

The Financial Situation

THE business community, more interested for the moment in the plans of the Washington Administration than in anything else, found the address of the President in Wisconsin on Thursday and the almost simultaneous silver proclamation the major events of the week. Both were disquieting to thoughtful people, and to those who had expected a "swing to the right" on the part of the President, both were disappointing. The President, ever since he landed on the West Coast late last week, so far from giving any indication of having become more inclined to accede to the wishes of his more conservative advisers has seemed to be in closer accord with the so-called liberals of the West.

It was more the tone than the content of his brief informal addresses prior to Thursday that dampened the hopes of those who had been ardently wishing for some reassurance from the President. His words at Green Bay, particularly his aggressive attack upon those who had counseled a more helpful attitude toward business, seemed, however, to place the President very definitely on record as still fully determined to proceed with his program of "reforms," interference with business and restriction of enterprise, and substantially to darken the prospect that he might modify his course in the way that a good many had hoped.

Silver Action Raises Questions

THE silver proclamation made in Washington at about the same time that the President was speaking in Wisconsin appeared to many to suggest strongly that the President not only did not intend to become more conservative and more constructive, but that he was by no means determined to resist the inflationist pressure from the West. It is true that, as unsound and as unfortunate as the program announced is, the purchase by the Government of existing stocks of silver at about 50 cents an ounce and the issue of currency against these purchases are not likely to have any very startling effects upon the monetary and price systems of the country.

The question, however, has been pointedly raised in many minds as to how far the President, regardless of his reputed personal loss of faith in such expedients, may go in an effort to appease dissatisfied groups in the population who constantly assert that very much more drastic use of the so-called Thomas Amendment powers and, indeed, further legislative

action of the same sort are essential to a recovery in business. On the whole, both the Wisconsin address and the action on silver served to raise fully as many questions concerning the intentions of the Administration as they answered, the business community thus being left in that uncertain state of mind which is so destructive of ability to proceed intelligently with plans and commitments.

Reassurance Needed

OF course everyone even moderately acquainted with the business situation knows, whether the President believes it or not, that there is the utmost need for reassurance from Washington at this time. The truth is that there have been few occasions even in these past few troublous years when confidence was at a lower ebb in industrial, commercial and financial circles. Thoughtful business leaders have never had any substantial degree of faith that the majority of the New Deal projects would in any permanent way help recovery. Indeed, they have from the first been fully aware that in the long run these programs would be exceedingly harmful. But in the past few months business men throughout the length and breadth of the land have observed, and indeed experienced, the failure of first one phase or aspect of this program and then another, until even those who had hoped that at least some good would come of it all are rapidly becoming disillusioned, while many others are more and more inclined to curtail the period during which they think that such policies can continue to furnish an artificially stimulating effect upon industry and trade.

To these causes of disquietude have been added during recent weeks the developments in Europe and the devastation wrought by drought. It has become clear to all that the distress in the Western States will necessitate the expenditure of colossal sums of money during the next year, funds which will unquestionably be added to the national debt which all of us as taxpayers at one time or another must repay. Equally as obvious is the fact that such outlays will not, as had been expected by many, add to the current demand for goods and thus tend to keep business active, but will on the contrary only replace in part the demand for goods which these same people would in normal circumstances have been able to make effective through their own productive work.

A Warning

Holdings of the obligations of the United States Government have shown rather indubitable indications of uneasiness during the past week, while the public has been revealed as reluctant to take the obligations of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation and the Home Owners' Loan Corporation at the excessively low rates of yield expected by the Treasury, notwithstanding that the obligations in question are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Federal Government.

This whole development, which seems to suggest a tendency on the part of investors to assume a more realistic attitude toward the financial position and policies of the Federal Government, may be a most helpful and wholesome phenomenon or it may be the precursor of an ultimate breakdown in the credit of the United States Government, depending entirely upon whether or not public officials are willing to heed the plain warning it presents.

If the Washington Administration persists in pinning its faith to its ability to oblige banks to absorb its securities and to its program of "rigging" the market for its obligations, refusing to alter its spending policies and proceeding in utter disregard of the dangers to which it is exposing itself, the ultimate outcome will be unfortunate indeed.

The Government can no more maintain indefinitely an artificial market for its securities than the manipulators of the New Era, which public officials have been so fond of condemning. It may or may not be true, as many believe, that it can do so for a good while to come. Failure in the end is in any case certain, with far-reaching and disastrous results.

If, on the other hand, the hesitation in the Government bond market of the past week were to rouse the Administration to the dangers of its present course, and to cause it to alter that course before further damage is done, the whole country would have good cause to be thankful for the weakness which has appeared there.

European developments not only tend greatly to postpone the day when international co-operation in the working out of world economic problems is likely to begin in earnest, but seriously threaten export markets for even the reduced amounts of goods that we have been selling abroad during the past year or two.

Difficult to Understand

The discerning business man naturally finds it very difficult to understand how the President in all these circumstances can assert that there is no lack of confidence at present; and no need for him to alter his policies in order to foster that faith in the future upon which effective business enterprise is absolutely dependent. If the President had intended to say that no vague assurances from him would serve to correct the situation, he of course would have been on solid ground. However, that is not what he said. On the contrary he insisted that there was no lack of confidence. As a matter of fact, he added by implication, if not by express word, that there was no cause for uneasiness. The simple truth of the matter seems rather to be that there is very good ground for anxiety about the adverse effects of these sundry factors, and most urgent need, not for vague reassurance from Washington or denials of the existence of distrust, but for a frank facing of the facts on the part of public officials and a return to greater sanity and common sense.

It must be frankly admitted, however, that the prospect for any encouragement of this sort has grown darker rather than brighter during the past week. Not only the silver action and the utterances of the President, but further statements and addresses of his advisers and administrative assistants tend definitely in this direction. The Secretary of Agriculture has again reiterated his intention to continue the general policies of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration despite the fact that they have already not only cost the people of the country a pretty penny in direct taxation but have seriously complicated the problems presented by the drought, and notwithstanding that the surpluses which gave rise to the program have disappeared or probably will disappear shortly. The Under-Secretary of Agriculture has in the past week delivered another address devoted largely to a scathing, and, we must add, flippant denunciation of all those who have the temerity to oppose the agricultural program of the Administration.

Social Insurance Plans

ACCORDING to current reports, plans proceed apace for further squandering of public funds on a stupendous scale, and the President's so-called social insurance program is said to be in the process of extensive elaboration. Apparently reliable accounts are to the effect that so much is being included in this program that even the originators and supporters of the movement are finding themselves staggered by its breadth, and in doubt of its feasibility at this time. Of course, all this presents a disturbing picture. It seems to us, however, that it is well that the situation is developing as clearly and definitely as possible at this early date, and important that the public be informed as frankly and as plainly as may be in order that every opportunity be given to the people to study and pass judgment upon the acts of its Government at the elections this

autumn. There is no reason to believe that the American people are not capable of understanding the hazards in what is being planned.

The Federal Reserve Bank Statement

THE combined condition statement of the 12 Federal Reserve banks, published yesterday, continues to reflect the incidence of Treasury operations and governmental policy on the Reserve institutions. All important changes for some time past have been due entirely to such factors, indicating that the Treasury now exercises an extraordinary degree of control over the currency and credit of the country. The statement for Aug. 8 reveals that in the period since Aug. 1 the Treasury withdrew \$135,000,000 of its deposits with the System on general account, but this disbursement was more than compensated by an increase of \$144,000,000 in member bank deposits with the Reserve banks on reserve account. Such member bank deposits advanced to a record high level of \$4,059,070,000, or nearly double the amount of required reserves. The excess reserves over requirements are estimated at \$1,925,000,000 to \$1,950,000,000, which also represents a new and dangerously high total. Almost all thoughtful observers are profoundly perturbed by this tendency of the credit system, for which the Treasury is wholly responsible. It is, of course, the chief reason for the absurdly low borrowing costs of the Treasury itself and for the stuffing of bank portfolios with altogether undue amounts of Treasury obligations. Notable, in this connection, is a decline of \$25,000,000 from Aug. 1 to Aug. 8 in the holdings of Government securities by New York City member banks. It may well be assumed that this reduction represents a reaction from the practice of member banks here of adding enormous amounts of Treasury obligations to their holdings.

The new item of industrial advances by the Federal Reserve banks, which appeared in last week's statement for the first time in an amount of \$5,000, was again evident in the current statement, with the amount increased to \$28,000. It is reported that the first advances of this nature were due to activities of the Minneapolis institution, while most of the advances now reflected were made by the New York bank. Applications for such loans are far in excess of the total reported.

In other respects the current condition statement shows no changes of note. Gold certificates were deposited by the Treasury with the Reserve banks in an amount of \$23,539,000, and the aggregate was thus raised to \$4,929,548,000 on Aug. 8 from \$4,906,009,000 on Aug. 1. The increase in the monetary gold stocks of the country in the same period was \$25,000,000, indicating that the Treasury did not make use of any of its gold "profit" from dollar devaluation in the period. Other cash declined nearly \$6,000,000, and total reserves of the Federal Reserve banks thus increased to \$5,173,866,000 on Aug. 8 from \$5,155,903,000 on Aug. 1. Borrowings from the Reserve banks decreased slightly, as the discounts fell to \$20,550,000 from \$21,370,000. Bankers' bill holdings of the System were virtually unchanged at \$5,200,000. Although increasing restlessness was reported this week regarding the extensive holdings of Treasury obligations by the Reserve banks, no important change appears in this item, which amounts to \$2,431,760,000. Actual circulation of Federal Reserve notes increased to \$3,-

095,333,000 on Aug. 8 from \$3,078,823,000 on Aug. 1. The net circulation of Federal Reserve bank notes resumed its downward course, with the total now \$33,184,000 against \$33,864,000 a week earlier. Owing to the offsets of Treasury deposit withdrawals and increases of member bank deposits, total deposits with the System did not change greatly, the amount on Aug. 8 being \$4,292,923,000 against \$4,293,249,000 on Aug. 1. The increase in total reserves provided slightly more than an offset for the gain in circulation, and the ratio of total reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined increased to 70% from 69.9%.

