	917,000	973,000	706,000	969,000
Total European stocks	1,924,000	1,731,000	1,505,000	2,006,000
India cotton afloat for Europe	96,000	69,000	53,000	109,000
American cotton afloat for Europe	172,000	335,000	263,000	145,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe	112,000	90,000	74,000	76,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	327,000	428,000	550,000	631,000
Stock in Bombay, India	1,139,000	949,000	873,000	978,000
Stock in U. S. ports	2,699,860	3,759,324	3,726,077	3,132,688
Stock in U. S. interior towns	1,312,579	1,478,208	1,497,915	973,071
U. S. exports to-day	12,075	25,610	8,146	7,550
Total visible supply	7,794,514	8,873,142	8,583,138	8,058,309

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:
American—
Liverpool stock 393,000 356,000 279,000 410,000
Manchester stock 46,000 59,000 119,000 87,000
Continental stock 781,000 902,000 653,000 852,000
American afloat for Europe 172,000 335,000 263,000 145,000
U. S. port stocks 2,699,860 3,759,324 3,726,077 3,132,688
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Total American 5,416,514 6,915,142 6,546,138 5,607,309
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—
Liverpool stock 515,000 295,000 321,000 423,000
London stock 53,000 48,000 80,000 117,000
Manchester stock 136,000 71,000 53,000 117,000
Continental stock 96,000 69,000 53,000 109,000
Indian afloat for Europe 112,000 98,000 74,000 76,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat 327,000 428,000 583,000 631,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt 1,139,000 949,000 873,000 978,000
Stock in Bombay, India 2,699,860 3,759,324 3,726,077 3,132,688
Total East India, &c. 5,416,514 6,915,142 6,546,138 5,607,309

Total visible supply 7,794,514 8,873,142 8,583,138 8,058,309
Middling uplands, Liverpool 6.56d. 6.12d. 4.09d. 4.75d.
Middling uplands, New York 12.15c. 9.25c. 5.10c. 8.70c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool 9.15d. 9.06d. 6.70d. 8.75d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool 5.28d. 5.29d. 3.74d. 3.99d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool 6.13d. 5.80d. 3.77d. 4.64d.

Continental imports for past week have been 55,000 bales. The above figures for 1934 show a decrease from last week of 164,629 bales, a loss of 1,078,628 from 1933, a decrease of 788,624 bales from 1932, and a decrease of 263,795 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:

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

June 2 to June 8—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland	10.95	11.85	12.10	12.10	12.20	12.15

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 day.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr'ct.	Total.
Saturday	Steady, 15 pts. adv.	Steady	100	---	100
Monday	Steady, 10 pts. dec.	Steady	---	---	---
Tuesday	Steady, 25 pts. adv.	Very steady	100	---	100
Wednesday	Steady, unchanged.	Steady	200	---	200
Thursday	Quiet, 10 pts. adv.	Steady	---	---	---
Friday	Steady, 5 pts. dec.	Barely steady	200	---	200
Total week			600	---	600
Since Aug. 1			105,713	208,100	313,813

Futures.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, June 2.	Monday, June 4.	Tuesday, June 5.	Wednesday, June 6.	Thursday, June 7.	Friday, June 8.
June '34						
Range	11.70n	11.59n	11.87n	11.89n	11.98n	11.93n
Closing	11.70n	11.59n	11.87n	11.89n	11.98n	11.93n
July						
Range	11.66 11.78	11.63 11.73	11.62 11.95	11.89 12.02	11.91 12.04	11.93-12.07
Closing	11.76 11.77	11.64	11.92	11.94 11.95	12.03	11.98-11.99
Aug.						
Range	11.84n	11.71n	12.00n	12.02n	12.11n	12.06n
Closing	11.84n	11.71n	12.00n	12.02n	12.11n	12.06n
Sept.						
Range	11.96 11.96	11.87 11.87	11.81 11.81	12.09 12.15	12.18n	12.15-12.17
Closing	11.91n	11.78n	12.08n	12.09	12.13n	12.13n
Oct.						
Range	11.89 12.01	11.85 11.95	11.85 12.18	12.11 12.26	12.14 12.27	12.17-12.42
Closing	11.99 12.00	11.86 11.87	12.16 12.17	12.17 12.18	12.26 12.27	12.20-12.23
Nov.						
Range	12.04n	11.92n	12.21n	12.22n	12.31n	12.26n
Closing	12.04n	11.92n	12.21n	12.22n	12.31n	12.26n
Dec.						
Range	12.00 12.12	11.96 12.06	11.96 12.29	12.23 12.35	12.26 12.38	12.28-12.42
Closing	12.10 12.12	11.98	12.26	12.28	12.37 12.38	12.32-12.34
Jan. (1935)						
Range	12.07 12.16	12.03 12.10	12.01 12.31	12.29 12.41	12.32 12.43	12.33-12.46
Closing	12.16	12.04	12.31	12.35	12.43	12.37
Feb.						
Range	12.15 12.27	12.11 12.20	12.09 12.44	12.38 12.53	12.42 12.54	12.45-12.57
Closing	12.26	12.14	12.41	12.45 12.46	12.54	12.49-12.50
March						
Range	12.26	12.14	12.41	12.45 12.46	12.54	12.49-12.50
Closing	12.26	12.14	12.41	12.45 12.46	12.54	12.49-12.50
April						
Range	12.31 12.36	12.22 12.28	12.19 12.51	12.50 12.61	12.52 12.63	12.55-12.66
Closing	12.36	12.23	12.51	12.56	12.63	12.58n

n Nominal.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending June 8 1934 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
June 1934	11.62 June 5	11.42 Jan. 15 1934
July 1934	12.07 June 8	12.50 Feb. 13 1934
Aug. 1934	12.07 June 8	9.27 Oct. 16 1933
Sept. 1934	11.81 June 5	10.94 Apr. 26 1934
Oct. 1934	12.17 June 8	11.35 Apr. 26 1934
Nov. 1934	12.42 June 8	10.05 Nov. 6 1933
Dec. 1934	12.17 June 8	11.14 Apr. 26 1934
Jan. 1935	12.42 June 8	10.73 Dec. 27 1933
Feb. 1935	12.01 June 5	11.02 May 1 1934
Mar. 1935	12.57 June 8	11.13 May 1 1934
Apr. 1935	12.57 June 8	12.64 Mar. 26 1934
May 1935	12.66 June 8	11.79 May 25 1934

Towns.	Movement to June 8 1934.						Movement to June 9 1933.					
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks June 8.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks June 9.				
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.						
Ala., Birmingham	229	32,020	784	8,278	179	41,865	627	9,196				
Eufaula	---	10,162	---	5,609	298	12,558	735	5,953				
Montgomery	3	32,590	1,535	26,271	66	40,732	790	43,321				
Selma	165	39,063	683	26,078	286	60,272	1,663	35,896				
Ark, Blytheville	14	127,529	395	41,434	174	188,449	1,911	12,788				
Forest City	---	17,991	49	10,040	23	23,436	188	27,561				
Helena	114	45,413	821	14,984	188	69,386	1,288	27,561				
Hope	139	48,905	411	11,999	749	54,911	1,973	12,189				
Jonesboro	9	30,841	135	6,493	48	20,314	150	2,503				
Little Rock	280	113,730	435	31,347	2,197	157,919	2,549	50,191				
Newport	---	30,594	7	11,428	100	50,606	300	10,397				
Pine Bluff	186	107,683	590	23,587	1,014	131,237	3,315	33,143				
Walnut Ridge	2	55,359	377	7,524	26	66,419	619	4,126				
Ga., Albany	8	11,187	9	359	---	1,379	---	2,697				
Athens	82	32,525	635	55,640	165	27,550	350	46,060				
Atlanta	918	143,620	5,113	181,961	607	232,149	6,468	242,033				
Augusta	557	152,919	2,086	113,396	3,493	142,139	3,354	99,982				
Columbus	900	27,190	1,000	12,811	---	24,509	---	11,926				
Macon	55	19,159	497	31,382	323	21,038	1,727	36,553				
Rome	30	12,499	100	9,126	65	15,131	300	13,822				
La., Shreveport	4	53,662	365	18,960	475	80,823	2,209	46,036				
Miss. Clarksdale	323	128,449	948</									

New York Quotations for 32 Years.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on June 8 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1934	12.15c.	1926	18.85c.	1918	30.05c.	1910	15.20c.
1933	9.10c.	1925	23.55c.	1917	23.40c.	1909	11.35c.
1932	5.10c.	1924	29.45c.	1916	12.85c.	1908	11.40c.
1931	8.45c.	1923	28.85c.	1915	9.80c.	1907	13.25c.
1930	15.80c.	1922	22.05c.	1914	13.65c.	1906	11.20c.
1929	18.95c.	1921	12.80c.	1913	12.10c.	1905	8.50c.
1928	21.05c.	1920	40.00c.	1912	11.65c.	1904	11.70c.
1927	16.60c.	1919	32.75c.	1911	15.85c.	1903	11.90c.

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:

Shipped—	1933-34		1932-33	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	5,543	237,929	7,718	170,748
Via Mounds, &c.	1,845	132,133	---	5,053
Via Rock Island	---	1,322	---	470
Via Louisville	---	12,028	175	16,309
Via Virginia points	3,699	165,754	3,623	147,487
Via other routes, &c.	6,349	468,953	5,221	308,570
Total gross overland	17,436	1,018,119	16,737	648,637
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	699	33,379	419	15,642
Between interior towns	288	14,425	416	10,662
Inland, &c., from South	3,373	216,098	8,211	173,019
Total to be deducted	4,360	263,902	9,046	199,323
Leaving total net overland *	13,076	754,217	7,691	449,314

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 13,076 bales, against 7,691 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 304,903 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings	1933-34		1932-33	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to June 8	34,989	7,099,409	86,064	8,265,852
Net overland to June 8	13,076	754,217	7,691	449,314
Southern consumption to June 8	105,000	4,389,000	96,000	4,360,000
Total marketed	153,065	12,242,626	189,755	13,075,166
Interior stocks in excess	*38,822	50,341	*43,018	78,516
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to May 1	---	173,529	---	132,490
Came into sight during week	114,243	---	146,737	---
Total in sight June 8	---	12,466,496	---	13,286,172
North. spinn's takings to June 8	15,460	1,205,224	25,755	891,588

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1932—June 11	86,642	1931	15,275,196
1931—June 12	93,527	1930	13,672,926
1930—June 13	124,287	1929	14,627,789

Quotations for Middling Cotton at Other Markets.

Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week Ended June 8.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday, June 2.	Sunday, June 4.	Tuesday, June 5.	Wednesday, June 6.	Thursday, June 7.	Friday, June 8.
Galveston	11.90	11.80	12.10	12.10	12.20	12.15
New Orleans	11.83	11.72	12.00	12.08	12.18	12.15
Mobile	11.63	11.51	11.79	11.81	11.90	11.85
Savannah	11.86	HOL.	12.02	12.04	12.18	12.14
Norfolk	12.00	11.90	12.15	12.20	12.25	12.25
Montgomery	11.50	11.45	11.70	11.75	11.90	11.85
Augusta	12.06	11.94	12.22	12.24	12.33	12.28
Memphis	11.60	11.50	11.75	11.80	11.90	11.85
Houston	11.90	11.80	12.10	12.10	12.20	12.15
Little Rock	11.60	11.50	11.78	11.80	11.88	11.83
Dallas	11.45	11.35	11.60	11.65	11.75	11.70
Fort Worth	11.45	11.35	11.60	11.65	11.75	11.70

New Orleans Contract Market.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, June 2.	Sunday, June 4.	Tuesday, June 5.	Wednesday, June 6.	Thursday, June 7.	Friday, June 8.
June (1934)						
July	11.73	11.61	Bid.	11.90	11.93	12.02 12.03 12.00
August						
September						
October	11.94	11.97	11.84	12.12	12.13 12.14	12.24 12.21-12.23
November						
December	12.07	11.96	12.24	12.25	12.36 12.37	12.33
Jan. (1935)	12.11	12.00	Bid.	12.28	Bid.	12.40 Bid. 12.37 Bid
February						
March	12.22	Bid.	12.11	Bid.	12.39	12.40 Bid. 12.48 Bid
April						
May	12.32	Bid.	12.21	Bid.	12.48	12.50 Bid. 12.61 Bid. 12.58 Bid
Tone—						
Spot	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.
Options	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Very steady.	Barely st'y

New York Cotton Exchange Elects Officers.—The New York Cotton Exchange, on June 4, elected John H. McFadden, Jr. as President, and John C. Botts as Vice-President. Mr. McFadden, who succeeds William S. Dowdell, is a senior partner of the firm of Geo. H. McFadden & Bro. and Mr. Botts is a partner of Jenks, Gwynne & Co. Clayton B. Jones of George F. Jones & Son was elected Treasurer. Two new members were elected to the Board of Managers of the Exchange, Joseph A. Russell, member of Hubbard & Co., and Homer W. Orvis, member of Orvis Brothers & Co. The other members of the Board who were re-elected are as follows:

Alpheus C. Beane, Clayton E. Rich, Perry E. Moore, William S. Dowdell, Simon J. Shlenker, Philip B. Weld, Frank J. Knell, Eric Allott, William J. Jung, Elwood P. McEnany, Alvin L. Wachsmann, Robert M. Harriss and Charles S. Montgomery. George M. Shutt was re-elected trustee of the Gratuity Fund to serve for three years. E. Malcolm Deacon, James B. Irwin and Byrd W. Wenman were elected inspectors of election.

The careers of the new President and Vice-President are summarized by the Exchange as follows:

Mr. McFadden, the new President, has served the Exchange as Vice-President for three years, having been elected to that office in 1928, 1932 and 1933. His father was for many years one of the leading cotton merchants of the world, doing an extensive domestic and foreign business in American cotton. Mr. McFadden was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, following which he became associated with Frederic Zeraga & Co. of Liverpool, the English affiliate of Geo. H. McFadden & Bro., and traveled extensively through Europe. Shortly after the outbreak of the World War he became one of the founders of the American Ambulance Field Service, a volunteer organization of Americans which furnished ambulance service for the Allied troops. After the United States entered the war, he was commissioned captain in the Signal Corps, and at the close of the war became assistant military attaché at the American Embassy in Paris. In 1919 he returned to the United States and became a partner of Geo. H. McFadden & Bro.

Mr. McFadden has been active in the affairs of the Cotton Exchange since he came to New York from Philadelphia 10 years ago.

Mr. Botts, the new Vice-President, was born in Jackson, Tenn. His first connections in the cotton business were in New Orleans with the firm of W. R. Craig & Co. and later Gibert & Clay. In 1906 he came to New York and since then has been connected with W. R. Craig & Co.; Craig & Jenks; Fairchild & White, and Jenks Gwynne & Co. Mr. Botts was a partner in the firm of Fairchild & White before becoming a partner in Jenks, Gwynne & Co.

Mr. Botts has been a member of the New York Cotton Exchange since 1911 and has been for years a member of both its Committee on Commissions and Committee on Membership.

The new officers and new Board of Managers of the Cotton Exchange took office at noon June 7. The retiring Board of Managers met at 11:45 a. m., at which time Mr. McFadden, in his capacity as Vice-President, presented William S. Dowdell, retiring President, with a large silver loving cup in behalf of the retiring Board of Managers. The cup was inscribed "With the deep affection and respect of his fellow Board Members to President William S. Dowdell, June 7 1934." In making the presentation, Mr. McFadden expressed regret that the day was the last that Mr. Dowdell would sit at the head of the Board as President. He went on to say:

You have successfully piloted the Cotton Exchange through two years of great difficulty, and the execution of your office commands the greatest admiration of not only your fellow Board Members but the entire cotton trade.

Rains Bring Only Local Relief.—Rains within the last 48 hours have helped materially in several localities, but no general relief is in sight for the drouth area as a whole. J. B. Kincer of the U. S. Weather Bureau stated on June 4. These rains merely ease the situation temporarily, he added.

At the same time the Weather Bureau promised for the next 36 hours unsettled weather with a few scattered showers for the grain States, except in the Ohio Valley and lower Michigan.

In the last 48 hours scattered showers, a good many in substantial amounts, have occurred in the western Ohio Valley, central Illinois, Missouri, western Kansas, South Dakota and Nebraska. Temperatures are substantially lower.

Rapid City, S. D., fared best, with 1.28 inches of rain. Springfield, Mo. had .86 inches. Dodge City, Kan., got .68 inches as did Roswell, N. M. Kalispell, in western Montana, reported .62 inches. Valentine, Neb., and Peoria, Ill., each reported .40 inches, and Huron, S. D., .48 inches; Iola, Kan., .68; Iowa Falls, Iowa, .70; Aberdeen, S. D., .72; Oakes, Kan., .74; Prairie-du-Chien, Wis., .78; Lisbon, N. D., .96; Liberal, Kan., 1.00.

Records of the Weather Bureau show that May of this year was the driest May on record for Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, South Dakota. It was the second driest May on record for Minnesota, Kentucky, Nebraska, Montana. The spring of 1934 was the driest spring on record for Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota. It was the second driest spring on record for Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Missouri and Kansas.

The year which ended May 31 1934 was the driest year on record for Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Ohio and North Dakota. It was the second driest year on record for South Dakota and Michigan.

Weather Reports by Telegraph.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that the weather during the week has been too wet in most of the eastern portion of the belt and mostly dry in the remaining sections, where rain is needed, but in these parts the crop is standing the dryness well. In the wetter sections plants are becoming sappy and fields grassy. There have also been complaints of weevil activity from the eastern belt.

Texas.—Rain is needed in this State but the crop continues mostly in fair shape.

Memphis, Tenn.—Progress of cotton is mostly satisfactory.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Galveston, Tex.	1 day	0.01 in.	high 85	low 76	mean 81
Amarillo, Tex.	3 days	0.50 in.	high 96	low 56	mean 76
Austin, Tex.	2 days	0.03 in.	high 96	low 68	mean 82
Abilene, Tex.	dry	---	high 96	low 66	mean 81
Brenham, Tex.	1 day	0.02 in.	high 94	low 68	mean 81
Brownsville, Tex.	dry	---	high 92	low 74	mean 83
Corpus Christi, Tex.	2 days	0.08 in.	high 88	low 76	mean 82
Dallas, Tex.	dry	---	high 92	low 68	mean 80
Del Rio, Tex.	2 days	0.28 in.	high 94	low 70	mean 82
El Paso, Tex.	1 day	0.01 in.	high 94	low 64	mean 79
Henrietta, Tex.	dry	---	high 98	low 66	mean 82
Kerleville, Tex.	dry	---	high 94	low 66	mean 80
Lampasas, Tex.	dry	---	high 98	low 64	mean 81
Longview, Tex.	1 day	0.50 in.	high 96	low 68	mean 82
Luling, Tex.	2 days	0.18 in.	high 100	low 70	mean 85
Nacogdoches, Tex.	1 day	0.92 in.	high 88	low 64	mean 76
Palestine, Tex.	1 day	0.01 in.	high 92	low 66	mean 79
Paris, Tex.	1 day	1.04 in.	high 96	low 68	mean 82
San Antonio, Tex.	dry	---	high 96	low 70	mean 83
Taylor, Tex.	2 days	0.05 in.	high 96	low 70	mean 83
Weatherford, Tex.	dry	---	high 96	low 66	mean 81
Oklahoma City, Okla.	2 days	0.72 in.	high 94	low 64	mean 79
Eldorado, Ark.	2 days	3.27 in.	high 97	low 68	mean 83
Fort Smith, Ark.	1 day	0.32 in.	high 98	low 66	mean 82
Little Rock, Ark.	1 day	1.60 in.	high 94	low 66	mean 80
Pine Bluff, Ark.	1 day	1.96 in.	high 97	low 69	mean 83
Alexandria, La.	2 days	0.90 in.	high 91	low 69	mean 80
Amite, La.	3 days	1.17 in.	high 92	low 65	mean 79
New Orleans, La.	2 days	3.26 in.	high 90	low 72	mean 80
Shreveport, La.	1 day	0.92 in.	high 95	low 72	mean 84
Meridian, Miss.	3 days	1.13 in.	high 92	low 70	mean 81
Vicksburg, Miss.	3 days	2.24 in.	high 90	low 66	mean 78
Mobile, Ala.	3 days	2.48 in.	high 86	low 65	mean 74
Birmingham, Ala.	3 days	4.08 in.	high 92	low 68	mean 80
Montgomery, Ala.	4 days	0.96 in.	high 90	low 66	mean 78
Jacksonville, Fla.	2 days	4.82 in.	high 88	low 68	mean 78
Miami, Fla.	2 days	5.64 in.	high 86	low 70	mean 78
Pensacola, Fla.	2 days	0.30 in.	high 82	low 74	mean 78
Tampa, Fla.	5 days	4.72 in.	high 88	low 68	mean 78
Savannah, Ga.	4 days	0.15 in.	high 87	low 65	mean 76
Athens, Ga.	7 days	3.28 in.	high 88	low 63	mean 76

	Rain, Rainfall.		Thermometer		
	Days	Inches	High	Low	Mean
Atlanta, Ga.	5 days	1.96 in.	high 84	low 62	mean 73
Augusta, Ga.	5 days	0.78 in.	high 86	low 64	mean 75
Macon, Ga.	5 days	0.83 in.	high 86	low 64	mean 75
Charleston, S. C.	4 days	0.72 in.	high 85	low 69	mean 77
Greenwood, S. C.	6 days	3.37 in.	high 88	low 61	mean 80
Columbia, S. C.	5 days	3.12 in.	high 84	low 62	mean 73
Conway, S. C.	6 days	1.94 in.	high 88	low 63	mean 76
Asheville, N. C.	5 days	2.56 in.	high 82	low 56	mean 69
Charlotte, N. C.	6 days	5.35 in.	high 85	low 61	mean 72
Newbern, N. C.	2 days	0.25 in.	high 90	low 67	mean 79
Raleigh, N. C.	5 days	0.99 in.	high 88	low 64	mean 76
Weldon, N. C.	1 day	0.11 in.	high 91	low 62	mean 77
Wilmington, N. C.	5 days	0.55 in.	high 82	low 66	mean 74
Memphis, Tenn.	3 days	0.42 in.	high 96	low 67	mean 80
Chattanooga, Tenn.	4 days	2.80 in.	high 90	low 60	mean 75
Nashville, Tenn.	4 days	0.27 in.	high 94	low 66	mean 80

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

		June 8 1934.	June 9 1934.
		Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge	2.0	16.9
Memphis	Above zero of gauge	2.5	31.7
Nashville	Above zero of gauge	9.2	8.8
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge	7.4	13.1
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge	5.3	48.7

Dallas Cotton Exchange Weekly Crop Report.—The Dallas Cotton Exchange each week publishes a very elaborate and comprehensive report covering cotton crop conditions in the different sections of Texas and also in Oklahoma and Arkansas. We reprint this week's report, which is of date June 4, in full below:

TEXAS.

West Texas.

Ablene (Taylor County).—Cotton crop has made good progress last week but some complaint of dry weather, but it is always too wet or too dry, too hot or too cold, to suit some people. If we get deep season and enough rain to bring cotton up in May and then get good rains by the 1st of August, we always make a crop. Cloudy and looks like rain this p. m.

Brady (McCulloch County).—Cotton planting progressed slowly during past week on account showers; some heavy rains in the north part; planting 90% done, 75% good stand; just commenced chopping; cut worms in southern part of county doing damage. Young cotton looks bad account cool nights.

Floydada (Floyd County).—Weather past week would be considered fairly favorable for cotton planting and replanting is about completed. What cotton is up is doing fairly well. Think days have been too hot, but nights have been cool. We need a general rain.

Lubbock (Lubbock County).—Practically all cotton planted and up; it is small and growing slowly account too dry in most parts. We need a general rain; have very little moisture; some showers to-day.

Memphis (Hall County).—Crop almost all planted and 50% up. Good rains last week and rain to-day very beneficial. Weather has been hot this week but has not hurt. Looks like a good crop this year, barring hail or dry weather in August and September.

Quanah (Hardeman County).—Crop made good progress the past week. Good rains latter part of last week makes moisture plentiful over most of territory. 85% of the crop is planted, 60% is up to good stand; about 10% will have to be replanted.

Stamford (Jones County).—Rain badly needed; still some cotton not up on farms that showers did not hit; estimate 50% of acreage is in good condition.

North Texas.

Clarksville (Red River County).—Planting finished; progress good; moisture about sufficient; need good soaking rain to bring up late planting; 65% chopped; plant healthy; 6 to 8 inches tall; about 10% squaring. Weather for the week has been clear and warm, with no rainfall.

Commerce (Hunt County).—Weather conditions this section past week have been excellent. Cotton making good progress. No rain needed immediately, although late planted cotton could stand some moisture. Practically all fields in good state of cultivation.

Forney (Kaufman County).—Cotton doing fine; had a five-inch rain ten days ago; it has been warm and dry since; cotton only about 10 days late now; 75% chopped, all in fair state of cultivation. Have about 300 bales cotton in warehouse of Government loan and 100 bales held by farmers.

Gainesville (Cooke County).—While cotton is in need of moisture in some sections, it is not believed to be suffering greatly for want of rain. Hot days and warm nights are believed conducive to crop's progress. No serious insect damage has been reported. Stands after chopping are reported average height for this stage of growth.

Honey Grove (Fannin County).—Weather for the past week has been very favorable for growing; hot days suitable for the early plants. All early planted cotton doing nicely and up to good stand. Some late planting, small per cent not doing so well due to not having had enough rain to bring same up. General average of present crop doing well and plant ranging in size from 2 to 4 inches high. Some sections in need of rain; ground very dry.

Paris (Lamar County).—Crop clean; early cotton growing nicely; late planting needing rain; good stand; 75% or better chopped.

Terrell (Kaufman County).—Practically everything is planted and up to a stand. Chopping and plowing has gone along rapidly, the farmers having taken advantage of the clear weather during the week. Approximately 50% of this work is done. Dry weather is needed for next week or two. A few farmers have noticed grasshoppers in fairly large numbers, but nothing serious is expected from them as they will be poisoned if they start damaging crop; no other insect signs have been noticed.

Wills Point (Van Zandt County).—Practically all cotton planted. All up except small per cent replanted. 50% chopped. Early planted cotton squaring. No damage from insects so far. Weather hot and dry past week. Rain needed within week to ten days.

Central Texas.

Calvert (Robertson County).—Cotton has made good progress past two weeks, the stands being very good and state of cultivation excellent, but there is about 15% of same not up, no rain having fallen since same has been planted. It will take a good rainfall to bring same up. Some complaint of insects, but too early to report any damage to plant, these being the usual complaint at this season of year. A good two-inch rainfall is badly needed for further cultivation and progress, and would be very welcome, for the grain crop is badly in need of it.

Cameron (Milam County).—Hot, dry weather past week, which was favorable. A good general rain next week will be very beneficial. 98% planted; 95% up to fair and good stands. Too early for insects.

Ennis (Ellis County).—Past week has been very favorable for cotton. All has been planted and about 1% hasn't come up and will not unless it rains. Cotton is looking fine and is clean of all grass and weeds. Stands are perfect and land is in excellent state of cultivation. Practically no insects except a few lice. Weather cloudy and warm. We need a good general rain. Crop about two weeks late.

Taylor (Williamson County).—Weather past week has been more favorable to the growing plant. A good rain would be gladly received for feed crops. However, cotton is not suffering for moisture and is getting a good tap root established. Should June showers set in there would be more danger of insects destroying than it would do good. Have heard considerable complaint of chinch bugs damaging cotton plants; this I don't think I ever heard of before. Fleas are plentiful but plant is not far enough advanced to tell just to what extent the damage will be. Fields are well cultivated and in most cases perfectly clean.

Waxahachie (Ellis County).—Crop has progressed nicely during past week, due to hot weather. All of crop planted and up to good stand, 90% of crop chopped and other cultivation excellent. No insects reported. Rain needed during coming week.

East Texas.

Longview (Gregg County).—Practically all cotton planted in this territory and approximately 75% up to a good stand; mostly chopped and plowed. Weather very warm during past three days. No rain this week, however,

cotton not suffering for moisture. No insects or disease reported at this time. 1,024 bales being held at compress, greater portion Government loan cotton.

Tyler (Smith County).—Crop conditions remain same as last week. No rain has been reported during past week. We have been advised, however, that the cotton crop for this section can stand three more weeks dry weather without damage.

South Texas.

Cuero (De Witt County).—Past week has been unfavorable for cotton owing to dry weather. Old cotton doing very well, replanted needing rain badly. Cotton flea doing considerable damage and weevil beginning to show up. As a whole, crop is ten days late.

Gonzales (Gonzales County).—Considerable acreage upland corn damaged beyond repair. Cotton, especially the later planted, getting in bad condition. Early planted being damaged by weevil and flea. Some farmers report their early cotton, which should be loaded with squares, have none on, indicating flea damage. Crop will be very light without rain, and with rains insect damage will get worse. Crop well cultivated.

San Antonio (Bexar County).—Cotton during past week in this locality, especially south of here, has begun to suffer from drought. There is ample subsoil moisture, but the top of the ground is very dry. A good general rain is needed over this whole section. Plant is about eight to ten inches high and beginning to square. Many farmers complain that boll weevil are beginning to show up in large numbers.

OKLAHOMA.

Altus (Jackson County).—Past week has been favorable in the most part of western Oklahoma, although the unusually high temperature and hot winds have dried the ground very fast. Cultivation has progressed satisfactorily and nearly all planted fields are up to a good stand and fairly free of weeds and grass. Will be needing rain in another week or ten days.

Frederick (Tillman County).—Cotton all planted and 90% up to good stand. Cultivation in progress and fields clean. No insect damage. Moisture fair but will need rain soon. Taking crop over the county, represents a fair average.

ARKANSAS.

Ashdown (Little River County).—No rain this week and in some localities none since May 4. The rains have been very spotted. Some late planted cotton has not germinated and won't without moisture. Weevils reported in all sections of this territory and in large numbers for the first of June. Also some reports of lice. Chopping about 75% completed and fields are mostly well worked. Would say our stand is about 80% of perfect.

Blytheville (Mississippi County).—Mississippi County cotton acreage in 1933 was 210,000 acres, against 160,000 acres in 1934. Mississippi County's tax-free allotment is about 120,000 bales if the year 1930 is left out, otherwise about 100,000 bales. Missouri allotment not yet decided. Crop is all planted. Condition of cotton stands about all perfect, with 100% chopped out. Last rain about ten days ago and no rain needed for another week. Prospects are ideal, with squares on about 10%. There is a surplus of labor. Corn and other feed crops increased about 200% over last year and need rain.

Conway (Faulkner County).—Cotton all planted and up to a good stand. 80% chopped out. Weather past few days and nights warmer and plants have grown faster and look healthy. Cultivation has made good progress so that most fields are clean. Acreage reduced to Government's requirement. Some scattered showers the last two days beneficial. Although cotton is not suffering, a good general rain would promote more rapid growth.

Helena (Phillips County).—Crops are up to approximately a 95% stand. 70% chopped out. Cultivation excellent. Weather the early part of this week has been too cool, retarding growth of plant but doing no serious damage. Crop probably one week early. Prospects fine. General rain, however, would be beneficial.

Little Rock (Pulaski County).—Cotton has made good progress past week. The last few days of hot weather has been beneficial. There are no complaints of insects to date.

Magnolia (Columbia County).—Past two weeks have been favorable as a whole. Planting is completed and around 50% of crop chopped to a stand. Some early cotton has rather poor stands, but later plantings have almost perfect stands. No insects reported to date. Weather just what is needed and all crops are growing nicely. Season around ten days late with about same acreage as last year after plow-up.

Pine Bluff (Jefferson County).—The cotton weed rather small account cool nights and ten days late. The temperature at night May 20 to 27, 52 to 58 degrees. It is now warming up to real cotton weather. Chopping is over and the farmers are ready for a good season. The acreage has been reduced and quite evident, as one drives through the country. A double portion of something to eat and to wear is just ahead of us.

Searcy (White County).—Acreage planted this year about same as the harvested acreage last year. Each farmer is planting all he can to be sure of the number of bales allowed him. Good stand, what cotton is up, but small on account of no rain for past two weeks. Labor plentiful and crops well worked. Weather hot and dry but cotton could stand two more weeks before it would be damaged. Cloudy now and good signs of a shower.

Receipts from the Plantations.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week Ended	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1934.	1933.	1932.	1934.	1933.	1932.	1934.	1933.	1932.
Mar.									
9-	63,824	72,119	158,701	1,759,566	1,964,139	1,961,116	8,216	58,462	121,908
16-	80,965	48,558	125,715	1,720,902	1,932,247	1,908,510	42,301	16,666	73,109
23-	76,297	78,838	130,968	1,687,665	1,903,091	1,872,878	43,060	49,682	95,336
30-	64,579	71,916	115,587	1,662,788	1,874,180	1,847,155	39,702	43,005	89,864
April									
6-	68,255	75,548	93,799	1,620,120	1,839,230	1,812,832	25,587	20,358	59,476
13-	70,948	56,769	62,040	1,581,871	1,806,896	1,781,096	32,699	24,435	30,304
20-	74,294	80,344	76,159	1,546,878	1,772,695	1,747,867	39,301	46,145	42,830
27-	70,174	92,386	86,624	1,506,117	1,739,038	1,710,730	38,413	58,729	49,687
May									
4-	75,235	90,027	53,102	1,467,685	1,709,661	1,664,135	36,803	60,650	6,407
11-	46,544	101,074	62,170	1,436,369	1,672,791	1,622,896	15,228	64,204	20,931
18-	51,676	118,296	37,536	1,404,254	1,624,351	1,588,105	19,561	69,856	2,745
25-	34,480	79,657	54,967	1,378,269	1,566,959	1,554,722	8,501	22,275	21,584
June									
1-	33,148	88,978	64,258	1,351,401	1,521,226	1,526,180	6,280	43,245	37,716
8-	34,980	86,064	30,591	1,312,579	1,478,208	1,497,915	Nil	43,046	2,326

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1933 are 7,126,170 bales; in 1932-33 were 8,267,835 bales and in 1931-32 were 10,123,668 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 34,989 bales, the actual movement from plantations was nil bales, stock at interior towns having decreased 38,822 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 43,046 bales and for 1932 they were 2,326 bales.

India Cotton Movement from All Ports.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1 as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

	1933-34.		1932-33.		1931-32.	
	Since Aug. 1.		Since Aug. 1.		Since Aug. 1.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	29,000	2,147,000	42,000	2,410,000	42,000	1,927,000

Exports From—	For the Week.				Since Aug. 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Jap'n & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1933-34—	2,000	5,000	26,000	33,000	64,000	307,000	760,000	1,131,000
1932-33—	2,000	8,000	19,000	29,000	48,000	261,000	1,010,000	1,319,000
1931-32—	---	2,000	22,000	24,000	17,000	131,000	821,000	969,000
Other India:								
1933-34—	1,000	2,000	---	3,000	249,000	577,000	---	826,000
1932-33—	6,000	10,000	---	16,000	105,000	357,000	---	462,000
1931-32—	---	2,000	---	2,000	93,000	247,000	---	340,000
Total all—								
1933-34—	3,000	7,000	26,000	36,000	313,000	884,000	760,000	1,957,000
1932-33—	8,000	18,000	19,000	45,000	153,000	618,000	1,010,000	1,781,000
1931-32—	---	4,000	22,000	26,000	110,000	378,000	821,000	1,309,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 13,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 9,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 176,000 bales.

World's Supply and Takings of Cotton.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period:

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1933-34.		1932-33.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply June 1—	7,959,143	7,632,242	9,013,571	7,791,048
Visible supply Aug. 1—	---	---	---	---
American in sight to June 8—	114,243	12,466,496	146,737	13,286,172
Bombay receipts to June 7—	29,000	2,147,000	42,000	2,410,000
Other India ship'ts to June 7—	3,000	826,000	16,000	462,000
Alexandria receipts to June 6—	3,800	1,679,800	1,000	964,000
Other supply to June 8 * b—	8,000	536,000	7,000	484,000
Total supply—	8,117,186	25,287,538	9,226,308	25,397,220
Deduct—				
Visible supply June 8—	7,794,514	7,794,514	8,873,142	8,873,142
Total takings to June 8 a—	322,672	17,493,024	353,166	16,524,078
Of which American—	238,872	12,882,224	273,166	12,270,078
Of which other—	83,800	4,610,800	80,000	4,254,000

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 4,389,000 bales in 1933-34 and 4,360,000 bales in 1932-33—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners 13,104,024 bales in 1933-34 and 12,164,078 bales in 1932-33 of which 8,493,224 bales and 7,910,078 bales American. b Estimated.

Alexandria Receipts and Shipments.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

Alexandria, Egypt, June 6.	1933-34.	1932-33.	1931-32.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week—	19,000	5,000	20,000
Since Aug. 1—	8,385,943	4,911,876	6,826,741

Exports (Bales)—	1933.		1932.	
	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool—	6,000	248,336	---	137,037
To Manchester, &c.—	12,000	172,591	---	108,254
To Continent & India—	---	609,630	11,000	434,231
To America—	---	67,973	---	34,061
Total exports—	18,000	1,098,530	11,000	713,583

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended June 6 were 19,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 18,000 bales.

Manchester Market.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is steady. Demand for cloth is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1933.			1932.		
	32s Cap Twist.	8½ Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'l'g Upl'ds.	32s Cap Twist.	8½ Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'l'g Upl'ds.
Mar—						
9—	10½ @ 12	9 1 @ 9 3	6.65	8½ @ 9½	8 3 @ 8 6	5.17
16—	10 @ 11½	9 1 @ 9 7	6.62	8½ @ 9½	8 3 @ 8 6	5.26
23—	9½ @ 11½	9 1 @ 9 3	6.48	8½ @ 9½	8 3 @ 8 6	5.13
30—	9¼ @ 11½	9 1 @ 9 3	6.35	8½ @ 9½	8 3 @ 8 6	5.15
April—						
6—	9¼ @ 11½	9 1 @ 9 3	6.40	8½ @ 9½	8 3 @ 8 6	5.28
13—	9¼ @ 11½	9 1 @ 9 3	6.35	8½ @ 9½	8 3 @ 8 6	5.37
20—	9¼ @ 11	9 1 @ 9 3	6.18	8½ @ 9½	8 3 @ 8 6	5.30
27—	9¼ @ 10¾	9 1 @ 9 3	5.88	8½ @ 10	8 3 @ 8 6	5.53
May—						
4—	9¼ @ 10¾	9 1 @ 9 3	5.93	8½ @ 10	8 3 @ 8 6	5.89
11—	9¼ @ 10¾	9 1 @ 9 3	6.15	9½ @ 10¾	8 5 @ 9 0	5.19
18—	9¼ @ 10¾	9 1 @ 9 3	6.23	9½ @ 10¾	8 5 @ 9 0	6.96
25—	9½ @ 10¾	9 2 @ 9 4	6.20	9 @ 10¾	8 5 @ 9 0	6.07
June—						
1—	9½ @ 10¾	9 2 @ 9 4	6.26	9½ @ 10¾	8 7 @ 9 2	6.37
8—	9½ @ 11¼	9 2 @ 9 4	6.56	9½ @ 10¾	8 7 @ 9 1	6.12

Shipping News.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 83,056 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

LAKE CHARLES—To Dunkirk—June 3—Carbet, 300—	300
To Ghent—June 3—Carbet, 275—	275
JACKSONVILLE—To Bremen—June 4—Romsdalaholm, 6—	6
MOBILE—To Ghent—May 26—Carbet, 100—	100
SAVANNAH—To Japan—June 5—Kinai Maru, 100—	100
SAN FRANCISCO—To Great Britain—(?)—49—	49
To Japan—(?)—2,300—	2,300
PENSACOLA—To Liverpool—June 2—Kenowis, 199—	199
To Manchester—June 2—Kenowis, 295—	295
NORFOLK—To Hamburg—(?)—City of Norfolk, 108—	108

Bales.	
GALVESTON—To Gothenburg—May 21—Stureholm, 698—	698
June 6—Trolleholm, 426—	1,124
To Copenhagen—May 31—Stureholm, 968—	968
June 6—Trolleholm, 835—	1,803
To Gdynia—May 31—Stureholm, 1,772—	1,772
June 6—Trolleholm, 1,617—	3,389
To Liverpool—May 31—Duquesne, 803—	803
To Manchester—May 31—Duquesne, 600—	600
To Dunkirk—June 6—Trolleholm, 549—	549
To Barcelona—May 31—Ogontz, 3,897—	3,897
To Genoa—May 31—Ogontz, 1,133—	1,133
To Lisbon—May 31—Jomar, 150—	150
To Oporto—May 31—Jomar, 806—	806
To Trieste—June 4—Ida, 2,693—	2,693
To Bilbao—May 31—Jomar, 145—	145
To Passages—May 31—Jomar, 85—	85
To Genoa—June 1—Marina O, 2,616—	2,616
To Japan—June 1—Asuka Maru, 4,359—	4,359
June 2—Hakonesan Maru, 9,071—	13,430
To China—June 1—Asuka Maru, 341—	341
To Venice—June 4—Ida, 459—	459
HOUSTON—To Venice—June 1—Ida, 641—	641
To Trieste—June 1—Ida, 1,250—	1,250
To Barcelona—June 1—Ogontz, 923—	923
To Genoa—June 1—Ogontz, 580—	580
To Havre—June 1—Oakman, 1,612—	1,612
June 6—Carbet, 200—	300
To Bordeaux—June 6—Carbet, 300—	300
To Ghent—June 1—Oakman, 158—	158
To Antwerp—June 1—Oakman, 117—	117
To Rotterdam—June 1—Oakman, 192—	192
To Oporto—June 2—Jomar, 703—	703
To Coruna—June 2—Jomar, 55—	55
To Passages—June 2—Jomar, 40—	40
To Japan—June 7—King City, 1,500—	1,500
To China—June 4—Fernlane, 11,676—	11,676
June 7—King City, 6,567—	18,243
To Dunkirk—June 5—Trolleholm, 300—	300
June 6—Carbet, 583—	883
To Oslo—June 5—Trolleholm, 200—	200
To Gothenburg—June 5—Trolleholm, 499—	499
To Copenhagen—June 5—Trolleholm, 15—	15
To Gdynia—June 5—Trolleholm, 1,912—	1,912
To Ghent—June 6—Carbet, 75—	75
GULFPORT—To Rotterdam—May 30—West Kyska, 58—	58
CORPUS CHRISTI—To Japan—May 29—Hakonesan Maru, 347—	347
NEW ORLEANS—To Havre—May 31—Carbet, 330—	330
To Dunkirk—May 31—Carbet, 50—	50
To Bremen—May 31—Aquarius, 1,385—	1,385
June 1—Ingram, 3,454—	4,839
To Rotterdam—May 31—Boschdijk, 377—	377
June 5—Phrygia, 100—	477
To Antwerp—May 31—Boschdijk, 500—	500
To Leningrad—June 2—Kamsomel, 7,365—	7,365
To Hamburg—June 1—Ingram, 466—	466
To Gdynia—June 1—Ingram, 150—	150
To Reval—June 1—Ingram, 200—	200
To Cristobal—June 1—Sixaola, 21—	21
To Buena-Ventura—June 1—Sixaola, 100—	100
To Porto-Colombia—June 1—Sixaola, 250—	250
To San Salvador—June 4—Santa Marta, 50—	50
Total—	83,056

Cotton Freights.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Barrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Density.	Stand-ard.	High Density.	Stand-ard.	High Density.	Stand-ard.
Liverpool	.25c.	.25c.	.65c.	.65c.	Piraeus	.75c.
Manchester	.25c.	.25c.	.50c.	.50c.	Salonica	.75c.
Antwerp	.35c.	.50c.	.35c.	.50c.	Venice	.50c.
Havre	.25c.	.40c.	*	*	Copenhagen	.38c.
Rotterdam	.35c.	.50c.	Shanghai	*	Naples	.40c.
Genoa	.40c.	.55c.	Bombay	.40c.	Leghorn	.40c.
Oslo	.46c.	.61c.	Bremen	.35c.	Gothenberg	.42c.
Stockholm	.42c.	.57c.	Hamburg	.35c.		

* Rate is open. z Only small lots.

Liverpool.—Sales, stocks, &c., for past week:

	May 18.	May 25.	June 1.	June 8.
Forwarded—	53,000	30,000	64,000	57,000
Total stocks—	911,000	922,000	914,000	908,000
Of which American—	411,000	415,000	405,000	393,000
Total imports—	46,000	39,000	39,000	53,000
Amount afloat—	51,000	42,000	40,000	24,000
Of which American—	120,000	122,000	141,000	134,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

	Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	A fair business doing.	Quiet.	A fair business doing.	Good demand.	A fair business doing.	A fair business doing.	A fair business doing.
Mid. Upl'ds	6.41d.	6.41d.	6.44d.	6.51d.	6.51d.	6.56d.	6.56d.
Futures, Market opened	Steady, 6 to 8 pts. advance.	Quiet, unchanged to 2 pts. adv.	Steady, unchanged to 2 pts. dec.	Steady, 10 to 12 pts. advance.	Steady, 2 to 5 pts. decline.	Steady, 4 to 5 pts. advance.	Steady, 4 to 6 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.	Steady, 8 to 9 pts. advance.	Quiet but steady, 1 to 3 pts. dec.	Steady, unchanged.	Steady, 13 to 14 pts. advance.	Quiet but steady, 2 to 4 pts. dec.	Steady, 2 to 6 pts. advance.	Steady, 2 to 6 pts. advance.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

	June 2 to June 8.						
	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
New Contract.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
July (1934)	6.18	6.16	6.15	6.19	6.15	6.26	6.26
October	6.13	6.11	6.11	6.14	6.11	6.22	6.22
December	6.10	6.08	6.08	6.11	6.08	6.20	6.19
January (1935)	6.10	6.08	6.08	6.11	6.08	6.20	6.19
March	6.11	6.09	6.09	6.12	6.09	6.21	6.21
May	6.11	6.10	6.10	6.10	6.10	6.23	6.23
July	6.10	6.09	6.09	6.09	6.09	6.23	6.23
October	6.10	6.09	6.09	6.09	6.09	6.23	6.23
December	6.10	6.09	6.09	6.09	6.09	6.23	6.23
January (1936)	6.10	6.09	6.09	6.09	6.09	6.23	6.23
March	6.11	6.10	6.10	6.10	6.10	6.24	6.24
May	6.13	6.12	6.12	6.12	6.12	6.26	6.26

BREADSTUFFS.

Friday Night, June 8 1934.

Flour continued in small demand, with prices advancing when wheat showed strength and declining when that grain developed weakness. On the 7th inst. bakers' patents fell 10c., seminola 20 to 35c., and family grades 15 to 20c.

Wheat prices broke 3½ to 3¾c. under heavy selling inspired by the weakness of the Winnipeg market and reports of rains in Western Canada and Montana. First prices were

more than a cent above Friday's close. Selling by early buyers sent prices down swiftly. Northwestern houses were selling and stop-loss orders were caught on the way down. While private estimates on the crop were considered very bullish, the generality of the trade believe that the large carry-over at the end of the present season will assure adequate supplies for home consumption. Winnipeg was $3\frac{7}{8}$ c. lower. On the 4th inst. prices declined $1\frac{3}{8}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ c. owing to reports of rain in the American Northwest and Western Canada over the weekend which led to a steady flow of selling. Minneapolis declined as much as 4c. The Weather Bureau said the rains over the belt were sufficient to give substantial temporary relief. The forecast was for further showers over the entire belt. The weather, however, was still hot in many sections. A private report estimated the winter wheat crop at 400,000,000 bushels or 20,000,000 under the average of the other four private estimates issued last week. This report caused some buying near the close. The visible supply decreased 1,347,000 bushels. On the 5th inst. under a good demand from commission houses based on bullish crop reports, the strength in Minneapolis, and rumors that the Government was buying wheat and corn for relief purposes prices ended at net gains of $3\frac{3}{8}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ c. Early prices were down more than a cent owing to a sharp decline at Winnipeg, showers in the American Northwest and West and fairly good rains in Canada. Offerings fell off later, however, and the demand increased. Outside interest broadened. One expert put the whole crop of Montana at not more than 50,000,000. Further showers were forecast for Western Canada and the American Northwest. The general belief is that rains in the Northwest came too late to be of much benefit.

On the 6th inst. prices rallied after an early break, in sympathy with the strength at Kansas City, but reacted late in the session and ended with net losses of $1\frac{5}{8}$ to 2c. The market was influenced, for the most part, by the action of outside exchanges. Selling was inspired by light showers in the Northwest and West, and heavy rains in the Ohio Valley. Further showers were predicted. The Government weekly report said that winter wheat conditions showed little change, with further damage in some parts. It added that showers in the spring wheat belt were timely and afforded temporary relief, but that the drouth was still unbroken. Good general soaking rains are wanted. A private report estimated the Kansas crop at 63,000,000 bushels, or 36,000,000 bushels under the last Government report. Winnipeg ended $\frac{5}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ c. lower, while Liverpool was up 1 to $1\frac{1}{4}$ d. Broomhall estimated the European crop, based on present conditions, at 240,000,000 to 280,000,000 bushels smaller than last year, exclusive of Russia.

On the 7th inst. prices ended $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ c. lower, under general liquidation by commission houses and professional selling influenced by rains and cooler weather in the American Northwest. A lower Minneapolis market also had a depressing effect. Early prices were down as much as $2\frac{5}{8}$ c., but rallied later to within a fraction of the previous close, only to react again in the late dealings. The Northwest sold and spreaders were good sellers of wheat against purchases of corn. Good rains fell in the American Northwest and western Canada had scattered precipitation, and the forecast was for showers in both the spring and winter wheat belts. Winnipeg ended $\frac{7}{8}$ c. lower and Liverpool was off $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Argentine shipments were estimated at 4,960,000 bushels against 3,195,000 bushels in the same period last year.

To-day prices ended unchanged to $\frac{1}{2}$ c. higher, on buying in anticipation of a bullish Government crop report. Early prices were lower, owing to further rains in the spring wheat belt. Yet many contended that rains in the Northwest came too late to benefit the crop much, and the forecast was for nothing more than showers. Drouth in Czechoslovakia was said to have cut the crop in half and to have stopped all exports of agricultural products. Australia was reported to be in urgent need of rain. French crop estimates were smaller. The Government estimated the winter wheat crop at 400,000,000 bushels as compared with 461,471,000 bushels a month ago and 351,030,000 bushels harvested last year. Final prices show a decline for the week of 4 to $4\frac{3}{8}$ c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat. 115	Mon. 113 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tues. 117 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wed. 116	Thurs. 114 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fri. 115 $\frac{3}{8}$
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July	Sat. 98 $\frac{1}{4}$	Mon. 96 $\frac{3}{4}$	Tues. 100 $\frac{3}{4}$	Wed. 99	Thurs. 97 $\frac{3}{4}$	Fri. 97 $\frac{3}{4}$
September	99 $\frac{3}{8}$	97 $\frac{3}{4}$	101 $\frac{3}{8}$	100	98 $\frac{3}{8}$	98 $\frac{3}{8}$
December	100 $\frac{3}{8}$	99 $\frac{3}{4}$	103 $\frac{3}{8}$	101 $\frac{1}{4}$	100	100 $\frac{3}{4}$

Season's High and When Made. | *Season's Low and When Made.*

July	106 $\frac{1}{2}$	June 1 1934	July	70 $\frac{1}{4}$	Oct. 17 1933
September	107 $\frac{1}{2}$	June 1 1934	September	74 $\frac{1}{4}$	Apr. 19 1934
December	109 $\frac{1}{2}$	June 5 1934	December	97 $\frac{3}{8}$	June 5 1934

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

July	Sat. 78 $\frac{3}{8}$	Mon. 78 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tues. 77 $\frac{3}{8}$	Wed. 76 $\frac{3}{8}$	Thurs. 77 $\frac{3}{8}$	Fri. 77 $\frac{3}{8}$
October	80 $\frac{1}{4}$	80 $\frac{1}{4}$	79 $\frac{3}{8}$	78 $\frac{3}{4}$	79 $\frac{3}{8}$	80 $\frac{1}{4}$

Corn, after showing independent strength early in the session, on the 2d inst. weakened with wheat later on and ended with net losses of $2\frac{3}{4}$ to 3c. Early buying was attributed to further reports of crop damage, but later selling increased and the demand was soon satisfied. On the 4th inst., prices ended with losses of 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. on selling due to beneficial rains and a forecast for more. Nat C. Murray said that more than 500 correspondents gave June 1

condition report of 77%, compared with 74% a year ago. He added that the higher condition figures than a year ago in the South and East more than offset the lower figure from the Northwest. The visible supply showed a decrease of 2,002,000 bushels. On the 5th inst., after a weak opening prices rallied sharply and ended with net gains of $2\frac{3}{4}$ to $2\frac{5}{8}$ c. Buying credited to Government agencies was the principal factor in the advance. Showers were reported in parts of the belt.

On the 6th inst. cooler weather with showers over a large section of the belt led to selling and a consequent decline of $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. The market was under selling pressure all day.

On the 7th inst. prices ended $\frac{3}{8}$ to 1c. higher after being $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$ c. lower at one time. There was a good deal of buying on the idea that there will be a big demand later in the season for corn to make up for the deficiency in other feed grains.

To-day prices ended unchanged to $\frac{3}{8}$ c. higher on buying stimulated by reports of increasing chinch bug infestation and the strength of wheat. Final prices are 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ c. lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat. 70	Mon. 68 $\frac{1}{4}$	Tues. 71 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wed. 70 $\frac{1}{4}$	Thurs. 70 $\frac{3}{4}$	Fri. 71 $\frac{1}{2}$
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July	Sat. 56	Mon. 54	Tues. 56 $\frac{3}{4}$	Wed. 55 $\frac{1}{4}$	Thurs. 55 $\frac{3}{4}$	Fri. 56
September	57 $\frac{3}{8}$	56	58 $\frac{3}{8}$	57 $\frac{3}{8}$	57 $\frac{3}{8}$	57 $\frac{3}{8}$
December	60	60	57 $\frac{3}{8}$	57 $\frac{3}{8}$	58 $\frac{3}{8}$	59 $\frac{3}{8}$

Season's High and When Made. | *Season's Low and When Made.*

July	64 $\frac{3}{8}$	June 1 1933	July	43	Apr. 17 1934
September	66 $\frac{3}{8}$	June 1 1934	September	45	Apr. 17 1934
December	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	June 5 1934	December	56 $\frac{3}{8}$	June 5 1934

Oats, after advancing moderately early on the 2d inst., receded later in response to the weakness in wheat and ended with losses of 2 to $2\frac{1}{4}$ c. Selling was not heavy, but neither was the demand. After the first few minutes of trading the market showed little rallying power. On the 4th inst., prices ended 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. lower. Reports of rains in parts of Illinois and Iowa and cooler weather led to selling. A private report estimated the crop at 740,000,000 bushels. This is the lowest figure thus far this year. The visible supply fell off 1,082,000 bushels. On the 5th inst., prices advanced the limit permitted for one day's trading of 3c. Renewed liquidation caused an early decline, but later came a rally on a good demand from commission houses.

On the 6th inst. prices declined $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1c. under general liquidation influenced by more favorable weather conditions. It was cooler and showery. A report from Decatur, Ill. said that oats were as near a failure as ever had been seen.

On the 7th inst. prices were off $\frac{5}{8}$ to $\frac{7}{8}$ c. owing to liquidation inspired by showers and cooler weather over the belt. Commission houses were buying on the reactions and selling on the bulges.

To-day prices closed $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ c. higher in response to the strength in wheat. Final prices show a decline for the week of $1\frac{7}{8}$ to 2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat. 55	Mon. 53 $\frac{1}{4}$	Tues. 55 $\frac{3}{4}$	Wed. 55 $\frac{1}{4}$	Thurs. 54 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fri. 54 $\frac{1}{2}$
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July	Sat. 43 $\frac{3}{8}$	Mon. 41 $\frac{3}{8}$	Tues. 44 $\frac{1}{4}$	Wed. 43 $\frac{3}{8}$	Thurs. 43	Fri. 43 $\frac{1}{2}$
September	43 $\frac{3}{8}$	41 $\frac{3}{8}$	44 $\frac{1}{4}$	43 $\frac{3}{8}$	42 $\frac{3}{8}$	43 $\frac{3}{8}$
December	44 $\frac{3}{8}$	42 $\frac{3}{8}$	45 $\frac{3}{8}$	44 $\frac{3}{8}$	44	44 $\frac{3}{8}$

Season's High and When Made. | *Season's Low and When Made.*

July	47 $\frac{1}{4}$	June 1 1934	July	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	Apr. 17 1934
September	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	May 25 1934	September	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	Apr. 17 1934
December	50	June 1 1934	December	42	June 5 1934

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

July	Sat. 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mon. 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tues. 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wed. 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thurs. 36 $\frac{3}{4}$	Fri. 36 $\frac{3}{4}$
October	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38	38	37 $\frac{3}{4}$	37 $\frac{3}{4}$

Rye showed a declining tendency all through the session on the 2d inst. Prices ended $2\frac{3}{4}$ to 3c. lower. Selling was based on the weakness in other grain. On the 4th inst., prices ended 1 to $1\frac{1}{4}$ c. lower in response to the weakness in other grain and also because of an increase in the visible supply of 450,000 bushels. Trading was small. On the 5th inst., prices advanced $2\frac{1}{4}$ to $2\frac{3}{8}$ c. in sympathy with wheat. Demand was fair and there was little selling pressure.

On the 6th inst. prices closed $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ c. lower after being at one time more than a cent higher. Selling increased on the bulges and with wheat off oats followed.

On the 7th inst. prices ended $\frac{1}{2}$ c. lower. Early in the session prices declined 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. but a good demand developed at this point and a sharp advance followed.

To-day prices followed other grain and ended 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. higher. Final prices are $\frac{7}{8}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July	Sat. 61 $\frac{3}{8}$	Mon. 60 $\frac{3}{8}$	Tues. 63 $\frac{1}{8}$	Wed. 62 $\frac{3}{8}$	Thurs. 62 $\frac{3}{8}$	Fri. 63 $\frac{1}{8}$
September	63 $\frac{1}{8}$	62 $\frac{3}{8}$	64 $\frac{3}{8}$	64 $\frac{3}{8}$	64 $\frac{3}{8}$	65 $\frac{3}{8}$

Season's High and When Made. | *Season's Low and When Made.*

July	70	Nov. 21 1933	July	50 $\frac{3}{8}$	Apr. 19 1934
September	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	June 1 1934	September	52 $\frac{3}{8}$	Apr. 19 1934

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

July	Sat. 51 $\frac{3}{8}$	Mon. 52 $\frac{3}{8}$	Tues. 51 $\frac{3}{8}$	Wed. 51 $\frac{3}{8}$	Thurs. 51 $\frac{3}{8}$	Fri. 52
October	54 $\frac{3}{8}$	54 $\frac{3}{8}$	55 $\frac{3}{8}$	54	53 $\frac{3}{8}$	54 $\frac{3}{8}$

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BARLEY FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July	Sat. 51 $\frac{3}{8}$	Mon. 51	Tues. 54 $\frac{1}{4}$	Wed. 53 $\frac{1}{4}$	Thurs. 51 $\frac{3}{8}$	Fri. 52 $\frac{1}{2}$
September	52 $\frac{1}{4}$	51 $\frac{3}{8}$	55	53 $\frac{1}{4}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BARLEY FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

July	Sat. 42 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mon. 43 $\frac{1}{4}$	Tues. 42 $\frac{3}{4}$	Wed. 42 $\frac{1}{4}$	Thurs. 42 $\frac{1}{4}$	Fri. 42 $\frac{3}{4}$
October	44 $\frac{3}{4}$	44 $\frac{3}{4}$	45 $\frac{3}{4}$	44 $\frac{3}{4}$	44 $\frac{3}{4}$	44 $\frac{3}{4}$

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.	
Wheat, New York—	Oats, New York—
No. 2 red, c.i.f., domestic.....115 3/8	No. 2 white.....54 1/8
Manitoba No. 1, f.o.b. N. Y. 86 3/8	No. 3 white.....55 3/8
	Rye, No. 2, f.o.b. bond N. Y. 61 1/2
Corn, New York—	Chicago, No. 2.....Nom.
No. 2 yellow, all rail.....71 1/4	Barley—
No. 3 yellow, all rail.....70 3/8	N. Y., 47 1/2 lbs. malting 68
	Chicago, cash.....55-100
FLOUR.	
Spring pats., high protein \$7.55 @ 8.25	Rye flour patents.....\$4.85 @ 5.20
Spring patents.....7.25 @ 7.55	Seminola, bbl., Nos. 1-3.....9.15 @ 10.30
Clears, first spring.....6.40 @ 6.70	Oats good.....2.95
Soft winter straights.....6.15 @ 6.80	Corn flour.....2.00
Hard winter straights.....6.90 @ 7.30	Barley goods—
Hard winter patents.....7.25 @ 7.65	Coarse.....3.60
Hard winter clears.....6.10 @ 6.55	Fancy pearl, Nos. 2, 4 & 7 5.45 @ 5.65

For other tables usually given here see page 3900.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, June 2, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.					
	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
United States—					
Boston.....	59,000	5,000			
New York.....	32,000	47,000	35,000	*45,000	46,000
afloat.....	32,000	62,000	50,000		
Philadelphia.....	168,000	196,000	47,000	660,000	16,000
Baltimore.....	532,000	6,000	28,000	638,000	1,000
Newport News.....	141,000	11,000			
New Orleans.....	21,000	115,000	31,000	2,000	
Galveston.....	455,000				
Fort Worth.....	1,811,000	104,000	112,000	6,000	16,000
Wichita.....	791,000		2,000		
Hutchinson.....	2,231,000	4,000			
St. Joseph.....	1,235,000	1,749,000	280,000		
Kansas City.....	24,797,000	1,346,000	230,000	84,000	34,000
Omaha.....	3,770,000	5,232,000	545,000	37,000	36,000
St. Louis.....	318,000	361,000	147,000	5,000	8,000
St. Paul.....	1,931,000	288,000	194,000	88,000	25,000
Indianapolis.....	342,000	1,332,000	508,000		
Peoria.....		83,000	135,000		
Chicago.....	2,567,000	13,656,000	2,393,000	4,111,000	1,069,000
On Lakes.....	285,000	168,000	80,000		
Milwaukee.....	143,000	2,092,000	1,132,000	110,000	497,000
Minneapolis.....	17,968,000	3,389,000	10,155,000	2,530,000	5,982,000
Duluth.....	11,326,000	4,496,000	8,467,000	1,809,000	1,106,000
Detroit.....	76,000	8,000	20,000	21,000	79,000
Buffalo.....	4,858,000	8,469,000	1,008,000	1,324,000	362,000
On Canal.....		347,000	121,000		
Total June 2 1934.....	75,920,000	43,551,000	25,725,000	10,270,000	9,277,000
Total May 26 1934.....	77,265,000	45,551,000	26,807,000	9,819,000	9,557,000
Total June 3 1933.....	116,007,000	36,298,000	22,844,000	8,748,000	10,809,000

* Includes 3,000 Polish rye. a Includes foreign rye, duty paid. b Also has 221,000 Polish rye.

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Wheat, New York, 166,000 bushels; New York afloat, 163,000; Boston, 65,000; Buffalo, 3,434,000; Buffalo afloat, 104,000; Duluth, 64,000; Erie, 859,000; on Lakes, 306,000; Canal, 100,000; total, 5,261,000 bushels, against 5,743,000 bushels in 1933.

Canadian—					
	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
Montreal.....	4,386,000		1,239,000	425,000	294,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	70,343,000		1,887,000	2,226,000	3,903,000
Other Canadian and other water points	26,599,000		2,527,000	481,000	1,479,000
Total June 2 1934.....	101,328,000		5,653,000	3,132,000	5,676,000
Total May 26 1934.....	102,169,000		5,561,000	3,069,000	5,525,000
Total June 3 1933.....	86,266,000		3,971,000	3,913,000	3,006,000

Summary—					
	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
American.....	75,920,000	43,551,000	25,725,000	10,270,000	9,277,000
Canadian.....	101,328,000		5,653,000	3,132,000	5,676,000
Total June 2 1934.....	177,248,000	43,551,000	31,378,000	13,402,000	14,953,000
Total May 26 1934.....	179,434,000	45,551,000	32,368,000	12,888,000	15,082,000
Total June 3 1933.....	202,273,000	36,298,000	26,915,000	12,661,000	13,815,000

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending June 1, and since July 1 1933 and July 2 1932, are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	Week July 1 1934.	Since July 1 1933.	Since July 2 1932.	Week July 1 1934.	Since July 1 1933.	Since July 2 1932.
North Amer.	Bushels. 3,256,000	Bushels. 203,908,000	Bushels. 280,227,000	Bushels. 5,000	Bushels. 820,000	Bushels. 5,533,000
Black Sea.....	144,000	41,467,000	19,512,000	315,000	33,039,000	65,800,000
Argentina.....	2,409,000	124,567,000	103,391,000	3,171,000	198,009,000	133,655,000
Australia.....	1,410,000	82,734,000	148,306,000			
Oth. countr.	560,000	25,948,000	23,805,000	187,000	10,727,000	31,173,000
Total.....	7,779,000	478,624,000	575,241,000	3,678,000	242,595,000	296,161,000

Agricultural Department Report on Winter Wheat, Rye, &c.—The Department of Agriculture at Washington on June 8 issued its crop report as of June 1 1934. This report estimates the June 1 condition of winter wheat 55.3% this year as compared with 70.9% of normal on May 1, 64.0% of normal of June 1 1933, 64.7% on June 1 1932 and a 10-year average condition of 75.7%. The estimated production of winter wheat is now estimated at 400,000,000 bushels, which compares with the Department's estimate of 461,471,000 bushels a month ago and with a harvest of 351,030,000 bushels last year. Spring wheat condition is placed at 41.8% of normal as of June 1 as against 84.9% on June 1 of last year. The condition of rye this year on June 1 is estimated at 43.5% of normal with a yield of only 18,800,000 bushels compared with the May 1 estimate of 27,900,000 bushels, when the condition was 67.8%. Last year's harvest of rye was 21,200,000 bushels and the five year (1927-31) average production, 40,900,000 bushels. We give below a summary of the Department's report, the full detailed report will be given in these columns next week.

GENERAL CROP REPORT AS OF JUNE 1 1934.

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture makes the following forecasts and estimates for the United States, from reports and data furnished by crop correspondents, fields statisticians, and cooperating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture and Agricultural Colleges:

Crop.	Acreage for Harvest 1934.		Total Production (million bushels).		Yield per Acre (bushels).		
	Per Cent. of 1933.	Acres in Thousands.	Average 1927-31.	1933.	Average 1922-31.	1933.	Indicated June 1 1934.
Winter Wheat	122.2	34,725	632	351	400	15.2	12.4
Rye	125.5	2,951	40.9	21.2	18.8	12.4	9.0
Peaches, total crop			57.9	45.3	48.7		
Pears, total crop			22.5	21.2	21.4		

Crop.	Condition June 1.			
	Average 1922-31 Per Cent.	1932 Per Cent.	1933 Per Cent.	1934 Per Cent.
Wheat:				
Winter.....	75.7	64.7	64.0	55.3
All spring.....	83.3	84.5	84.9	41.3
Durum.....		84.7	84.5	29.6
Other spring.....		84.0	84.9	42.4
Oats.....	82.1	78.9	78.7	47.2
Barley.....	83.4	82.3	80.4	44.7
Rye.....	80.8	80.4	73.7	43.5

Weather Report for the Week Ended June 6.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended June 6, follows:

The week was extremely warm in the Ohio and middle and upper Mississippi Valleys and the Plains States. It was cooler than normal in the Southeast and most of the more western districts. Chart I shows that the weekly mean temperatures over a large north-central area of the country ranged from 6 to 20 degrees above normal. The maxima were 100 degrees, or higher, in the western Ohio Valley and from southern Illinois, central Arkansas and eastern Kansas northward.

Chart II shows the geographic distribution of precipitation during the week. Heavy rains again occurred in the Southeast, and light to moderate showers in most of the central valley sections and the Northwest. However, in the latter areas many stations still report no rain at all, or very light amounts. Much of the far Northwest had substantial showers, but the Southwest had very little rain.