Corporate Dividend Declarations

SEVERAL dividend actions of interest were announced the present week. The General Motors Corp. on Aug. 6 declared an extra dividend of 50c. a share, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25c. a share on the common stock, both payable Sept. 12. In connection with the action taken by the Board of Directors, Alfred P. Sloan Jr., President, stated, in part: "Earnings for the first half of the year, as already reported, were in excess of the regular dividend for the entire year, plus the extra now authorized. The financial position of the corporation continues strong, justifying an extra disbursement at this time." On Aug. 7 the Pacific Mills Co. resumed dividends on the no par common stock by a declaration of 50c. a share; this is the first distribution to be made on this issue since December 1925, when a quarterly dividend of 75c. a share was paid. The Columbian Carbon Co. increased the quarterly dividend on the no par common stock from 75c. a share to 85c. a share, payable Sept. 1. The Underwood Elliott Fisher Co. on Aug. 9 also increased the dividend on its no par common stock from 37½c. a share to 50c. a share, this latter distribution becoming payable on Sept. 29. In addition, the International Nickel Co. of Canada, Ltd., increased the quarterly payment on the common stock to 15c. a share, payable Sept. 29, as compared with 10c. a share paid previously.

The Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry., as was the case on Sept. 27 1933, again declared a dividend of \$7 a share on the cumul. prior lien stock; this declaration covers the period from May 1 1928 to and including April 30 1929.

One dividend action of an adverse nature was the omission by the Standard Oil Co. of Nebraska of the quarterly dividend on its \$25 par capital stock; disbursements of 25c. a share had been made on this issue each quarter from June 20 1932 to and including June 20 1934. In omitting the dividend the company stated that "owing to the unsatisfactory and demoralized price condition in the distributing branch of the oil business in Nebraska, which condition has existed over the past year and which still exists, the Board of Directors have deemed it inadvisable to declare the regular quarterly dividend at this time."

Business Failures

BUSINESS failures in July were again reduced in number. They were the lowest for any month since September 1920. The records of Dun & Bradstreet show 912 such defaults in the United States for the month just closed. For the preceding month there were 1,033 insolvencies reported, while for July last year the number was 1,421. The reduction

for July this year from that month a year ago was equivalent to 35.8%. The total of liabilities reported last month was \$19,325,517, which was the lowest for any month in a number of years past. In July last year liabilities amounted to \$27,481,103, that total being considerably below any other month for three or four years prior thereto.

For the seven months of this year business defaults numbered 7,489, compared with 14,144 for the same period in the preceding year. The reduction in the number from a year ago was 47.1%. Liabilities for the seven months this year have amounted to \$171,119,277, against \$355,071,851 for the same time in 1933, the curtailment this year being 51.8%. Both as to the number of defaults and the indebtedness shown, the ratio of decline for the seven months was much larger than it was for the month of July. This is readily explained by the fact that the reduction in failures last year during the first seven months was unusually large. The decline from month to month this year has been something more than seasonal. Failures in the second quarter of 1934 were 12.9% below those for the first quarter, and there was a further reduction of 22.2% in July. In 1933, however, the decline in the second quarter from the first was 24.4%, while July a year ago was still lower by 41.2%.

Failures last month in all different sections of the United States were fewer in number than a year ago. Separating the figures by Federal Reserve districts shows a very marked decline, especially in the West and South. A number of the districts show less than one-half the number of defaults in July this year than were reported in that month last year. Included among these are New England, the First District; also the Chicago District; St. Louis, Minneapolis and Kansas City Districts. For the Atlanta and Dallas Districts, there were large reductions, nearly one-half, and the same was true of the Cleveland District. The number of defaults last month was also notably smaller in the Philadelphia, Richmond and San Francisco Districts. There was, however, only a very small decline in the New York District, a difference of only seven this year. Liabilities, too, show relatively a smaller reduction this year for the New York District than for most of the others. There are one or two instances for July this year in some of the other districts where a slight increase appears.

By trade divisions, the July statement again makes the most favorable showing in the retail division. This has been the case for a number of months past. Trading failures last month numbered 579, with liabilities amounting to \$8,123,489; those in manufacturing lines, 235, for \$6,785,970, and for other classes, mostly agents and brokers, 98, involving \$4,416,058. A year ago the number of trading failures was 976, for \$8,123,489 of indebtedness. Manufacturing defaults numbered 325, for \$8,281,762, and the third division, 120, with liabilities amounting to \$5,654,854. There were in July this year 48 failures where the liabilities in each instance amounted to \$100,000 or more, the total of the latter being \$8,828,967, against 60 similar defaults in that month last year, for \$10,606,039 of indebtedness.

Cotton Crop Report

THE Administration at Washington is apparently about to realize its ambition: a curtailed cotton harvest. The other alternative, if needed, as it

most certainly will be, may not be so easy of realization. Production from this year's cotton crop is now placed at 9,195,000 bales. Considerable space in the August cotton forecast is devoted to a discussion of how this condition may be changed later in the growing season, and more than average improvement result. Possibly the wish is father to the thought.

The report of the Department of Agriculture indicates the yield per acre of cotton this year at 160.9 pounds. Production last year was 208.5 pounds, while the average for the past 10 years has been about nine pounds higher than that now estimated for the 1934-1935 crop. The yield for this year is above the average, according to the August estimate, in the States east of the Mississippi River, and below the average west, especially in Oklahoma and Texas. Western Arkansas and parts of Louisiana have also suffered severely.

Under the Bankhead Act, which the Department also discusses extensively, production this year was to be limited to 10,460,000 bales. The quota for each State was fixed, and growers in each State are to be supplied with tax-exemption certificates for the number of bales allotted to them. A ginning tax on any cotton marketed in excess of this allotment is to be imposed. For the four States of the Southwest above enumerated, the August cotton report indicates a yield this year of 4,091,000 bales. In many years of the past, production in Texas alone was considerably in excess of this figure. The Bankhead Act allots these four States 5,498,000 bales.

One other of the major cotton States, Mississippi, shows an estimated production in the August report below the Government allotment, harvest being placed for that State at 1,062,000 bales, and the allotment at 1,099,000 bales. In the Eastern belt, the five major States each show an estimated production larger than the Bankhead allotment, the figures being, respectively, 3,390,000 bales and 3,327,000 bales, the former the August indicated yield for the five States. Missouri is given a yield below the allotment, but for the section identified with the Pacific Coast, production is above the allotment.

The outcome remains to be seen. What will happen after the trying month of August to the growing cotton crop no one can foretell. What has frequently happened, especially in the State of Texas, is a matter of history. In that State the cotton crop is not finally made until well along into the spring of the next year. A new ho-po-kus is being worked out by the Department of Agriculture, by which the new tax-exempt certificates for the different States are to be traded in between the farmers, so that a farmer in one State who may be short of his allotment can buy or sell to another farmer and thus even up his commitments, or otherwise. Possibly a regular department for trading in these tax-exempt certificates may be developed, with futures and corners, &c., &c., to be followed by the usual Congressional inquiry, and activity on the part of some ambitious understrapper of the Department of Justice. Who can tell?

Government Grain Report

ALL reports of crop disasters are more than substantiated by the August crop report issued by the Department of Agriculture at Washington late yesterday afternoon. The corn crop, as well as some of the other leading grains, have suffered a further severe setback during July, and records of deficiencies covering a great many years promise

to be exceeded. The Department, in its report, states that the decline in the condition of growing crops during July has been 11%. The injury has been especially severe in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas, and in portions of adjoining States. Only for the Atlantic Coast and in the Eastern cotton belt are anything like fair returns received. Production of wheat, both winter and spring, was a little higher than in the July report, but the yield will still be below previous records.

The corn crop this year is now placed by the Department at 1,607,000,000 bushels. This compares with 2,113,000,000 bushels for the July 1 estimate this year, and with the harvest last year of 2,330,237,000 bushels. The harvest for the crop grown in 1932 was 2,875,570,000 bushels, but even that was 300,000,000 or 400,000,000 bushels below some previous corn crops. The low record yield of 1930 was 2,060,685,000 bushels. The Aug. 1 condition, on which this year's estimate of yield is now made, was 49.1% of normal, and compared with a condition of 71.8% on July 1 this year and 65.5% of normal on Aug. 1 last year for the crop harvested at that time.

Prospects for wheat this year have been slightly increased in the Aug. 1 condition report. For winter wheat, production is now placed at 401,000,000 bushels against an estimate of 394,000,000 bushels on July 1 and the harvest a year ago of 351,030,000 bushels. The condition of spring wheat on Aug. 1 was 30.4% of normal compared with 38.3% of normal on July 1 this year, a decline during the month of 7.9 points. The Aug. 1 condition of spring wheat last year was 44.6% of normal. This year's spring wheat condition is a new low record. Production is now placed at 90,400,000 bushels compared with the July 1 estimate this year of 89,400,000 bushels. Last year's harvest of spring wheat was 176,383,000 bushels, while for the crop of 1932 production was 264,680,000 bushels. The latter was by no means up to previous records, the spring wheat crop for 1928 being 335,113,000 bushels. All wheat, including both winter and spring wheat, will show a total yield this year of 491,400,000 bushels. This compares with last year's harvest of 527,413,000 bu., and one of the bumper crops of 926,130,000 bu. in 1928.

The expected yield of oats this year is now further reduced, production being placed at 545,000,000 bushels. The yield last year, at 731,524,000 bushels, was exceptionally low, the five-year average production being 1,186,956,000 bushels. The estimate for rye is practically unchanged at 17,300,000 bushels, the lowest on record. An average of 40,980,000 bushels for the five years 1928-1931, inclusive, is reported by the Department. The yield of barley, too, is placed at a lower quantity in the August report, 119,000,000 bushels, comparing with an average production each year 1927-1931, inclusive, of 270,444,000 bushels. The white potato crop will be below that of earlier estimates this year and for preceding years, the latest estimate of 327,000,000 bushels comparing with 366,000,000 bushels, the latter the average for the last five years. For tobacco a yield of 1,042,000,000 pounds compares with an average of 1,471,000,000 pounds.

The New York Stock Market

SHARP downward and upward movements occurred in the New York stock market this week, chiefly as a consequence of the crop and

drought news, and new inflationary steps by the United States Treasury. Prices of grains and cotton moved forward by leaps and bounds, and the best levels of the season were attained as ever more fearsome reports told of the havoc caused in many sections of the West by the relentless drought afflicting most of the area. These reports were a subduing influence on the stock market in the early sessions, as it is realized that the diminished purchasing power of a large part of the population is a serious menace, which is far from offset by higher prices to be realized by some other and more fortunate farmers. The decline on Monday was modest, with the share turnover aggregating 782,750 shares. On Tuesday a more drastic recession occurred, with stocks of grain-carrying railroads especially weak, although utility, motor and other groups also sagged. The share turnover diminished to 608,530 shares. There was a modest rally in stocks on Wednesday, under the stimulation of persistent rumors that another inflationary move would emanate from Washington. Leading issues gained 1 to 2 points, while turnover amounted to 692,020 shares. The most active period of the week occurred on Thursday, when the news was given out that silver would be nationalized at 50.01 cents an ounce and currency issued against the fresh stocks. Although it was recognized that the inflationary implications of this step are not great, it was regarded as tential and stocks were in eager demand. Metal stocks with an interest in silver or gold were bought heavily, while other groups of equities also advanced in a total turnover of 1,417,192 shares. In yesterday's session the gains were canceled, to a large degree, as profit-taking developed. The impression gained ground that the silver move was more important politically than economically, and net declines of a point or two were common, with trades amounting to 772,510 shares.

In the listed bond market attention was centered on United States Government securities, which fluctuated widely. When it appeared on Thursday that a public offering by the Treasury of \$150,000,000 short-term Home Owners' Loan Corporation guaranteed bonds was only partially successful, prices of all Treasury obligations slumped, and the movement was accelerated by the announcement of the silver nationalization program. It is reliably reported that extensive supporting orders reached the market for account of the Treasury itself, and a final rally brought the quotations back to former levels by the close. There were fairly drastic recessions yesterday, however, as the market resumed its normal course. High-grade corporate bonds also were unsettled in the later sessions of the week, but the speculative issues followed the course of equities. The foreign exchange market reflected the silver program by decided weakness of the dollar on Thursday, and there was not much of a recovery yesterday, but these movements were overshadowed by the domestic developments. Trade indices were only a minor influence on the stock market. The American Iron and Steel Institute estimated steel-making operations for the week beginning Aug. 6 at 25.8% of capacity, against 26.1% a week ago. Electric power production throughout the country was 1,657,638,000 kilowatt hours in the week ended Aug. 4, according to the Edison Electric Institute. This compares with 1,683,542,000 kilowatt hours in the preceding week. Carloadings of revenue freight

for the week to Aug. 4 were 611,298 cars, being 2,450 cars more than in the previous week, or an increase of 0.4%, the American Railway Association reports.

As indicating the course of the commodity markets, the September option for wheat in Chicago closed yesterday at 109 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. as against 102 $\frac{7}{8}$ c. the close on Friday of last week. September corn at Chicago closed yesterday at 109 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. as against 102 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. the close on Friday of last week. September oats at Chicago closed yesterday at 53 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. as against 46 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. the close on Friday of last week. The spot price for cotton here in New York closed yesterday at 13.75c. as against 13.10c. the close on Friday of last week. The spot price for rubber yesterday was 15.57c. as against 15.00c. the close on Friday of last week. Domestic copper closed yesterday at 9c., the same as on Friday of previous weeks. With the nationalization of silver ordered by the President, in a proclamation and Executive Order made public Aug. 9, trading in silver futures on the Commodity Exchange was brought to a close on that day. Up to and including Thursday of this week, the tendency of the silver market was decidedly upward, with the price of the metal on Wednesday closing at 48c., the highest since December 1929, when 49 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. was the peak for that month. With the suspension of trading on Thursday, the Exchange announced a nominal closing price of 49.96c. for all months of delivery and corresponds to 50.01c. an ounce as fixed by the Government on silver to be acquired under its nationalization decree. In London, the price yesterday was 21 $\frac{7}{16}$ pence per ounce as against 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ pence per ounce on Friday of last week, and the New York quotation yesterday was at 49.75c. as against 46.75c. on Friday of last week. In the matter of the foreign exchanges, cable transfers on London closed yesterday at \$5.08 $\frac{3}{8}$ as against \$5.04 $\frac{5}{8}$ the close on Friday of last week, while cable transfers on Paris closed yesterday at 6.66 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. as against 6.61 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. on Friday of last week.

On the New York Stock Exchange 18 stocks reached new high levels for the year, while 64 stocks touched new low levels. On the New York Curb Exchange eight stocks touched new high levels for the year, while 30 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 303,790 shares; on Monday they were 782,750 shares; on Tuesday, 608,530 shares; on Wednesday, 692,020 shares; on Thursday, 1,417,192 shares, and on Friday, 772,510 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 58,315 shares; on Monday, 124,825 shares; on Tuesday, 123,130 shares; on Wednesday, 127,190 shares; on Thursday, 202,210 shares, and on Friday, 145,860 shares.

The trend of the stock market the present week was irregular, with many issues showing slight gains and others recording modest losses at the close on Friday. General Electric closed yesterday at 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 27 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 28; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 9 $\frac{5}{8}$; Public Service of N. J. at 33 against 34; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 39 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 39 $\frac{5}{8}$; International Harvester at 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 26 $\frac{1}{2}$; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 33 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 34 $\frac{7}{8}$; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 22 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 23; Woolworth at 49 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 50; American Tel. & Tel.

at $109\frac{7}{8}$ against $109\frac{3}{8}$, and American Can at $94\frac{1}{4}$ against $95\frac{1}{4}$.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at $127\frac{1}{4}$ against 127 on Friday of last week; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at $87\frac{3}{4}$ against $87\frac{1}{8}$; National Cash Register A at $141\frac{1}{4}$ against $131\frac{1}{2}$; International Nickel at 25 against $24\frac{1}{2}$; National Dairy Products at 17 against $16\frac{3}{8}$; Texas Gulf Sulphur at $31\frac{7}{8}$ against 33; National Biscuit at $33\frac{1}{8}$ against $33\frac{1}{4}$; Continental Can at 78 against $77\frac{3}{4}$; Eastman Kodak at 98 against $98\frac{1}{4}$; Standard Brands at $191\frac{1}{4}$ against $191\frac{1}{8}$; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at $311\frac{1}{4}$ against $307\frac{7}{8}$; Columbian Carbon at $66\frac{7}{8}$ against $64\frac{1}{2}$; Lorillard at $17\frac{7}{8}$ against $17\frac{1}{2}$; United States Industrial Alcohol at 38 against 38; Canada Dry at $15\frac{5}{8}$ against 16; Schenley Distillers at 20 against $20\frac{5}{8}$, and National Distillers at $18\frac{1}{2}$ against $19\frac{1}{2}$.

The steel stocks are irregularly changed for the week. United States Steel closed yesterday at 33 against $34\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at $27\frac{1}{2}$ against $27\frac{3}{4}$; Republic Steel at $13\frac{1}{2}$ against $13\frac{1}{8}$, and Youngstown Sheet & Tube at $16\frac{1}{2}$ against $15\frac{1}{2}$. In the motor group, Auburn Auto closed yesterday at $18\frac{1}{2}$ against 20 on Friday of last week; General Motors at $29\frac{1}{4}$ against $27\frac{1}{4}$; Chrysler at $30\frac{7}{8}$ against $32\frac{5}{8}$, and Hupp Motors at $21\frac{1}{4}$ against $2\frac{3}{8}$. In the rubber group, Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at $21\frac{5}{8}$ against 21; B. F. Goodrich at $10\frac{1}{2}$ against $9\frac{3}{4}$, and United States Rubber at $15\frac{1}{2}$ against $13\frac{3}{4}$.

The railroad stocks closed lower than on Friday one week ago. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 22 against $23\frac{5}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at $46\frac{5}{8}$ against $50\frac{1}{8}$; New York Central at $20\frac{5}{8}$ against $20\frac{3}{4}$; Union Pacific at $92\frac{3}{8}$ against 102; Southern Pacific at $16\frac{3}{4}$ against $16\frac{3}{4}$; Southern Railway at $14\frac{1}{4}$ against $14\frac{3}{8}$, and Northern Pacific at $16\frac{3}{8}$ against $16\frac{3}{4}$. Among the oil stocks, Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at $43\frac{3}{4}$ against $43\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Shell Union Oil at 7 against 7, and Atlantic Refining at $24\frac{1}{2}$ against $24\frac{1}{4}$.

In the copper group, Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at $12\frac{3}{8}$ against $11\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at $19\frac{5}{8}$ against $18\frac{1}{8}$; American Smelting & Refining at $36\frac{3}{8}$ against $33\frac{1}{2}$, and Phelps Dodge at $16\frac{1}{4}$ against 15.

European Stock Markets

TRADING on the leading European stock exchanges was interrupted this week by holiday and other suspensions, but there were, nevertheless, some rather significant movements in quotations. The London Stock Exchange was closed on Monday for the usual August bank holiday period, but in subsequent sessions sharp advances were the rule, with South African gold mining stocks in heaviest demand. The Paris Bourse was the only important European market that was open all week, and the trend there was uncertain. The Berlin Boerse was closed until Wednesday, because of the death of President von Hindenburg. Movements in Berlin were irregular. News of the American silver nationalization program did not reach the European markets until they were closed on Thursday, but the belief has been growing for some time that new inflationary steps were likely in leading countries and the American action caused no surprise. Reports from London and other centers state that the American move is regarded as important, less as a

practical matter than as an indication of the continued currency unsettlement that now afflicts the world. The impression also is growing in Europe that the coming autumn season may prove to be a trying one in an economic sense, and in most markets there is a corresponding caution regarding commitments. Official British employment figures, made available on Tuesday, indicate that the total of Britain's jobless is sharply on the increase. The number of unemployed increased 36,674 in July to an aggregate of 2,126,000. The French business situation remains unfortunate, and it is now believed that further political difficulties will be occasioned when Parliament reassembles in the fall. In Germany improvement seems still to prevail, as the number of officially reported unemployed decreased in that country during July by 54,000, to an aggregate of 2,426,000. This performance is said to be all the more impressive in view of a sharp contraction in the German Government's unemployment work relief program.

There was no great activity on the London Stock Exchange when that market reopened Tuesday after the long suspension. The tone, however, was cheerful in all sections, with British funds especially in demand. African gold mining issues also were bought and some large gains were registered in these issues. Most industrial stocks showed limited improvement, while international securities likewise gained. Reports from the United States indicated on Wednesday that agitation for further devaluation of the dollar was increasing, and such accounts occasioned renewed demand for gold mining issues in London. The securities were in heavy demand and the large advances were diminished only a little toward the end of the session on profit-taking. British funds remained in fair demand, and gains also were reported in most industrial stocks. The international section was quiet with a firm undertone. The advance in quotations was continued on Thursday, with sharp advances in commodity prices furnishing a stimulus. Gold mining shares again were active and higher, while demand for British funds also was unabated. British industrial stocks remained in request, with the so-called commodity issues most eagerly sought. The international department was firm. Gilt-edged issues were firm yesterday, while sharp advances occurred in home rails and gold mining stocks. Industrial issues improved slightly, but international shares weakened.