Light to rather heavy showers over considerable areas the latter part of the week brought temporary help to many localities in the central valleys and Northwest. However, the showers were of a decidedly local character and no widespread permanent relief from drouthy conditions has as yet been afforded. The soil is so extremely dry that heavy rains will be necessary to permanently relieve conditions. In addition, much of the week was extremely warm in the central valleys and Northwest, the previous high all-time temperature records being broken in some places.

Some of the western mountain States fared better than did the sections to the eastward. The eastern third of Wyoming and some western counties of that State, also the western half of Montana, much of Idaho and more generally Washington had substantial precipitation which was decidedly favorable. In northern New Mexico, western Colorado and more locally in Utah there were good rains, but in most of these States and Nevada drouthy conditions were intensified.

Drouthy conditions are gradually spreading eastward and southward, with the need of rain becoming more pronounced in New York, western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, about half of Tennessee, northern Alabama, parts of Mississippi, northern and western Arkansas and Texas.

Small grains have suffered severely, especially oats, which have been going back at an extremely rapid rate. Considerable spring wheat in the southern portion of the belt is now practically beyond help, while much winter wheat in the earlier districts is ripening too fast on short straw and with imperfectly developed heads. The corn crop still has a chance, with local showers during the week aiding germination in a good many localities. Pastures and hay crops are extremely short in the interior and Northwest, though they are showing some revival in Minnesota and will be helped materially by recent rains in many places from northern New Mexico northwestward to Idaho and western Montana.

The Southeast and Atlantic areas, northward to eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, continue to have good growing weather, although the surface soil is becoming dry in some northern sections. There has been too much rain in the Southeast, especially in South Carolina and Georgia where fields are becoming grassy from lack of cultivation.

CORN.—The early-planted corn that is up continues in mostly fair condition, but considerable of the late-planted grain has not germinated. Local showers during the week were decidedly helpful, but they were insufficient in many places to promote germination. In Texas and Oklahoma the crop is being adversely affected by lack of moisture, but in the eastern half of Kansas development was mostly fair to very good. In Missouri progress was slow, while in Illinois plants are small and uneven, with some wilting. In Iowa early corn is fair, but late planted is poor, with much still lying in dust. In Ohio late corn is mostly still ungerminated.

COTTON.—In general, the weather was somewhat less favorable than recently for cotton. There was too much rain in most of the Atlantic area, especially in South Carolina and Georgia where plants are becoming sappy and fields grassy from lack of cultivation. In the central sections of the belt progress was mostly satisfactory, while in Oklahoma conditions continue fair to good. Rain is needed in Texas, but the cotton crop is withstanding the dryness well, and continues mostly in fair shape.

SMALL GRAINS.—There was no material change in conditions in the winter wheat belt, with further damage in many parts. In the Ohio Valley wheat deteriorated or made only poor progress, although locally fair to very good; the crop is generally short and not filling well, while some is firing. In the central Mississippi Valley condition is very poor to only fair and wheat is ripening too fast in places. In eastern Kansas it is ripening prematurely, with harvest beginning in the extreme southeast, but in the western half much was dried up, with some being pastured or cut for forage. In Oklahoma rains were too late to help the crop, with condition poor to only fair; harvest is expected to be general within the week. In Nebraska there was further heavy abandonment of winter wheat and the crop is a failure over a large area; due to scarcity of feed, some fields are being pastured. In Montana rains were helpful in many parts, but in the southeast and east-central districts the drouth was unrelieved, with abandonment increased and there is little grain that could be saved if rains occur. Showers were helpful in Wyoming and parts of Idaho, while in Utah considerable grains are being abandoned by restricted irrigation water, and dry-land grains are failing extensively. In the Pacific Northwest showers were very helpful, but some localities still need rain.

In the spring wheat region showers were very timely and afforded temporary relief in Minnesota, parts of North Dakota and Montana, but the general drouth is still unbroken, with a generous soaking rain urgently needed. In Minnesota showers were of temporary relief with crops reviving where moisture is ample, but many small grain fields were damaged beyond recovery and are being reseeded to other crops. In South Dakota moisture was generally too late, while in North Dakota further abandonment occurred with the grain used for pasturage.

Oats are reported very poor or nearly a complete failure in much of the Ohio Valley and Missouri, while in Iowa the extreme heat forced the crop too rapidly into head, which may prevent any recovery even with more favorable weather.

The Weather Bureau furnished the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Temperatures about normal; light to locally heavy scattered showers. Weather mostly favorable for work and growth. Chopping cotton in full swing. Corn started well. Wheat mostly good but oats poor in many sections. Meadows and pastures poor, but improving in extreme west; good elsewhere. Potatoes fair to good. Transplanting sweet potatoes and tobacco and planting peanuts nearing completion.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Too much rain in parts, though generally beneficial. Progress of cotton fair to very good; good to excellent stands of tobacco and cotton. Sunshine needed for cultivation and harvesting. Fruits improved. Planting late corn delayed by wet soil.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Week cloudy, with frequent rains. Little farm work or cultivation possible account wet fields. Grain harvest delayed. Cotton becoming sappy; warmth and sunshine urgently needed for chopping and cultivation.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Washing rains locally unfavorable for cotton, corn and other crops; numerous complaints of grassy fields. Chopping cotton slow advance in north and central. Some corn still to be planted, especially on lowlands; crops need cultivation. Truck, meadows and pastures good.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Rainfall heavy. Cotton condition and progress fairly good. Corn, sweet potatoes and tobacco good. Truck fair to good. Citrus excellent; fruit holding well.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Irregular showers; more moisture needed in north. Chopping cotton fair progress and nearing completion; growth fair and condition fairly good. Corn progress and condition fair.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Mostly light showers; warm after Thursday. Rain generally needed. Progress of cotton rather poor to fairly good; growth mostly slow; fairly good progress of cultivation. Corn poor to fair advance.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Moderate temperatures and scattered showers mostly favorable for growth and cultivation of crops and harvesting potatoes, oats and hay. Progress and condition of cotton fair to very good; squares forming in all sections. Corn good to excellent; cultivation about finished in south where some early tasseling. Cane and rice continue good growth and truck, minor crops and pastures mostly good.

Texas.—Houston: Mostly warm, especially in northwest; rainfall light and widely scattered. Cotton and winter wheat withstood dryness well and mostly in fair to good condition, although wheat poor in some Panhandle counties and in Abilene district. Corn and oats adversely affected and dubious in most sections. Cattle and ranges mostly fair to good. Rainfall needed for all crops.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Hot, with showers last 3 days, except in extreme northeast and north-central. Condition and progress of cotton fair to good; chopping good progress. Rain too late to benefit wheat and oats and these crops deteriorated; condition poor to only fair; some harvested and harvest general within week. Progress of corn poor; condition still fair.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress of cotton good to excellent in most portions; chopping completed rather generally and crop clean and well cultivated; stands very good to excellent and plants small, but healthy. Progress of corn poor in north and west, but very good elsewhere. Favorable for all other crops.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Good rains in some central and eastern areas, but probably half of State suffering from dryness. Pastures deteriorated. Tobacco setting delayed. Wheat ripened rapidly; condition poor in west, but fair in east. Condition of cotton mostly fairly good; warmth favorable, but moisture needed. Condition of corn very good locally, but poor elsewhere.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Few local showers and temperatures high. Drouth effects show in shrinking pastures and low water supply in many localities. Progress and condition of winter wheat poor to very good; upland grains not filling completely. Condition and progress of corn fair; mostly not injured, except growth retarded. Tobacco transplanting continued by machine; one third to half done; stands imperfect and practically none set in hill districts.

THE DROUTH SITUATION AT THE END OF MAY 1934.

At the end of May the most extensive drouth in the climatological history of the United States had developed in the interior, and in the Northwestern and Western States. In the Northwest precipitation prior to 1934 had been below normal for several years. For example, in Minnesota every one of the last 5 years up to and including 1933 had below normal rainfall, with an accumulated deficiency of 18.62 inches, and since the beginning of 1934 the shortage has become greater at a more rapid rate than theretofore. The accumulated deficiency for North Dakota during the past 5 years is 12.54 inches, while for the 3 spring months, from March to May inclusive 1934, there was an average for the State of only 1.27 inches, which was by far the lowest ever recorded for these months. In the Ohio Valley the drouth is of more recent inception. In this area the deficiencies in rainfall began generally just about a year ago, but nearly every month since then has had less than normal.

The present drouth differs in several respects from that of 1930, and in some ways is very unusual. Seldom does a severe drouth begin so early in the year, and in no other case of record has one at any time covered such extensive areas as at present. In general, it is severe throughout the Ohio and central and upper Mississippi Valleys, the central and northern Plains, most of the Rocky Mountain sections and in the Great Basin of the West, covering approximately three-fourths of the country. The 1930 drouth spread from the East-Central States westward over the central valleys, while the present one has spread from the Northwest westward, southward and eastward.

The percentage of normal precipitation by States for the month of May shows that the Ohio Valley and Dakotas region had less than one-fourth to a little more than a third of normal for this month. Iowa had only 26% of normal, Minnesota 30, North Dakota 14, South Dakota 20, Nebraska 27, Montana 31, Wyoming 27, Idaho 34, Utah 28 and Nevada 34%. These figures are subject to slight revision when complete reports are in, but they are substantially correct. It was the driest May of record in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and South Dakota. It was the second driest of record in Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska and Montana. In Nebraska only one May, 1894, has been drier, and this May had only 0.05 inch more than that year. The average rainfall in Ohio for May was only 0.83 inch, and the previous driest May of record had twice that much.

The percentage of normal for the 3 spring months, March to May, shows it was the driest spring of record in both the Dakotas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois, and the second driest of record in Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Missouri and Kansas. In Illinois, for example, the total rainfall for the 3 months was only 5.21 inches; and the previous low record was 6.06 inches; in Minnesota the previous low spring record of 3.39 inches was more than 20% greater than the 2.79 inches received this spring. North Dakota had only 1.27 inches of rain during the 3 months; the previous low record, 2.15 inches in 1901, was nearly 70% greater than this.

The following shows the total spring rainfall for the several States in the principal grain sections: Kentucky 8.54, Ohio 5.89, Indiana 5.75, Illinois 5.21, Michigan 4.92, Wisconsin 4.71, Minnesota 2.79, Iowa 3.22, Missouri 6.64, Kansas 4.69, Nebraska 2.22, South Dakota 2.06, North Dakota 1.27, Montana 2.46. In Kansas the principal drouth appears in the west where only 41% of the normal rainfall occurred in May, while in Washington, the eastern part of the State, or the principal wheat-growing section, had only 33% of normal.

The percentage of normal precipitation, by States, for the 12 months ending with May 1934 shows that in the Northwest and central valleys these range from a little more than 50% in the northern Great Plains to from 60 to 70% in the central Plains, and the central Mississippi and Ohio Valleys. It was the driest similar period of record in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas and Nebraska, and the second driest in Ohio and Michigan. The widespread nature of the drouth is shown by the following: In Ohio, for the 12 months ending with May, the accumulated deficiency in rainfall is 11.46 inches, Illinois 14.63, Nebraska 8.36, North Dakota 8.32 and Utah 5.21 inches.

Extremely high temperatures during May in the interior valleys and the Northwest intensified the effects of the scanty rainfall; not only on a number of occasions were the previous high May records of temperature broken, but over considerable sections it was the warmest May ever known. At Des Moines, Iowa, the average May temperature of 71 degrees was not only the highest of record, but equaled the June normal. In the northern Plains the averages for most stations were higher than the normal for June. Huron, S. Dak., had a May average of 70 degrees, which was 4 degrees higher than the June normal, while the Rapid City, S. Dak., mean of 67 degrees was 3 degrees higher than the normal for June. Throughout this northwestern section it was not uncommon for maximum temperatures to range from 100 to 104 degrees for several days in succession. Severe and damaging dust storms were frequent.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, June 8 1934.

While retail business in the metropolitan area benefited somewhat from numerous clearances and promotions and from the favorable turn in the weather, reports from the Middle Western and Northwestern States were less encouraging, reflecting the effects of the drouth in those sections.

Sales of the large mail-order concerns for the month of May were quite satisfactory, showing increases of over 30%, but these houses are expected to feel the full brunt of the reduced buying power of the stricken farmers within the very near future unless governmental assistance will prove so effective as to overcome the bad results of the drouth. In contrast to the unfavorable reports from the West and Northwest, retail trade in the Southern and in the Pacific States continues to give a good account of itself. Retail prices have experienced further recessions, reflecting the desire of merchants to lighten their inventories, at a time when the outlook for business seems rather obscure, in view of the many political uncertainties and the continued labor unrest in major industries.

Trading in the wholesale dry goods markets continued very sluggish. Sales to retail accounts have slackened, reflecting the revival of the custom of hand-to-mouth buying by many merchants. The recent weakness in the price structure did much to produce extreme caution on the part of buyers who were naturally anxious to obtain all possible concessions. Dry goods jobbers, on their part, had little incentive to cover on any of their fall requirements, with the exception of some fill-in lots. Real activity is not looked for until after the July holiday. Piece goods continued to attract some buying, with woolens being in fair demand. Business in silk greige goods was quiet, with few odd lots of sheers being taken for spot delivery. Some contracts for satins and crepes for fall were placed by converters. Weighted crepes were offered at lower prices. A better demand is reported for rayon weaving yarns, but it is said that large producers are getting the bulk of this business. As a result, their inventory position is believed to be comfortable while that of the smaller producers is not as satisfactory, although an improvement in this respect is looked for later this month when broadsilk weavers start placing their volume orders for fall lines. Nearby demand for both acetate and cuprammonium yarns has shown an improvement.

Domestic Cotton Goods.—While the threat of a general textile strike was never taken very seriously in the cotton trade, the announcement of its definite avoidance, coupled with an advance in raw cotton prices, served to produce a better sentiment in the gray cloth markets. The settlement of the strike threat was viewed as a constructive factor, since it established the right of the industry to arrange its own working hours without dictation from the union leaders, while the higher raw cotton quotations appeared to reflect fears of a smaller crop than was heretofore anticipated, as well as a revival of rumors of inflationary moves following the adjournment of Congress. Reports concerning the movement of finished goods were none too good, but the more or less drastic price reductions resorted to by both wholesalers and retailers were believed to pave the way for a revival of consumer buying. Buyers of print cloths were ready to cover on fairly substantial quantities for late July, August and September, but mills showed little willingness to sell forward deliveries, obviously believing that prices will stage an early recovery from present levels. Trading in fine yarn cotton goods was mostly confined to small lots for immediate delivery. Reorders on summer fancies resulted in calls for quick shipment of some pique and seersucker constructions. A slightly better movement was observed in combed broadcloths. Closing prices in print cloth were as follows: 39-inch 80s, 8½¢ to 8¾¢; 39-inch 72-76s, 8 to 8½¢; 39-inch 68-72s, 7¼ to 7¾¢; 38½-inch 64-60s, 6¼ to 6¾¢; 38½-inch 60-48s, 5½¢.

Woolen Goods.—While trading in men's wear fabrics continued to be confined to occasional orders of fall goods on the part of Western clothing manufacturers, in addition to a steady flow of re-orders on tropical worsteds and flannels for spot delivery, sentiment appeared considerably improved. Prices are holding at present levels, and clothing manufacturers, particularly in the East, are believed to be short of supplies, with the result that a pick-up in retail sales should be quickly reflected in larger purchases by the cutters. Reports from the retail centres stress the steady demand for summer merchandise, while in other respects as yet no signs of a revival in consumer buying have appeared. Following the sampling of fall lines of women's wear fabrics by garment manufacturers, a few initial orders, particularly for crepe mixtures, were placed, but business has not really gotten under way as yet, one cause of the delay being a dispute over freight charges and discounts. Should the present slow retail movement of goods give way to an improvement within the near future it is held likely that the reluctance of manufacturers to cover their requirements may result in a scramble for quick deliveries.

Foreign Dry Goods.—Trading in linen goods continued brisk. A goodly number of fill-in orders for dress goods as well as men's suitings was placed, while retail buying by consumers received a further impetus through the advent of real summer temperatures. Best call was for plain dress weight linens. Attention of importers is now centered on the preparation of next season's lines. Business in burlap continued quiet and was confined to small lots. Following an early decline in the Calcutta market as a result of the considerable increase during May in stocks of Hessian goods, buying by speculators caused a rally in that centre. Domestically light weights were unchanged at 4.35c., heavies at 6.05c.

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MUNICIPAL BOND SALES DURING MAY.

The upward trend of the market for the bonds of States and municipalities, which has been in evidence since the beginning of 1934, was fully maintained throughout the month of May. The continued demand for high-grade municipal bonds made possible the sale of 15 issues of more than \$1,000,000 each, including a \$20,000,000 issue by the State of Pennsylvania, a \$10,000,000 offering by Chicago, Ill., and a \$5,000,000 issue by the State of New Jersey. Moreover, most of the issues were keenly competed for by investment bankers, which resulted in their sale at terms extremely advantageous to the municipalities.

Our usual compilation shows that the sales of State and municipal bonds during the month of May aggregated \$77,590,594. This figure compares with \$109,586,422 in April, although almost half of the April amount was accounted for by the State of New York, which marketed an issue of \$50,000,000. The total municipal financing in May 1933 was \$44,790,533.

An event of great importance to States and municipalities and investors in obligations of that type occurred during the latter part of May, when President Roosevelt signed the Municipal Bankruptcy Bill. This measure permits the orderly refinancing and(or) scaling down of the debts of a municipality upon approval of a practical plan by a Federal Court in whose jurisdiction the sub-division may be located and with the consent of holders of varying percentages of the obligations involved. Proponents of the legislation claim that it will permit the rehabilitation of the finances of numerous municipalities, which heretofore have been obstructed by minority creditors in their efforts to readjust outstanding bonded indebtedness within the capacity to pay. V. 138, p. 3640.

The municipal bond awards of \$1,000,000 or more made during May are summarized herewith:

- \$20,000,000 Pennsylvania (State of) 3% war veterans' compensation bonds, due \$2,000,000 annually from 1944 to 1953 incl., awarded to Drexel & Co. of Philadelphia and associates at a price of 100.19, a basis of about 2.90%. Re-offered for public investments at prices ranging from 102.50 for the early maturities down to 101.75.
- 10,000,000 Chicago, Ill., 5% long-term obligations, sold privately to A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., of Chicago as follows: \$7,000,000 refunding bonds of 1932 at a price of 101, while \$3,000,000 water fund certificates brought a price of 101.75. The \$7,000,000 bonds, which mature \$1,000,000 annually from 1935 to 1941 incl., were re-offered by the bankers priced to yield 4.45%. No re-offering has been made as yet of the \$3,000,000 issue.
- 5,000,000 New Jersey (State of) 3 1/4% emergency relief bonds, due \$625,000 annually from 1935 to 1942 incl., purchased by a syndicate headed by the Guaranty Co. of New York at 100.46, a basis of about 3.14%. Offered for general investment on a yield basis ranging from 1 to 3.35%, according to maturity.
- 2,966,000 Sacramento, Calif., bonds, comprising \$2,890,000 3 3/4s, due from 1935 to 1959 incl., and \$76,000 3 1/2s, due in 1960, sold to an account headed by the First of Boston Corp. of New York at 100.05, a basis of about 3.73%. The re-offering was made at prices to yield 3.70% for the 3 1/4% bonds and from 1 to 3.75% on the 3 1/2s.
- 2,378,000 Joint Highway District No. 13, Calif., Alameda and Contra Costa Counties tunnel bonds were purchased by the Bancamerica Co. of San Francisco and associates at 100.003, a basis of about 3.46%. The bankers took \$1,738,000 bonds, due from 1935 to 1945 incl., as 3 3/4s, and \$640,000, due from 1946 to 1949 incl., as 3 1/2s.
- 2,000,000 Hartford County Metropolitan District, Conn., 3% bonds, due \$100,000 each year from 1936 to 1955 incl., awarded to a group headed by R. L. Day & Co. of New York at 103.09, a basis of about 2.67%. Public re-offering was made on a yield basis ranging from 1.25 to 2.75%, according to maturity.
- 2,000,000 Los Angeles, Calif., 4 1/4% water works bonds, due \$50,000 each year from 1935 to 1974 incl., sold to a syndicate headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., of New York at 100.85, a basis of about 4.42%. Offered to investors at prices to yield from 1.25 to 4.40%, according to maturity.
- 1,990,000 Albany, N. Y., bonds, comprising \$1,290,000 2 3/4s and \$700,000 2 1/2s, due serially from 1935 to 1954 incl., purchased by an account headed by Kidder, Peabody & Co. of New York at 100.04, a basis of about 2.62%. Public re-offering was made on a yield basis ranging from 0.75 to 2.85%, according to maturity.
- 1,425,000 Houston, Tex., bonds, comprising \$1,063,000 4 1/2s, due from 1944 to 1956 incl., \$192,000 4 1/4s, due from 1937 to 1942, \$106,000 4 3/4s, due from 1937 to 1942, and \$64,000 4 1/2s, due from 1940 to 1949, purchased by Lehman Bros. of New York and associates at 102.15, a basis of about 4.29%. Re-offered to yield, according to interest rate and maturity, from 3 to 4.20%.

- 1,324,000 San Francisco (City and County of), Calif., 4% water distribution bonds, due serially from 1934 to 1953 incl., awarded jointly to the William R. Staats Co. of San Francisco and the Security-First National Co. of Los Angeles at a price of 102.12, a basis of about 3.72%.
- 1,284,400 Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority, N. Y., 5% first lien bonds, sold to the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. of Buffalo. Due Jan. 1 1954; callable at any interest payment date at a price of 101.50 on or after Jan. 1 1942 upon four weeks' notice. The bankers re-offered the bonds for public investment at a price of par and accrued interest.
- 1,200,000 Montana (State of) 4% educational refunding bonds, awarded to the First National Bank of St. Paul and associates at a price of 100.14.
- 1,100,000 Luzerne County, Pa., 3 3/4% funding bonds, due serially from 1941 to 1947 incl., awarded to a group headed by the Philadelphia National Co. of Philadelphia at 100.28, a basis of about 3.72%.
- 1,000,000 Hamilton County, Ohio, 1 1/2% selective sales tax poor relief bonds, due serially from 1934 to 1936 incl., awarded jointly to the Bankers Trust Co. of New York and the Ohio National Bank of Columbus at a price of 100.129, a basis of about 1.40%.
- 1,000,000 Virginia (State of) 2 1/4% certificates of indebtedness, due July 1 1944, awarded to a syndicate headed by Brown Bros. Harriman & Co. of New York and associates at 100.33, a basis of about 2.46%. Re-offered for public investment at a price of 101.25, to yield about 2.36%.

Record of Issues That Failed of Sale During May.

Although a number of municipalities still are unable to dispose of their offerings, notwithstanding the upward trend of the market for municipal issues, the volume of such failures is on a greatly reduced scale as compared with the situation throughout 1933. Only 20 of such abortive offerings occurred during the month of May, with the aggregate par value of the bonds involved being \$7,234,050. Three separate loans accounted for \$5,548,000 of that total. In May 1933 there were 49 of such failures recorded, while the total amount involved was \$6,473,513.

In the table which follows we furnish a list of the unsuccessful May offerings, showing the name of the municipality, the amount and rate of interest named in the issue, together with the reason, if any, assigned for the non-sale of the bonds. Reference also is made to the page number of the "Chronicle" where an account of each of the abortive offerings may be found:

Page.	Name.	Int. Rate.	Amount.	Report.
3475	Buchanan County, Mo.	5%	\$1,400,000	No bids
3642	aCamden County, N. J.	5%	2,000,000	No bids
3476	Chagrin Falls, Ohio	5 1/2%	16,000	No bids
3315	Deal, N. J.	not exc. 6%	140,000	No bids
3315	Dearborn, Mich.	not exc. 4%	97,000	No bids
3135	bForest Hills, Pa.	not exc. 4 1/2%	95,000	Bid rejected
3644	cGreenwood, Miss.	6%	22,000	Sale continued
3316	Hoboken, N. J.	6%	146,000	No bids
3317	Kearny, N. J.	not exc. 6%	2,148,000	No bids
3479	dLancaster, Pa.	not exc. 4%	295,000	Sale postponed
3645	Lima, Ohio	6%	269,050	No bids
3317	Louisville, Ohio	6%	36,500	No bids
3646	eMuskingum County, Ohio	5 1/2%	89,500	Sale postponed
3138	New Kensington, Pa.	4 1/2%	150,000	No bids
3320	Rochester, Pa.	4 1/2%	18,000	Not sold
3483	Teaneck Township, N. J.	5 1/2%	212,000	No bids
3649	Tenafly, N. J.	not exc. 5 1/2%	100,000	No bids

a Bonds are expected to be exchanged for existing short-term obligations. b Issue was re-offered for award on June 6. V. 138, p. 3477. c Sale was continued to June 5. d Sale was deferred to June 7. e Award was put off until June 6.

Federal Poor Relief Activities.

In its endeavor to assist States and municipalities in providing direct relief to the unemployed and otherwise indigent citizens of the country, the Federal Government appropriated a total of \$800,000,000 for that purpose. The initial fund of \$300,000,000, made available to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, had been completely expended by May 1933. An additional sum of \$500,000,000 was then allotted to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Emergency Relief Act of 1933. From May 1933 to and including December 1933 a total of \$324,428,488 of the \$500,000,000 had been distributed. Disbursements up to May 1934 virtually exhausted the latest appropriation.

Public Works Administration Allotments.

The PWA has been allotting many millions of dollars each month for the financing of construction projects sponsored by States and municipalities. In allotting such funds, the PWA agrees to bear part of the expense of each project approved, equal to 30% of the amount used by the municipal borrower in the payment of labor and material. The balance of the allotment consists of a loan by the PWA secured by 4% bonds of the municipality undertaking the project. A marked decrease occurred in the number of allotments announced during May. Although the total for the month stands at \$39,001,000, this includes \$37,558,500 made available to New York City. The following table indicates the page number of the "Chronicle" where an account of each allotment during May has been published, together with

the name of the borrowing municipality and the total amount of each allotment:

Page.	Name.	Total Amount Allotted.	Page.	Name.	Total Amount Allotted.
3133	Bushnell, Ill.	\$80,000	3480	New York, N. Y.	\$37,558,500
3813	Long Beach School Districts, Calif.	777,500	3139	Rushville, Ill.	72,000
3137	Los Angeles Co. San F. Dist. No. 1, Calif.	134,000	3139	San Clemente, Calif.	46,000
3480	Manchester, Ga.	18,000	3139	Santa Clara Co., Calif.	185,500
			3139	Shippensburg S. D., Pa.	50,000
			3140	Sullivan, Ill.	79,500

Financing by States and municipalities on a short-term basis during May, representing sales of notes, certificates of indebtedness and other obligations maturing within one year, aggregated \$73,925,627. This includes borrowings of that nature by the City of New York in amount of \$34,530,000. The month's total also includes \$15,000,000 contributed by the State of New York and \$8,000,000 by the State of Massachusetts.

The sale by the Dominion of Canada of \$50,000,000 3 1/4% bonds in London, England, swelled the total of long-term Canadian municipal financing during May to \$58,046,639. The Dominion loan was offered to investors at a price of 96.50, yielding about 3.48% to maturity, which is May 1 1955, although the bonds are callable in whole or in part on or after May 1 1950. V. 138, p. 3818. The Province of Nova Scotia disposed of \$5,050,000 bonds in Canada during the month, while the Province of New Brunswick marketed an issue of \$1,857,000. None of the foregoing loans were placed in the United States.

As was the case in previous months of this year, there was no financing undertaken during May by any of the United States Possessions.

In the following table we furnish a comparison of all the various forms of obligations put out in May for the last five years:

	1934.	1933.	1932.	1931.	1930.
Perm. loans (U. S.)	77,590,594	44,790,533	87,334,298	174,998,521	144,872,096
*Temp. lns (U. S.)	73,925,627	112,282,030	47,643,000	29,597,000	23,135,500
Can. loans (perm.)					
Placed in Canada	58,046,639	2,813,949	20,939,936	15,944,512	30,315,640
Placed in U. S.	None	None	None	2,144,000	27,000,000
Bds. of U. S. Poss'ns	None	None	None	None	1,425,000
Gen. fd. bds., N.Y.C.	None	None	None	None	14,800,000
Total	209,562,860	159,886,512	155,917,234	222,684,033	241,548,236

* Including temporary securities issued by N. Y. City: \$34,530,000 in May 1934, \$18,016,530 in May 1933, \$18,400,000 in May 1932, none in May 1931, \$6,750,000 in May 1930 and \$14,536,500 in May 1929.

a Includes \$50,000,000 Dominion issue sold in London, England.

The number of municipalities emitting permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during May 1934 were 201 and 260, respectively. This contrasts with 182 and 235 for April 1934 and with 120 and 149 for May 1933.

For comparative purposes we add the following table, showing the aggregates of long-term issues for May and the five months for a series of years:

Year	Month of May	For the Five Months	Month of May	For the Five Months
1934	\$77,590,594	\$404,705,391	1913	\$83,234,579
1933	44,790,533	123,025,591	1912	98,852,064
1932	87,334,298	439,675,147	1911	33,765,245
1931	174,998,521	730,576,915	1910	18,767,754
1930	144,872,096	613,897,001	1909	27,597,869
1929	143,872,096	519,680,721	1908	25,280,431
1928	154,707,953	648,612,959	1907	15,722,336
1927	126,463,588	723,958,401	1906	14,895,937
1926	137,480,159	608,255,147	1905	16,569,966
1925	190,585,636	612,184,802	1904	55,110,016
1924	117,445,017	546,293,435	1903	14,846,227
1923	95,088,046	423,089,026	1902	20,956,404
1922	106,878,872	536,116,865	1901	14,562,340
1921	63,442,294	356,003,428	1900	6,623,264
1920	37,280,635	277,548,512	1899	7,897,642
1919	46,319,625	205,275,378	1898	7,036,926
1918	33,814,730	129,945,521	1897	8,258,927
1917	23,748,493	193,068,268	1896	10,712,538
1916	29,006,489	233,958,881	1895	11,587,766
1915	42,691,128	215,952,380	1894	14,349,410
1914	34,166,614	303,153,440	1893	4,093,969

a Includes \$6,200,000 bonds of New York City. b and c each include \$52,000,000 bonds of New York City, while d includes \$60,000,000 N. Y. City bonds.

In the following table we give a list of May loans in the amount of \$77,590,594, issued by 201 municipalities. In the case of each loan reference is made to the page in the "Chronicle" where accounts of the sale are given.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
3641	Albany, N. Y.	2 3/4	1935-1944	\$700,000	100.04	2.62
3641	Albany, N. Y. (3 issues)	2 3/4	1935-1944	590,000	100.04	2.62
3641	Albany, N. Y. (3 issues)	2 1/2	1935-1954	700,000	100.04	2.62
3313	Albany Co., N. Y.	3	1935-1944	195,000	100.75	2.85
3641	Anaconda, Mont.			743,350		
3809	Augusta, Ga.	4 1/2	1945	2,000	109.53	
3809	Augusta, Ga.	4	1957-1960	16,000	109.66	
3641	Beloit, Wis.	5	1935-1947	778,000	100	5.00
3133	Ben Avon, Pa.	4	1935-1954	41,000	102.47	3.70
3641	Berks Co., Pa.	4	1939-1949	7850,000	100.54	3.94
3475	Berwick, Pa.	4 1/2	1935-1953	45,000	100.30	4.46
3810	Bexar Co., Tex.	4 1/2	1935-1954	427,000	100.11	4.23
3314	Bloomfield, N. J.	4 1/2	1935-1944	310,000	100.05	3.40
3314	Bloomfield, N. J.	4	1935-1954	635,000	100.05	3.40
3314	Boston, Mass.	3 1/2	1937-1942	30,000	100.32	4.18
3810	Bridgeway, Pa.	4 1/2	1935-1958	115,000	100.65	3.43
3475	Bristol, R. I.	3 1/2	1935-1958	115,000	100.65	3.43
3642	Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority, N. Y.		1938-1954	1284,400		
3810	Burlington Co., N. J.	5 1/2	1940	225,000	100	5.25
3314	Burnside Twp., Pa.	5 1/2	1936-1954	45,400	100.46	5.25
3476	Canton, Ohio (3 issues)	4	1935-1944	61,775	100	
3810	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	4	1941-1953	371,000	105.18	3.50
3810	Center Point Ind. S. D., Iowa	4	1936-1946	12,000	101.91	3.70
3475	Center Twp., Ind.	4 1/2	1936-1945	128,868	100.50	4.16

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
3642	Chicago, Ill.	5		7000,000	101	
3476	Chicago, Ill.	5		3,000,000	101.75	
3642	Cincinnati, Ohio (2 iss.)	2 3/4		22,750	100	
3476	Clark City, Neb.	4	1934-1936	122,000	100.01	2.74
3642	Clinton Co., Ohio	3 1/2	1934-1936	20,500	100.07	3.24
3811	Columbus, Ohio (3 iss.)	4 1/2	1936-1955	38,900	100.39	4.19
3476	Concord, N. H.	3 1/2	1935-1946	60,000	101.74	2.95
3643	Converse Co. S. D. No. 15, Wyo.	4 1/2	1-10 yrs.	739,000		
3315	Coventry, R. I.	4 1/2	1936-1964	100,000		
3811	Cumberland, Md.	4 1/2	1954	100,000	107.68	3.94
3315	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio (2 issues)	3 1/2		551,000		
3476	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	3 1/2	1934-1936	415,000	100.17	3.11
3643	Dallas Co., Tex.	4		140,000	100.29	
3476	Dane Co., Wis.	3 1/2		55,000	100	3.25
3134	David City, Neb.	4		9,100	100	4.00
3476	Delaware, Ohio	4 1/2	1938-1942	737,000	100.07	4.74
3643	Dorset Twp., Ohio	4 1/2	1935-1939	5,000	100	4.00
3643	Du Bois S. D., Pa.	4	1936-1962	38,000	100	4.00
3643	Du Pare Co., Ill.	4 1/2	1936-1944	775,000	100	4.50
3643	Dutchess Co., N. Y.	2.10	1936-1939	100,000	100.05	2.09
3643	Easton, Pa.	3 1/2	1935-1954	337,000	100.29	3.10
3477	Eel Twp., Ind.	4 1/2	1936-1956	40,730	101.59	
3316	Fayette County, Ohio	3 1/2	1934-1936	25,500	100.11	3.16
3643	Fayetteville, N. C.	4		15,000		
3477	Fitchburg, Mass.	2 1/2	1935-1939	100,000	100.02	2.49
3644	Foard County Sch Dist. No. 3, Texas	5		31,350		
3477	Forward Twp. S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1938-1944	20,000	100.28	4.71
3811	Frankfort, N. Y.	4		22,000		
3644	Geary County, Kan.	4	1935-1940	15,000	100	4.00
3477	Georgetown, Mass.	3 1/2	1937-1964	95,000	100.61	3.20
3644	Gladeswater, Texas	6	5 years.	50,000	100.02	5.99
3811	Grand Haven, Mich.	5	1935-1953	36,500	100	5.00
3477	Grand Forks Ind. S. D. No. 1, N. Dak.	5 1/2	1935	35,000		
3644	Grand Island S. D., Neb.	3 1/2	1935-1944	28,000		
3477	Grayson Co. R. D. No. 7, Texas	4 1/2		774,000		
3316	Greene County, Mo.	4	1937	148,000	101.11	
3644	Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.	4	1934-1936	35,000	100.25	3.15
3477	Guernsey County, Ohio	3 1/2	1937-1946	50,000		
3812	Guymon, Okla.	4	1934-1936	1,000,000	100.12	1.40
3644	Hamilton County, Ohio	1 1/2	1935-1944	350,000	103.09	3.99
3316	Harris County, Texas	4	1945-1949	120,000	103.09	3.99
3316	Harris County, Texas	5				
3812	Harrison-Pottawattamie Drainage Dist No. 1, Ia.	5	1937-1939	65,000	100	5.00
3135	Harrison Township, Ind.	5	1935-1950	125,533	103.67	4.48
3812	Hartford Co. Met. Dist., Conn.	3	1936-1955	2,000,000	103.09	2.67
3812	Hays County, Texas	5 1/2	1935-1940	6,000	96.50	6.41
3644	Hempstead S. D. No. 21, N. Y.	4	1935-1953	150,000	100	4.00
3812	Hill County, Mont.	4 1/2	1935-1944	121,000	100	4.75
3478	Hocking County, Ohio	3 1/2	1934-1936	30,000	100.05	4.21
3812	Hooker County, Neb.	4	1939-1949	422,000	100	4.00
3478	Houston, Texas (8 issues)	4 1/2	1944-1956	1,127,000	102.15	4.29
3478	Houston, Texas	4 1/2	1937-1942	192,000	102.15	4.29
3478	Houston, Texas	4 1/2	1937-1942	106,000	102.15	4.29
3316	Hubbard S. D., Ohio	6	1935-1944	19,000	100	6.00
3645	Iowa Falls, Iowa (2 iss.)	4	1942	40,000	102.92	
3813	Jacksonville, Fla.	4.20	1935-1938	200,000	100.07	4.19
3645	Jamestown, N. Y.	3 1/2	1944-1954	55,000	100.17	3.98
3645	Jefferson City, Mo.	4	1935-1944	40,000	101.62	5.41
3317	Jefferson County, Ohio	3 1/2	1934-1936	125,000	100.30	3.02
3317	Johnstown, Pa.	3 1/2	1941-1947	166,000		
3645	Johnson County, Wyo.	4 1/2		751,000		
3813	Joint Highway Dist. No. 13, Calif.	3 1/2	1935-1945	1,738,000	100.003	3.64
3813	Joint Highway Dist. No. 13, Calif.	3 1/2	1946-1949	640,000	100.003	3.64
3813	Kellyville S. D., Okla.	6	1938-1951	7,000	100	6.00
3479	Kenneth Square, Pa.	4 1/2	1935-1964	70,000	103.57	4.17
3136	Kenosha, Wis. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1945	763,000		
3479	Kenosha, Wis. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1945	763,000	101.22	4.36
3645	Kingfisher S. D., Okla.	4 1/2	1937-1954	28,000	100.003	3.99
3317	Laramie, Wyo.	4 1/2	10-20 yrs.	135,000		
3645	Larchmont, N. Y. (2 iss.)	4.10	1936-1944	89,000	100.11	4.08
3317	Larimer Co. S. D. No. 64, Colo.	4 1/2		15,000		
3479	Laurel, Miss.	6	1937-1946	115,000		
3645	Laurel, Neb.</					

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
3320	Portage Co., Ohio	3 1/4	1934-1936	15,000	100.03	3.24
3481	Portage Co., Ind.	5	1936-1946	66,100	100.05	4.99
3648	Portland, Ore.	4 3/4	1940-1949	56,000	100.01	4.61
3648	Portland, Ore.	4 1/2	1950-1954	44,000	100.01	4.61
3816	Provo, Utah	6	1945-1950	r25,000	103	5.68
3482	Pulaski, N. Y.	3.90	1938-1967	60,000	100.14	3.89
3648	Pulaski, Tenn.			r11,000		
3648	Quincy S. D. No. 172, Ill.		1939-1952	275,000		
3482	Richland, Pa.			22,000		
3816	Richland Co., Wis.	5		84,000		
3482	Ridley Twp., S. D., Pa.		30 yrs.	150,000		
3648	Ridgefield Park, N. J.					
	(3 issues)	6	1934-1947	102,000	100.04	5.99
3816	Riverton, Wyo.	4 1/2	1937-1958	r23,500		
3648	Rutland, Vt.	3 3/4	1935-1959	75,000		2 7/8
3648	Sacramento, Calif.	3 3/4	1935-1959	r2890,000	100.05	3.73
3648	Sacramento, Calif.	3 1/2	1960	76,000	100.05	3.73
3482	St. Paul, Minn.	3.60	1935-1954	200,000	100.55	3.52
3816	St. Ignace, Mich.			10,000	100	
3321	Salem, Ore.	4 1/2	1935-1947	25,000	98.19	4.80
3648	San Diego, Calif.	5	1935-1965	210,000	101.27	4.87
3648	San Diego, Calif.	4 1/2	1953	25,000	98.90	4.58
3482	Sandusky, Ohio	4 1/2	1935-1944	59,000	100.78	4.10
3816	San Francisco, Calif.	4	1934-1953	1,324,000	102.12	3.72
3482	Saratoga Springs, N. Y.					
	(2 issues)	3.10	1935-1954	400,000	100.13	3.08
3321	Sarcoixie, Mo.	5		5,000	100	5.00
3482	Seneca Co., N. Y.	3.20	1939-1944	30,000	100.05	3.19
3483	Shawnee Co., Kan.	3 3/4	1935-1944	16,000	102.48	
3649	Sheridan, Wyo.	4 3/4	1935-1942	r24,000	100	4.75
3817	South San Francisco H. S. D., Calif.	4 1/4-4 3/4		75,000		
3649	Sparta S. D., Ill.			20,000		
3483	Spencer Ind. S. D., Iowa	3 1/2		r5,000		
3649	Springfield, Ill.		1954-1965	400,000		
3483	Staunton, Va.	3 1/2	1-15 yrs.	45,000		
3140	Sullivan Co., Tenn.	5	1950	29,000	103.12	4.72
3483	Summit Co., Ohio	3 3/4	1934-1936	142,000	100.01	3.24
3649	Sweetwater Co. S. D. No. 2, Wyo.	4 1/2	1942-1952	r39,000		
3483	Swissvale, Pa.	4 1/2	1935-1944	100,000	101.56	3.92
3649	Toronto, Ohio (2 issues)	6	1935-1958	43,585		
3817	Townsend, Mass.	3 1/2	1937-1964	124,000	102.34	
3483	Union, Mo.	4	1939-1954	d20,000	100	4.00
3321	Union County, Ore.	5 1/2	1936-1939	24,000		
3321	Union County, Ore.	4 1/2	1940-1942	13,500		
3321	Union County, Ore.	4 3/4	1942-1943	10,500		
3649	Urbana, Ohio			4,000		
3649	Utica, N. Y. (5 issues)	2.90	1935-1954	200,000	100.41	2.86
3817	Vincennes Twp., Ind.	5	1937-1946	217,500		
3817	Virginia (State of)	2 1/2	1944	1,000,000	100.33	2.46
3484	Wabasha, Minn. (2 iss.)	3 1/2	1-19 yrs.	38,000		
3817	Walla Walla, Wash.	4 1/2	1939-1954	r380,000	100.12	4.49
3484	Warsaw, Ind.	5	1935-1944	5,000	101.20	
3322	Washington Sch. District No. 52, Ill.	4		15,000		
3650	Washington Twp. School District, Pa.	4	1938-1958	60,000	100	4.00
3140	Weid Co. Sch. Dist. No. 117, Colo.	4 1/2	1935-1948	r24,000		
3484	Westchester Co., N. Y. (2 issues)	4 1/4	1935-1944	350,000	100.20	4.21
3650	West Hartford, Conn.	2 3/4	1935-1954	225,000	100.38	2.72
3650	West Hartford, Conn.	1 3/4	1935-1938	200,000	100.09	1.71
3818	Wheatland, Wyo.	4 1/2	1939-1953	r20,000		
3650	Winfield, Litchfield, Columbia & S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	4.40	1935-1963	260,060	100.30	4.37
3650	Wyandotte County, Kan.	3 1/2	1-10 yrs.	100,000	100.85	3.34
3818	York, Neb.	4	1935-1954	rd54,000	100	4.00
Total bond sales for May (201 municipalities, covering 260 separate issues)				k77,590,594		

d Subject to call in and during the earlier years and to mature in the later years. k Not including \$73,925,627 temporary loans or \$39,001,000 Reconstruction Finance Corporation municipal loans. r Refunding bonds.

The following items included in our totals for previous months should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which reasons for these eliminations may be found.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
3316	Goose Creek, Tex. (April)			\$40,000		
3482	Scioto Co., Ohio (April)			108,500		

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
3313	Arkansas City, Kan.	4 1/2	1937-1946	\$7,000	103.22	4.00
3475	Belleville Twp. H. S. D. No. 201, Ill.	4	1935-1953	115,000	100	4.00
3134	Canandaigua, N. Y. (Jan)	4 1/2	1935-1944	5,000	100.50	4.39
3476	Champaign County, Ill.	5		r125,000		
3317	Jefferson County, Kan.	4		5,000	100.49	
3645	Lake City, Minn. (2 iss.)	4	1-15 yrs.	50,000	100.40	3.94
3140	Urbana, Ohio (March)			9,000	100	

All of the above sales (except as indicated) are for April. These additional April issues will make the total sales (not including temporary or RFC loans) for that month \$109,586,422.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN MAY

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
3818	Canada (Dominion of)	3 1/4	1950-1955	5,000,000	96.50	3.48
3818	Forest Hill, Ont. (3 iss.)	4 1/2	10-20 yrs.	103,139	100.57	
3650	Langellier Township, Que.	6	1-15 yrs.	3,000	97	6.00
3650	Langellier Township, Que.	6	1-15 yrs.	500	100	6.00
3650	New Brunswick (Prov. of)	4	1948	1,857,000	98.29	4.16
3818	New Westminster, B. C.	5	30 years	107,000	88.07	5.85
3484	Nova Scotia (Prov. of)	3 1/2	5 years	5,000,000	99.01	3.70
3322	Orillia, Ont.	6	1-15 yrs.	50,000	107.08	4.97
3322	Prince Edward Island (Government of)	4		300,000	99.32	
3818	Prince Edward Island (Government of)			500,000		
3650	Shawinigan Falls, Que.		1-30 yrs.	75,000	98.62	
3484	Smiths Falls, Ont.	5	1-10 yrs.	50,000	95	6.00
3650	Thornbury, Ont.	5	5 years	1,000	101	
Total Canadian debentures sold in May				\$58,046,639		

NEWS ITEMS

Asheville and Buncombe County, N. C.—Interest Distribution Announced.—It was announced on June 4 by the Bondholders' Protective Committee for the above city and county, that it will make a distribution of interest on or about June 28 to all holders of its Certificates of Deposit of record at the close of business on June 11. It is stated that between the said record date and the said payment date, the transfer books of the Committee will be closed.

California.—Governor Rolph Dies.—James Rolph Jr., died at 1:30 p. m. on June 2, at a ranch near San Jose from a heart ailment which had been troubling him for some time. He was 64 years old at the time of his death and had been considered one of the most picturesque figures in California politics during the past quarter century.

As a result of the death of the Chief Executive, Lieutenant Governor Frank Finley Merriam immediately assumed office. Governor Rolph's term would have expired on Jan. 1 1935, and his successor will remain Governor until that time.

Flagler and Volusia Counties Ocean Shore Improvement District, Fla.—Refunding Plan Declared Operative.—The following notice was recently issued to the holders of the bonds of the above district by the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita, Kan.:

Please be advised that the Ocean Shore Improvement District Refunding program as set forth in summary dated April 24 1934, has been declared operative, and refunding bonds are now exchangeable through the First National Bank of Chicago, accompanied with the approving opinion of Attorneys Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

Bonds are now on deposit with the regularly designated paying agent in New York City in a sufficient amount to pay all coupons attached to the said refunding bonds through June 1 1934.

All holders of original bonds who have not as yet formally approved the plan are hereby notified that, until July 1 1934, the bonds are exchangeable without cost, and thereafter subject to such a charge as may be imposed within the limits provided by the amendments to the refunding authorization.

Kansas.—Sentence of Ronald Finney for Municipal Bond Forgery Repeated.—Ronald Finney, the central figure in the municipal bond forgery case in this State, was sentenced to a minimum of 31 years in the penitentiary on May 31, according to Topeka advices of that date. The sentence was the same as that given to him by District Judge P. H. Heinz last January when Finney pleaded guilty to 30 counts of forgery and one of uttering Hutchinson Park bonds—V. 138, p. 352. The State Supreme Court upheld Judge Heinz in his ruling and then sent the case back for resentencing because the court felt that Judge Heinz was under a misapprehension in following a precedent which set out that sentences on different counts could not be made to run concurrently, but all must be consecutive. That is, the term on the second count does not begin until the term on the first count is completed. This means that Ronald Finney has a maximum term of 635 years hanging over him on all of the counts against him.

Michigan.—Supreme Court Upholds Constitutionality of 1933 Revenue Bond Act.—On June 4 the State Supreme Court handed down a decision upholding the constitutionality of the revenue bond bill passed by the 1933 Legislature, thus paving the way for a start on public improvements all over the State, which have been held in abeyance pending this opinion. The 1933 Revenue Bond Act authorizes municipalities to construct sewage disposal plants and other public projects, financing them with revenue bonds, for which only a vote of the municipality's governing body is necessary. A Lansing dispatch to the Detroit "Free Press" of June 5 reported in part as follows on the decision:

The way to the spending of millions of dollars on public improvements in Michigan was opened Monday when the State Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the 1933 revenue bond bill. Thirty-five projects in all parts of the State were awaiting the court's action.

Dean Mortimer E. Cooley, State Engineer for the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, when informed of the decision, said that he felt jubilant over the decision of the high court.

Four cities, Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Alma and Charlevoix, with projects totaling \$1,351,700, are ready to begin work at once, he stated. Their projects had already been approved and the money allotted by Washington, pending the constitutionality of the Act, according to Dean Cooley.

By coincidence the decision came as Governor Comstock was preparing to go to Washington to confer with Public Works Administration officials on Michigan projects being delayed there. He was much pleased with the court's opinion, and declared that it would strengthen his hand at the National capital.

The court's decision was handed down in a test case brought against the city of Ann Arbor, at the insistence of PWA officials, who refused to complete the loan and grant until questions of law had been settled. The decision came as somewhat of a surprise, for the second special session of the Legislature passed another revenue bond bill designed to correct provisions in the 1933 law to which it was believed the high court might object.

New Jersey.—Bill Approved for Co-operation With Federal Bankruptcy Act.—According to United Press dispatches from Trenton on June 5 the Legislature on that day approved a bill by Anthony Siracusa, Rep., Atlantic County, allowing municipalities in the State to take advantage of the new Federal Bankruptcy Act, discussed on a subsequent page of this section.

The annual appropriation bill, providing \$19,607,618 for the support of the State Government, was also passed and sent to the Governor.

New York City.—Cash Balance Totals \$52,820,389.—The balance of the City Treasury at the close of the week ended May 26 was \$10,000,000 more than it was for the preceding week, according to the weekly statement of Comptroller McGoldrick made public on June 3. The cash balance totaled \$52,820,389, as compared with \$43,922,577.

For the week the total revenue receipts were \$10,176,192 and for the year \$344,597,713. The total borrowings were \$6,250,000 and for the year \$167,128,000. The cash balance in the sinking fund was \$9,299,144. A statement of the short-term indebtedness outstanding as of May 26 showed 1934 issues this year redeemable in 1935 with a total of \$4,000,000 in tax notes, and special revenue bonds \$12,400,000.

Utilities Tax Bill Signed by Mayor.—Following a statutory hearing at City Hall, on June 7, Mayor La Guardia signed the bill imposing a tax of 1 1/2% on the gross receipts of public utility companies. The bill is retroactive to March 1, applying to the monthly receipts of the companies from March 1

to Dec. 31. It is stated that the tax will be levied also against local transit companies. Estimates of the yield from the tax have run from \$8,000,000 to \$12,000,000, but the Mayor stated that \$5,000,000 was a more likely figure. The utilities have challenged the validity of the impost and have intimated that they will bring a test action in the courts.

New York State.—Legislature to Convene in July to Cut County Jobs.—An extraordinary session of the State Legislature will be called by Governor Lehman "on or about July 10," to consider the adoption of constitutional amendments which will permit the re-organization, abolition and consolidation of county offices, not only in New York City but in all the municipalities of the State. The Governor, in New York City on June 2, gave out copies of a letter which he had sent to former Governor Alfred E. Smith, who is Chairman of the New York City Charter Commission. The text of the Governor's letter is as follows:

Honorable Alfred E. Smith,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

June 1 1934.

Dear Governor Smith:
I am in receipt of your letter conveying the request of the New York City Charter Commission that I convene the Legislature in extraordinary session, and that I recommend at such extraordinary session the adoption of constitutional amendments which will permit the reorganization, consolidation and abolition of county offices in the five counties within the City of New York.

It is clear that if any constitutional amendments are adopted this year and passed again at the regular session next year they can be approved by the people in the fall of 1935, and that unless this procedure is followed the amendments cannot be submitted to the people until November of 1937.

I beg to advise you that I will accede to the request of the New York City Charter Commission, and will convene the Legislature in extraordinary session on or about July 10 1934.

As I have previously stated in messages and public utterances, it is my strong conviction that reorganization of county government, through constitutional amendment, should be made readily available throughout the State. We should seek economy and efficiency both in the five counties within the City of New York and in the up-State counties as well. I shall, therefore, at this extraordinary session, afford the Legislature the opportunity of giving consideration to such constitutional amendments as will permit the reorganization of government in any county of the State, in the interest of economy and efficiency.

Very sincerely yours,
HERBERT H. LEHMAN.

Governor Signs Bill for Up-State County Reforms.—Governor Lehman's approval of the Fearon bill, designed to bring about up-State county reforms without constitutional amendment, was announced on May 28. In his memorandum on the bill the Governor stated that the validity of the measure had been questioned on the ground that it is an unconstitutional delegation of legislative power. The May 29 issue of the "Knickerbocker Press" of Albany reported on the bill as follows:

In a final announcement of action on 777 30-day bills left on his desk by the Legislature when it adjourned a month ago, Governor Lehman yesterday disclosed he had signed the Fearon bill intended to pave the way for reform of county government.

The Governor was none too optimistic about the success of the new law he had enacted because both his personal counsel, Charles Poletti, and former Judge Daniel J. Kenefick, head of the Erie County Government Reform Commission, both expressed the view the act is invalid.

"In all events, the doubt on the question can be resolved only through a test in the courts," said the Governor in announcing his approval of the measure.

Under provisions of the act the board of supervisors of any county may, upon a petition signed by at least 15% of the voters of a county, create a commission to draft a new and modern form of county government. Any reorganization plan so drafted would have to be submitted to the voters for approval and would be effective only if it obtained a two-thirds majority.

New York State.—County Tax Delinquency for the Year 1933.—A preliminary statement on property tax collections and delinquencies for the year ended June 30 1933 for the State of New York, issued last week by the Division of Real Estate Taxation, Bureau of the Census, indicates that the rate of tax delinquency for the State, based on returns from 58 of the 62 counties, is 13.5%. The tabulation represents the delinquency on \$631,812,752 of taxes, or 76% of the total levy of the State in 1932-33. From the returns it was possible to estimate the tax delinquency from all counties except Schuyler, Washington, Wyoming and Yates; these counties, however, involve but .4 of 1% of the total tax levy of the State. Tax data from New York State is of particular interest in presenting the picture of tax delinquency for the entire country, because of the relative wealth of its people and the corresponding burden of taxation borne by that State—its total annual tax levy of \$831,000,000 on real property (personal property not being subject to the property tax) is approximately one-sixth of the total of all property taxes of the nation. It must also be taken into consideration that if personal property were taxed in New York in the same manner as in most other States, the proportion would be much greater.

The preliminary statement of delinquency indicates a wide variation among the counties in the payment of taxes, due possibly to variation in economic conditions as well as in local procedure to effect collection. Westchester and Suffolk Counties, adjoining New York City, lead with a delinquency of 42 and 34% respectively, followed by Orange County with 32%; Herkimer County, 30%; Monroe County, 26.5%. It should be remembered, however, that many of the counties referred to have materially reduced their volume of tax delinquencies for the period surveyed since the record was prepared by the Division of Real Estate Taxation.

Tax delinquency in the five counties comprising New York City amounted to approximately 10% of the levy of those counties and accounted to one-half of the uncollected taxes in the State.

The following table sets forth the general property tax levies, collection and delinquency by counties for the fiscal year ended June 30 1933:

County—	Assessment.	Levy.	Uncollected & Delinquent Amount.	Per Cent.
Albany	\$331,152,482	\$11,517,781	\$1,276,170	11.0
Allegany	60,880,666	1,257,682	257,327	20.5
Broome	183,994,328	5,521,078	9,386	0.2
Cattaraugus	70,133,171	2,277,131	27,583	3.0
Chautauqua	84,639,831	1,716,552	43,600	2.5
Chemung	145,233,882	4,491,824	308,991	8.5
Chenango	70,802,538	2,824,949	361,028	13.0
Clinton	31,994,409	1,002,729	82,925	8.5
Columbia	17,248,113	1,134,603	62,289	5.5
Cortland	38,008,561	1,589,540	125,732	8.0
Delaware	27,589,658	1,001,904	1,502	0.2
Dutchess	40,161,216	1,283,983	21,057	1.5
Erie	118,337,692	4,603,699	118,775	2.5
Essex	1,457,667,702	44,780,667	8,254,806	18.5
Franklin	27,735,633	1,415,522	104,890	7.5
Fulton	40,049,351	1,503,457	254,084	17.0
Greene	51,519,013	1,391,074	64,543	2.0
Herkimer	56,889,292	1,484,557	226,129	15.5
Hamilton	20,657,792	1,002,232	38,886	4.0
Jefferson	12,433,691	503,448	6,343	1.5
Lewis	81,481,338	2,411,819	717,757	30.0
Livingston	99,963,559	2,962,571	121,169	4.0
Madison	21,925,692	694,138	48,173	7.0
Montgomery	57,228,951	1,208,982	104,818	8.5
Nassau	37,531,702	1,255,232	299,874	24.0
Niagara	804,821,520	26,434,144	6,999,761	26.5
Ontario	52,832,232	2,203,418	131,103	6.0
Orleans	944,460,022	28,039,049	4,842,343	17.5
Oswego	269,827,904	6,558,752	411,233	6.5
Putnam	224,607,176	7,923,301	255,194	3.0
Rensselaer	472,286,020	12,269,135	1,103,003	7.5
Saratoga	79,048,111	1,776,524	22,206	1.5
Schenectady	178,847,184	4,216,851	1,349,814	32.0
Schoharie	35,070,795	799,844	139,492	17.5
Schuyler	59,059,456	2,684,428	103,887	4.0
St. Lawrence	53,193,312	1,263,444	141,632	11.0
Suffolk	29,301,537	966,604	26,376	2.5
Sullivan	120,407,178	4,617,960	91,897	2.0
Tioga	58,200,659	2,384,549	238,454	10.0
Tompkins	77,498,246	2,377,903	45,417	2.0
Ulster	78,562,209	3,214,915	363,285	11.5
Warren	251,249,110	6,690,714	570,048	8.5
Washington	18,546,009	676,615	4,195	0.5
Westchester	14,337,856	423,852	Not reported	
Wayne	25,196,544	717,993	113,083	16.0
Westchester	61,761,280	2,276,254	98,561	4.5
Wyoming	290,089,905	12,727,809	4,382,184	34.5
Yates	31,018,376	1,534,919	266,461	17.5
New York City	31,443,820	731,151	53,812	7.5
	62,857,845	1,476,864	321,365	22.0
	64,151,365	2,838,194	103,310	3.5
	55,778,968	1,722,199	21,871	1.5
	30,089,628	1,409,651	Not reported	
	53,066,654	1,516,488	186,528	12.5
	1,808,950,060	50,467,654	21,307,443	42.0
	34,974,857	869,195	Not reported	
	17,624,825	495,383	Not reported	
	19,616,915,429	534,140,483	55,443,782	10.5

Totals (a) \$29,191,105,905 \$831,265,373
 See note (b) \$29,094,078,739 \$828,067,292 \$112,076,890 13.5
 Note.—Totals (a) all counties; totals (b) counties reported on tax delinquency.

Governor Signs Bill to Assist Delinquent Taxpayers.—The following report on a bill which has been signed by Governor Lehman to help taxpayers avoid the payment of the 10% penalty on delinquent taxes, is taken from the New York "Journal of Commerce" of June 1:

Under a law which Governor Lehman has just signed a plan has been provided whereby property owners who are in arrears in taxes are enabled to obtain money at 6% to meet payment of taxes and in that way avoid the 10% interest penalty now in force, the Brooklyn Real Estate Board pointed out yesterday.

"The new Act," according to Maurice J. Moore, Chairman of the Board's Legislation and Taxation Committee, "permits any municipal corporation to accept tax and special assessment payments from corporations which may be formed for the purpose of extending loans to taxpayers. Such corporations must have a minimum paid-up capital of at least \$1,000,000, and shall not charge more than 4% interest on un-paid balances of money loaned, nor more than 2% of the amount of the loan as service charge; provided, however, that in the event of a default on the part of the borrower the lending corporation may charge 6% interest per annum on all sums in default."

"Under the terms of the Act the procedure for paying tax arrears would be along the following lines: The borrower who wishes to have his taxes paid will be asked to execute a loan contract with the lending corporation, and when this is done the corporation will pay to the city the arrears for taxes plus the interest penalties. The city will then issue a conditional tax receipt to the lending corporation which in turn must deposit this with a banking institution within three days after receiving it."

Toledo, Ohio.—Bondholders' Protective Committee Formed on Bond Default.—The formation of a bondholders' protective committee to represent the interests of holders of approximately \$60,000,000 bonds of the above-named city was announced on June 7. It is stated that this action was made necessary by the default in principal payments on bonds which has continued since the original payment failure of Sept. 1 1933. (This subject is treated at greater length on a subsequent page of this section.)

United States.—Discussion on Recently Approved Municipal Debt Relief Act.—The following discussion of the important municipal bankruptcy act authorizing municipalities to revise their debt structures if they obtain the consent of a two-thirds majority of creditors and Federal Court approval, is taken from the New York "Herald Tribune" of June 4:

The practical application of the Municipal Bankruptcies Act, which President Roosevelt signed on May 24, is a matter of keen current interest to all municipal bond specialists and to the many thousands of holders of bonds issued by local government units. This bill did not originate with the present Administration but received its support, and it is regarded in most informed financial circles as one of the soundest of the emergency acts passed and approved since President Roosevelt came into office.

It provides for municipal debt readjustments through recourse to Federal courts under given circumstances. Ample safeguards for the holders of bonds issued by the taxing districts are included, and it appears most unlikely that injustice to any holder of such obligations will result from its application. Nor is there any prospect of a wholesale resort to the provisions of the measure by local government units that are struggling under heavy financial burdens.

Genuine Need Found.

This bill is clearly the expression of a genuine need. No machinery has existed heretofore for readjustment of municipal indebtedness, partly because the need did not arise until dozens of Florida communities became insolvent when the land boom collapsed in 1926 and partly because of forbidding constitutional difficulties. The need for a legal method of procedure became greater as taxing districts all over the country defaulted during the depression and the problem finally was tackled. The question of constitutionality was solved by one of the ablest of municipal bond attorneys, and there is now no question regarding the right of the Federal government to enact legislation for readjustment of municipal indebtedness.

While the bill was under debate numerous Senatorial predictions were made of a flood of defaults by local governments under the measure. Of

the hundreds of thousands of taxing districts in the country, several thousand actually are in default, and it was predicted that the number would mount steadily as local officials tried to take advantage of the act and thus shuffle off their debt burdens. The opposition centered among representatives from Middle Western States, where are located the head offices of fraternal organizations that hold numerous defaulted municipal bonds.

Action by Large City Averted.

Experts in municipal finance combated such views, as they were convinced that action under the measure would be taken only by communities that really had no alternative. There is already ample evidence to justify the experts. A good part of the Congressional support that finally carried the bill was due to the need for adjusting the debt of a large city. But in the months that the bill was under consideration this community managed to work out an acceptable plan and it is now believed no action will be taken by the community concerned under the bill.

In the few days that the measure has been law it already has become apparent that the stigma of default is something virtually all communities will avoid if it is at all possible. Default is a prerequisite of formal action under this law and any plan of readjustment will be closely weighed by Federal jurists. There is nothing in the measure to invite unjustified attempts to evade debt charges, and experts who consulted many local government officials on the subject are convinced that no such attempts will follow.

Actual recourse to this measure is anticipated chiefly on the part of a considerable number of drainage, reclamation, irrigation and levee districts, and by a scattering of cities, towns, villages and other units in various parts of the country.

RFC Stipulations Hard to Meet.

The situation of a number of drainage, irrigation and similar districts is parlous, indeed, and it was to assist such units that a special \$50,000,000 fund was set up and placed under the control of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. But the stipulations of such aid were difficult to meet without formal and legal subordination of existing indebtedness to the proposed new RFC loans. It is known that very little, if any, of the \$50,000,000 has been loaned, in consequence.

It was, presumably, in recognition of this situation that Congress decided to permit the consideration of refinancing plans for drainage, reclamation, irrigation and levee districts by a Federal Court, provided not less than 30% of the creditors have accepted it in writing, whereas not less than 51% of the creditors of other taxing districts must assent before such action is permissible. In all cases holders of 5% or more of the outstanding instruments of indebtedness may appear before the judge within 90 days, and if they are able to controvert the allegations the bankruptcy petition must be dismissed.

Few Holders Block Plans.

A number of irrigation and other like districts, have proceeded with debt readjustment plans up to the point where all but a very small minority of creditors signified their agreement, but so far as is known no district obtained the approval of 100% of creditors and no plan has succeeded to date. Single bondholders, in possession of a small amount of the obligations of a taxing district, have been able to hold up settlements that would have benefited all other creditors as well as the taxing district concerned, and the new Municipal Bankruptcy Act is due in good part to such occurrences. For the two years in which the Act will be in effect, it will not be possible for one or two bondholders to prevent obviously beneficial debt readjustments in the hope that weary municipal officials will pay them in full.

The safeguards in the Act are ample, as it is provided that a final readjustment plan may not be confirmed unless it is accepted in writing by creditors holding at least 66 2-3% of the debt instruments of drainage, irrigation, reclamation and levee districts, and 75% of the debt instruments of all other taxing districts. Before any plan is confirmed, moreover, the judge must hear and consider any and all objections and he must be satisfied that it is fair, equitable and in the best interest of the creditors.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

ADA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32 (P. O. Kuna, Ida.)—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election on May 19 the voters defeated the issuance of \$10,000 in high school building addition bonds. It is stated by the District Clerk that another election will be held on June 15.

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—APPLICATION FOR PWA FUNDS DENIED.—Notice of the Public Works Administration's refusal of the City's application for a loan and grant of \$663,000 for street widening purposes was contained in a letter received by Mayor I. S. Myers on May 28, according to the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" of the following day. The letter, it is said, declared that "it does not appear that the project is of a particularly urgent character and in view of the present financial condition of the applicant and the burden of taxation a loan would not be advisable at this time."

ALBANY, Albany County, N. Y.—TAX COLLECTIONS SHOW INCREASE.—Frank J. O'Brien, City Treasurer, reports that up to June 1 the city had collected 54.7% of its taxes, compared with 51.7% on the same date in 1933.

ALLENPORT, Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—A. P. Barnum, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on June 8 for the purchase of \$16,000 4 1/2, 4 3/4, or 5% bonds. Dated July 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1936 to 1949 incl. and \$2,000 in 1950. Interest is payable in J. & J. 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 the issue by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs.

AMARILLO, Potter County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on May 28—V. 138, p. 3313—the voters approved the issuance of the \$147,000 in 4% water revenue bonds.

ANACONDA, Deer Lodge County, Mont.—BOND SALE DETAILS.—It is stated by the City Clerk that the amount of refunding bonds sold to the State of Montana on May 21 is \$42,206.98 instead of \$43,350—V. 138, p. 3641. A final check of the total obligations revealed an error and the sum was changed. The bonds bear 5% interest and were sold for a price of \$52,930.12. Due on June 1 1943. The City Clerk reports that the obligations to be funded are outstanding registered general fund warrants which are bearing 6% interest at the present time.