The Paris Bourse was extremely dull on Monday, largely because the London market was closed. Rentes made a little progress, but French bank and industrial issues were soft. Foreign securities were sold more heavily than French stocks. Trading at Paris increased only a little in Tuesday's session, but the tone was generally good. Rentes again registered slight advances, while French equities joined in the movement. Some international stocks improved, but reports of new inflationary moves in the United States depressed foreign bonds on the Paris exchange. Variations at Paris were small on Wednesday, and mostly toward lower levels. Rentes drifted lower on rumors of difficulties in French Treasury finances, while bank and industrial stocks also dropped. In the international section stocks were in modest demand, but other securities were weak. Movements were uncertain in a quiet session on Thursday. Rentes dropped sharply at first but recovered most of their losses in a final rally.

French equities were not greatly changed, but gains were the rule among international stocks. Rentes declined in an active session yesterday, but equities improved.

The Berlin Boerse was closed Monday and Tuesday out of respect to the memory of President von Hindenburg. When trading was resumed, Wednesday, sharp advances were the rule, with trading active. Demand for stocks was good but offerings were small and numerous gains of 3 to 5 points were recorded in leading issues. Heavy industrial stocks were especially in request, while electrical issues and mining stocks also improved markedly. Fixed-interest securities were firm. Profit-taking developed on Thursday at Berlin, and the opening was rather weak. The selling abated late in the day, however, and some of the losses were regained. Changes at the close were small with a majority of issues showing slight recessions. Bonds were in better demand than stocks. In a quiet session on the Boerse yesterday bonds again improved, while stocks were maintained.

European Budgets

GOVERNMENT finance in France is now a matter of world-wide interest, since the ability of that country to balance its budget may have an important bearing on the continued stability of the franc. The French Finance Ministry issued figures last Saturday showing results for the second quarter of the fiscal year, and they are not encouraging. Until last March reports on taxation receipts were published monthly by the Paris Government, but this practice was suddenly discontinued and it was announced last Saturday that they will be published hereafter at the end of every quarter. The delay in issuing the returns for the second quarter aroused misgivings among French financiers, a dispatch to the New York "Times" states, and the actual figures bore out the fears, as they showed receipts of 874,000,000 francs less than the budgetary estimates for the quarter, while for the first half of the fiscal year the drop from estimated receipts is given as 1,552,000,000 francs. Much of the decline for the half-year is due to a recession in customs receipts, which were 672,000,000 under the estimates. The turnover tax and indirect taxes also failed to reach estimates by wide margins. "These figures," the dispatch adds, "would indicate that France faces a deficit of at least 3,000,000,000 francs for 1934, unless the Doumergue Government's fiscal reform plans, which have just been instituted, can overcome the downward trend of French business." In a Paris report to the New York "Herald Tribune" it is pointed out that France's steadily tightening economic straits, her dwindling trade, her increasing fall in industrial activity and her gravely high cost of living all combine to enter as factors disturbing to the future security of the franc.

British budgetary results stand out in sharp contrast with those of France. It is now a commonplace that British Governmental finance is on the soundest basis of any large country in the world. Only in Great Britain has any reduction of taxes been possible in late years. German budgetary experience also appears to be favorable for the time being. A Berlin report to the New York "Herald Tribune" of Monday indicates that tax returns in June, on which figures were just made available, show that receipts are exceeding estimates. Ex-

cluding heavy corporation tax receipts accruing from reorganizations of the steel trust and fat and slaughter taxes which were not imposed in 1933, receipts for the first quarter of the German fiscal year exceeded the results for the corresponding quarter of 1933 by 197,000,000 marks, it is said. The German Federal debt was 245,000,000 marks lower on June 30 than on April 1, it is added, while comparison with April 1 1933, shows that it is 176,000,000 lower. It is indicated, however, that the reduction from April 1 1933, was achieved through a revaluation of the German Government's external loans, made possible through devaluation of the dollar, the pound sterling and the Scandinavian units. Such loans were computed at 3,037,200,000 marks on April 1 1933, and at 2,059,900,000 marks a year later.

Naval Conversations

FOR the time being, international discussions of naval armaments have completely overshadowed the unsuccessful attempts to find a means for reducing or limiting land armaments. Almost every statement by representatives of the leading naval Powers reflects the difficulty of achieving any reduction in navies, and it is even doubtful whether any agreement is possible at the prospective Naval Conference of 1935. Following the return of Norman H. Davis and other members of the preliminary naval armaments mission to London, it was officially indicated in Washington, late last week, that the American position remains unchanged. Proportionate reductions of naval tonnage in all categories of ships are favored in Washington, it was said, and opposition was expressed to the tentative British suggestions for an increase of British cruiser strength and a general decrease of the size of battleships. The Japanese demands for an increase in relative naval strength also are to be resisted. In the further exploratory conversations, which are to take place next October, the United States will adhere to a program of continuing present limitations, if actual reductions are found impracticable.

At Portsmouth, England, a strong appeal for a larger British navy was made last Saturday by Earl Beatty, former First Lord of the Admiralty, and leader of the important group of large navy enthusiasts in the United Kingdom. He urged the British Government to "repudiate the shackles of international agreements," and particularly those of the London Naval Treaty. Although the comments by Earl Beatty cannot be considered reflective of official British opinion, they are nevertheless important as indicating the trend of thought on these matters. The British navy to-day is small compared to what it once was, Earl Beatty declared. "Can it perform the services required of it?" he asked. "Is it big enough to safeguard the sea routes over which we get our essential supplies? I very much doubt if it is." The British lack of cruisers was termed "appalling" by the former First Lord of the Admiralty.

Japanese naval policy was given its clearest official expression in many months, last week, when Premier Keisuke Okada received foreign press correspondents and stated that Japan does not necessarily mean parity when she talks about naval "equality." The Premier read a formal statement declaring that Japan's basic policy in foreign affairs is the promotion of friendly relations with other Powers. Japan, he added, does not expect to attain

parity with the United States and Great Britain at the 1935 naval conference, but the Tokio Government nevertheless could not favor continuation of the present ratio system, "which hurts the self-respect of nations." In answer to a question, the Premier stated that naval armaments must be reduced as far as possible in order to lighten budgetary burdens on the peoples of the world, but "this naval limitation must begin with the nations most powerfully armed." Premier Okada was asked if Japan intends to denounce the Washington treaty before the end of this year, but he indicated that a decision on this matter has not yet been reached. "The United States and Japan, in my opinion, are bound to live in the most intimate friendship," the Premier declared. "There are no difficult questions between them." Requests for Japanese naval appropriations aggregating 714,720,000 yen in the next budget were submitted to the Cabinet yesterday. This figure is 227,000,000 yen higher than the current fund of 487,000,000 yen.

German Election Campaign

WITH appropriate ceremonies, Germany buried her hero, Field Marshal Paul von Hindenburg, in the battle monument at Tannenberg, in East Prussia, on Tuesday, and soon thereafter the campaign for the election of August 19 was in full swing. In the coming election there will be only one candidate—Chancellor-President Adolf Hitler. The German people will be asked to approve the elevation of the Chancellor and his policies, and in view of the pressure brought to bear within the Reich and the strict censorship imposed on all sources of public information, there is no doubt regarding the result. Paul Joseph Goebbels, the Minister of Propaganda and Public Enlightenment, was placed in charge of the election preparations on Wednesday, and he moved with characteristic energy to make the plebiscite result a virtually unanimous approval of the Chancellor-President. The German custom of freeing minor offenders against the laws on the occasion of a change in the administration was observed Thursday, when orders were issued to grant amnesty to thousands of minor criminal offenders and political prisoners. It was announced at the same time that Chancellor Hitler will deliver his chief election speech on August 17, while Dr. Goebbels will close the campaign on the following day with another address. Most of the able press correspondents in Berlin expressed the belief in recent reports that the plebiscite will result in a vote of approval approximating that of last November, when more than 40,000,000 voters, out of the total of 44,000,000, assented to the proposal for withdrawal from the League of Nations and the Disarmament Conference.

To their dead President the German people gave a full measure of devotion. A military watch guarded the body as it lay on the bed in which the old Field Marshal died. On Monday night a vast pilgrimage, with the dead President at its head, marched solemnly from the estate at East Prussia to the monument at Tannenberg which marks the greatest military exploit of the old soldier. Earlier in the day, Herr Hitler delivered a eulogy of President von Hindenburg before the Reichstag. Swiftly reviewing the momentous events since 1847, when the President was born, Hitler declared that his "fatherly friend" is not dead, but rather "lives and moves among the deathless of our own people and among

the illustrious spirits of the past as an eternal protector of the Reich and the German nation." As the President was laid to his final rest in the Tannenberg monument, Chancellor Hitler repeated these sentiments on Tuesday. The Chancellor granted an interview last Sunday to Ward Price, of the London "Daily Mail," in which he declared that so far as Germany is concerned, war will not come again. "We ask only that our present frontiers shall be maintained," he said, "and we shall never fight again except in self-defense." When asked if Germany would risk a war for the sake of colonies, the Chancellor replied emphatically in the negative. He pointed out that on all important occasions his decisions had been submitted to the German people in plebiscites and overwhelmingly approved, and added that the same process was about to be followed. His tenure of office, the Chancellor remarked, will last until it is changed by a negative vote.

Germany's Economic Situation

DR. HJALMAR SCHACHT, who was appointed German Minister of Economics for six months by Chancellor Hitler, moved rapidly this week to further the regimentation of industry throughout the Reich. Under a new decree, issued early in the week, all supplies of non-ferrous metals are placed under a strict control and rationing scheme. The measure is an application of previous laws giving the Economics Minister authority to supervise and regulate the production, distribution and use of all raw materials, so that "autarchy," or economic self-sufficiency, may be attained. The present regulations in Germany are beginning to approximate those of the World War period, and they are due to a similar inability to obtain foreign supplies of raw materials. But the inability at present is due to German policies.

There were some instructive repercussions of the German situation in England this week. Mill owners in the Lancashire district decided to suspend further shipments of yarn on credit to the Reich, even though this means the closing of many mills and the discharge of some 10,000 operatives. German importers owe the Lancashire mills about £500,000, it is said in a dispatch to the New York "Times," and efforts to get accounts paid and arrange for future delivery have been unsuccessful, so far as direct negotiations are concerned. London reports indicate, however, that success is in sight for Anglo-German trade negotiations designed to meet the present situation. An agreement has been drafted whereunder the Reichsbank will supply 5% of the sterling exchange required to meet payments for imports from Great Britain, while the other 95% will be paid in marks by the Reichsbank to the Bank of England. The British central bank, in turn, will dispose of its marks to British importers desirous of paying for German goods, and the virtual exchange clearing house thus established will complete all transactions. This scheme, however, will not apply to outstanding accounts, it is said.