ANN ARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washtenaw County, Mich.—BONDS FOR EXCHANGE.—Leem Thurston, Treasurer of the Board of Education, states that the \$250,000 4 1/2% refunding bonds recently approved by the State Public Debt Commission—V. 138, p. 3809—are for exchange for outstanding obligations, rather than for public sale. Complete details regarding them have been forwarded to holders of bonds which mature in 1935. The refundings are dated July 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$60,000 in 1936; \$32,000, 1937; \$34,000, 1938; \$36,000, 1939; \$24,000, 1940; \$25,000 in 1941 and \$39,000 in 1942. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the State Savings Bank, Ann Arbor. Legality to be approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

AURORA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 129, Kane County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The \$190,000 4 1/2% school building construction bonds offered on June 2—V. 138, p. 3641—were awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, at par plus a premium of \$11,365, equal to 105.98, a basis of about 3.79%. Dated June 1 1934 and due Dec. 1 as follows: \$15,000 in 1941 and \$35,000 from 1942 to 1946 incl. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder	Premium
Central Republic Co., Bartlett, Knight & Co. and White-Phillips Co.	\$11,361
First National Bank of Chicago	10,450
Northern Trust Co.	9,945
William H. Flentye & Co.	9,850
R. W. Pressprich & Co. and Otis & Co.	9,230
Strife, Nicolaus & Co., Inc.	8,000
H. C. Speer & Sons Co.	6,185
Glaspell, Vieth & Duncan	6,175
Harker & Hamlin, Inc.	4,650
Lewis, Pickett & Co.	4,550
J. M. Johnson & Co.	4,400
C. W. McNear & Co.	4,400

Financial Statement.

District was established under General School Law over 50 years ago and consists approximately of that part of City of Aurora lying west of Fox River. Estimated population, 16,000. Tax rate \$2.38 per \$100—\$1.50 Educational and \$0.88 Building. Previously authorized by referendum vote. Assessed value \$11,537,015. Bonded debt including proposed issue \$455,000.

Maturity of present bond issues:—Fiscal year ending June 20 1935, \$35,000; 1936, \$35,000; 1937, \$10,000; 1938, \$60,000; 1939, \$35,000; 1940, \$35,000; 1941, \$35,000; 1942, \$20,000.

1933 anticipation warrants \$86,100 outstanding. No 1931 or 1932 warrants unpaid. No past due bills or salaries unpaid.

No connection with city affairs. No previous issues in default. No litigation pending or threatened.

Tax Collections—	1931.	1932.	1933.
Levy	\$360,000	\$340,000	\$280,000
Total collectible at rate of \$2.38	343,841	282,712	274,580
Collected	289,061	230,422	35,000
Percent collection	83.7%	81.5%	In process of collection.

ASHTABULA COUNTY (P. O. Jefferson), Ohio.—PLANS ADDITIONAL RELIEF BOND ISSUE.—Steps are being taken for the early issuance of an additional \$26,000 poor relief bonds. The further amount was made possible through passage of a bill at the recent session of the General Assembly extending to Dec. 31 1937 the period of operation of the State selective sales tax law.

AUBURN, Cayuga County, N. Y.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The City Council on May 31 approved an issue of \$200,000 poor relief bonds.

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pittsburgh), Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs on May 29 approved an issue of \$45,000 school operating expense bonds.

BAY CITY, Bay County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—O. A. Kase-meyer, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on June 11 for the purchase of \$57,000 4 1/2% emergency relief bonds. Dated May 10 1934. Due \$19,000 on May 10 from 1935 to 1937 incl. Interest is payable M. & N. 10. A certified check for 2% must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will be furnished the successful bidder. This is the issue mentioned in V. 138, p. 3641.

BAYONNE, Hudson County, N. J.—\$6,500,000 PWA LOAN REFUSED.—The Public Works Administration has refused to loan \$6,500,000 for construction of a municipal terminal project. In announcing the action, the PWA advised that as its funds are virtually exhausted, it has adopted the policy of entertaining applications for aid only from public bodies. The City is said to have applied for the loan on behalf of the Central District, Inc. The project had been virgorously opposed by municipal officials of Newark, N. J.—V. 138, p. 3313.

BEE COUNTY (P. O. Beeville) Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on May 15 the voters rejected a proposal to issue \$165,000 in road refunding bonds by a count of 377 "for" to 328 "against," less than the required two-thirds majority.

BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were obtained at the offering on June 1 of \$120,250 6% refunding bonds—V. 138, p. 3475. Dated June 1 1934 and due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1939 to 1947 incl. and \$1,250 in 1948.

BELMONT COUNTY (P. O. St. Clairsville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. E. Taylor, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. (Eastern Standard Time) on June 26 for the purchase of \$43,000 6% poor relief bonds. Dated June 1 1934. Due as follows: \$8,600 Sept. 1 1934; \$8,200 March 1 and \$8,500 Sept. 1 1935; \$8,700 March 1 and \$9,000 Sept. 1936. Interest is payable in M. & S. 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 5% of the bonds, payable to the order of the County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.

BELLAIRE, Belmont County, Ohio.—REFUNDING UNDER WAY.—The City has arranged for the First National Bank of Bellaire to handle the exchange of refunding bonds and make payment of 30% in cash of the \$22,000 bond principal maturities now in default.

BEVERLY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—John C. Lovett, City Treasurer, made award on June 7 of a \$200,000 revenue anticipation loan to the Bankers Trust Co. of New York at 0.34% discount basis, plus a premium of \$13. Dated June 7 1934 and due on Dec. 10 1934. Denoms. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Payable in Boston or New York City. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston. Other bids were as follows: Merchants National Bank, 0.34%; Second National Bank of Boston, 0.37%; G. M. P. Murphy & Co., 0.39%; Whiting, Weeks & Knowles, 0.40% Newton; Abbe & Co., 0.40%; Faxon, Gade & Co., 0.42%; W. O. Gay & Co., 0.47%; Beverly National Bank, 0.48%; and Washburn, Frost & Co., 0.63%.

BEXAR COUNTY (P. O. Sau Antonio) Tex.—BOND CALL.—It is announced by the County Treasurer that Nos. 1 to 125 to the 5% county hospital bonds are being called for payment at the Chase National Bank in New York City, on July 10, on which date interest shall cease. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 10 1913. Due in 1953, optional in 20 years.

BINGHAMTON, Broome County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Everette E. Allen, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 14 for the purchase of \$190,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bridge improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$38,000 annually on April 1 from 1935 to 1939 incl. 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 (A. & O.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for 2% of the bond's bid for, payable to the order of the City Comptroller, must accompany each proposal. The successful bidder will be furnished with the legal opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York, that the bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the City and that the City has power and is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes, without limitation of rate or amount, on all taxable property in the City for the payment of both principal and interest on the issue.

BISMARCK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bismarck), Burleigh County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$203,000 issue of 4% semi-ann. school bonds offered for sale on May 31—V. 138, p. 3641—was purchased at par by the Public Works Administration. No other bids were received, according to the District Clerk.

BOSTON, Suffolk County, Mass.—INTEREST CHARGES LOWER.—It is reported that during the first five months of 1934 the city borrowed \$20,500,000 on temporary loans at an average interest rate of 1.898%, which compares with an average rate of 4.77% paid on borrowings of \$20,000,000 during the same period last year.

BOSTON METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, Mass.—ELEVATED OWNERSHIP BILL DEFEATED.—The House of Representatives on May 28 defeated several bills designed to bring about public ownership of the Boston Elevated Street Railway. The bills would have authorized the District to issue bonds in order to effect payment of the railway stock outstanding.

BRADFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT, McKean County, Pa.—BONDS APPROVED.—Approval of an issue of \$400,000 school building construction and equipment bonds was announced by the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania on May 28. A loan and grant of \$618,000 for the work has already been announced by the Public Works Administration.

BREWSTER, Okanogan County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on June 26, by Marguerite Mitchell, Town Clerk, for the purchase of an \$8,000 issue of water works system impt. bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Prin. and int. payable at the Town Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of the State in New York City. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

BROWNSVILLE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Brownsville) Fayette County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on June 1—V. 138, p. 3475—were awarded at a price of par to the National Deposit Bank of Brownsville, the only bidder. Dated June 1 1934. Due \$1,000 on June 1 from 1936 to 1945, incl.

BURKEVILLE, Nottoway County, Va.—BONDS APPROVED BY VOTERS.—At an election held on May 31 the voters approved the issuance of bonds for the construction of a water works system by a vote of about three to one. (The Public Works Administration in March approved an allotment of \$47,000 to this town for the said project.—V. 138, p. 2115.)

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento).—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The \$8,000,000 3 3/4% coupon or registered semi-annual unemployment relief bonds awarded at public auction on June 1 to a syndicate headed by the Chase National Bank of New York, and R. H. Moulton & Co., Inc., at 103.25, a basis of about 3.40%.—V. 138, p. 3810—were reoffered for public subscription at prices to yield from 3.20% on the 1944 maturity to 3.35% on the 1947 maturity. The offering notice contained the following provision:

"There will appear on the face of these bonds an endorsement reading substantially as follows: 'The provision that the principal of and interest on the within bond is payable in gold coin of the United States was included therein in compliance with the terms of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California approved by the Governor April 29 1933, and ratified at the State election held June 27 1933. (Statutes 1933, Chapter 207.) Specific attention is called to Public Resolution No. 10, of the Seventy-third Congress of the United States, approved June 5 1933, which provides in part as follows: 'Every obligation, heretofore or hereafter incurred, whether or not any such provision is contained therein or made with respect thereto, shall be discharged upon payment, dollar or dollar, in any coin or currency which at the time of payment is legal tender for public and private debts.'"

"These bonds, issued for unemployment relief, constitute, in the opinion of counsel, general obligations of the State of California, payable from the general fund and secured as to both principal and interest by the full faith and credit of the State."

"The other bids for the bonds were reported as follows in the New York 'Herald Tribune' of June 2:

"Runner-up in this sale was a syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. This group dropped out after the bidding passed 103.20. Other members of this syndicate were Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.; the Anglo-California National Bank; the Bancamerica Co.; the Bancamerica-Blair Corporation; Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Darby & Co.; Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.; Dick & Merle-Smith; Graham, Parsons & Co.; Jackson & Curtis; G. M.-P. Murphy & Co.; the First of Michigan Corporation; the Philadelphia National Co., and Stifel, Nicolaus & Co."

"A figure of 103.15 was the highest named by a syndicate composed of the Bankers Trust Co.; the Chemical Bank & Trust Co.; Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc.; the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago; Estabrook & Co.; Kean, Taylor & Co.; Phelps, Penn & Co.; Kelley, Richardson & Co.; L. F. Rothschild & Co.; Eldredge & Co.; the Boatmen's National Bank of St. Louis; Adams, McEntee & Co.; William Cavalier & Co., and the Pasadena Corporation."

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento).—BOND OFFERING.—Charles G. Johnson, State Treasurer, will sell at public auction on July 2, at 11 a. m., a \$500,000 issue of 5% San Francisco harbor improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 2 1915. Due on July 2 1939, subject to redemption by lot after 1954. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the State Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of the State in New York. These bonds are issued under an Act of the Legislature, known as the San Francisco Harbor Improvement Act of 1913, approved June 16 1913. The State Treasurer is required by said Act to reject any and all bids below par and accrued interest, and he may continue such sale on the whole or any part of the bonds offered. The proceedings for the issuance of the foregoing bonds having been taken prior to June 5 1933, said bonds and coupons will bear an endorsement referring specifically to the provisions of Public Resolution No. 10 of the 73rd Congress of the United States, adopted June 5 1933, relating to payment in gold coin.

CAMBRIDGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cambridge, Story County, Iowa).—BOND CALL.—J. B. Nelson, Secretary of the Board of Education, is reported to be calling for payment on July 1, at his office or at the office of Glaspell, Vieth & Duncan, of Davenport, a total of \$13,000 in 4 1/4% school bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Payable at the option of the District on any interest paying date on or after July 1 1929.

CANANDAIGUA, Ontario County, N. Y.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Common Council on June 1 authorized an issue of \$15,000 sewage disposal plant repair bonds.

CANTON, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—R. L. Day & Co. of Boston purchased on June 7 a \$50,000 revenue anticipation loan, due Dec. 3 1934, at 0.48% discount basis. The issue also was bid for by the following: W. O. Gay & Co., 0.67%; Merchants National Bank, 0.67%; First Boston Corp., 0.70%; Jackson & Curtis, 1.24%; Second National Bank, 1.36%; and Faxon, Gade & Co., 1.38%.

CARMICHAEL IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Carmichael) Sacramento County, Calif.—DETAILS ON RFC LOAN.—In connection with the report given in V. 138, p. 3482, of \$47,500 loan to this district by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for refinancing, it is stated by the District Secretary that although the loan has been authorized no disbursement will be made until two-thirds of the bondholders place their holdings in escrow for redemption at 52.964 cents on the dollar. He states that neighboring districts who received their authorizations some time ago are not finding the bondholders very anxious to accept the proposal.

CHAMBERLAIN, Brule County, S. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$27,000 issue of water filtration plant bonds offered for sale on June 4—V. 138, p. 3810—was purchased by the Public Works Administration, as 4s at par. No other bids were received, according to the City Clerk.

CHAPEL HILL, Orange County, N. C.—NOTE SALE.—The \$7,500 revenue anticipation notes recently approved by the Local Government Commission—V. 138, p. 3815—were purchased at 6% by the Bank of Chapel Hill.

CHEROKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cherokee), Alfalfa County, Okla.—BONDS OFFERED.—It is reported that sealed bids were received until 7:30 p. m. on June 8, by H. S. Evans, Clerk of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of school bonds.

CHICKASHA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Chickasha), Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 issue of coupon school bonds offered for sale on May 31—V. 138, p. 3642—was purchased by the Public Works Administration, as 4s at par. Due \$3,000 from 1937 to 1957, and \$2,000 in 1958. No other bids were received.

CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Louis M. Dufault, City Treasurer, states that an issue of \$35,000 tax anticipation notes was sold recently, at 3.25% discount basis, through Faxon, Gade & Co. of Boston. Due Jan. 15 1935.

CHRISTIANSBURG, Montgomery County, Va.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on May 29—V. 138, p. 3476—the voters approved the issuance of the \$72,000 in sewer system and sewage disposal plant bonds.

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The City Council on May 31 authorized bond issues aggregating \$97,000, divided as follows: Millcreek Bottoms dump lands, \$40,000; park department, \$32,000; airport dike improvement, \$20,000, and \$5,000 for a fire signal system.

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY (P. O. Georgetown) Colo.—WARRANTS CALLED.—The County Treasurer is said to have called for payment various school and county warrants. Interest ceased on the school warrants on April 30, and on the county warrants May 20.

CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Louis C. West, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 14 for the purchase of \$55,000, 6% bonds, divided as follows: \$38,000 public health and welfare bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1934 to 1942 incl. and \$2,000 in 1943. Payable from limited taxes. 17,000 fund judgment bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000 in 1936 and \$7,000 in 1937 and 1938. Payable from limited taxes.

Each issue is dated Dec. 1 1932. Interest is payable in M. & S. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland will be furnished the successful bidder. The bonds were originally sold on Dec. 14 1932 and subsequently acquired by the city. Bids also will be received on June 14 for an issue of \$4,000,000 6% deficiency bonds. V. 138, p. 3642.

COAHOMA COUNTY (P. O. Clarksdale), Miss.—BOND SALE.—It is stated that the Board of Supervisors on June 4 sold to a syndicate composed of the Federal Securities Co. of Memphis, the Equitable Securities Co. of Nashville, Scharff & Jones of New Orleans, and the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Vicksburg, an issue of \$100,000 4 1/4% refunding bonds at a price of 95.27.

COLFAX AND UNION COUNTIES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39 (P. O. Raton) N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on June 30, by J. B. Valdez, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$19,500 issue of school bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable J. & D. Denom. \$500. Dated June 1 1934. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the State Treasurer or at such other place as the bidder may elect. A bid must specify (a) the lowest rate of interest at which the bidder will purchase said bonds at par; (b) the lowest rate of interest and premium, if any, above par, at which said bidder will purchase said bonds. No bonds shall be sold at less than par and accrued interest. No discount or commission will be allowed or paid on the sale of said bonds. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the Treasurer of Colfax County, is required.

COLORADO, State of (P. O. Denver).—BOND CALL.—Homer E. Bedford, State Treasurer, is said to be calling for payment on July 1, on which date interest shall cease, Nos. 1 to 650 of State Insurrection bonds of 1914. Denom. \$100.

COLORADO SPRINGS, El Paso County, Colo.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—We are informed by our western correspondent that the City Council has granted permission to E. L. Mosley, City Manager, to issue \$100,000 in water bonds, part of a \$600,000 issue approved by the voters in 1933—V. 137, p. 1088.

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, Anoka County, Minn.—BOND ELECTION.—A resolution was passed by the City Council recently, providing for an election on June 18 to have the voters pass on the issuance of \$10,000 in city hall bonds. Denom. \$500. Due on May 25 as follows: \$500, 1936 and 1937, and \$1,000 from 1938 to 1946.

CONNELLSVILLE, Fayette County, Pa.—BOND ISSUE APPROVED.—An issue of \$83,000 refunding bonds was approved on June 1 by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs.

COUDERSPORT, Potter County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$25,000 sanitary sewer and street improvement bonds offered for sale in the latter part of March 1934—V. 138, p. 1607—has not been disposed of. Dated May 1 1934.

CRANE, Crane County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on April 28 the voters approved the issuance of \$34,000 in bonds, divided as follows: \$24,000 water revenue, and \$10,000 water tax supported bonds. The Federal Government will take these bonds, according to report.

CRAWFORD COUNTY (P. O. Bucyrus), Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Board of Commissioners on May 26 approved an issue of \$15,000 excise utility tax poor relief bonds.

CRAWFORD COUNTY (P. O. Bucyrus), Ohio.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.—The county plans to place on sale an issue of \$15,000 poor relief bonds, payable from the proceeds of the State tax on public utilities.

CUDAHY, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—A \$283,000 issue of 4% coupon storm sewer bonds is being offered for public investment by T. E. Joiner & Co., Inc. of Chicago, at prices to yield from 3.10% to 3.85%, according to maturity. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 15 1934. Due on Jan. 15 as follows: \$16,000, 1937 to 1946; \$15,000, 1947 to 1951, and \$16,000, 1952 to 1954, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 15) payable at the City Treasurer's office, or at the option of the holder, in New York City. Bonds registerable as to principal. Legality approved by Lines, Spooner & Quarles, of Milwaukee. (A similar issue of bonds was reported to have been sold to the Federal Government on March 30—V. 138, p. 2616.)

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported).

Actual value of taxable property (estimated).....	\$17,000,000
Assessed valuation for taxation, 1933.....	12,732,445
Bonded debt, Cudahy School District.....	\$240,500
Bonded debt, City Cudahy, including this issue.....	343,000

Total bonded debt, school district and city..... 583,500
Population, 1930 U. S. Census, 10,632.

The above statement does not include that portion of the debt of Milwaukee County applicable to the City of Cudahy, which has power to levy taxes upon the property within the City of Cudahy.

DADE COUNTY (P. O. Miami), Fla.—BONDS VALIDATED.—A dispatch from Miami to the "Wall Street Journal" of June 1 reported that Circuit Judge Paul D. Barnes had validated \$2,568,000 of refunding bonds for the County School Board and set June 7 as the date for arguments on the validation of \$5,530,000 additional refunding bonds.

DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—BONDS STILL NOT ELIGIBLE FOR POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITS.—The following report is taken from a recent Dallas dispatch to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce":

"Bonds of the city still have no immediate chance of being restored to the eligible list of the postal department in order that they may be used as security for postal savings, according to City Manager John Edy who recently returned from Washington where he conferred with postal officials. The local bonds were taken from the eligible list last fall when the refunding bonds issued by the council placed the bonded indebtedness beyond the limit of 15% of the assessed valuation, a rule of the Federal Government."

DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Dallas), Tex.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—In connection with the refunding of the \$331,000 4 1/4% road and bridge bonds, series of 1917, mentioned in V. 138, p. 3811, it is stated by the County Auditor that the new bonds are as follows: Dated July 1 1934. Due \$14,000 from July 1 1935 to 1947, incl. Interest payable J. & J. at the office of the State Treasurer.

It is also reported by the County Auditor that the County will issue \$358,000 in 4% bonds to refund the following obligations: \$169,000 county R. & B. bonds, Series 3 of 1911; \$137,000 county R. & B. bonds, Series 6 of 1918, and \$52,000 county V. & B. bonds, Series 4 of 1915. The new bonds will be dated July 1 1934, and will mature on July 1 in 1935 to 1959.

DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—PROPOSED SINKING FUND BOND SALE.—Sealed bids will be received by Earl Goforth, City Secretary, until 1:45 p. m. on June 13, for the purchase of \$168,000 bonds, owned by interest and sinking funds Nos. 26-28-29-30-31 and 34. Denom. \$1,000. Bids will be received for the purchase of all or part of said bonds. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the city, is required. The bonds are described as follows:

Maturity.	Amount Due.	Description.	Rate %	Date of Issue.	Bonds No.
May 1 1936	\$1,000.00	Water improvement	5	May 1920	157
May 1 1936	8,000.00	Storm sewer	4 1/2	May 1930	220 to 227
Feb. 1 1937	1,000.00	Water improvement	4 1/2	Feb. 1924	639
May 1 1937	6,000.00	Storm sewer	4 1/2	May 1930	248 to 253
July 1 1937	12,000.00	Water improvement	4 1/2	July 1924	901 to 912
Feb. 1 1940	6,000.00	Water improvement	4 1/2	Feb. 1924	780 to 785
July 1 1940	5,000.00	Water improvement	4 1/2	July 1924	1130 to 1134
May 1 1941	1,000.00	Storm sewer	4	May 1917	174
May 1 1941	5,000.00	School improvement	5	May 1920	783 to 787
Jan. 1 1942	20,000.00	Water improvement	4	Jan. 1902	31 to 50
Feb. 1 1942	3,000.00	Water improvement	4 1/2	Feb. 1924	882 to 884
Apr. 1 1942	2,000.00	St. open'g & widen'g	4 1/2	Apr. 1928	376 to 377
Apr. 1 1942	3,000.00	Street paving	4 1/2	Apr. 1928	173 to 175
May 1 1942	12,000.00	Water improvement	4	May 1909	401 to 412
Oct. 1 1942	11,000.00	Storm sewer	4 1/2	Oct. 1932	276 to 286
Oct. 1 1942	5,000.00	Sanitary sewer	4 1/2	Oct. 1932	91 to 95
May 1 1943	25,000.00	Street improvement	4 1/2	May 1923	591 to 615
Apr. 1 1944	4,000.00	Street paving	4 1/2	Apr. 1928	196 to 199
May 1 1944	5,000.00	Storm sewer	4 1/2	May 1930	560 to 564
July 1 1945	5,000.00	Water improvement	4 1/2	July 1924	1571 to 1575
Oct. 1 1945	3,000.00	Storm sewer	4 1/2	Oct. 1932	378 to 380
Apr. 1 1946	1,000.00	Street paving	4 1/2	Apr. 1928	218
July 1 1946	5,000.00	Water improvement	4 1/2	July 1924	1631 to 1635
Feb. 1 1947	5,000.00	Water improvement	4 1/2	Feb. 1924	1134 to 1138
Apr. 1 1947	2,000.00	St. open'g & widen'g	4 1/2	Apr. 1928	510 to 511
Apr. 1 1947	9,000.00	Street paving	4 1/2	Apr. 1928	229 to 237
Apr. 1 1947	1,000.00	Garbage incinerator	4 1/2	Apr. 1928	23
Apr. 1 1947	2,000.00	Public library	4 1/2	Apr. 1928	46 & 47

\$168,000.00

DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Dallas), Tex.—BOND SALE DETAILS.—The \$140,000 Parkland Hospital refunding bonds that was purchased by the Dallas Union Trust Co., and Miller, Moore & Brown, both of Dallas, as 4s, at a price of 100.293—V. 138, p. 3643—are dated July 1 1934, and mature \$10,000 from July 1 1935 to 1948 incl., giving a basis of about 3.95%. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the State Treasurer's office, or at the office of the County Treasurer.

DARBY, Delaware County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were obtained for the \$25,000 not to exceed 4½% interest bonds offered on June 4.—V. 138, p. 3476. Dated June 1 1934 and due June 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1935 to 1949 incl. and \$2,000 from 1950 to 1954 incl.

DEDHAM, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Merchants National Bank of Boston has purchased a \$100,000 revenue anticipation loan at 0.37% discount basis. Due Dec. 29 1934. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder	Discount Basis
G. M.-P. Murphy & Co.	0.39%
New England Trust Co. (plus \$3 premium)	0.42%
Faxon, Gade & Co.	0.42%
W. O. Gay & Co.	0.42%
Whiting, Weeks & Knowles	0.45%
National Shawmut Bank	0.47%
Dedham National Bank	0.49%

DEDHAM, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Merchants National Bank of Boston purchased on June 6 an issue of \$100,000 revenue anticipation notes at 0.37% discount basis. Due Dec. 29 1934. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder	Disc. Basis
G. M.-P. Murphy & Co.	0.39%
New England Trust Co. (plus \$3 premium)	0.42%
Faxon, Gade & Co.	0.42%
W. O. Gay & Co.	0.42%
Whiting, Weeks & Knowles	0.45%
National Shawmut Bank	0.47%
Dedham National Bank	0.49%

DES MOINES, Polk County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—The City Council is said to have fixed June 14 as the date of sale of 125,000 in city armory revenue bonds.

DENVER (City and County), Colo.—BOND SALE.—A \$500,000 issue of relief bonds was awarded on June 4 to a syndicate composed of Lehman Bros., Phelps, Fenn & Co., both of New York, the Boatmen's National Bank of St. Louis, M. E. Traylor & Co., and Sidlo, Simons, Day & Co., both of Denver, as 3½s, at a price of 100.45, a basis of about 3.21%. Dated June 1 1934. Coupon bonds, of \$1,000 denom., registerable as to principal. Due on June 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1944 and 1945, and \$100,000 from 1946 to 1949. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable in New York or Denver. Legality to be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York, and Pershing, Nye, Bosworth & Dick of Denver.

BONDS OFFERED FOR SUBSCRIPTION.—The successful bidders re-offered the above bonds for general investment, priced at 100¼ to yield approximately 3.10% to 3.14%, according to maturity.

Our Western correspondent sends us the following complete list of the other bids received:

Names of Bidders	Int. Rate	Price Bid
Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., N. Y., Halsey Stuart & Co., Chicago	3.40%	100.30
Blyth & Co., N. Y., R. W. Pressprich & Co., N. Y., Newton Abbe & Co., Boston, Peters, Writer Christenson, Inc., Denver	3.30%	100.13
International Trust Co., Denver, Northern Trust Co., Chicago	3.35%	100.06
Brown Schlessman Owen & Co., Denver, Darby & Co., N. Y.	3.50%	100.82
Bosworth Chanute Loughridge & Co., Denver, Bankers Trust of Boston	3.35%	100.35
O. F. Benwell, Denver, Chemical National Bank, N. Y., Eldredge & Co., N. Y., James H. Cousey, N. Y.	3.30%	100.029
Boettcher & Co., Denver, Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y.	3.40%	100.09

DeWITT COUNTY (P. O. Clinton), Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—C. A. Nebel, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until June 11 for the purchase of \$55,000 5% refunding bonds. Dated May 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1936 to 1939, incl.; \$5,000, 1940 to 1942, incl. and \$6,000 from 1943 to 1946, incl. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at the First National Bank, Chicago. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. This issue was authorized at an election on April 10 1934. The county recently rejected various bids for the loan—V. 138, p. 3811.

DOUGLAS COUNTY (P. O. Castle Rock), Colo.—WARRANTS CALLED.—The County Treasurer is said to have called for payment at his office various school and county warrants. Interest ceased on the school warrants on May 31, and on the county warrants June 8.

DOWNNEY, Bannock County, Ida.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,000 issue of water bonds offered for sale on April 9—V. 138, p. 2452—was purchased by the Public Works Administration as 4s at par, according to the Village Clerk. Dated March 1 1934. Due for a period not exceeding 20 years.

DULUTH, St. Louis County, Minn.—BONDS TO BE AWARDED.—In connection with the report given in V. 138, p. 3477, that the City Council had authorized the sale of \$100,000 in refunding bonds, we are now informed by the City Auditor that the State of Minnesota has agreed to take these bonds at par with the interest rate of 4¼%. Due \$25,000 from 1937 to 1940 inclusive.

EAST AURORA, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—D. N. Rumsey, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Daylight Saving Time) on June 18 for the purchase of \$44,500 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

- \$20,000 water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on June 1 from 1936 to 1945 incl.
- 10,000 tax bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1935 and 1936 and \$3,000 in 1937 and 1938.
- 5,800 fire dept. apparatus purchase bonds. One bond for \$700, others for \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$700 from 1935 to 1938 incl. and \$1,000 from 1939 to 1941 incl.
- 5,000 street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on June 1 from 1935 to 1939 incl.
- 3,700 grade crossing elimination bonds. One bond for \$700, others for \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1935 to 1937 incl. and \$700 in 1938.

Each issue is dated June 1 1934. 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 (J. & J.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the Bank of East Aurora. A certified check for \$900, 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.

EAST RUTHERFORD, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William E. DeNike, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p. m. (Daylight Saving Time) on June 18 for the purchase of \$14,000 issue of 1931, Series No. 3, coupon or registered public improvement bonds. Dated March 1 1933. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$4,000 in 1947 and \$10,000 in 1948. Bonds may be sold to bear interest at a rate of up to 6%. Bidder to express the rate of interest in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the East Rutherford branch of the Rutherford National Bank. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to Nellie A. Carthy, Borough Collector, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

EAST VANDERGRIFT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$28,000 4½% school building construction bonds offered on May 11—V. 138, p. 2965—was not sold. Due \$1,000 annually on Oct. 1 from 1936 to 1963 inclusive.

ELDORADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Eldorado), Schleicher County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election on May 19 the voters approved the issuance of \$45,000 in school house construction bonds by a count of 174 to 25. The bonds will bear interest at 5% and mature serially in 30 years. We are advised by F. M. Bradley, County Judge, that the date of sale has not as yet been determined.

ELMIRA, Chemung County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—E. F. Conevery, City Chamberlain, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on June 18, for the purchase of \$400,000 not to exceed 6% interest certificates of indebtedness. Dated July 2 1934. Denom. \$25,000. Due Oct. 1 1934. Issued in anticipation of the receipt of taxes and revenues for the fiscal year commencing Jan. 1 1934. Bidder to name a single interest rate, expressed in a multiple of 1-10th of 1%. The certificates will be payable to bearer, with the privilege of registration as to both principal and interest. They will be payable, with interest, in lawful money of the United States at the First National Bank & Trust Co., Elmira. A certified check or 2% of the certificates bid for, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York, that the certificates are valid and legal binding obligations of the city and payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied on all the taxable property therein, without limitation of rate or amount.

ERIE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Erie County, Pa.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the proposed sale on June 21 of \$200,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered school bonds, notice and description of which appeared in V. 138, p. 3811, the following has been issued:

Financial Statement.

Actual bonded indebtedness of the school district created without the authority of a vote of the electors thereof is \$1,935,000.

Actual bonded indebtedness of the said school district, created by and with the authority of a vote of the electors thereof, is \$2,975,000, part of a million dollar bond issue authorized in 1915, part of a \$500,000 issue authorized in 1920; and part of a \$2,500,000 issue authorized in 1925; these are all school building and improvement bonds.

Actual bonded indebtedness of the said school district in refunding bonds, issued in 1933 is \$198,000. (\$93,000 under 2% of assessment; \$105,000 under authorization of electors.)

Actual bonded indebtedness of the said school district issued under Act No. 132 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved by the Governor on May 18 1933 (operating revenue bonds) is \$300,000.

Actual total bonded indebtedness of the said school district is \$5,408,000 maturing in various years up to 1956.

The school district has redeemed since 1890, the date of the first issue of bonds, \$2,206,000. Ten thousand dollars in bonds will be redeemed during the balance of the fiscal year. All bonds are in serial form. There is no sinking fund with the exception of the Emergency Sinking Fund No. 1 created under the Mansfield Act for the redemption of the bonds issued under this Act. The amount in taxes segregated to date (May 25 1934) for the payment of these bonds at maturity amounts to \$26,704.17.

In addition to issue now offered for sale, the Board of School Directors appropriated in its budget for 1930-31 an amount in bonds of \$25,000. (part of the \$2,500,000 authorization), which bonds have not been offered for sale.

In addition to the bonded indebtedness enumerated above, the Board of School Directors, at its meetings on June 15 and Sept. 7 1933, authorized by resolutions the issuance of employee salary notes, payable one year from date of issue at interest at the rate of four per centum (4%) per annum, payable at the office of the Treasurer of the school district of the City of Erie, Pa., on dates of maturity, which resolutions were duly adopted on said dates, by a two-thirds vote of the entire board and duly recorded in the minutes of the meetings on said dates.

The total amount of salary notes issued to employees to date, under such resolutions, is as follows: Aug. 1 1934, \$3,450.50; Sept. 1 1934, \$3,448.50; Oct. 1 1934, \$20,604.50; Nov. 1 1934, \$20,614.50; Dec. 1 1934, \$20,676.50; Jan. 1 1935, \$20,674.50; Feb. 1 1935, \$20,678; March 1 1935, \$20,447.50; April 1 1935, \$20,427 and May 1 1935 \$20,399.50.

The amount of salary notes to be issued to employees for the balance of the present fiscal year is estimated at \$40,800.

The amount of assessed valuation of taxable property within said school district as assessed and certified to by the City Clerk of said city for the year 1934 is \$158,540,450.

The value of the school district property is \$11,799,658.89 as of July 2 1933. (See auditor's report, Sept. 12 1933.)

The maximum school tax rate allowed by law is 20 mills for general purposes and an additional authority for teachers' salaries, kindergartens and libraries, which at present amounts to about nine mills. The present school tax rate on the assessed valuation for all purposes is 13½ mills.

The population of the City of Erie, Pa., U. S. census 1930 was 115,917.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Pensacola) Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$15,000 issue of school bonds offered on June 1—V. 138, p. 3477—was not sold, according to the Superintendent of the Board of Public Instruction.

EUDORA-WESTERN DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Lake Village), Chicot County, Ark.—BOND REFUNDING OFFER PENDING.—In connection with the report given in V. 138, p. 2970, that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation had approved a loan of \$162,000 to this district for refinancing, we quote as follows from a Little Rock dispatch to the New York "Times" of June 5:

"Bondholders are still to indicate their attitude toward the offer of settlement on a 25% basis made by the Eudora-Western Drainage Improvement District of Chicot County, to which the RFC recently granted a loan of \$164,000 for this purpose. W. R. Humphreys, St. Louis, and Guy A. Freeling, Little Rock, are co-receivers of the district under appointment by the United States District Court.

"The bondholders' protective committee has recommended acceptance of the compromise settlement."

FAIRVIEW, Guernsey County, Ohio.—BOND EXCHANGE.—The Village is undertaking the exchange of \$256,730 6% refunding special assessment bonds for obligations which have matured. The refundings were offered at public sale on April 10—V. 138, p. 2290. Dated Oct. 1 1933 and due serially on Oct. 1 from 1938 to 1947, inclusive.

FARMERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Scotts Bluff), Neb.—BONDS DECLARED VALID.—It is reported that the \$1,223,000 4% bonds passed on by the voters at the election on April 17—V. 138, p. 2965—have been declared valid. It is said that these bonds are for refinancing.

FARMERSVILLE, Collin County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on May 15—V. 138, p. 3316—the voters are said to have approved the issuance of the \$41,000 in water works construction bonds.

FLORIDA, State of (P. O. Tallahassee).—BOND REDEMPTIONS EFFECT SAVINGS.—The following report is taken from an Associated Press dispatch from Stuart to the Jacksonville "Times-Union" of June 3, discussing the beneficial effects of the Kanner bond redemption Act, passed by the 1933 Legislature:

"State Representative A. O. Kanner, sponsor of the bill permitting counties to redeem bonds with gasoline tax funds, reported to-day that 17 Florida counties have retired \$2,050,500 in bond obligations during the past 17 months.

"Cost of the bonds, he said, was \$668,948.07, effecting a saving of more than \$1,381,552. The figures include the principal only, he said, and do not take into consideration the considerable amount represented by past due coupons attached to the bonds, the interest being wiped out.

"The counties he listed as having taken advantage of the provisions of the bill and the amount of bonds redeemed with the cash required are:

- Bay, \$92,000, redeemed at \$24,409.75; Broward, \$395,500, at \$108,579.63; Brevard, \$28,000, at \$9,875; Charlotte, \$303,000, at \$92,004.75; Collier, \$56,000, at \$28,455.82; DeSoto, \$132,500, at \$45,934.25; Flagler, \$45,000, at \$20,316.75; Glades, \$64,000, at \$36,982.28; Hardee, \$183,500, at \$51,343.53; Hernando, \$33,000, at \$9,366; Highlands, \$57,500, at \$29,773; Indian River, \$51,000, at \$21,164.25; Manatee, \$8,000, at \$4,319.55; Martin, \$17,500, at \$3,735; Monroe, \$261,000, at \$69,825.50; Okechobee, \$289,000, at \$94,409.01, and St. Lucie, \$34,000, at \$15,424."

FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Worth), Tarrant County, Tex.—BOND SALE CONTEMPLATED.—It is stated by the Business Manager of the Board of Education that the \$3,000,000 school bonds mentioned in V. 138, p. 1080, will be offered for sale in about 30 days. (A loan and grant of \$4,167,000 has been approved by the Public Works Administration.—V. 138, p. 2617.)

FREDONIA, Mercer County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—A. L. Bright, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on June 20, for the purchase of \$6,500 4, 4½ or 5% coupon water system bonds. Dated July 1 1934. One bond for \$500, others for \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1940, 1942, 1944, 1946, 1948 and 1950, and \$500 in 1952. Interest is payable in J. & J. A certified check for \$200, payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Burgwin of Pittsburgh will be furnished the successful bidder.

FREELAND, Luzerne County, Pa.—BIDS REJECTED—ISSUE RE-OFFERED.—Paul Tucker, Borough Secretary, informs us that all of the bids submitted at the offering on June 4 of \$35,000 5% coupon refunding bonds—V. 138, p. 3477—were rejected and that the issue, with amendments, is being re-advertised for sale on July 2.

FREMONT, Dodge County, Neb.—BONDS CALLED.—The entire issues of the following bonds are called for payment at the County Treasurer's office 4½% storm sewer bonds, dated July 1 1927, and 4½% refunding bonds, dated Feb. 1 1929.

GALVA, McPherson County, Ksn.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The voters are said to have defeated recently a proposal to issue \$50,000 in school bonds.

GEDDES (P. O. Solvay), Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND REPORT.—The \$185,000 certificates of indebtedness funding bonds authorized at the recent session of the State Legislature—V. 138, p. 3644—will mature \$18,500 annually over a period of 10 years. Legality to be approved by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York. No date of sale has been set as yet, according to Charles R. Tindall, Town Supervisor.

GLASSBORO, Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND ACTION DEFERRED.—The Borough Council on May 22 decided to defer action on the proposed issuance of \$400,000 refunding bonds.

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE AND HIGHWAY DISTRICT (P. O. San Francisco), Calif.—BOND SALE DETAILS.—In connection with the report given in V. 138, p. 3811, of the sale of \$2,000,000 Series B 4½% bonds to a syndicate headed by Blyth & Co., Inc., on May 29, we quote in part as follows from an account in the San Francisco "Chronicle" of May 30:

Sale of \$2,000,000 worth of Golden Gate bridge bonds at a price which will yield the district \$1,946,911 was authorized by the bridge board of directors yesterday.

The price is the highest yet realized for any block of bridge bonds. The issue will be retailed to the public by a syndicate headed by the Bank of America Company at a figure slightly above par—100.34557. Bridge officials said the sale reflected an improvement in the securities market and the excellent credit rating of the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District.

From the proceeds of the sale the district will finance \$764,200 worth of work not previously included in the 1934 budget. The balance of the \$2,000,000 will be added to the general construction fund. The \$764,200 will pay for further work on the Presidio approach viaduct, costing \$200,000; work on the south anchorage housing, costing \$215,000, and \$349,200 worth of military replacements in the Presidio.

Chief Engineer Joseph B. Strauss presented two graphic exhibits showing progress of work on the San Francisco pier and fender. Six of the huge steel and concrete fender sections already have been formed, and borings have been taken to determine the manner in which the concrete, made from high silica cement, is setting.

GOOSE CREEK, Harris County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION CONTEMPLATED.—It is reported that an election will be held in the near future to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$35,000 in hospital bonds.

GRAND ISLAND, Hall County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that \$130,000 in storm sewer bonds have been sold as 3½%, divided as follows: \$100,000 to the First National Bank of Grand Island, and \$30,000 to the Overland National Bank of Grand Island.

GRANITE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Phillipsburg), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,000 issue of school site purchase bonds offered for sale on June 2—V. 138, p. 3316—was purchased by the State Board of Land Commissioners and the Deer Lodge Bank & Trust Co. of Deer Lodge on their joint bids of par on 5½% bonds, each being awarded \$7,000 of the issue. Registered bonds dated July 1 1934. Denom. \$700. Due in 1954, optional after 5 years from date. Interest payable J. & J.

GRAVITY SUB-DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE FIRST WARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Crowley) Acadia Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until June 23, by the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$41,000 issue of refunding bonds. (The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has authorized a loan of this amount to the district for refinancing—V. 138, p. 1782.)

GRAYSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Sherman), Tex.—BOND SALE DETAILS.—We are informed by the County Auditor that the \$100,000 (not \$74,000) 4½% road refunding bonds purchased by Louis B. Henry of Dallas—V. 138, p. 3477—was awarded at par. Coupon bonds dated July 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due from Jan. 1 1935 to 1954 Interest payable J. & J.

GREEN ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Green Island), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 4½% coupon or registered school bonds offered on June 4—V. 138, p. 3135—were awarded to the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. of Buffalo at a price of 102.614, a basis of about 4.23%. Dated July 1 1934 and due \$2,000 on July 1 from 1935 to 1954 inclusive.

GREEN SPRINGS, Seneca County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Village recently passed an ordinance providing for the sale of \$2,600 not to exceed 6% interest sewer and sewage treatment plant bonds. Dated April 1 1934. Denom. \$200. Due \$200 on Oct. 1 from 1935 to 1947, incl. Interest is payable in A. & O.

GREENVILLE, Pitt County, N. C.—NOTE SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of revenue anticipation notes was offered for sale on June 5 by the Local Government Commission and was purchased by the State Bank & Trust Co. of Greenville, at 6%, plus a premium of \$180.

The notes mature on Oct. 9 1934. The following other bids were also received: Oscar Burnett & Co. of Greensboro, N. C.—Par, accrued interest 5%, premium \$1; Kirchofer & Arnold, Inc., Raleigh—Par, accrued interest 5½%, premium \$10; and the Greenville Banking & Trust Co., Greenville—Par, accrued interest 4%, no premium.

GUILFORD, NORWICH, BUTTERNUTS AND UNADILLA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Mt. Upton), Chenango County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Stanley J. Angell, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on June 28 for the purchase of \$66,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated June 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1935 to 1943 incl.; \$3,000, 1944 to 1951 incl., and \$4,000 from 1952 to 1957 incl. Bidder to name the same interest rate for all of the bonds, expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the First National Bank, Sidney. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of Walter D. Graves, District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

HALLETTVILLE, Lavaca County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—It is said that an election was held on June 7 to vote on the issuance of \$29,000 in water works improvement bonds. (An allotment in this amount was approved by the Public Works Administration in Feb.—V. 138, p. 1261.)

HAMTRAMCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, Mich.—NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.—Field & Co. of Detroit, refunding agents for the School Board, urge that bondholders communicate with them immediately, as it is anticipated that detailed information regarding refunding plans can be released shortly.

HANOVER, York County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Spring Grove National Bank of Spring Grove recently purchased an issue of \$55,000 sewage treatment plant improvement bonds at par plus a premium of \$1,898.10, equal to 103.48. The Public Works Administration previously announced an allotment of \$77,000 for the project.—V. 138, p. 2965.

HATBORO, Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Warren M. Cornell, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on July 2 for the purchase of \$75,000 not to exceed 4½% interest coupon refunding bonds. Dated July 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$15,000 on July 1 from 1939 to 1943, incl. Registerable as to principal only. Interest payable in J. & J. Bidder to name one of the following interest rates for all of the bonds: 3½, 3¾, 4, 4¼, 4½%. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. These bonds are being issued subject to the favorable legal opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

HATTON SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hatton), Traill County, N. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—It is stated by A. E. Green,

District Clerk, that he will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on June 16, at the office of the County Auditor in Hillsboro, for the purchase of a \$29,000 issue of 5% school building bonds. Due serially from 1937 to 1954. These bonds were voted at the election on May 14.—V. 138, p. 3644.

HELENA, Alfalfa County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—It is stated by the Town Clerk that he will receive sealed bids until June 11, for the purchase of a \$6,150 issue of town hall and water works bonds. These bonds were approved by the voters at an election on Dec. 19 1933. (An allotment of \$7,000 was approved by the Public Works Administration in January.—V. 138, p. 714.)

HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Topeka), Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—We quote in part as follows from the Topeka "Capital" of May 27:

"Bonds totaling \$16,000 for a new high school carried yesterday in the election at the Highland Park school district by a majority of nearly two to one. The vote was 391 for the bonds and 202 against. Residents of the district have voted a total of \$78,000 for the building, and a Public Works Administration grant of \$30,000 from the Government makes a total of \$108,000 available."

HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wayne County, Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were obtained at the offering on June 5 of \$260,000 4½% refunding bonds—V. 138, p. 3812. Dated June 1 1934. Due June 1 1949. Callable at par, by lot, on any interest payable date.

HORNELL, Steuben County, N. Y.—BOND AND CERTIFICATE ISSUE OFFERING.—Howard P. Babcock, City Chamberlain, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on June 12 for the purchase of \$25,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds and certificates of indebtedness, divided as follows:

\$15,000 refunding certificates of indebtedness. Dated July 1 1934. Due \$3,000 on July 1 from 1935 to 1939 incl. Bidder to name a single interest rate on the issue. Authorized by 798, Laws of 1931, as amended by Chapter 34, Laws of 1933. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal.

10,000 emergency relief bonds. Dated June 1 1934. Due \$1,000 on June 1 from 1935 to 1944, incl. The bonds are direct general, unlimited tax, obligations. Bidder to name a single interest rate, expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1%. A certified check for \$600, 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.

Issues will be in denoms. of \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable in lawful money of the United States at the City Chamberlain's office.

HOOKER COUNTY (P. O. Mullen), Neb.—BONDS CALLED.—The entire issue of 4½% high school bonds dated May 15 1928, was called for payment as of May 15 at the office of the County Treasurer or at the Kirkpatrick-Pettis-Loomis Co. in Omaha. (The refunding issue was recently sold to the said company—V. 138, p. 3812.)

HOWELL AND MARION TOWNSHIPS FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Howell), Livingston County, Mich.—FINANCIAL CONDITION.—In connection with the proposed sale on June 11 of \$100,000 not to exceed 6% interest refunding bonds, notice and description of which appeared in V. 138, p. 3812, John S. Page, District Superintendent, in a letter to the "Michigan Investor" of June 2, discussed the financial condition of the district as follows:

"All our bonds and interest are paid to date. Our teachers are paid in full. We are having a full school year, and by July 1 will have no outstanding notes or bills. Our tax rate for operating purposes is five mills, for debt service four mills, making a total school tax rate of but nine mills. Our assessed valuation is \$3,724,000. Our tax collection history shows the following interesting facts:

"In 1929-30 our tax levy was \$67,731. We collected \$64,745, or 95.5%. In 1930-31 the tax levy was \$69,024. We collected \$64,313.83, or 93.2%. In 1931-32 the tax levy was \$60,833. We collected \$53,982, or 89.8%. In 1932-33 the levy was \$49,783, and we collected \$42,214, or 85%. In 1933-34 the levy was \$31,877. We collected \$29,418, or 92.2%.

"These percentages of collection were percentages collected before the tax roll was turned over. Subsequent payments brought the percentages of collection to the following:

1929-30, 97.8% was collected	1931-32, 92.6% was collected
1930-31, 98.0% was collected	1932-33, 92.2% was collected

"To date in 1933-34, 92.2% has been collected."

HUDSON COUNTY (P. O. Jersey City), N. J.—PWA BONDS READY FOR SALE.—The Board of Freeholders on May 28 authorized the signing of the \$2,383,000 4% Tuberculosis Hospital construction bonds which are to be purchased by the Public Works Administration. The bonds are to mature in 40 years. The Federal agency is making a grant of \$613,000 toward the cost of the project.

HUMANSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Humansville), Polk County, Mo.—BOND LEGALITY APPROVED.—An issue of \$25,000 4% semi-annual school bonds has been approved as to legality by Benj. H. Charles, of St. Louis. (An allotment of \$44,000 has been approved by the Public Works Administration—V. 138, p. 531.)

HUNTINGTON COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Lloyd Harbor), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on June 4—V. 138, p. 3644—were awarded as 4-20s to the Guaranty Co. of New York, at a price of 100.48, a basis of about 4.15%. Dated June 1 1934 and due June 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1935 to 1954 incl., and \$4,000 from 1955 to 1959 incl.

ILLINOIS (State of)—\$5,000,000 NOTES SOLD.—The \$5,000,000 5% emergency relief revenue notes offered on June 5—V. 138, p. 3644—were awarded to a syndicate of Chicago banks, headed by the First National Bank, at par plus a premium of \$102,500, equal to 102.05. Dated June 7 1934 and to mature not earlier than Dec. 1 1934. A syndicate composed of Blyth & Co., Kelley, Richardson & Co., A. G. Becker & Co., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., Lawrence Stern & Co., F. S. Moseley & Co., Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Lee-Higginson Corp., Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood and the Illinois Co. of Chicago bid a price of 101.30 for the issue.

VOTE ON \$30,000,000 RELIEF BONDS.—At the general election in November 1934 the voters will consider a proposal providing for an issue of \$30,000,000 unemployment relief bonds. Legislation to that end was approved by Governor Horner on Nov. 10 1933. It is in anticipation of the approval of the bonds that the above issue of \$5,000,000 notes and previous loans have been sold. It is provided that if the notes are not retired out of the proceeds of a bond issue, they will be payable from direct taxation.

INDUSTRY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Vanport), Beaver County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$2,500 5% bonds for which no bids were obtained on March 12—V. 138, p. 1955—was sold later at a price of par to the Midland Savings & Trust Co. of Midland.

IRONDEQUOIT, Monroe County, N. Y.—SEEKS REFUNDING RELIEF.—Town officials are considering a plan providing for the refunding of early bond maturities. Outstanding obligations amount to \$6,200,000, compared with an assessed valuation of \$27,000,000, it is said. The town, however, is reported ready to meet its obligations in full, with the aid of Monroe County, which is said to be responsible for its debts, under the Slater-Marks bill passed by the State Legislature last fall.

IRONTON, Lawrence County, Ohio.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The \$37,500 refunding bonds originally scheduled for sale on May 22—V. 138, p. 3317—are being re-advertised for award on June 25. Sealed bids will be received until 12 M. on that date by C. C. Crance, City Auditor. Rate of interest is 6%. Dated July 1 1934. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,500 in 1937 and \$5,000 from 1938 to 1944, incl. A certified check for \$375 must accompany each proposal. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the First National Bank, Ironton.

IRONTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lawrence County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,000 5% refunding bonds offered on April 24—V. 138, p. 2785—were sold to Widmann, Holzman & Katz of Cincinnati, at a discount of \$2,100, equal to 92.50. Dated Jan. 1 1931 and due as follows: \$2,000, Oct. 1 1934; \$2,000, April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1935 to 1940 incl., and \$1,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 1941. The Sinking Fund Commission had accepted the offer of Stranahan, Harris & Co. to purchase the bonds at a price of \$27,299.60, but because of a delay in making known their decision, the bankers were unable to accept the issue. Other bids for the loan were as follows:

Bidder—	Amount Bid.
Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co.....	\$25,831.00
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc.....	25,624.67
Magnus & Co.....	25,235.00
Seasongood & Mayer.....	24,082.00
Breed & Harrison.....	23,870.00

JACKSONVILLE Duval County, Fla.—BOND ELECTION.—It is stated by the Secretary of the City Commission that an election will be held on June 29 to have the voters pass on the issuance of \$2,441,709 in various city bonds, mentioned in V. 138, p. 3813.

The following report from the "Wall Street Journal" of June 2 is given in connection with the above notice:

"The City Council has set June 29 for an election on two measures—one the issuance of \$2,243,000 bonds for sewers, drainage and electric lights for which a Public Works Administration loan would be sought; the other for a bond issue of \$200,000 to be sold at public sale to acquire land for parks. "Should the latter issue be authorized by the voters the city expects to secure \$735,000 for the development of a Metropolitan park system. "The City Commission's request for authority to make a temporary loan of \$100,000 to help take care of bond maturities in July has been referred by the Council to the Budget Commission."

JACKSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jackson County, Mich.—BOND EXCHANGE.—Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo have been employed by the Board of Education to handle the exchange of \$265,000 refunding bonds for outstanding bonds due from Aug. 15 1933 to April 1 1935, both inclusive. The issue will not be offered at public sale.

JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—The City Commission is reported to have decided to sell \$95,000 of additional refunding bonds on July 3.

JOHNSTOWN, Fulton County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$64,900 coupon or registered refunding bonds offered on June 4—V. 138, p. 3479—were awarded as 3s to Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. of New York, at a price of 100.15, a basis of about 2.97%. Dated June 1 1934 and due June 1 1939 incl.; \$4,900, 1935; \$5,000, 1936; \$6,000 from 1937 to 1939 incl.; \$7,000 from 1940 to 1942 incl., and \$8,000 in 1943 and 1944.

Other bidders were as follows:

Bidder	Int. Rate.	Premium.
Manufacturers and Traders Trust Co.....	3%	\$94.55
Peoples and Johnstown Banks.....	4%	1,372.48
Rutter & Co.....	3.80%	116.82
George B. Gibbons & Co.....	3.70%	90.86
Fulton County National Bank.....	3.25%	50.00
Roosevelt & Weigold, Inc.....	3.40%	70.09
Dick & Merle-Smith.....	3.50%	142.78

JOINT HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Oakland), Calif.—BONDS OFFERED TO PUBLIC.—The \$2,378,000 3½% and 3¾% coupon or registered tunnel bonds that were awarded on May 25 to a syndicate headed by the Bankamerica Co. of San Francisco, report of which appeared in V. 138, p. 3813, were re-offered by the successful bidders for general investment at prices from a 1% yield basis for the 1935 maturity to 3.70% for the 1945 maturity of the 3¾% bonds; the 3½% bonds are offered to yield 3.75%. Dated Feb. 1 1934. Due from Jan. 2 1935 to 1949 incl. The district is described as follows in the San Francisco "Chronicle" of May 28:

"According to opinion of counsel, the bonds are exempt from Federal income tax and are free from California personal property tax and meet requirements as legal investment for savings banks and trust funds and are eligible as security for deposits of public moneys in California.

"Comprising the entire counties of Alameda and Contra Costa, the district was organized for the purpose of constructing a connecting link of the twin-bore type, 3,168 feet in length, forming a connecting link between the San Francisco bay cities and the interior communities. At its western terminus in Oakland it will provide a direct connection with the highway approach to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge; its eastern terminus will connect with the San Joaquin Valley State highway via Walnut Creek, Concord and Pittsburg, and facilitate travel into the Sacramento Valley via the Antioch Bridge.

JOLIET TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Will County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—J. G. Skeel, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (Central Daylight Saving Time) on June 11 for the purchase of \$50,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon (registerable as to principal) refunding bonds, authorized by Section 201 of the State School Law. Bonds to be refunded mature July 1 1934. The new issue will be dated July 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 1949. Not subject to call. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable in Joliet or Chicago, as desired. Blank bonds ready for execution to be furnished by the successful bidder. District will furnish legal approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. A certified check for \$500 must accompany each proposal. Following the opening of sealed bids, supplemental oral tenders will then be received.

Financial Statement.

Area, 36 square miles, including the City of Joliet and Village of Rockdale. Population, 1930 census is 72,075. District incorporated in 1899. Total bonded indebtedness \$998,000. Bond maturities, 1934, \$50,000; 1935, \$60,000; 1936, \$63,000; 1937, \$75,000; 1938, \$75,000. Tax collections: 1930-31 levy, \$640,000, uncollected, \$105,453.58*; 1931-32 levy, \$570,000, uncollected, \$64,103.65; 1932-33 levy, \$500,000, uncollected, \$113,975.33; 1933-34 levy, \$486,000, in process of collection. * Includes approximately \$70,000 in closed bank in name of County Treasurer. 1933 assessed valuation, \$35,978,260.00. Tax rates, \$13.75 per \$1,000 valuation. No previous issue has been contested. No litigation pending. No defaults in the payment of principal or interest have occurred.

KENT COUNTY (P. O. Grand Rapids), Mich.—DEFAULTED BOND PAYMENT.—The County Road Commission recently ordered payment of defaulted May 1 1934 Allegan-Ottawa-Kent County line road bonds from the \$95,000 obtained from the State weight and gas tax.

KIMBALL COUNTY (P. O. Kimball), Neb.—BONDS CALLED.—The entire issue of 4¾% court house bonds, dated Dec. 1 1927, was called for payment at the County Treasurer's office or at the Kirkpatrick-Petoski-Loomis Co. in Omaha, on June 1. (The refunding issue was sold recently to the above company—V. 138, p. 3813.)

KINGSTON, Ulster County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 coupon or registered funding and public works bonds offered at public auction on June 1—V. 138, p. 3645—were awarded as 2.70s to Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. of New York, at 100.27, a basis of about 2.65%. Dated June 1 1934 and due June 1 1944 as follows: \$20,000 from 1936 to 1942, incl. and \$30,000 in 1943 and 1944.

LAMPASAS COUNTY (P. O. Lampasas), Tex.—ELECTION CANCELED.—It is stated by the County Clerk that the election scheduled for June 9 on the proposed issuance of \$30,000 in highway bonds—V. 138, p. 3645—was called off because of a technicality but a petition is now being circulated to call another election.

LAREDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Laredo), Webb County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—It is now reported that the voters recently approved the issuance of \$250,000 in school building bonds. (At an election on Dec. 16 1933 the voters approved a similar issue of bonds—V. 137, p. 4726.)

LEWIS COUNTY (P. O. Chehalis), Wash.—WARRANTS CALLED.—The County Treasurer is reported to have called for payment at his office, various general school district warrants.

LEHIGHTON, Carbon County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 4% Civil Works Administration project bonds offered on June 4—V. 138, p. 3645—were awarded to the First National Bank of Lehigh, the only bidder, at a price of par. Dated Feb. 1 1934. Due Feb. 1 1959; optional any time after Feb. 1 1937.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 (P. O. Craig), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 issue of coupon school building bonds offered for sale on May 28—V. 138, p. 3136—was purchased at par by the State Land Commission. No other bids were received, reports the District Clerk.

LAWRENCE, Nassau County, N. Y.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the proposed award on June 11 of \$95,000 not to exceed

6% interest coupon or registered street impt. bonds, notice and description of which appeared in V. 138, p. 3813, we have received the following:

Financial Statement.	
Indebtedness—	
Bonds outstanding.....	\$837,000
Floating debt, water debt and sinking fund.....	None
Total.....	\$837,000
Bonds to be issued: \$95,000 street improve. bonds of 1931 (this issue).....	\$95,000 95,000

Total indebtedness including bonds to be issued.....\$932,000

Note—The above statement of indebtedness does not include the debt of any other subdivision having power to levy taxes upon any or all of the property subject to the taxing power of the Village of Lawrence.

Assessed Valuations—	
1934 real property.....	\$14,697,420
Special franchises.....	354,210

Total.....	*\$15,081,630
1933 (incl. real and personal property and special franchises).....	18,767,155
1932 (incl. real and personal property and special franchises).....	19,254,413

* The reduction in assessed valuation for 1934 was not due to local conditions, but was made in conformity with a general county-wide 20% reduction in assessed valuations upon the 1933 assessment rolls of the towns of Nassau County, which are used by the Village of Lawrence as a basis for its annual assessment rolls.

Tax Rates	
Fiscal year, 1934-1935.....	Not yet fixed
Fiscal year, 1933-1934.....	\$0.96 per hundred
Fiscal year, 1932-1933.....	\$0.93 per hundred

Tax Collection Statement.				
Fiscal Year.	Total Levy.	% Collected up to Nov. 30 of Year of Levy.	% Collected at End of Fiscal Year of Levy.	% of Taxes for Prior Years Collected up to April 30 1934.
1928-1929	\$133,803.52	82.4	89.9	99.4
1929-1930	172,940.78	82.2	91.4	97.0
1930-1931	210,056.79	83.9	92.2	97.2
1931-1932	191,234.32	81.2	91.5	96.7
1932-1933	179,066.08	76.6	85.4	92.3
1933-1934	180,164.72	76.6	*85.2	---

* To May 26 1934.

Taxes are payable Sept. 15 and become delinquent on Oct. 15. Fiscal year ends May 31. Amounts shown under heading "Total Levy" do not include taxes levied for prior years. The foregoing table represents taxes voluntarily paid. No tax sales or other proceedings to enforce collection have been undertaken. Arrears prior to 1928-1929 amount to less than ½ of 1% for each year.

Population.—Federal Census of 1930, 3,435; village census of 1929, 3,501; State census of 1925, 2,519.

LEXINGTON, Fayette County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,312,500 issue of 4% coupon semi-ann. public works national recovery bonds offered for sale on June 4—V. 138, p. 3813—was awarded to a syndicate composed of R. W. Pressprich & Co., Brown Bros. Harriman & Co., both of New York; the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago; Graham, Parsons & Co. of New York, and the Security Trust Co. of Lexington at a price of 106.80, a basis of about 3.44%. Dated Jan. 1 1934. Due \$52,500 from Jan. 1 1939 to 1963 inclusive.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful bidders re-offered the above bonds for public subscription at prices to yield from 2.60% to 3.45%, according to maturity. The bonds are sale to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and other States.

The following is a complete list of the bids received, as reported by the City Clerk:

Bidders—	Rate Bid.
R. W. Pressprich & Co., Northern Trust Co., Brown Bros., Harriman & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co. and Security Trust Co. of Lexington.....	106.80
Chase National Bank, Blyth & Co. Inc., Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., and Bankers Bond Co. of Louisville.....	106.56
Harris Trust & Savings Bank.....	105.659
Lehman Bros., Estabrook & Co., Phelps, Fenn & Co., F. S. Moseley & Co., R. H. Moulton & Co., and Mason-Hagan, Inc.....	105.40
First Boston Corp., First of Michigan Corp., Stein Bros., & Boyce, Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., Ballinger & Co., and Weil Roth & Irving Co.....	105.37
Chemical Bank & Trust Co., Almstedt Bros., Eldredge & Co., Equitable Securities Corp. and First National Bank & Trust Co. of Lexington.....	105.28
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Kelley, Richardson & Co., Darby & Co., and G. M.-P. Murphy & Co.....	104.745

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Afton) Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 6 p. m. on June 25, by Charles Brown, District Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$105,000 6% semi-ann. refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially from 1935 to 1940. It is stated that bids will also be received on these bonds at 4% interest.

LYNDBROOK, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$53,000 coupon or registered tax revenue bonds offered on June 4—V. 138, p. 3646—were awarded as 4¼s, at a price of par, to Phelps, Fenn & Co. of New York. Dated June 1 1934 and due June 1 as follows: \$14,000 in 1935 and \$13,000 from 1936 to 1938 incl. The Manufacturers and Traders Trust Co. of Buffalo, the only other bidder, named a price of par plus a premium of \$4.87 for the issue at 4¼% interest. Public re-offering of the bonds is being made by Phelps, Fenn & Co. at prices to yield from 3 to 4%, according to maturity.

MALLARD, Palo Alto County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$2,500 issue of 5% semi-ann. water works bonds is said to have been purchased at par by A. M. Schanke & Co. of Mason City.

MAMARONECK (P. O. Village of), Westchester County, N. Y.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$250,000 certificates of indebtedness sold recently to the Manufacturers Trust Co. of New York—V. 138, p. 3813—bear interest at 5½% and were sold at a price of par. Due in two months.

MANCHESTER, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Merchants National Bank of Boston purchased on June 6 a \$50,000 revenue anticipation loan at 0.34% discount basis. Dated June 14 1934 and due Dec. 20 1934. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder—	Discount Basis.
W. O. Gay & Co.....	0.39%
Faxon, Gade & Co.....	0.42%
New England Trust Co. (plus \$3 premium).....	0.42%
Second National Bank of Boston.....	0.45%
Whiting, Weeks & Knowles.....	0.45%
Manchester Trust Co.....	0.47%
First of Boston Corp.....	0.49%

MANHASSET, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Merchants National Bank of Boston purchased on June 8 an issue of \$50,000 revenue anticipation notes at 0.34% discount basis. Due Dec. 20 1934.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—NOTE OFFERING.—Charles A. Grossart, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on June 15 for the purchase of \$750,000 not to exceed 6% interest notes, comprising \$400,000 general fund and \$350,000 sinking fund issues. Dated July 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 1934. Payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 3% of the notes bid for, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal. No conditional bid will be considered and the successful bidder will be required to provide the legal approving opinion.

MARTINSVILLE, Henry County, Va.—PROPOSED BOND ELECTION.—Under date of June 6 we were informed by the City Clerk that the District Court has been petitioned to order an election on the proposed issuance of \$100,000 4½% water and sewer revenue bonds. Due from 1935 to 1959, incl.

MARYLAND (State of)—POOR RELIEF COSTS PUT AT \$18,000,000.—Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Emergency Relief Administrator, on June 1 estimated that the costs of the State's poor relief activities for the next

twelve months will be \$18,000,000 and announced that the expense would have to be shared equally between the Government and the State. It is believed that the State will have to sell a bond issue of about \$9,000,000 in order to finance its requirement.

MASSACHUSETTS (State of).—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000,000 coupon or registered emergency public works bonds, of which \$1,800,000 mature \$180,000 annually on June 1 from 1935 to 1944 incl. and \$1,200,000 at the rate of \$240,000 each year on June 1 from 1935 to 1939 incl., offered for sale on June 5—V. 138, p. 3814—were awarded as 2s, at a price of 100.323, a basis of about 1.92%, to a syndicate composed of the Chase National Bank, Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, Blyth & Co., Inc., J. & W. Seligman & Co., L. F. Rothschild & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons and Burr, Gannett & Co. of Boston. Members of the successful group are re-offering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield 0.375% for the 1935 maturity; 1936, 0.75%; 1937, 1.375%; 1938, 1.65%; 1939, 1.90%; 1940, 2%; 1941, 2.05%; and 2.10% for the bonds due from 1942 to 1944 incl. The securities are declared to be general obligations of the State, payable from ad valorem taxes on all the taxable property therein, without limitation as to rate or amount. Legal investment for savings banks in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and certain other States. A summary of the other bids for the bonds follows:

The second tender was submitted by the First National Bank of New York, in association with R. W. Pressprich & Co., the Northern Trust Co., Newton, Abbe & Co., Hornblower & Weeks and Preston, Moss & Co. This group named a figure of 100.297 for 2s, or a net interest cost of 1.938%.

The First Boston Corp., together with R. L. Day & Co., Eastbrook & Co., Jackson & Curtis, Whiting, Weeks & Knowles and the Lee Higginson Corp., bid 100.21 for 2s, or a net interest cost of 1.953%.

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., headed a syndicate that bid 100.025 for 2% bonds. This syndicate included also the Bancamerica Blair Corp., Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co., Kelley, Richardson & Co., Darby & Co., Dick & Merle-Smith, the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., Washburn, Frost & Co. and R. F. Griggs & Co.

The Chemical Bank & Trust Co., together with Roosevelt & Weigold, named a figure of 100.10 for \$1,800,000 2½s and \$1,200,000 1½s, Barr Bros. & Co., Inc., named a figure of 100.929 for 2½s and also submitted several split-rate tenders.

The Guaranty Co. of New York, together with the National City Bank, the Bankers' Trust Co. and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, offered 100.616 for all 2½s. The final tender of 100.17 for \$1,800,000 2s and \$1,200,000 1½s was named by F. S. Moseley & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. and Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc.

MEEKER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47 (P. O. Litchfield), Minn.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—We are informed that the election scheduled for May 28 to vote on the issuance of \$16,000 in school building bonds—V. 138, p. 3646—was postponed.

MERRIMACK COUNTY (P. O. Concord) N. H.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (Eastern Standard Time) on June 12 for the purchase at discount basis of a \$50,000 revenue anticipation loan, due Dec. 17 1934, and an issue of \$55,000 refunding notes, dated June 14 1934 and due March 15 1935.