Austrian Problem

EUROPE has been troubled by the Austrian problem ever since the old Austro-Hungarian Empire was dismembered fifteen years ago, and there were ample evidences this week that the Austrian putsch of two weeks ago settled nothing and left the essential problem unsolved. The difficulty is essen-

tially economic, as Austria cannot live as a small manufacturing country without an agricultural hinterland. Loans from the large European Powers that insist on its "independence" have supported the country since the end of the World War, and Vienna reports of Monday indicate that negotiations for further loans are in progress. French financiers, it is said, have agreed "in principle" to a new loan of \$25,000,000 to the city of Vienna, and it is added that a request for an advance to the Austrian State itself will follow. Such loans will be for the purpose of defraying the extraordinary costs incurred in the recent putsch and the suppression of the Socialists last February. In Austrian circles, a Vienna dispatch to the New York "Times" said, it is argued that the recent financial sacrifices were made to defend Austria's independence, and it was said to be only fair if Europe recognized this by helping Austria financially.

The international tension caused by the Austrian Nazi putsch subsided this week. Relations between Austria and Germany improved markedly when it was announced in Vienna on Tuesday that the Austrian Cabinet, headed by Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg, had approved the appointment of Col. Franz von Papen as German Ambassador to Austria. This decision was made two weeks after Chancellor Hitler offered to send Col. von Papen as a special envoy to "restore normal relations between Berlin and Vienna." No conditions were attached to the acceptance of the German Vice-Chancellor, notwithstanding the rumors of the last two weeks that guarantees of a correct German attitude toward Austria would be requested. It was stated at the Vienna Foreign Office, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, that "Austria will wait to see how Herr von Papen inaugurates the new peaceful policy announced by Chancellor Hitler and whether the promises of the German Chancellor concerning non-interference in Austrian domestic affairs will be kept." Investigations of the putsch of two weeks ago revealed some surprising information this week. It was made known that Major Emil Fey, the Special Commissioner for Security, informed the Cabinet some hours before the putsch took place that soldiers were gathering for the raid on the Chancellery which resulted in the death of Chancellor Dollfuss, but no steps were taken to avoid the raid. Another Nazi who participated in that raid was hanged on Tuesday. There were reports early in the week that Archduke Otto of Hapsburg, the pretender to the Austrian throne, would journey to Italy in an attempt to enlist the support of Premier Mussolini for his aspirations, but the visit has not yet taken place. Premier Schuschnigg is scheduled to visit Signor Mussolini soon in Rome, for conversations on the Austrian question, but he will first go to Budapest for talks with the Hungarian Premier, Julius Goemboes.

Colombia Inducts New President

ALFONSO LOPEZ, who was elected President of Colombia early this year, was inaugurated on Tuesday with appropriate ceremonies at Bogota, attended by Ambassadors from a dozen countries and the Ministers of many others. The inauguration of Dr. Lopez may prove to be an event of outstanding importance to American holders of many millions of dollar bonds issued by the Colombian Government and its political subdivisions. All such obliga-

tions are currently in partial or complete default, and negotiations for resumption of debt service were held up pending the induction of the new President. The defaults were occasioned in large part by the Colombian preparations for war with Peru over the Leticia area, but that dispute now has been settled amicably. Colombia is an important gold producer, and its balance of trade is favorable owing to huge exports of coffee. It is generally assumed, for these reasons, that the country is well able to effect larger external debt payments than have been current in the immediate past. Reports from Bogota do not indicate that President Lopez referred to the debt question in his inaugural address. In a dispatch to the New York "Times" it is remarked that he promised active co-operation with all countries, but especially with those of the Western Hemisphere. Internal political differences should be put aside while the nation strives for National recovery, the President added. Messages conveying the best wishes of President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull were sent from Washington as Dr. Lopez was inaugurated. The Cabinet named by the new President includes Luis Cano, as Minister of the Interior, and Carlos Uribe Echeverri, as Minister of Finance. Roberto Urdaneta Arbelaez will remain as Foreign Minister.

Chaco War

APPREHENSION has been occasioned in all circles by a break in the diplomatic relations of Chile and Paraguay, which resulted from misunderstandings in connection with the Chaco war between Paraguay and Bolivia. Reports from Santiago, Chile, indicated, last Monday, that the withdrawal of the Chilean Minister to Asuncion had been ordered owing to the hostile attitude of the Paraguayan press toward Chile's foreign policy. These reports were confirmed Wednesday, when Foreign Minister Miguel Cruchaga Tocornal issued a statement to the effect that Chile's course was the only one open, in view of Paraguayan disregard of friendly protests against the press campaign. Paraguayan newspapers had for some time pointed out that Chile was permitting retired army officers to go to Bolivia in order to instruct soldiers there, and also that thousands of Chilean workers were being engaged for Bolivian tin mines. The attacks were gradually intensified, according to the Chilean Foreign Office, until they involved personal criticisms of the Chilean President and Cabinet, and statements that Chile was providing arms and general war supplies to Bolivia. The recall of the Chilean Minister marks the first break in diplomatic relations between Chile and Paraguay in half a century, and it beclouds the South American situation markedly. It was indicated in Washington, Wednesday, that the State Department had made an offer of good offices to adjust the dispute between the two countries. In doing so, it acted not only in accordance with historic precedent, but also in line with President Roosevelt's policy of the good neighbor in foreign affairs, it was said.

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 Aug 10	Date Established.	Pre-vious Rate.	Country.	Rate in Effect Aug 10	Date Established.	Pre-vious Rate.
Austria	4½	June 27 1934	5	Hungary	4½	Oct. 17 1932	5
Belgium	3	Apr. 25 1934	3½	India	3½	Feb. 16 1932	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	4.33
Czechoslovakia	3½	Jan. 25 1933	4½	Java	4½	Aug. 16 1933	5
Danzig	4	July 12 1932	5	Jugoslavia	6½	July 16 1934	7
Denmark	2½	Nov. 29 1933	3	Lithuania	6	Jan. 2 1934	7
England	2	June 30 1932	2½	Norway	3½	May 23 1933	4
Estonia	5½	Jan. 29 1932	6½	Poland	5	Oct. 25 1933	6
Finland	4½	Dec. 20 1933	5	Portugal	5½	Dec. 8 1933	6
France	2½	May 31 1934	3	Rumania	6	Apr. 7 1933	6
Germany	4	Sept. 30 1932	5	South Africa	4	Feb. 21 1933	7
Greece	7	Oct. 13 1933	7½	Spain	6	Oct. 22 1932	5½
Holland	2½	Sept. 18 1933	3	Sweden	2½	Dec. 1 1933	3
				Switzerland	2	Jan. 22 1931	½

Foreign Money Rates

IN LONDON open market discounts for short bills on Friday were ¾%, as against ¾% on Friday of last week and ¾% for three months' bills, as against ¾@13-16% on Friday of last week. Money on call in London yesterday was ¾%. At Paris the open market rate remains at 2¼%, and at Switzerland at 1½%.

Bank of England Statement

THE Bank of England statement for the week ended Aug. 8 shows an increase of £29,136 in bullion, raising the total to £192,186,929 as compared with £191,529,921 last year and only £139,419,297 two years ago. As the gain in gold was attended by an increase of £3,497,000 in circulation, reserves declined £3,467,000. Public deposits increased £12,023,000, while other deposits fell off £15,772,447. Of the latter amount, £14,505,756 was from bankers' accounts and £1,266,691 from other accounts. The proportion of reserves to liabilities is at 41.95% in comparison with 43.25% a week ago and 41.56% last year. Loans on Government securities rose £2,005,000 and those on other securities decreased £2,286,953. The latter consists of "discounts and advances" and "securities" which fell off £1,883,607 and £403,346 respectively. The rate of discount remains 2%. Below we show a comparison of the different items for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Aug. 8 1934.	Aug. 9 1933.	Aug. 10 1932.	Aug. 12 1931.	Aug. 13 1930.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation	392,807,000	384,974,512	370,819,429	360,051,001	367,379,125
Public deposits	23,883,000	19,412,087	10,667,587	19,433,691	12,256,294
Other deposits	117,661,236	140,692,030	119,901,329	93,042,033	100,272,788
Bankers' accounts	82,001,205	92,893,707	85,322,561	58,162,699	66,252,805
Other accounts	35,660,031	47,898,323	34,578,768	34,879,334	34,019,983
Govt. securities	83,254,071	88,295,963	70,553,993	53,225,906	54,346,247
Other securities	17,057,710	23,410,498	34,573,878	29,148,749	29,609,058
Dist. & advances	6,985,141	11,035,865	15,236,346	7,051,367	6,864,918
Securities	10,072,569	12,374,633	19,337,532	22,097,382	22,744,140
Reserve notes & coin	59,381,000	66,555,409	43,599,868	48,253,227	46,736,187
Coin and bullion	192,186,929	191,529,921	139,419,297	133,304,228	154,105,312
Proport. of res. to liab	41.95%	41.56%	33.39%	42.90%	41.52%
Bank rate	2%	2%	2%	4½%	3%

Bank of France Statement

THE Bank of France weekly statement dated Aug. 3 reveals another increase in gold holdings, the current advance being 234,383,297 francs. Gold holdings now total 80,486,582,153 francs, in comparison with 82,081,165,788 francs a year ago and 82,178,945,228 francs two years ago. Credit balances abroad, French commercial bills discounted and creditor current accounts register decreases of 2,000,000 francs, 544,000,000 francs and 1,061,000,000 francs respectively. The Bank's ratio stands now at 79.91%, which compares with 79.02% a year ago and 76.77% the year before. Notes in circulation show a gain of 908,000,000 francs, bringing the total of notes outstanding up to 81,717,467,045 francs. Circulation last year aggregated 82,857,875,355 francs and the previous year 81,597,550,980 francs. An increase appears in advances against securities of

121,000,000 francs. A comparison of the various items for three years is shown below:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week. Francs.	Aug. 3 1934. Francs.	Aug. 4 1933. Francs.	Aug. 5 1932. Francs.
Gold holdings	+234,383,297	80,486,582,153	82,081,165,788	82,178,945,228
Credit bals. abrd'	-2,000,000	13,177,314	2,144,468,470	3,365,189,964
a French commercial bills discounted	-544,000,000	3,705,231,964	2,857,280,335	3,002,945,639
b Bills bought abrd'	No change	1,140,843,139	1,390,177,362	2,098,266,796
Advs. agst. secur.	+121,000,000	3,175,011,159	2,730,675,065	2,823,306,631
Note circulation	+908,000,000	81,717,467,045	82,857,875,355	81,597,550,980
Cred. curr. acct.	-1,061,000,000	19,001,034,741	21,012,149,704	25,441,032,604
Proport'n of gold on hand to sight liabil	+0.35%	79.91%	79.02%	76.77%

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

Bank of Germany Statement

THE Bank of Germany in its statement for the first quarter of August reveals a loss in gold and bullion of 52,000 marks. The Bank's gold which is now at 74,822,000 marks compares with 260,175,000 marks last year and 762,961,000 marks the previous year. Reserve in foreign currency, silver and other coin, notes on other German banks, investments and other liabilities record increases of 112,000 marks, 10,838,000 marks, 3,861,000 marks, 8,549,000 marks and 9,186,000 marks respectively. Notes in circulation show a decrease of 123,533,000 marks, bringing the total of the item down to 3,644,962,000 marks. Circulation last year stood at 3,377,997,000 marks and the year before at 3,822,084,000 marks. The proportion of gold and foreign currency to note circulation remains unchanged at 2.1%. A decrease is shown in bills of exchange and checks of 94,731,000 marks, in advances of 40,160,000 marks, in other assets of 25,773,000 marks and in other daily maturing obligations of 23,009,000 marks. Below we furnish a comparison of the different items for three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Aug. 7 1934.	Aug. 7 1933.	Aug. 6 1932.
Assets—	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Gold and bullion	-52,000	74,822,000	260,175,000	762,961,000
Of which depos. abrd'	No change	23,638,000	48,503,000	56,387,000
Res'v'e in for'n currency	+112,000	3,259,000	75,622,000	131,394,000
Bills of exch. & checks	-94,731,000	3,337,374,000	3,067,594,000	3,071,066,000
Silver and other coin	+10,838,000	237,114,000	223,901,000	208,592,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.	+3,861,000	9,517,000	8,131,000	6,620,000
Advances	-40,160,000	69,867,000	85,874,000	106,160,000
Investments	+8,549,000	704,915,000	320,004,000	365,055,000
Other assets	-25,773,000	627,850,000	477,846,000	777,814,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation	-123,533,000	3,644,962,000	3,377,997,000	3,822,084,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig.	-23,009,000	626,018,000	331,477,000	339,919,000
Other liabilities	+9,186,000	196,039,000	186,522,000	706,233,000
Proport. of gold & for'n curr. to note circ'n	No change	2.1%	0.9%	23.4%

New York Money Market

CONDITIONS in the New York money market were unchanged this Week, save for an increasing reluctance on the part of large banks to lend the Treasury funds at rates that are little more than nominal. The Treasury sold on Monday an issue of \$75,000,000 discount bills due in 182 days and the average discount on the awards was 0.12%, against 0.09% on a similar issue a week ago and 0.07% two weeks ago. An offering, also on a competitive basis, was made Wednesday of \$150,000,000 Home Owners' Loan Corporation guaranteed bonds, due in two, three and four years, with coupons of 1½, 1¾ and 2%, respectively, and it was indicated that bids of less than par value would be acceptable. Tenders were accepted only down to 99, but there was not sufficient demand for the three- and four-year bonds at that figure, and the Treasury absorbed \$22,000,000 of those maturities for account of the various agencies under its direction. In other respects the money market pursued an even course. Call loans on the New York Stock Exchange were 1% for all transactions, whether renewals or new

money. In the unofficial street market, loans were reported done every day at $\frac{3}{4}\%$. Time loans prevailed at $\frac{3}{4}@1\%$. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral declined \$58,000,000 in the week to Wednesday night, to an aggregate of \$827,000,000, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

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 some slight improvement this week, occasional transactions in five- and six-months' maturities at 1% having been reported. Rates are nominal at $\frac{3}{4}@1\%$ for two to five months, and $1@1\frac{1}{4}\%$ for six months. The market for prime commercial paper has been generally good this week and there has been no difficulty in disposing of all high class paper obtainable. Rates are $\frac{3}{4}\%$ for extra choice names running from four to six months and 1% for names less known.

Bankers' Acceptances

THE demand for prime bankers' acceptances has been fairly keen this week. More bills have been offered and in most instances have been quickly taken up. The market, however, is still below normal. Rates are unchanged. Quotations of the American Acceptance Council for bills up to and including 90 days are $\frac{1}{4}\%$ bid and 3-16% asked; for four months, $\frac{3}{8}\%$ bid and $\frac{1}{4}\%$ asked; for five and six months, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ bid and $\frac{3}{8}\%$ asked. The bill buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank is $\frac{1}{2}\%$ for bills running from 1 to 90 days, and proportionately higher for longer maturities. The Federal Reserve banks' holdings of acceptances decreased from \$5,206,000 to \$5,200,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents, also decreased from \$1,085,000 to \$895,000. 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—	
Prime eligible bills	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$
	—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
Prime eligible bills	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks	$\frac{1}{2}\%$ bid
Eligible non-member banks	$\frac{1}{2}\%$ 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 Aug. 10.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston	2	Feb. 8 1934	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
New York	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 2 1934	2
Philadelphia	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Nov. 16 1933	3
Cleveland	2	Feb. 3 1934	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Richmond	3	Feb. 9 1934	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Atlanta	3	Feb. 10 1934	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chicago	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Oct. 21 1933	3
St. Louis	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 8 1934	3
Minneapolis	3	Mar. 16 1934	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kansas City	3	Feb. 9 1934	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dallas	3	Feb. 8 1934	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
San Francisco	2	Feb. 16 1934	2 $\frac{1}{2}$

Course of Sterling Exchange

STERLING exchange and all foreign currencies are up sharply in terms of the dollar. In terms of French francs, or gold, sterling, as during the

past few weeks, and all other currencies also continue unchanged in all important respects. The outstanding feature of the foreign exchanges is President Roosevelt's proclamation published on Thursday nationalizing silver bullion, effective as of Aug. 9, the date of the Executive Order. The proclamation and important news items relating to it will be found in our news columns. The range for sterling this week has been between \$5.04 $\frac{1}{4}$ and \$5.10 for bankers' sight bills, compared with a range of between \$5.03 and \$5.04 $\frac{5}{8}$ last week. The range for cable transfers has been between \$5.04 $\frac{3}{8}$ and 5.10 $\frac{1}{4}$, compared with a range of between 5.03 $\frac{1}{8}$ and 5.04 $\frac{3}{4}$ last week.

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, Aug. 4	76.312	Wednesday, Aug. 8	76.312
Monday, Aug. 6	London holiday	Thursday, Aug. 9	76.312
Tuesday, Aug. 7	76.32	Friday, Aug. 10	76.312

LONDON OPEN MARKET GOLD PRICE

Saturday, Aug. 4	138s. $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	Wednesday, Aug. 8	138s. $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Monday, Aug. 6	London holiday	Thursday, Aug. 9	138s. 1d.
Tuesday, Aug. 7	137s. 10d.	Friday, Aug. 10	138s. 1d.

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

Saturday, Aug. 4	35.00	Wednesday, Aug. 8	35.00
Monday, Aug. 6	35.00	Thursday, Aug. 9	35.00
Tuesday, Aug. 7	35.00	Friday, Aug. 10	35.00

It will be recalled that a speculative drive against the dollar began in the European markets on Friday of last week. The drive was evidently centered in Paris. It was motivated by the conviction that new monetary policies tending strongly toward inflation and the further devaluation of the dollar were in immediate prospect. Remarks by Senator Thomas, recognized leader of the inflationary forces on this side, respecting the currency program to be followed here by Congress in the fall gave force to the European speculative attack on the dollar. The market was extremely dull on Saturday, and while the French franc and other currencies in nominal trading held the advantages gained on Friday, it seemed that the drive of the preceding day was a mere flash in the pan. Markets are always dull on Saturday and owing to the almost complete cessation of business here and in London are exceptionally dull on an August Saturday. On Monday London was closed down because of the August bank holiday. When London is closed foreign exchange markets everywhere become more or less nominal, as London is the pivot of the financial world. With the resumption of business in London on Tuesday another drive developed against the dollar, so that sterling rose to \$5.06 $\frac{1}{2}$, against the closing price on Saturday last of 5.04 $\frac{3}{8}$. The dollar was sold short in all European markets, and the attack brought a sharp rise in dollar quotations for foreign currencies in New York, until French francs, Belgian belgas and Swiss francs went above par and the Dutch guilder reached parity. The market was utterly perplexed. Traders had the greatest difficulty in keeping up with the rapid fluctuations. Evidently something quite out of the ordinary was brewing. Some important quarters were evidently informed, but the general market was in darkness. As on Saturday, the movement came primarily from Europe, operating largely from Paris. The advance in the sterling rate was held to be mainly a reflection of the sterling-franc rate, which was kept steady by the British Exchange Control at around 76.31. The dollar had for a long time been at a premium in terms of the gold currencies and traders

were shocked to see it go to a discount. Only a little more than a week ago the market was discussing the possibility of continued imports of gold from France, the franc and other European currencies being so weak in terms of dollars. The upward swing on Tuesday pointed to the distinct possibility of a movement of gold from New York to Paris at no distant date unless something were done to steady the dollar or to silence the vociferous and closely compacted cabal whose advocacy of inflation and devaluation of the dollar is responsible for the nervousness and uneasiness aroused in Europe as to the future course of monetary measures to be pursued here.

The dollar equivalent for London gold on Tuesday jumped to \$34.91, compared with \$35.00 American price. The London dollar equivalent had been advancing since Friday, precluding the possibility of any further gold takings in the London open market for American account. The force of the drive on Tuesday spent itself so that Wednesday's market was quiescent and the quotable rates for the foreign currencies were largely nominal, and while they eased off fractionally from Tuesday's close, they were firm as compared with recent weeks.