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles) Calif.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 1:30 p. m. on June 8, by S. H. Finley, Secretary of the Board of Directors, for the purchase of an \$8,064,000 issue of Colorado River water works bonds. Interest rate not to exceed 5%, payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1934. Due \$224,000 from July 1 1949 to 1984 incl. Prin. and int. payable in lawful money at the office of the District Treasurer, or at the National City Bank in New York, or at the Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co. in Chicago. The approving opinions of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, and O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers, of Los Angeles, will be furnished. The tentative offering notice on these bonds appeared in V. 138, p. 3480.

MIDDLETOWN, Orange County, N. Y.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The following is given in connection with the award on May 11 of \$35,000 3½% emergency relief and public works bonds to Roosevelt & Weigold, Inc. of New York, at 100.21, a basis of about 3.45%—V. 138, p. 3480.

Financial Statement.		Valuation, 1933-34.	
Actual Valuation, estimated.....		\$31,948,858	
Assessed Valuation.....		\$25,878,575	
<i>Debt.</i>			
Total Bonded Debt, including these issues.....		\$1,528,000	
Less: Water Bonds.....		243,000	
Net Bonded Debt.....		1,285,000	
<i>Tax Data.</i>		<i>Balance</i>	
Year.]	Total Levy.	Collected at	Uncollected
1930	\$868,772.90	\$811,737.62	\$5,343.00
1931	836,983.55	772,353.04	12,293.07
1932	795,739.54	724,566.83	28,730.45
1933	595,432.68	535,134.31	28,487.38
1934*	641,772.48	284,318.89 (to May 1)	

*Second installment of 1934 taxes due July 1.
Fiscal year ends Dec. 1. Taxes due semi-annually Jan. and July 1.

Population.	
1920 Federal Census.....	18,420
1930 Federal Census.....	21,276
1934 Estimated.....	21,300

MILWAUKEE COUNTY (P. O. Milwaukee), Wis.—REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS BOND ISSUE.—Replying to our inquiry regarding the \$405,000 of county institution building bonds that were reported on in V. 138, p. 3646, as being ready for sale, we are advised in part as follows by Frank Bittner, County Auditor, in a letter dated May 31:

"Please be advised that by reason of the increased cost of construction the amount of the proposed issue has been increased to \$455,000. The construction program, however, is contingent upon the county receiving a Federal grant for 30% of its expenditures for labor and material on this project. It is expected that the bonds will not be sold until late in the fall or until such time as the bulk of the estimates are payable. This issue matures \$23,000 in each of the years 1935 to 1942 inclusive, and \$271,000 in the year 1943. This was a departure from former Milwaukee County procedure under which the county sold 20-year serial bonds for all major improvements. The reason for this change in policy was that existing debt service drops substantially in the year 1943 so that the increased redemption of this particular issue will not increase the total debt service of 1943 as compared with 1942. Incidentally, the saving in interest in this case exceeds \$60,000."

MOBILE COUNTY (P. O. Mobile), Ala.—BOND REDEMPTION NOTICE.—Notice is being given by Geo. E. Stone, Treasurer of the Board of Revenue and Road Commissioners, to holders of Mobile County special road and bridge bonds, issued June 1 1928, or June 1 1930, and maturing June 1 1934, that the County proposes to pay one-half of each maturing bond in cash, on or after June 1 1934, and to issue a refunding bond in payment of the remaining half of each bond. The refunding bonds will be 10-year, 4¾% bonds, interest semi-annually June and December.

MORRISTOWN, Morris County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$91,000 coupon or registered general bonds offered on June 1—V. 138, p. 3646—were awarded as 4½s jointly to B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Inc. and H. L. Allen & Co., both of New York, at par plus a premium of \$382.20, equal to 100.41, a basis of about 4.66%. Dated June 1 1934 and due on June 1 as follows: \$11,000 from 1936 to 1940 incl. and \$12,000 from 1941 to 1943 incl. Other bids were as follows:

PUBLIC OFFERING MADE.—The purchasers are re-offering the bonds for general investment at prices to yield 4.25%. They are declared to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the State of New Jersey. The town is reported to have collected, as of June 1 1934, 93.73% of the 1931 tax levy; 86.35% of the 1932 levy, and 73.55% of the 1933 levy.

MOUNT VERNON, Knox County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$23,000 storm sewer construction bonds offered on June 6—V. 138, p. 3646—were awarded as 4½s to Johnson, Kase & Co. of Cleveland, at par plus a premium of \$51, equal to 100.22, a basis of about 4.21%. Dated Oct. 1 1933 and due as follows: \$1,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1940 incl.; \$1,000 April 1 and \$2,000 Oct. 1 from 1941 to 1943 incl., and \$1,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 1944.

MUSKEGON, Muskegon County, Mich.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids addressed to Ida L. Christiansen, City Clerk, were received until

June 8 for the purchase of \$50,000 not to exceed 5% interest general improvement bonds. Dated July 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on July 1 from 1935 to 1944 incl. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

MUSKINGUM COUNTY (P. O. Zanesville), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$89,500 coupon poor relief bonds offered on June 6—V. 138, p. 3646—were awarded as 2½s to the Citizens National Bank of Zanesville, at par plus a premium of \$15, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 2.24%. Dated June 1 1934 and due as follows: \$17,000, Sept. 1 1934; \$17,000, March 1 and \$18,000, Sept. 1 1935; \$18,500, March 1 and \$19,000, Sept. 1 1936. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder—	Int. Rate.	Premium.
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc.....	2¼%	\$134.90
Fox, Einhorn & Co.....	2¼%	193.00
Hayole, Miller & Co.....	2¼%	186.90
Stranahan, Harris & Co.....	2¼%	131.00
First National Bank, Zanesville.....	4%	Par

NASHUA, Hillsboro County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$100,000 revenue anticipation loan offered on June 5—V. 138, p. 3814—was awarded to Whiting, Weeks & Knowles of Boston, at 0.90% discount basis. Due Feb. 28 1935. Other bids were as follows:

Discount Basis.	
Second National Bank, Nashua.....	1.23%
Indian Head National Bank, Nashua.....	1.24%
Ballou, Adams & Whittemore, Inc.....	1.35%

NASSAU COUNTY (P. O. Mineola), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on June 7—V. 138, p. 3814—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Lehman Bros.; Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.; Bancamerica-Blair Corp.; Phelps, Fenn & Co.; Kean, Taylor & Co.; George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.; Bacon, Stevenson & Co.; R. H. Moulton & Co., Inc.; Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. (Buffalo); Wertheim & Co.; Darby & Co.; Adams, McEntee & Co., Inc.; Hemphill, Noyes & Co.; Wells-Dickey Co. (Minneapolis), and the South Shore Trust Co., Rockville Centre, unless otherwise noted, all of New York City. This group paid a price of par for \$1,500,4¾% bonds, \$400,000 3¾s and \$100,000 3½s, the net interest cost to the County being 4.108%. The two bids entered at the sale were extremely close, the offer of the unsuccessful syndicate, headed by the Chase National Bank of New York, being computed on a net interest cost to the County of 4.114%. The bonds were awarded as follows:

- \$1,000,000 tax revenue bonds of 1933 sold as 4¾s. Due \$200,000 on June 1 from 1935 to 1939, inclusive.
- 500,000 emergency relief bonds sold as 4¾s. Due \$100,000 on June 1 from 1940 to 1944, inclusive.
- 400,000 land purchase bonds sold as 3¾s. Due \$50,000 on June 1 from 1951 to 1958, inclusive.
- 100,000 land purchase bonds sold as 3½s. Due \$50,000 on June 1 in 1959 and 1960.

All of the bonds are dated June 1 1934 and are being reoffered by the bankers for public investment as follows: The \$1,500,000 4¾s are priced to yield from 2.75 to 4.10%, according to maturity; the \$400,000 3¾s to yield 4% and the \$100,000 3½s also to yield 4%. The obligations are described as being legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State and to be valid and legally binding instruments of the County, payable from such ad valorem taxes to be levied on all the taxable property in the County to provide for the payment of both principal and interest without limitation as to rate or amount. The Chase National Bank of New York and associates, unsuccessful bidders for the bonds, offered a price of 100.11 for the \$1,000,000 tax revenue issue to bear 4¾% interest and for the remaining \$1,000,000 at 4%. Other members of this group were the Guaranty Co. of New York; the First of Boston Corporation; Salomon Brothers & Hutzler; Stone & Webster & Blodget, Inc.; Edward B. Smith & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co.; Wallace & Co.; Roosevelt & Weigold, and Kelley, Richardson & Co.

Financial Statement as of May 28 1934.

Debt of the County evidenced by negotiable obligations, incl. the proposed \$2,000,000 bonds.....	
Improvement bonds.....	\$28,980,000.00
Emergency relief bonds.....	8,050,000.00
Tax revenue bonds.....	7,800,000.00
Tax anticipation notes issued against taxes levied for years prior to 1934.....	1,775,000.00
Tax anticipation notes issued against 1934 taxes.....	850,000.00
Notes issued for emergency relief purposes.....	1,253,000.00
Total.....	\$48,708,000.00
Deductions:	
Sinking funds held for tax revenue bonds.....	\$3,321,982.79
Proceeds of tax revenue bonds on hand or to be received and to be applied to the retirement of tax anticipation notes.....	1,105,000.00
Proceeds of emergency relief bonds on hand or to be received and to be applied to the retirement of emergency relief notes.....	1,253,000.00
Total.....	5,679,982.79
Net debt.....	\$43,028,017.21
Assessed valuation of taxable real property.....	\$32,065,240.00
Population, 1930 Federal Census, 303,053.....	

NEWBURYPORT, Essex County, Mass.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.—The city has under consideration a proposal calling for the issuance of \$10,000 water basin improvement bonds.

NEW EAGLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—H. E. Evans, Secretary of the Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on June 25, for the purchase of \$34,000 4¾, 4¾, 4¾ or 5% bonds, divided as follows: \$21,000 school building bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1939 to 1948, incl.; \$2,000, 1949 to 1952, incl. and \$3,000 in 1953. 13,000 school funding bonds. Due \$1,000 on June 1 from 1941 to 1953, inclusive.

Each issue is dated June 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Separate bids to be made for each issue. Principal and interest (J. & D.) to be payable at the District Treasurer's office. A certified check for 2% of the amount of each issue bid for, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Burghwin, Scully & Burghwin of Pittsburgh will be furnished the successful bidder.

NEWARK, Essex County, N. J.—TO ISSUE \$8,000,000 BONDS.—The initial step in the program providing for establishment of banking credit in favor of the city in amount of \$24,000,000, in accordance with a recent agreement—V. 138, p. 3814—will take the form of the early delivery of \$8,000,000 bonds to institutions participating in the credit for the purpose of permitting the city to pay off county and State taxes in arrears for 1933.

NEWARK, Essex County, N. J.—OBTAINS LOANS UNDER RECENT CREDIT AGREEMENT.—The first step in the City's recently-adopted financial program—V. 138, p. 3814—was the sale of \$6,000,000 4% tax anticipation notes, due Nov. 9 1934, to Chase National Bank, Guaranty Trust Co., Bank of Manhattan Co., First National Bank of New York, Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. and Prudential Insurance Co. of Newark, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of June 8. This is the lowest borrowing rate for Newark since 1931. An additional \$2,000,000 similar notes, due Nov. 20, 1934, have been sold to Prudential Insurance Co., Chase National Bank and Guaranty Trust Co.

Director of Revenue and Finance Gerald Parnell announced that the City also had arranged for the sale of \$11,071,640 tax revenue bonds, due Dec. 15 1934, of which about \$10,000,000 represents a renewal of maturing loans and the balance new funds at 5½%. The maturing loan bore 6% rate. The major portion of this renewal and new loan was underwritten by Fidelity Union Trust Co., Federal Trust Co., Howard Savings Institution, National Newark & Essex Bank, Merchants Trust Co., National State Bank, West Side Trust Co., United States Trust Co., Franklin Savings Institution, American Insurance Co. and J. S. Rippel & Co., all of Newark, and the Paterson Savings Institution and the Commercial Trust Co. of New Jersey.

As a result of these operations, Newark will save \$200,000 interest annually and extension of most current indebtedness has been arranged until next November and December. The financing was arranged under the

financial program evolved for the city under the direction of Director Parnell and the municipal advisory firm of Norman S. Taber & Co. Adoption of the plan places the city on a cash basis.

NEW GALILEE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wayne County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$3,500 5% school bldg. construction bonds offered on April 2—V. 138, p. 2120—was sold at a price of par to the Farmers National Bank of Beaver Falls.

NEW HAVEN, New Haven County, Conn.—BORROWS \$500,000.—The City recently obtained a loan of \$500,000 from the Chase National Bank of New York at interest of 0.45%.

The above loan was negotiated in anticipation of tax collections due Aug. 1 1934. G. Henry Brethaur, City Controller, reports that current taxes unpaid amount to \$4,808,000, while the total amount owed on current and delinquent taxes is \$7,141,000. The loan constitutes a first lien on the tax payments.

NEW MEXICO, State of (P. O. Santa Fe).—REPORT ON PROPOSED BOND ISSUANCE.—It is reported by C. P. Anderson, State Treasurer, that at the January 1935 session of the Legislature it is hoped to receive the authority to refund \$1,500,000 of highway bonds issued in 1922. He states that although there is a provision in the Constitution which permits certain refunding, it is not self-executing. The State laws do not make specific provision for refunding.

NEW PHILADELPHIA, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—MEETS DEBT CHARGES.—The city made payment in full of the \$11,496.05 bond principal and interest charges which came due on June 1 1934, thus increasing to \$38,164.14 the amount of such payments made so far this year and maintaining its record of never having defaulted on its maturities, according to report. Debt retirements scheduled for 1934 amount to \$61,809.85, which will lower the total indebtedness of the city at the close of 1934 to \$149,102.85. The City Auditor is Ray L. Swinderman.

NEW ROCHESTER, Eddy County, N. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—It is stated by F. S. Dunham, City Auditor, that he will receive bids at the office of the County Auditor, until 4 p. m. on June 11, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of water works system bonds. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

NEWTON FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND EXCHANGE.—The \$20,500 5% refunding bonds offered for sale on April 28—V. 138, p. 287—were being exchanged for past-due maturities. Due on April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1935 to 1944 incl.

NEW YORK MILLS, Otter Tail County, Minn.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—It is stated by the Village Clerk that the \$26,000 4% water works supply bonds approved by the voters on March 20—V. 138, p. 2293—have not as yet been disposed of as the Public Works Administration contract on the \$34,000 allotment has not been returned.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—MAY FINANCING.—The City borrowed a total of \$41,530,000 during the month of May, of which \$34,497,000 was obtained through the sale of temporary obligations, while the balance of \$7,033,000 represents issues maturing in more than one year. Included in this latter amount is the \$33,000 4% corporate stock issue publicly awarded on May 10—V. 138, p. 3319. The other loans making up the balance of \$41,497,000 for the month are as follows:

- \$20,000,000 3% revenue bonds. Due June 29 1934.
- 4,000,000 4% certificates of indebtedness for home and work relief. Due 4,000,000 on Nov. 10 from 1935 to 1942 incl.
- 4,000,000 4 1/4% special corporate stock notes. Due May 14 1935.
- 3,400,000 4% special corporate stock notes. Due May 29 1935.
- 3,000,000 4 1/4% assessment bonds. Due May 25 1937.
- 3,000,000 4% assessment bonds. Due Nov. 30 1934.
- 2,500,000 4% tax notes of 1934. Due July 15 1935.
- 750,000 3 1/2% special revenue bonds of 1934. Due April 15 1935.
- 750,000 4% special revenue bonds of 1934. Due July 15 1935.
- 97,000 4% revenue bonds, due on or before Nov. 1 1936, exchanged for revenue bills of 1934.

\$10,000,000 BORROWED AT ONLY 1 1/4% INTEREST.—Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick announced on June 6 the sale of \$10,000,000 1 1/4% special revenue bonds to a local banking group, including the Chase National Bank, National City Bank, Guaranty Trust Co., First National Bank, Chemical Bank & Trust Co. and Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, all of New York. The issue is dated June 6 1934 and due Oct. 6 1934. Proceeds of the loan, together with \$7,500,000 borrowed last week from the sinking funds, will be used to pay teachers' salaries for June and July 1934. The city will be reimbursed by New York State for its expenditures of that nature on Oct. 1 1934. The interest rate of 1 1/4% is the lowest figure at which the city has ever been able to borrow 120-day money and the lowest carried on any obligations of the city since 1931. The records of the Finance Department show that the previous low rate on short-term money was 1 3/4% on \$44,000,000 of revenue notes issued on Sept. 25 1931 for 94 days. Immediately after this sale the city's credit began to sag and the next following sale was at a rate of 4 1/4%. This interest rate continued to rise and last year the city paid as high as 5 1/4%. "The improvement in the city's credit which this administration has been able to bring about is very graphically reflected in this new rate of 1 1/4% for short-term borrowings," the Comptroller said in making the announcement. "I am naturally very much gratified and I am sure the taxpayers of the city will be gratified also. Certainly this low rate tells more emphatically than anything else could how far improved the credit of the city is to-day."

NEW YORK.—DEALERS REFERENCE LIST.—A complete list of dealers interested in New York municipals is contained in the 1934 edition of "Classified Markets," just off the press. Firms who specialize in these bonds are indicated by a star placed before the 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 of this country, besides the various Provinces of Canada. Published by Herbert D. Siebert & Co., 25 Spruce St., New York City. Price \$6 per copy.

OGLE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oglestown), Somerset County, Pa.—BONDS APPROVED.—The Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs on May 29 approved an issue of \$2,000 school funding bonds.

ONEIDA, Madison County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Herman A. Phillip, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on June 19, for the purchase of \$60,500 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered refunding bonds. Bids will be opened at 8 p. m. Bonds will be dated June 1 1934. One bond for \$500, others for \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$6,500 in 1935 and \$6,000 from 1936 to 1944, incl. Bidder to name a single interest rate on the issue, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the City Chamberlain's office. A certified check for \$1,200, 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.

OURAY, Ouray County, Colo.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—An ordinance is said to have received final approval recently, providing for the issuance of \$14,500 in water works extension bonds. (An allotment of \$18,000 has been approved already by the Public Works Administration).—V. 137, p. 4041.)

PACIFIC GROVE, Monterey County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 issue of beach impt. and property purchase bonds offered for sale on June 4—V. 138, p. 3815—was awarded to the Anglo-California National Bank of San Francisco as 4 1/8%, paying a premium of \$1,009.12, equal to 101.68. Dated June 1 1934. Due from 1935 to 1960 incl., optional before maturity on 30 days' notice.

PALISADES IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Palisades), Douglas County, Wash.—BOND ELECTION.—An election was held on June 7 to vote on the proposed issuance of \$28,500 in 4% refunding bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$500, 1938 to 1946; \$1,000, 1947 to 1961, and \$1,500 from 1962 to 1967.

PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Jose), Santa Clara County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on June 11 by Henry A. Pfister, County Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$110,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1934. Due on June 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1935 to 1949; \$6,000, 1950; \$7,000, 1951 to 1953, and \$8,000 in 1954. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, is required.

PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Paradise) Butte County, Calif.—DETAILS ON RFC LOAN.—In connection with the report given in V. 138, p. 3648, of the \$252,500 loan to this district by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for refinancing, it is stated by the District Secretary that of this amount the sum of \$250,000 is for refinancing the present bonded indebtedness and the remaining \$2,500 is for the expenses in connection therewith. The loan has been confirmed by the Corporation but no disbursements have as yet been made to the district.

PARSONS, Labette County, Kan.—BOND ELECTION CONTEMPORATED.—We are informed that an election will be held in August to vote on the proposed issuance of \$275,000 in municipal gas light plant bonds.

PASSAIC, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$123,000 coupon or registered water system bonds offered on June 5—V. 138, p. 3647—were awarded as 4 3/8 to a group composed of M. F. Schlater & Co., Inc.; MacBride, Miller & Co., and C. A. Prein & Co., all of New York, at a price of 101.79, a basis of about 4.60%. Dated June 1 1934 and due June 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1935 to 1955 incl. and \$4,000 from 1956 to 1970 incl.

PASSAIC COUNTY (P. O. Paterson), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders will be received until June 27, for the purchase of \$2,317,000 not to exceed 5% interest bonds, comprising \$946,000 park, \$695,000 road, bridge and County building, \$504,000 welfare and \$172,000 refunding issues.

PASSAIC, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—A. D. Bolton, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3:30 p. m. (Daylight Saving Time) on June 19 for the purchase of \$444,000 5% coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

- \$268,500 improvement refunding bonds of 1934. Due July 1 as follows: \$29,000, 1935; \$30,000, 1936 and 1937; \$29,000, 1938 and 1939; \$29,500 in 1940 and \$23,000 from 1941 to 1944 incl.
- 175,500 improvement funding bonds of 1934. Due July 1 as follows: \$16,000, 1935; \$15,000, 1936 and 1937; \$16,000, 1938; \$15,000, 1939; \$14,500 in 1940 and \$21,000 from 1941 to 1944 incl.

Each issue is dated July 1 1934. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the Passaic National Bank & Trust Co., Passaic, or at the Chase National Bank, New York. 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.

PHILIPSBURG, Granite County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. on June 18 by E. T. Irvin, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$2,700 issue of fire truck bonds. These bonds were approved by the voters on April 2.

PORT LAVACA, Calhoun County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—It is said that an election will be held on June 26 to vote on the issuance of water works and sewer impt. bonds. (An allotment of \$54,000 for this purpose was approved by the Public Works Administration in January.—V. 138, p. 718.)

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by R. E. Riley, Commissioner of Finance, until 11 a. m. on June 20 for the purchase of a \$700,000 issue of 5% semi-annual improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1934. Payable 10 years from date. The city reserves the right to take up and cancel such bonds upon the payment of the face value thereof, with accrued interest to the date of payment upon the first of any month at or after 3 years from date of bonds. Said bonds shall be redeemed consecutively by number. Prin. and int. payable in lawful money at the City Treasurer's office. Bidders are required to submit unconditional bids, except as to legality of bonds. Said bonds shall be sold subject to the prior approving opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. The bonds will be sold at not less than par and accrued interest. A certified check for 5% of the face value of the bonds bid for, payable to the city, is required.

PORT HURON, Saint Clair County, Mich.—REFUNDING BONDS APPROVED.—The City Commission, on recommendation of Finance Commissioner Thomas H. Molloy, recommended refunding of \$130,000 public impt. bonds which mature between July 1 and Oct. 1 1934. About \$100,000 other bonds mature in the same period.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—LOWER INTEREST RATE SET ON INDEBTEDNESS.—The following report is taken from the Portland "Oregonian" of May 26:

"Portland banks yesterday granted a request for a reduction of from 6 to 5% in interest rates on city, county and school district indebtedness, and requested that the three bodies join and utilize a portion of the savings thus made possible for a campaign to stimulate payment of delinquent taxes. The reduced rate will result in a saving estimated between \$35,000 and \$50,000 for the balance of the year, it was said. The estimate was based on a current city bank debt of less than \$200,000, an anticipated county warrant peak of more than \$1,000,000, and an estimated school district warrant peak of \$900,000."

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election on May 18—V. 138, p. 2619—the voters are stated to have defeated the proposed issuance of \$1,000,000 in water refunding bonds.

PORTSMOUTH, Rockingham County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Ballou, Adams & Whittemore, Inc. of Boston were awarded on June 7 an issue of \$50,000 revenue anticipation notes at 0.55% discount basis. Due Aug. 10 1934. Other bids were as follows:

	Discount Basis.
First of Boston Corp.	0.67%
Merchants National Bank of Boston	0.74%
Faxon, Gade & Co.	0.82%

PULASKI, Giles County, Tenn.—BOND SALE DETAILS.—The \$11,000 issue of street impt. refunding bonds that was purchased by Gray, Shillinglaw & Co. of Nashville—V. 138, p. 3648—bears interest at 5% and was sold at par. Coupon bonds dated July 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1943 to 1945, and \$4,000 in 1946 and 1947. Interest payable J. & J. It is also stated that these bonds refund a like amount of street improvement bonds, dated July 1 1924 and maturing on July 1 1934.

PRAIRIE CREEK SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Vigo County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Otis H. Weir, District Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on June 9 for the purchase of \$8,607.15 5% judgment funding bonds. Dated June 1 1934. Due semi-annually on Jan. 15 and July 15 from 1935 to 1945 incl. Payable at the Merchants National Bank, Terre Haute. Bonds are authorized by Chapter 30, Laws of 1931.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Brewster), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$302,000 series No. 32 coupon or registered highway improvement bonds offered on June 5—V. 138, p. 3648—were awarded as 3 1/2 to Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. of New York, at par plus a premium of \$665, equal to 100.22, a basis of about 3.48%. Dated June 1 1934 and due June 1 as follows: \$10,000 from 1936 to 1952 incl., and \$1,000 from 1953 to 1964 incl. The bonds are declared to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State and are being re-offered for public investment at prices to yield from 1.75 to 3.50%, according to maturity. They are also said to be general obligations of the county, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied against all the taxable property therein. Other bids for the bonds were as follows:

	Int. Rate.	Prem.
Phelps, Fenn & Co.	4%	\$4,530.00
George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.	4 1/2%	4,862.20

QUINCY, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Award was made on June 7 of a \$150,000 revenue anticipation loan to Washburn, Frost & Co. of Boston, at 0.89%, discount basis. Due Dec. 6 1934. Other bids were as follows: National Shawmut Bank, 0.91%; Merchants National Bank, 0.94%; United States Trust Co., 1.25%; Faxon, Gade & Co., 1.28%, and P. S. Moseley & Co., 1.39%.

QUINCY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Quincy) Adams County, Pa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs on May 25 approved an issue of \$14,500 funding bonds.

QUINCY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. R. D. No. 2, Waynesboro), Franklin County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to H. E. Snider, Secretary of the Board of School Directors, will be received until 8 p. m. on June 21, for the purchase of \$14,500 4% coupon bonds. Dated May 1 1934. Denom. \$500. Due May 1 1954; callable on any interest payment date on or before May 1 1939. A certified check for 2% is required.

RAHWAY, Union County, N. J.—OBTAINS BANK LOAN.—The City has borrowed \$50,000 on 1933 tax revenue bonds from the Rahway National Bank. This is part of a total authorization of \$100,000.

RALEIGH COUNTY (P. O. Beckley) W. Va.—SUPREME COURT DENIES PROPOSED BOND ELECTIONS.—The proposed issuance of \$280,000 in bonds for the building of a new court house, to be passed on at the primary election on Aug. 7—V. 138, p. 3648—was denied by the State Supreme Court on June 5. An Associated Press dispatch from Charleston on that day reported in part as follows on the decision: "The Supreme Court to-day reversed a ruling of the Raleigh County Circuit Court which sustained a demurrer to an injunction action brought to halt issuance of a \$280,000 bond issue.

"The bonds were proposed to finance construction of a new court house as a Public Works Administration project.

"In reversing the Lower Court's action the tribunal held the county's indebtedness is \$1,725,650.73 far in excess of the amount which the county could primarily assume under the statute."

"The purpose of the proposed bond issue is to obtain money to erect a court house and jail. The county court cannot proceed in this matter under the 'additional sum' provision of the statute because the erection of a court house and jail is not one of the purposes designated in the provisions."

RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION.—REPORT ON LOANS MADE TO DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION DISTRICTS.—The following is the text of an announcement made public by the above Corporation on June 4:

"Loans for refinancing a drainage district in Utah, a levee and a drainage district in Arkansas, totaling \$159,000, have been authorized by the RFC. This makes a total to date of \$40,498,072.46 authorized under the provisions of Section 36 of the Emergency Farm Mortgage Act of 1933, as amended."

The districts are:
Utah County Drainage District No. 1, Springville, Utah..... \$45,500
Laconia Levee District of Desha County, Snow Lake, Arkansas..... 101,000
The Laconia Circle Special Drainage District of Desha County, Snow Lake, Arkansas..... 12,500

RADFORD, Montgomery County, Va.—BOND SALE.—A \$16,000 block of hydro-electric bonds is reported to have been purchased by the Frederick E. Nolting Co., Inc., of Richmond, at a price of 98.75.

RED CLOUD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Red Cloud), Webster County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$65,000 issue of 4% semi-ann. refunding bonds is reported to have been purchased recently by the Kirkpatrick-Pettis-Loomis Co. of Omaha.

ROANOKE, Woodford County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on May 29 the voters authorized the issuance of \$6,500 water system improvement bonds. The measure carried by a vote of 155 to 52. The issue will mature serially from 1935 to 1941 incl. No date of sale has been set as yet.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—TO RENEW NOTES.—The City Council has authorized the City Treasurer to renew \$1,800,000 notes which mature on June 15 1934. They include \$1,350,000 tax revenue of 1933, \$250,000 home and veteran relief and \$200,000 issued for public works construction.

NOTE OFFERING.—Paul B. Aex, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern Standard Time) on June 14, for the purchase of \$1,350,000 notes, divided as follows:

450,000 tax revenue notes of 1933. Due Dec. 14 1934.
450,000 tax revenue notes of 1933. Due Sept. 15 1934.
250,000 public welfare notes. Due Feb. 14 1935.
200,000 public works construction notes. Due Feb. 14 1935.

Each issue is dated June 14 1934. Bidder to state rate of interest and denoms. Notes will be drawn with interest and deliverable and payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York. Legal opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

ROCKY RIVER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND EXCHANGE.—Alice C. Wend, Clerk of the Board of Education, states that the \$32,500 6% refunding bonds for which no bids were obtained at the offering April 14—V. 138, p. 2295—are now being offered in exchange for existing obligations.

ROMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Roma), Starr County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported by the Secretary of the Board of Education that at an election on April 7 the voters approved the issuance of \$47,000 in school construction bonds. It is said that the bonds will be taken by the Public Works Administration.

ROME, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Lynn C. Butts, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Daylight Saving Time) on June 19 for the purchase of \$106,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

\$77,000 public works bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1935 to 1937 incl. and \$3,000 from 1933 to 1944 incl.
29,000 public welfare bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1935 to 1943 incl. and \$2,000 in 1944.

Each issue is dated June 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. 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 (J. & D.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. 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.

ROME RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Athalia), Lawrence County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Clyde Hoover, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 22 for the purchase of \$1,300 5 1/2% refunding bonds. Dated May 1 1934. Denom. \$130. Due \$130 annually on May 1 from 1935 to 1944, incl. Interest is payable semi-annually. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5 1/2%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. Certified check must accompany each proposal.

RUSH SPRINGS, Grady County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters are said to have recently approved the issuance of \$15,000 in sewage disposal plant bonds.

RUTLAND INDEPENDENT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Rutland), Lake County, S. Dak.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of funding bonds was offered for sale on June 5 and was purchased at par by Elmer L. Williams, according to the District Clerk. Dated June 1 1934. Due \$3,000 from 1935 to 1942 and \$1,000 in 1943. No other bids were received.

SABETHA, Nemaha County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on June 12, by Lulu Christensen, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of sewage disposal bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated July 1 1934. Int. rate to be stated by bidder. Due on July 1 from 1935 to 1954, with \$1,000 due each odd year, and \$1,500 due each even year. Coupon bonds with int. payable J. & J.

SALT LAKE CITY, Salt Lake County, Utah.—NOTE ISSUANCE CONTEMPLATED.—We are informed by our Western correspondent that the City Treasurer will offer for sale shortly an issue of \$250,000 4% tax-anticipation notes. He states that this will be part of the \$1,500,000 issue that was authorized last January—V. 138, p. 899.

SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Antonio), Bexar County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING AUTHORIZED.—The School Board is said to have authorized Paul Scholz, Business Manager, to advertise for bids on the purchase of \$273,000 in refunding bonds, which are to be issued to refund half the outstanding 1913 improvement bonds at a reduced rate of interest. The bonds to be refunded are 5s, maturing in 1953, half of which are to be bought in by the sinking fund of the Board.

SANDUSKY COUNTY (P. O. Fremont), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,200 poor relief bonds offered on June 5—V. 138, p. 3482—were awarded to J. E. Einhorn & Co. of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$20, equal to 100.16, a basis of about 2.87%. Dated May 1 1934 and due as follows: \$2,400, Sept. 1 1934; \$2,300, March 1 and \$2,400, Sept. 1 1935; \$2,500, March 1 and \$2,600, Sept. 1 1936.

SCIOTO COUNTY (P. O. Portsmouth), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$108,500 coupon poor relief bonds offered on June 4—V. 138, p. 3482—were awarded as 2 1/8% to Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc. of Toledo, at par plus a premium of \$108.50, equal to 100.10, a basis of about 2.73%. Dated March 1 1934 and due as follows: \$20,500, Sept. 1 1934; \$21,000, March 1 and \$21,700, Sept. 1 1935; \$22,300, March 1 and \$23,000, Sept. 1 1936.

Other bids were as follows:

Bidder—	Int. Rate.	Premium.
Fox, Einhorn & Co.....	3 1/8 %	\$141.50
Seansgood & Mayer.....	3 1/8 %	197.85
Mitchell, Herrick & Co.....	3 1/8 %	203.35
Portsmouth Banking Co.....	3 1/8 %	54.00
Security-Central National Bank of Portsmouth.....	3 1/8 %	195.30

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on June 22, by H. W. Carroll, City Comptroller, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,128,000 arterial highway bonds of 1932. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1934. Bonds are coupon in form, registerable as to both principal and interest, at the option of the holder. These bonds are authorized by Ordinance No. 62995, assented to by the legally required vote of the electors voting at the election held on the 8th day of November 1932, and ratified and confirmed by Ordinance No. 63175, approved Nov. 28 1932, for the purpose of providing funds for constructing improvements upon the City Arterial Highway system. Said bonds will be serial in form and maturity and numbered from one up consecutively, and shall mature annually commencing with the second year, and ending with the 30th year after their said date of issue in such amounts, as nearly as practicable, to be specified by the City Council, by resolution, as will, together with interest on all outstanding bonds of the same series, be met by an equal tax levy for the payment of said bonds and interest. Principal and interest will be payable at the Washington Fiscal Agency in New York City, or at the City Treasurer's office, at the option of the holder.

Said bonds will be approved as to legality by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, bond attorneys, New York City, whose favorable opinion will be delivered to the purchaser free of charge.

Bidders shall be required to submit upon blank forms furnished by the City Comptroller separate bids specifying (a), the lowest rate of interest and the premium, if any, above par, at which the bidder will purchase said bonds; or (b), the lowest rate of interest at which the bidder will purchase said bonds at par, said bids to be without condition, interlineation or erasure.

All bids shall be sealed, and, with the exception of the bid of the State of Washington, if one is received, each shall be accompanied by a deposit of 5%, either cash or certified check, of the amount of the bid.

The following information is furnished with the offering notice:

General Bond Debt Statement, April 30 1934.	
Assessed valuation in 1933 for 1934 (50% of actual).....	\$255,990,628.00
Constitutional limit of indebtedness 10% of assessed valuation.....	25,599,062.00
The total general lien bond indebtedness of the city.....	14,145,500.00
Sinking fund assets—for redemption of general lien bonds.....	1,320,629.48

Of the \$14,145,500 general lien bond indebtedness listed above, \$300,000 has been issued for water system and \$400,000 for light and power system. The principal and the interest payments on these bonds are all being made from revenues of the respective utilities.

Included in the above sinking fund assets are \$255,479.26 provided by the water department for the redemption of water system general lien bonds, and \$347,302.09 provided by the light department for redemption of light and power general lien bonds.

SELMER, McNairy County, Tenn.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Mayor and Board of Aldermen are said to have passed on third reading an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$74,000 in water works and sewage system bonds.

SHARON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mercer County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 coupon operating revenue bonds offered on June 4—V. 138, p. 3483—were awarded as 4s at 100.20, a basis of about 3.95%, to Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Philadelphia. Dated July 1 1934 and due \$20,000 on July 1 from 1935 to 1940 incl. The bonds are general obligations, payable from ad valorem taxation, and are being re-offered for general investment at prices to yield from 2.75 to 3.80%, according to maturity. Other bids for the issue were as follows:

Bidder—	Int. Rate.	Prem.
E. H. Rollins & Sons.....	4 %	\$150
S. K. Cunningham & Co.....	4 %	135
Glover & MacGregor, Inc.....	4 1/4 %	561

SHELTON, Fairfield County, Conn.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.—The city plans to issue \$75,000 bonds to provide funds for direct poor relief expenditures.

SHENANDOAH, Page County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election on June 4—V. 138, p. 3649, the voters approved the issuance of the \$80,000 in water works (general obligation) bonds, by a count of 1,320 to 373.

SHEPHERDSTOWN, Jefferson County, W. Va.—BOND ELECTION.—An election is said to be scheduled for June 9 to vote on the issuance of \$2,500 in sewer system extension bonds.

SIoux CENTER, Sioux County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$23,000 issue of water works bonds offered for sale on May 31—V. 138, p. 3649—was awarded at public auction to Glaspell, Vieth & Duncan, of Davenport, as 4s, paying a premium of \$493, equal to 102.14, a basis of about 3.77%. Dated May 1 1934. Due from Nov. 1 1936 to 1953.

The following is an official list of the other bids received:

Names of Other Bidders—	Premium.
First National Bank, Sioux Center.....	\$492.00
Jackley & Co., Des Moines.....	472.00
Carleton D. Beh & Co., Des Moines.....	471.00
White-Phillips Co., Davenport.....	470.00
Shaw-McDermott & Sparks, Des Moines.....	370.00
United States of America.....	4 %

SKAGIT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 306 (P. O. Mount Vernon), Wash.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on May 26—V. 138, p. 3649—the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$90,000 in school bonds.

SMITHFIELD, Fayette County, Pa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Borough has authorized an issue of \$32,000 water works system construction bonds.

SONORA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sonora), Sutton County, Tex.—BONDS TO BE PURCHASED.—It is stated by the City Manager that if the \$28,000 school bonds are approved by the voters at the pending election—V. 138, p. 2971, they will be purchased by the Federal Government.

SOUTH CAROLINA, State of (P. O. Columbia).—BOND AND NOTE REFUNDING NOT DEFINITE.—In connection with the report given in V. 138, p. 3816, that a plan was being considered for refunding a total of \$11,230,000 in bonds and notes, we are informed that nothing definite has been done as yet by the State Finance Committee toward refinancing the indebtedness.

SPEARFISH, Lawrence County, S. Dak.—BONDS SOLD.—It is stated by the City Auditor that the Public Works Administration has since purchased the \$50,000 4% semi-ann. water works bonds at par, offered for sale without success on March 22—V. 138, p. 2296. Dated March 1 1934. Due from March 1 1935 to 1954.

SPOKANE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 335 (P. O. Spokane), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on June 22 by Paul J. Kreusel, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$9,000 issue of school bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Dated Aug. 1 1934. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

SPOKANE, Spokane County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 issue of coupon or registered semi-ann. refunding bonds offered for sale on June 6—V. 138, p. 3483—was awarded to a syndicate composed of Lehman Bros., Phelps, Fenn & Co., both of New York, Ferris & Hardgrove, of Spokane, the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, and Kalman & Co. of St. Paul, at par, giving a net interest cost of about 3.57% on the bonds divided as follows: \$134,000 as 4s, maturing on July 1 as follows: \$17,000, 1936 and 1937; \$18,000, 1938; \$19,000, 1939; \$20,000, 1940; \$21,000 in 1941 and \$22,000 in 1942; the remaining \$366,000 as 3 1/2s, maturing on July 1 as follows: \$22,000, 1943; \$24,000, 1944; \$25,000, 1945; \$27,000, 1946; \$28,000, 1947; \$29,000, 1948; \$31,000, 1949; \$32,000, 1950; \$34,000, 1951; \$36,000, 1952; \$38,000, 1953, and \$40,000 in 1954.

BONDS OFFERED FOR SUBSCRIPTION.—The successful bidders re-offered the above bonds for general investment, the 4s at prices to yield from 2.50 to 3.40% and the 3 1/2s to yield from 3.40 to 3.50%. The bonds

are said to be legal investments for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—BORROWS \$400,000 AT UNUSUALLY LOW RATE.—The City on June 8 awarded \$400,000 tax anticipation notes to the Bankers Trust Co. of New York at 0.29% discount basis. This is said to be the lowest rate realized by a municipality at a sale of short-term paper. The notes mature in five months and were also bid for by the following: The Merchants National Bank of Boston, 0.30%; Whiting, Weeks & Knowles, 0.34%; the Second National Bank of Boston, 0.41%; G. M. P. Murphy & Co., 0.42%; Faxon, Gade & Co., 0.45%, and Estabrook & Co., 0.46%.

STREETER, Stutsman County, N. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—It is stated by the Village Clerk that the \$8,000 issue of improvement bonds offered on April 14—V. 138, p. 2623—was not sold. Interest rate to be named by bidder. Due \$800 from 1935 to 1944.

SULLIVAN, Sullivan County, Ind.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.—The City Council recently approved an ordinance providing for an issue of \$32,000 4½% bonds to mature over a period of 15 years. Proceeds of the issue will be used to pay off defaulted bonds and to meet other obligations.

SYKESVILLE, Jefferson County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—S. H. Snyers, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p. m. on June 20 for the purchase of \$37,000 4% bonds. Dated Dec. 31 1933. Denom. \$1,000. Due, Jan. 1, as follows: \$1,000 from 1936 to 1952 incl., \$2,000, 1953 to 1959 incl., and \$3,000 in 1960 and 1961. Interest is payable in J. & J. Borough will pay for printing of the bonds and will furnish the successful bidder with legal approving opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Burgwin of Pittsburgh. A certified check for \$500 must accompany each proposal.

TARENTUM, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—An ordinance authorizing an increase of \$57,000 in the bonded debt of the Borough through the sale of that amount of water works improvement bonds has been passed by the Borough Council.

TERRACE PARK, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. V. McChesney, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 27, for the purchase of \$1,000 6% land purchase bonds. Dated July 1 1934. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 on Sept. 1 in 1935 and 1936. Interest payable in F. & A. 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 \$15 must accompany each proposal.

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin).—BOND SALE.—The \$3,750,000 issue of 4½% semi-annual relief bonds offered for sale on June 2—V. 138, p. 3817—was purchased by a syndicate composed of Donald O'Neil & Co., of Dallas, John Nuveen & Co., C. W. McNear & Co., A. C. Allyn & Co., all of Chicago, the Equitable Securities Corp. of Nashville, Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., of St. Louis, Rauscher, Pierce & Co. of Dallas, the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, and Geo. L. Simpson & Co. of Dallas, paying a premium of \$22,875, equal to 100.61, a basis of about 4.38%. Dated March 1 1934. Due from March 1 1936 to 1943 incl.

TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.—In a letter being sent out by the committee for bondholders, all holders of every issue of City of Toledo bonds are requested to notify the committee Secretary, Willard P. Scott, 110 East 42nd Street, New York, of their names, addresses, and of the amounts of their holdings, indicating in detail the particular issues and maturities. The letter says: "The City of Toledo, Ohio, defaulted on the payment of the principal of its bonds maturing Sept. 1 1933, and has continued to default upon bonds maturing since that time, with the exception of \$33,000 bonds which matured Jan. 1 1934. The int. upon its outstanding bonds and also the principal of the water bonds have been paid as they have become due. We are informed that the total amount which is in default for the year 1933 is \$1,646,000. It is doubtful whether the City will pay the principal of bonds maturing in 1934, which amount to \$1,800,000 general bonds and \$241,000 special assessment bonds. Large amounts of the bonds are also maturing in 1935 and 1936." Because of these and other conditions, the letter states, it is possible that further default will occur and that the financial condition of the City may reach the stage where far-reaching readjustments may be necessary. "The situation is one which affects not only the holders of bonds now in default but affects also the interests of all holders of bonds of the City of Toledo."

The following persons representing substantial holders of City bonds, have agreed to act as a committee for bondholders and serve without compensation: Philip A. Benson, President, Dime Savings Bank, Brooklyn, President, National Association of Mutual Savings Banks; Malvern Hill, Vice-President, Stranahan, Harris & Co., New York City; Elbert A. Brigham, Vice-President, National Life Insurance Co., Montpelier, Vt.; Lewis P. Mansfield, Supervisor, Bond Dept., Prudential Insurance Co. of America, Newark, N. J.; J. Hamilton Cheston, Vice-President, The Philadelphia Saving Fund Society, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charles A. Miller, President, Savings Banks Trust Co., New York City; Fred P. Hayward, Vice-President and Treasurer, John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., Boston, Mass.

TULSA, Tulsa County, Okla.—BOND REDEMPTION NOTICE.—It is announced by R. J. Moore, City Treasurer, that he is authorized by the Board of Commissioners to purchase all bonds of the city maturing on or before Feb. 1 1935, and to pay therefor with accrued interest to date of purchase. Those who desire to avail themselves of this proposition are requested to send their bonds to any Tulsa bank with draft attached so that same can be paid promptly.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Marysville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Morey Liggett, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 25, for the purchase of \$12,000 5% selective sales tax poor relief bonds. Dated July 2 1934. Due \$3,000 Jan. 2 and July 2 in 1935 and 1936. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. This issue was originally announced for sale on June 11—V. 138, p. 3649, 3817.

UNION, Union Free School District No. 5 (P. O. Johnson City), Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$350,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on June 4—V. 138, p. 3649—were awarded as 3¼s to the N. W. Harris Co., Inc., of New York, at a price of 100.01, a basis of about 3.24%. Dated June 1 1934 and due June 1 as follows: \$12,000 from 1937 to 1954 incl., \$14,000 in 1955 and \$15,000 from 1956 to 1963 incl. The next highest bid, an offer of 100.18 for 3¼s, was submitted jointly by the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. of Buffalo and Adams, McEntee & Co. of New York.

Other bids were as follows:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Premium
Phelps, Fenn & Co.	4%	\$1,225.00
A. C. Allyn & Co.	4%	1,270.50
Bacon, Stevenson & Co.	4.10%	525.00
Bonbright & Co.	3.75%	662.30
George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.	4.10%	1,435.00

VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (P. O. San Benito), Tex.—BOND REFUNDING NEGOTIATIONS STARTED.—The following report is taken from a San Benito dispatch to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of June 2:

"Following the action of President Roosevelt in approving the municipal bankruptcy bill, negotiations will be started for the refunding of approximately \$5,000,000 of bonded indebtedness of four Rio Grande Valley water districts on a basis of from 50 cents to 60 cents on the dollar, according to Frank S. Robertson of San Benito, Secretary of the Valley Water Conservation Association. The districts it involves are Hidalgo and Cameron Counties Water Control and Improvement District No. 9 at Mercedes, Donna Irrigation District, Hidalgo County, No. 1, Cameron County Water Improvement District No. 2 at San Benito, and Cameron County Water Improvement District No. 1 at Harlingen. Due to objections on the part of some of the bondholders of these districts, refunding plans heretofore made have not been carried out."

VERNON COUNTY (P. O. Viroqua), Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$105,000 issue of 4½% semi-ann. highway bonds that was approved recently by the County Board of Supervisors—V. 138, p. 3817—was purchased by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago for a premium of \$4,695, equal to 104.47, a basis of about 2.98%. Due in 1937.

The \$10,000 revenue notes that were approved by the County Board at the same time, have been purchased at par by local investors.

VESTAL (P. O. Vestal), Broome County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on May 25 the voters authorized an issue of \$5,000 fire department apparatus purchase bonds.

VIRGINIA, State of (P. O. Richmond).—GOVERNOR ORDERS 5% CUT IN ALL GENERAL FUND ITEMS.—We quote in part as follows from the Richmond dispatch of June 2, regarding the attempt of Governor Peery to balance the State budget, which appears to be out of alignment:

"State expenditures exceeded estimated revenues by about \$650,000 for the coming biennium, it was disclosed yesterday, and as a result Governor Peery has ordered all general fund appropriations cut 5% for the fiscal year beginning July 1, he said last night.

"It is apparent that our general fund revenues for the next fiscal year will be inadequate to pay in full the appropriations authorized for this period by the General Assembly," the Governor said in a letter addressed to the heads of all agencies of the State Government.

"The cut will amount to about \$750,000 this year and if extended to the second year of the biennium would mean a saving of \$1,500,000. J. H. Bradford, director of the division of the budget, said.

State Workers Not Affected.
 "Virginia's efforts always to have a balanced budget apparently have impressed financiers throughout the country since the 2½% at which the State refinanced a \$1,000,000 issue of highway construction bonds on Thursday was the lowest interest rate at which any State issue had been sold.

"The Governor's order does not interfere with the General Assembly's action in restoring one of the two general 10% pay cuts inflicted on State employees, it was pointed out. Restoration of the cut means only \$400,000 a year, it was explained, and still leaves Virginia State employees paid less well than those of nearly all other States.

"Governor Pollard put in two general 10% cuts in order to keep the budget more or less balanced. The last General Assembly limited the Governor's power to reduce appropriations to a maximum of 5% on general fund appropriations. Consequently, Governor Peery, could not, even if he wished, make a larger reduction."

WALHONDING RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Walhonding), Coshocton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Howard Neldon, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 25 for the purchase of \$10,500 not to exceed 6% interest school building construction bonds. Dated July 1 1934. Due as follows: \$500 March 1 and Sept. 1 from 1935 to 1944 incl., and \$500 March 1 1946. A bond of 50% of the amount of the contract, ct. with satisfactory sureties, must accompany each proposal. At an election held on May 21 the voters approved a \$25,000 construction bond issue.—V. 138, p. 3650.

WALKER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Huntingdon), Huntingdon County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,000 4½% coupon school building construction bonds offered on June 1—V. 138, p. 3650—were purchased at a price of par by the Grange Trust Co. of Huntingdon. Dated June 1 1934. Due \$500 on June 1 from 1935 to 1948 incl. Callable after June 1 1936. Interest payable in J.

WALLA WALLA, Walla Walla County, Wash.—BOND CALL.—It is stated that the city will redeem on July 1, all outstanding water extension bonds of the city issued July 1 1921, under ordinance No. A-435, as amended by Ordinance No. A-519 of said city.

WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 coupon water bonds offered on June 5—V. 138, p. 3817—were awarded as 3¼s to Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. of Boston, at a price of 100.81, a basis of about 3.12%. Dated April 1 1934 and due April 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1935 to 1944, incl. and \$4,000 from 1945 to 1949, incl. The bankers are making public re-offering of the bonds at prices to yield from 0.75 to 3.10%, according to maturity. The following is an official list of the bids submitted for the issue.

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
Halsey, Stuart & Co.	3¼%	100.81
Faxon, Gade & Co.	3¼%	100.47
Christianson, MacKinnon & Co.	3¼%	100.266
Tyler, Buttrick & Co.	3¼%	100.656
E. H. Rollins & Sons	3¼%	100.8383
F. L. Putnam & Co.	3¼%	100.78
Whiting, Weeks & Knowles	3¼%	100.70
The Waltham National Bank	3¼%	100.403
R. L. Day & Co.	3¼%	100.29
Hornblower & Weeks	3¼%	100.105
Bond, Judge & Co.	3¼%	100.5765
Newton, Abbe & Co.	3¼%	100.066

Financial Statement (June 1 1934).

Assessed valuation for year 1933	\$59,192,770.00		
Total bonded debt (including this issue)	2,767,500.00		
Water debt, included in total debt	478,000.00		
Sinking funds, other than water	None		
Tax Collections—			
Rate	1931	1932	1933
Levy	\$2,039,917.10	\$2,110,489.16	\$1,738,498.29
Collected	2,039,781.10	2,101,988.72	1,300,899.91
Uncollected	136.00	8,500.44	437,598.38

Population, 39,425. Amount of tax titles, \$279,569.26. Tax title loan, \$255,000. Tax anticipation notes outstanding at the present time, 1933, \$120,000; 1934, \$1,005,000. Cash on hand, \$317,710.99; cash in closed banks, \$18,819.14. Salaries and wages reduced 5% and 8%. Date taxes due, Oct. 15. Penalty date and rate, Nov. 2-Jan. 15, 6%, Excess of \$300, 8% from Oct. 15.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—George E. Seavy, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on June 19 for the purchase of \$30,000 4% Rouse Hospital rehabilitation bonds. Dated July 1 1934. Denom. \$500. Due July 1 1944; optional July 1 1937. Interest is payable in J. & J. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal. Issue was approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs on May 23.

WASHINGTON, State of (P. O. Olympia).—REPORT ON TAX DELINQUENCIES.—The following report is taken from an Associated Press dispatch from Seattle to the Portland "Oregonian" of May 24:

The average tax delinquency in Washington as of Dec. 31 1933, was 30%, the division of real estate, Bureau of the Census announced to-day through J. R. Wheeler, Acting District Manager of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce here. The survey has been financed by the Civil Works Administration.

"The average tax delinquency in the State was 30%, which is relatively high." Director Austin of the Census Bureau said, "partly because reported only one month after the second instalment of taxes became delinquent. The total State delinquency indicated is on a general property tax levy of \$66,444,463, which was due the first Monday in February 1932, and became delinquent Nov. 30 1932.

The percentage of tax delinquency by counties follows:
 Adams, 37.19; Asotin, 45.87; Benton, 30.35; Chelan, 38.56; Clallam, 46.14; Clark, 22.15; Columbia, 35.69; Cowlitz, 29.41; Douglas, 40.44; Ferry, 38.32; Franklin, 13.11; Garfield, 15.01; Grant, 31.09; Grays Harbor, 42.38; Island, 35.17; Jefferson, 36.36; King, 23.03; Kitsap, 25.83; Kittitas, 28.17; Klickitat, 32.50; Lewis, 27.19; Lincoln, 32.64; Mason, 21.04; Okanogan, 43.46; Pacific, 28.14; Pend Oreille, 23.21; Pierce, 31.62; San Juan, 21.06; Skagit, 32.70; Skamania, 28.72; Snohomish, 37.02; Spokane, 23.09; Stevens, 31.07; Thurston, 27.51; Wahkiakum, 29.52; Walla Walla, 26.94; Whatcom, 25.22; Whitman, 35.05; Yakima, 33.96.

WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3:30 p. m. on June 13 for the purchase at discount basis of a \$200,000 revenue anticipation note issue, due March 28 1935.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY (P. O. White Plains), N. Y.—RETIRE \$3,500,000 BONDS.—The County made prompt payment of the \$3,500,000 bonds which matured on June 1 1934. Treasurer William S. Coffey stated that payment also would be made of the \$1,240,000 certificates of indebtedness which came due on June 5.

BOND AUTHORIZATION RESCINDED.—The Board of Supervisors on June 4 rescinded legislation authorizing the issuance of \$1,075,000 bonds in connection with construction of the Hutchinson Valley Sewer, County Office Building and the Hutchinson River Parkway. The bonds had been sanctioned before the construction program had been started, but proved unnecessary to finance the work.

CHANGES SOUGHT IN GOVERNMENT.—The Board of Supervisors on June 4 passed a resolution authorizing its Commission on Government to formulate a program for revision and modernization of the county government in time for the submission of such a program for consideration at the special session of the State Legislature, which is to be convened by Governor Lehman during July 1934. The Commission has been asked to pass specifically on the question of granting the Board of Supervisors executive powers, as well as legislative. The resolution was introduced by Supervisor Pliny W. Williamson, who pointed out that under present conditions the Board is criticized for its limited action, whereas actually it can do more in the absence of executive power.

WESTWOOD, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William L. Best, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Daylight Saving Time) on June 26, for the purchase of \$122,000 coupon or registered public improvement bonds. Dated June 1 1933. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1945 and \$10,000 from 1946 to 1957 incl. Bids will be received for the bonds to bear interest at a rate of up to 6%. Bidder to name a single interest rate for all of the bonds, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Bonds will not be sold at less than a price of 99. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the First National Bank, Westwood, or at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of Frank J. Zimmerman, Borough Collector, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York will be furnished the successful bidder. These bonds are part of an issue of \$215,000 offered without success in May 1933.

WHEELER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wheeler) Wheeler County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. school bonds was purchased recently by the State of Texas, at a price of 95.00, according to the Secretary of the Board of Education.

WILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 86 (P. O. Joliet), Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—J. G. Skeel, Clerk of the Board of School Inspectors, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (Central Daylight Saving Time) on June 11 for the purchase of \$60,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon (registerable as to principal) refunding bonds, authorized by Section 201 of the State School Law. The bonds to be refunded mature July 1 1934. The new issue will be dated July 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in Joliet or Chicago, as desired. Due \$30,000 on July 1 in 1952 and 1953. Not subject to call. A certified check for \$500 must accompany each proposal. Blank bonds ready for execution to be furnished by the successful bidder. District will furnish legal approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. Following the opening of sealed tenders, supplemental oral offers will then be received.

Financial Statement.

Area, approximately 18 square miles, including the City of Joliet.
Total bonded indebtedness, \$1,198,000.
Bond maturities: 1934, \$60,000; 1935, \$65,000; 1936, \$70,000; 1937, \$70,000; 1938, \$70,000.

Tax Collections—	Levy.	Uncollected.
1930-1931	\$735,146.64	*\$80,148.64
1931-1932	657,520.11	81,896.95
1932-1933	572,000.00	137,991.52
1933-1934	555,023.49	(a)

* Includes approximately \$60,000 in closed bank in name of County Treasurer. a In process of collection.
1933 assessed valuation, \$32,362,885. Tax rate, \$17.50 per \$1,000 valuation.

No previous issue has been contested. No litigation pending. No defaults in the payment of principal or interest have occurred.

WILLIAMSBURG, Clermont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—George P. Medary, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 18 for the purchase of \$1,500 6% storm sewer bonds. Dated May 15 1934. One bond for \$150, others for \$250. Due Nov. 15 as follows: \$250 from 1935 to 1941, incl. and \$150 in 1942. Interest is payable M. & N. 15. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$25, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal.

WILLIAMSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sangamon County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on May 20 a proposal to issue \$16,000 high school building. construction bonds carried by a vote of 360 to 32. Due in 8 years.

WINFIELD, Cowley County, Kan.—BOND CALL.—It is announced by George L. Jarvis, City Treasurer, that he is calling for payment at the office of the State Treasurer in Topeka, on July 1, at which time interest shall cease, the following bonds; Nos. 1 to 66; 69 to 92, and 95 to 125 of the 4 1/2% coupon water works impt. bonds, due on Jan. 1 1943 and optional on or after Jan. 1 1933.

WOOD COUNTY (P. O. Bowling Green), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 poor relief bonds offered on June 4—V. 138, p. 3484—were awarded as 2 1/2% to Strahahan, Harris & Co., Inc. of Toledo, at par plus a premium of \$60, equal to 100.12, a basis of about 2.41%. Dated June 1 1934 and due as follows: \$10,000, Sept. 1 1934; \$9,600, March 1, and \$9,800, Sept. 1 1935; \$10,100, March 1 and \$10,500, Sept. 1 1936.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Harold J. Tunison, City Treasurer, on June 7 awarded \$831,000 2 1/2% coupon bonds jointly to the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York, and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, at a price of 102.29, a basis of about 1.875%. This bid was the highest of eight received at the sale. The award consisted of:

- \$266,000 macadam pavement bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$54,000 in 1935 and \$53,000 from 1936 to 1939, inclusive.
- 205,000 permanent paving bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$21,000 from 1935 to 1939, incl. and \$20,000 from 1940 to 1944, inclusive.
- 198,000 macadam paving bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$40,000 from 1935 to 1937, incl. and \$39,000 in 1938 and 1939.
- 162,000 permanent paving bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$17,000 in 1935 and 1936 and \$16,000 from 1937 to 1944, inclusive.

Each issue is dated April 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston. The second highest bid for the bonds was that of 102.01, tendered jointly by the Lee Higginson Corp. and Newton, Abbe & Co. This was followed by an offer of 102.006, submitted by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. Other bids were as follows: Jackson & Curtis, Blyth & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co. and E. H. Rollins & Sons, jointly, 101.793; Bankers Trust Co., 101.659; Kidder, Peabody & Co., Stone, Webster and Blodgett, R. S. Moseley & Co., Brown Bros. Harriman & Co., jointly, 101.597; Tyler, Buttrick & Co., 101.567; First of Boston Corp., R. L. Day & Co., Estabrook & Co., Whiting, Weeks & Knowles, jointly 101.16; Christianson, McKinnon & Co., Bond, Judge & Co., Gertler & Co. jointly, 101.09.

Debt Statement and Borrowing Capacity June 1 1934 (Including This Issue).
Average valuation less abatements for 1931.

1932 and 1933	\$334,822,644.00	
Debt limit 2 1/2% of the same		\$8,370,566.10
Total bonded debt	12,305,100.00	
<i>Exempt—</i>		
Park debt	\$250,000.00	
Sewer debt	50,000.00	
Memorial auditorium debt	1,408,000.00	
Water debt (funded)	170,000.00	
Water debt (serial)	3,386,100.00	
Relief debt (Chap. 307 of 1933)	1,250,000.00	6,514,100.00
		\$5,791,000.00
Total sinking funds	\$603,790.86	
<i>Less—</i>		
Park loan fund	\$250,000.00	
Sewer loan fund	50,000.00	
Water loan fund	156,404.22	\$456,404.22
		\$147,386.64
Borrowing capacity within debt limit		\$2,726,952.74

Taxes and Other Information.

Real, personal, poll, old age assistance and motor vehicle taxes committed for collection for 1933 amount to \$10,688,797.38 of which \$8,305,123.46 or 77.70% has been collected to the close of business May 31 1934. This is over 7% better than for the previous year. Real estate tax collections are over 9% better for 1933 than for 1932.

Taxes of 1932 of all kinds outstanding at the close of business May 31 1934, \$50,500.48 or about four tenths of 1% of the total committed. Real estate taxes for 1932 are 99.95% collected as of May 31 1934.

Taxes of 1931 of all kinds outstanding at the close of business May 31 \$2,123.62 or two one-hundredths of 1%.

No real estate taxes of 1931 are outstanding.
No taxes of any kind for 1930 or previous years remain unpaid.

Tax rate 1933, \$31.80; 1932, \$33.80.

Valuation for 1933 including valuation of motor vehicles \$332,475,266. After deducting water debt and sinking funds, exclusive of water sinking funds, from total debt, based on 1930 census figures of 195,311, the per capita bonded debt of Worcester was, on June 1 1934, including this issue, \$42.52. The net bonded debt figured in this way is \$8,301,613.36 which is a net bonded debt of 2.50% of the 1933 valuation above mentioned. We invite comparison of this figure for per capita debt with the per capita debt figures of other cities in the country of comparative size.

Our sinking funds on June 1 1934, were \$603,790.86 and they exceeded the debt for which they are to pay \$133,790.86.

In 1933 this city issued \$1,447,000 in bonds and paid bonds maturing amounting to \$1,781,200.

In 1934 \$2,072,200 in bonds will mature and be paid of which \$753,500 has already been paid. The money is now on hand to pay \$999,200 due July 1 1934.

Bonds issued in 1934 to date, including this issue, amount to \$1,382,000.

YORKTOWN HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Yorktown Heights) Westchester County, N. Y.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the proposed sale on June 11 of \$9,500 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, notice and description of which appeared in V. 138, p. 3818, we have received the following:

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation 1934	\$6,249,088
Bonded debt (this issue only)	9,500
Population 1934 (estimated), 3,000.	

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—A group composed of the BancOhio Securities Co., Columbus Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. and the Well, Roth & Irving Co., both of Cincinnati, made public offering on June 1 of \$854,435.66 6% refunding bonds priced to yield 5.25%. Dated Oct. 1 1933. One bond for \$435.66, others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$85,435.66 in 1935; \$85,000 from 1936 to 1940 incl., and \$86,000 from 1941 to 1944 incl. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. Legality to be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland. The city, according to the bankers, has promptly paid all bonds and coupons at maturity, with the exception of Oct. 1 1933 bond maturities. The proceeds of the present offering will eliminate these unpaid bonds. The refunding bonds are declared to constitute direct general obligations of the city, payable from direct ad valorem taxes levied against all the taxable property located therein within the limits imposed by law.

BOND SALE.—On June 1 Hugh D. Hindman, Director of Finance, announced the sale of \$1,037,435 refunding bonds at par and accrued interest to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati.

Financial Statement.

(As officially reported by Director of Finance Feb. 16 1934.)	
Assessed valuation (1933)	\$269,835,860.00
Total indebtedness	7,206,108.61
Less—Water debt	\$1,110,000.00
Less—Sinking Fund	50,511.57
	1,161,511.57

Net debt..... \$6,034,497.04
Population (1930 U. S. Census) 170,002.

The above statement as to bonded debt does not include overlapping debt of other political subdivisions for which the property represented by the assessed valuation is subject to a tax.

CANADA, Its Provinces and Municipalities

AMHERST TOWNSHIP, Que.—PAYMENT OF DEFAULTED DEBT CHARGES.—The Quebec Municipal Commission is reported to have arranged for the payment of all bond principal and interest charges in arrears to and including May 1 1934.

DRUMMONDVILLE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Marier, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on June 12 for the purchase of \$64,000 5% improvement bonds, due serially in 30 years. They include \$35,000, dated April 1 1934 and \$29,000, dated July 1 1934. Payable in Drummondville and Montreal.

GIFFARD (P. O. Monument), Que.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$55,000 5% improvement bonds offered on June 5—V. 138, p. 3818—was awarded jointly to Lucien Cote, Inc., and J. E. LaFlamme, Ltd., both of Montreal, at a price of 98.55, a basis of about 5.19%. Due in 10 years.

HAMILTON, Ont.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—By-laws passed recently by Council provide for the issuance of \$2,392,951 bonds.

KENTVILLE, N. S.—BOND SALE.—The Eastern Securities Co. of Toronto recently purchased an issue of \$38,000 4 1/2% improvement bonds at a price of 102.43, a basis of about 4.35%. Due in 30 years. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Dominion Securities Corp.	102.27
Royal Securities Corp.	101.82
J. C. Mackintosh & Co.	101.81
Nova Scotia Bond Corp.	101.775
Johnston & Ward	101.77
W. C. Pitfield & Co.	101.38
Irving, Brennan & Co.	100.86
G. H. Morrison	100.54
Sterling Securities Corp.	99.62

NORANDA, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to the Catholic School Commission will be received until 7 p. m. on June 11 for the purchase of \$25,000 6% school bonds, dated Sept. 1 1934 and due serially in 15 years.

OTTAWA, Ont.—PLANS BOND SALE.—The City expects to place on sale, later in the year, a total of \$968,500 4% bonds, due in from 10 to 30 years, according to the "Monetary Times" of Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (Province of).—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—A syndicate composed of Hanson Bros., Inc., McTaggart, Hannaford, Birks & Gordon, Ltd., and Harrison & Co., Ltd., made public offering in Canada on June 1 of \$500,000 3% coupon (registerable as to principal) bonds at a price of 100.39 and accrued interest, to yield 2.80%. Dated June 1 1934 and due in two years. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable in lawful money of the Dominion of Canada at the principal offices of the Bank of Montreal in Charlottetown, Montreal and Toronto. The bonds, which are being offered subject to the favorable legal opinion of Brown, Montgomery & McMichael, Montreal, constitute a direct obligation of the Province, and a charge upon all its revenues, moneys and funds. A 3% sinking fund will be provided on the issue, it is said.

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C.—PAYMENT OF 4% INTEREST ON ALL BONDS ADVOCATED.—In a report dealing with the finances of the city for 1933, W. J. Alder, Commissioner, stated that it would be in the interests of bondholders if they agreed to a plan providing for the payment of a flat interest rate of 4% on the city's obligations. Mr. Alder assumed charge of the financial affairs of the municipality on May 4 1933, through appointment by the Provincial Department of Municipal Affairs. He pointed out that the city has a total debenture debt of \$1,843,518, and expressed the belief that no greater sum than \$100,000 could safely be raised by taxation each year for debt service charges. In his report Mr. Alder said in part as follows:

"At the time of my taking office there was a debt of about \$60,000 owing for salaries, wages and to merchants. Interest and principal on all debentures were in default since Dec. 1 1932. At the close of the fiscal year, Dec. 31 1933, there was no floating indebtedness, and all due and past due interest had been paid to debenture holders.

"There have been no funds available for the payment of matured debentures amounting to \$138,700 and the sinking fund is short \$30,487.30.

"The tax levy for 1933 was \$229,194.39, of which there was collected 68%, or \$156,226.63. Collection of tax arrears amounted to \$16,975.62. The total arrears of general and local improvement taxes amounted to \$452,035.29.