The market was taken by surprise on Wednesday, when spot silver advanced $\frac{5}{8}$ cent. The official price was announced as 48 cents per fine ounce, the highest price quoted since Dec. 21 1929. The London spot price was fixed at 20 15-16d. per ounce, as compared with the recent high of 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on June 19. On Thursday a third bear drive developed against the dollar. The market opened low, with sterling at \$5.05, off $\frac{3}{8}$ cent from Wednesday's close. Around noon the drive began to gain force. The official spot silver price advanced $1\frac{1}{4}$ cents to 49 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents per ounce, following a rise of $\frac{1}{2}$ pence to 21 7-16 pence in London. The President's proclamation gave a tremendous impetus to the foreign exchange quotations. Despite official denials here, Europe is quite convinced that our monetary policies are being shaped by whim and chance and that further devaluation and surely inflation of the dollar must result. The nationalization order capped several days of steadily rising quotations in silver both here and abroad which threatened to raise the price in New York to above the level which the Treasury is allowed to pay.

If we except these spectacular drives against the dollar, there is nothing essentially new in the foreign exchange situation from many weeks past. Markets are extremely dull and transactions are largely limited to strict commercial requirements. Seasonal factors seem to be without the slightest influence on any of the exchanges. Were policies here conducted upon orthodox lines, such as prevailed for sixty years or more prior to 1933, all European currencies would be now weak in terms of the dollar. The advance of sterling in terms of dollars in no wise indicates a greater demand for sterling or a proportionately greater flow of funds to London. London continues to be favored as the safest repository for foreign funds, of which a considerable part are of American origin. The plethora of money is indicated by the Lombard Street open market money rates. Call money against bills has ranged this week from $\frac{1}{2}$ % to $\frac{1}{8}$ %, and these funds have been in demand. Two-months' bills are 25-32%, compared with $\frac{3}{4}$ % on Wednesday; three-months' bills are 25-32% to 13-16%; four-months' bills are 13-16% to $\frac{1}{8}$ %; and six-months' bills are 15-16% to 11-16%. These

rates are on average just fractionally firmer than last week, but it is doubtful if they can be forced up, although the great London banks and the Bank of England are anxious to support the discount houses, which have been steadily threatened on account of the excessively easy money rates ever since 1932.

Because of the changed position of the dollar in terms of sterling and the French franc, it has become impossible for Americans to take gold from the London open market, so that this week all the available supply was taken for unknown destination, which probably means that the gold was taken by private hoarders and left on deposit with the London banks. On Saturday last £225,000 was taken for unknown destination. On Monday the London market was closed because of the August bank holiday. On Tuesday £697,000 was available and taken for unknown destination. London bullion dealers said that the bulk of this gold came from Germany. On Wednesday there was available £52,000, on Thursday £403,000 and on Friday £85,000, all taken for unknown destinations. The Bank of England statement for the week ended Aug. 8 shows an increase in gold holdings of £29,136, the total standing at £192,186,929, which compares with £191,529,921 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 Aug. 8, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$20,876,000, of which \$11,179,000 came from England, \$6,347,000 from France, \$1,676,000 from Canada, \$1,670,000 from India, and \$4,000 from Guatemala. There were no gold exports. The Reserve Bank reported a decrease of \$556,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended Aug. 8, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, AUG. 2-AUG. 8, INCLUSIVE

Imports	Exports
\$11,179,000 from England	None
6,347,000 from France	
1,676,000 from Canada	
1,670,000 from India	
4,000 from Guatemala	
<hr/> \$20,876,000 total	
<i>Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account</i>	
Decrease: \$556,000	

The above figures are for the week ended Wednesday evening. On Thursday \$20,259,300 of gold was received, of which \$8,819,000 came from England, \$2,144,400 from Colombia, \$7,551,300 from India, \$1,673,900 from Canada, and \$170,700 from Ecuador; there were no exports of gold, but gold held earmarked for foreign account increased \$2,215,100. On Friday \$294,300 of gold was received of which \$209,300 came from Holland, \$47,400 from Jamaica and \$37,600 from India.

Canadian exchange continues firm, Montreal funds being at a premium over the dollar. On Saturday last Montreal funds were at a premium of from 1 13-16% to 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ %; on Monday at from 1 13-16% to 1 15-16%; on Tuesday at from 2% to 2 3-16%; on Wednesday at from 1 13-16% to 2 3-16%; on Thursday at from 2% to 2 9-16%, and on Friday at from 1 13-16% to 2 23-32%.

Referring to day-to-day rates sterling exchange on Saturday last was dull and softer in tone. Bankers' sight was \$5.04 $\frac{1}{4}$ @\$5.04 $\frac{1}{2}$, cable transfers \$5.04 $\frac{3}{8}$ @5.04 $\frac{5}{8}$. On Monday London was closed, August bank holiday, but sterling was firmer though dull in New

York. The range was \$5.04¼@ \$5.04½ for bankers' sight and \$5.04¾@ \$5.04⅝ for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling was sharply firmer. Bankers' sight was \$5.05⅜@ \$5.06⅜, cable transfers were \$5.05½@ \$5.06½. On Wednesday the pound receded. The range was \$5.05¼@ \$5.06¼ for bankers' sight \$5.05⅜@ \$5.06⅜ for cable transfers. On Thursday owing to President Roosevelt's proclamation nationalizing all silver bullion, all foreign currencies rose sharply. Sterling soared 4½ cents to \$5.10¼. The range was \$5.04¾@ \$5.10 for bankers' sight bills and \$5.05@ \$5.10¼ for cable transfers. On Friday sterling continued firm in terms of dollars. The range was \$5.07⅞@ \$5.09⅝ for bankers' sight and \$5.08@ \$5.09¾ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were \$5.08⅞ for demand and \$5.08⅜ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at \$5.08⅞, 60-day bills at \$5.07⅞, 90-day bills at \$5.07⅜, documents for payment (60 days) at \$5.07⅞ and seven-day grain bills at \$5.08 5-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at \$5.08⅞.

Continental and Other Foreign Exchanges

EXCHANGE on the Continental countries is sharply upward in terms of the dollar. This rising movement of the Continentals is more fully discussed in the foregoing resume of sterling exchange. The higher values of the foreign currencies reflect no change in the underlying position of these units but merely the bearish sentiment with respect to the dollar. The economic situation of the European countries in no wise justifies the present premiums, where such exist, or firmness of the European currencies in terms of dollars. Despite the strong position of the French franc the only Continental countries that may be expected to avoid serious political, economic and monetary disturbances in the near future are the two neutral nations, Switzerland and Holland. The French franc had a range this week of from 6.61 to 6.68½. New dollar parity of the franc is 6.63. The upswing in the franc was occasioned by bear drives against the dollar which centered in Paris and were induced by certain market elements abroad which are convinced that devaluation and inflation of the dollar will proceed further in the immediate future. Meanwhile is the franc strong! But the forces of deflation are undoubtedly gaining power in France itself. M. Paul Reynaud, former Finance Minister, who has a considerable following, is energetically pursuing his campaign for devaluation of the franc. The French cabinet seems to be seriously dividend on the question. Under the surface there is considerable political unrest in France, which is not unlikely to break out in fatal rioting as in February last. The Bank of France statement indicates an exceptionally strong position, with gold reserves second only to those of the United States and greatly in excess of the gold reserves of any other country. They amount to approximately \$5,400,000,000, which compares with \$7,911,000,000 gold held by the United States, \$1,583,000,000 held by England, and about only \$30,000,000 held by Germany. The Bank of France statement for the week ended Aug. 3 shows an increase in gold holdings of 234,383,297 francs. This makes the twenty-second successive increase in the bank's gold, bringing the aggregate for the period to 6,558,382,707 francs. Total gold holdings now stand at 80,486,582,153 francs which compares with 82,081,165,788 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 level of 79.91%, which compares with 79.02% a year ago and with legal requirement of 35%.

German marks moved up with the other Continental currencies as the drive against the dollar developed. These quotations for free marks are, however, largely nominal. The mark situation is unchanged from recent weeks and is, to say the least, most precarious. It would seem that the mark must collapse utterly. The Reichsbank has less than \$30,000,000 in gold Germany must resort to the extreme measures of war-time privation and deprivation in order to carry on through the coming winter.

All the Continental currencies reflect the lower dollar quotations as a consequence of the persistent bear drives against United States currency but do not disclose any change in their underlying position.

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	6.61 to 6.68½
Belgium (belga).....	13.90	23.54	23.52½ to 23.81
Italy (lira).....	5.26	8.91	8.60 to 8.68½
Germany (mark).....	23.82	40.33	38.76 to 39.62
Switzerland (franc).....	19.30	32.67	32.70 to 33.05
Holland (guilder).....	40.20	68.06	67.80 to 68.60

The London check rate on Paris closed on Friday at 76.31, against 76.34 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French center finished on Friday at 6.66⅞, against 6.61⅝ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 6.66¼, against 6.61¾, and commercial sight bills at 6.63¾, against 5.59¼. Antwerp belgas finished at 23.75 for bankers' sight bills and at 23.76 for cable transfers, against 23.54 and 23.55. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 39.64 for bankers' sight bills and 39.65 for cable transfers, in comparison with 38.99 and 39.00. Italian lire closed at 8.67 for bankers' sight bills and at 8.68 for cable transfers, against 8.59 and 8.59½. Austrian schillings closed at 19.18, against 19.00, exchange on Czechoslovakia at 4.20, against 4.17; on Bucharest at 1.02, against 1.01½; on Poland at 19.11½, against 18.97, on Finland at 2.25, against 2.23¼. Greek exchange closed at 0.95½ for bankers' sight bills and at 0.96 for cable transfers, against 0.94½ and 0.95.

EXCHANGE on the countries neutral during the war presents no new features from those of recent weeks. The fact that the neutrals are now quoted higher than last week in terms of the dollar reflects, as stated above, merely the bear drives on the American unit, which have centered in Paris since Friday of last week. It is improbable that any outward movement of gold from the United States to the neutrals or any of the Continental countries is likely to follow in consequence of the present upswing in these units. Present quotations are largely nominal, owing to the great inactivity of actual requirements, and indicate merely a sympathetic relationship with the French franc.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 68.40, against 67.84 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 68.41, against 67.85, and commercial sight bills at 68.38, against 67.82. Swiss francs closed at 33.00 for checks and at 33.01 for cable transfers, against 32.74 and 32.75. Copenhagen checks finished at 22.74 and cable transfers at 22.75, against 22.54 and 22.55. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.24 and cable transfers at 26.25, against 26.04 and 26.05; while checks on Norway finished at 25.59 and cable transfers at 25.60, against 25.37 and 25.38.

Spanish pesetas closed at 13.82½ for bankers' sight bills and at 13.83 for cable transfers, against 13.69½ and 13.70½.

EXCHANGE on the South American countries shows greater firmness so far as the unofficial or free market is concerned. This is especially true of the Argentine peso. It is due in part to the drop in the dollar in terms of sterling and again to the steady extension of the open or unofficial markets in foreign exchange. So far as South American exchange operations are linked up with transactions involving London, there is practically no difficulty in effecting transfers. But even American concerns with blocked accounts are experiencing far less difficulty than had been the case even a few months ago. All the South American countries seem now to be doing a prosperous business. The advance in world prices for agricultural products and raw materials is rapidly wiping out the difficulties and deficits of recent years. In consequence there is a strong tendency to lighten the burdens placed upon imports into these countries since 1931.

Brazil is experiencing virtually a boom, according to Washington Department of Commerce authorities, although the foreign exchange and other international features of the country's economic picture leave much to be desired. In Brazil the Government some time ago legalized the previously so-called bootleg market, and with few restrictions the banks there now trade freely in free exchange and also in the so-called gray exchange. In the free market these banks quote regularly at a narrow spread as between buyers and sellers. The source of this exchange comes from remittances to Brazil, salary checks, travelers' checks and letters of credit, &c., plus some exchange resulting from minor exports. The gray market is fed by proceeds of exports of Brazil's principal products other than coffee. It is allocated only to selected names. The proceeds of coffee exchange and a fixed percentage resulting from other exports are the source of official exchange.

In Argentina all the banks make a close market in sterling, dollars and other currencies at narrow spreads in the free market, which was legalized some months ago. Purchasing power has rapidly increased in Argentina in recent months and the country's export surplus shows a gain of nearly 75% over last year. The improvement in the trade balance, of course, makes available a greater proportion of foreign exchange, both for the purchase of foreign goods and for meeting debt service.

Chile, it is understood, shows a gain in export service so far this year of 156%. While Chile nominally controls exchange, the unofficial market in Santiago and Valparaiso represents the principal exchange market in the country. The control is almost purely nominal, except as it restricts holders of blocked funds from withdrawing them from the banks, and while exchange transactions in the so-called bootleg market are not engaged in by the banks, the brokers and others who deal in this exchange do not currently go to the trouble of covering up their transactions in any way. Peru has no exchange controls. However, there is no market to speak of for Peruvian soles in New York, and the quotable rates are nominal. There is a close market at all times in sterling, dollars and other currencies in Lima at approximately the nominal rates quoted here from week to week.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday, official quotation, at 34 for bankers' sight bills, against 33¾ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 34¼, against 34. The unofficial or free market close was 27.80@28¼, against 25.90@26.00. Brazilian milreis are nominally quoted 8½ for bankers' sight bills and 8¾ for cable transfers, against 8.40 and 8½. The unofficial or free market close was 7¼, against 6¾. Chilean exchange is nominally quoted 10½, against 10¼. Peru is nominal at 22.95, against 23.00.

EXCHANGE on the Far Eastern countries is, of course, strikingly affected by the advance in silver prices and by this Government's nationalization of silver. These units all advanced with these developments. The firmness of sterling in terms of the dollar is, of course, reflected in the quotations for Japanese yen and in the price for exchange on the Indian cities. The annual report of the Comptroller of the Currency in India for the year ended March 1934, embraces a survey of the whole Indian financial position. It proves beyond doubt that in the domain of public finance India's position is unassailable and compares favorably with that prevailing in the major countries of the world. A favorable budgetary situation, a notable increase in the export balance in merchandise trade and continued gold exports helped to maintain the rupee-sterling exchange. China's foreign trade is also more prosperous than at any time in several years and this is again reflected in more encouraging domestic trade.

Under authority of the Gold Purchase Act of April 6, the Bank of Japan is now rebuilding its gold reserves, which were drawn upon heavily prior to the suspension of the gold standard in December 1931. The gold being bought is domestic production and amounts to about 35,000 ounces each month. It is paid for at world prices based upon London. The Government will make good to the Bank of Japan the difference between its statutory price and the open market price, reserving the right to buy back the gold from the Bank of Japan by paying the purchase price. The Bank of Japan is entitled to increase its note issues with the increase in its gold holdings. As a matter of fact, however, total circulation is practically unchanged from last year. Total notes outstanding on June 16 were 1,093,119,000 yen, compared with 1,161,037,000 yen on April 6 and with 1,084,860,000 yen on June 17 1933. This means that the bank is holding the circulation well under the legal limit, inasmuch as the Bank may issue notes up to 1,000,000,000 yen against Government bonds, treasury certificates, and other gilt-edged securities or commercial bills. Notes which do not have this backing must be supported by the equivalent in metallic reserves, gold and silver coin and bullion. The silver must not exceed one-quarter of the total reserves, but the Bank's specie reserves have not contained silver for a considerable time. Japan's balance of payments is showing clear signs of improvement and Japanese business is enjoying a degree of prosperity not experienced in several years.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 30.10, against 29.91 on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 39 3-16@39½, against 37.90@38 1-16; Shanghai at 35¼@35⅝, against 34 7-16; Manila at 49.90, against 49.90; Singapore at 59.80, against 59.30; Bombay at 38.40, against 38.05, and Calcutta at 38.40, against 38.05.

to aim wide of the mark. Precisely what and where are the industries which to-day are employing notably fewer workers than they might? The only sound basis for employment is the existence of an effective demand for the goods which the workers produce or the services they render, and effective demand is widely lacking. Are industries to be coerced into taking on workers for whom there is no work, or piling up goods for which there is no market? Is prosperity to be restored by running industry and business at a loss? The "steady demand for goods" which Mr. Green affects to see is at best, in most cases, a minimum, hand-to-mouth demand, rising prices are increasingly encountering consumer resistance because consumers have no money with which to buy, and profits are down even where a fair volume of business is maintained. The real test of recovery is not the volume of goods produced and sold for immediate consumption, but the level maintained in industries which produce durable or capital goods, and in these latter the effective demand, on the whole, refuses to rise.

The reason for lagging recovery, with its consequence of continued unemployment on a serious scale, is not, as Mr. Green contends, because business men have turned defeatists or fallen down on their jobs, or because bankers have demonstrated their incapacity. The real reasons are as plain as daylight. An unenlightened scheme of wholesale Government interference with industry and trade, contemptuous of economic laws and enforced by Government fiat, has substituted for experience the theories of the "brain trust" and the devices of revolutionary experimenters. A maze of Government regulations has subjected industry to minimum wages, maximum hours, minute working conditions, price fixing, restriction of output, limitation of the use of new machinery and restraint of legitimate competition. The gold standard has been abandoned, the gold and silver supply of the country seized by the Government, gold contracts declared invalid, and the way prepared for a great increase in the use of silver as a currency basis. A mountain of Federal debt has been piled up, banking has been made virtually a Government function, and the banks have been gorged with Government securities to the peril of their liquidity. The utilities industries are threatened with annihilation by direct Government competition, private loans on real estate have been menaced by huge Government loans for the "relief" of mortgage debtors and the promotion of elaborate housing schemes, and the railroads have been saddled with a burdensome pension plan. Staple agriculture has been subjected to a fantastic system of enforced acreage or crop reduction, accompanied by processing taxes which the consumer must pay. The legitimate issuance of securities has been made vexatiously difficult, and dealings in securities have been brought under minute Government regulation. Outside of a number of small industries and communities of less than 2,500 inhabitants, there is hardly a detail of business of any kind, from purchase and sale to accounting and repairs, upon which the Federal Government has not laid its regulating and penalizing hand.

What inducement is there under such conditions for business and industry to revive? The field for personal initiative has been closed, for Government approval must first be sought. There is little inducement to borrow for capital purposes, or even

for ordinary commercial uses, when markets have been rendered stagnant and reasonable profits imperiled by Government regulations and increasing taxes, and banking funds cannot be forced out when there is no safe use for them. Thanks to the throttling grip of the New Deal, American business marks time or recedes, the demand for capital or commercial loans is trivial, currency inflation looms, and workers by the million are unemployed or existing on Government doles. The New Deal that was to transform depression and loss into confidence and prosperity has done its work, and the country, if not William Green, knows very well where the responsibility lies.

There is more to the story, however. "Our toilers in the mills, stores and places of employment," Mr. Green declared at Atlantic City, "can be depended upon to stick to their tasks if they are permitted access to the machines." Is that the record of Mr. Green's brand of organized labor in these months and years of depression? Is it not the fact that strikes have multiplied beyond any previous record, and that the issue has been, in most cases, not legitimate grievances regarding wages, hours or working conditions, but the issue of union organization and the persistent attempt of the American Federation of Labor to make impossible any type of union except its own? Have not Mr. Green and his associates been as ready as General Johnson to "crack down" upon employers, and has such action tended to encourage union workers to "stick to their tasks"? One cannot read the history of the past twelve months without a conviction that the co-operation between labor and capital which the National Industrial Recovery Act undoubtedly sought to promote has been impeded by American Federation of Labor policy, and that the guarantee of collective bargaining has been used as an instrument of dissension rather than as an aid to industrial harmony.

What Mr. Green had to say in his interview about the possibility of "the owners of industry" being "compelled to stand aside while society itself, for good or evil, makes an attempt to cope with the task" of recovery is, of course, only a thinly veiled intimation of an impending revolution. When or how the revolution is to occur or exactly what its nature will be is not clear, but apparently it will be something that will enable labor to insure "the complete utilization of our productive capacities" so that everybody may be "furnished with essential goods and services." No one can be certain about what will happen, but we agree with the New York "Herald Tribune" in thinking that if the Government is ever forced to "invite the eager and willing workers to march into the idle shops and throw the levers of the machines," as Mr. Green suggests, "the first thing it would take over would be organized labor and the first person it would 'liquidate' would be Mr. Green." The hope of recovery does not lie in reading the riot act to business men and industrialists for their inactivity when the Government has them by the throat, or making labor, organized or unorganized, the arbiter of how business shall be conducted. The only hope is in the abandonment—it cannot be too rapid or too thorough—of the coercive and restrictive features of the New Deal and the restoration, to business and industry as well as to individuals, of the freedom and responsibility that are their right. The speech of President Roosevelt at Green Bay, Wis., on

Thursday, does not, it must be confessed, offer much encouragement, although something is doubtless to be allowed for the political exigencies of the Congressional campaign, but it is well to have the lines clearly drawn. If labor is wise it will turn from re-creation to co-operation, cease to imperil its own large interests by continuing to obstruct, and con- sign revolutionary hints to the waste basket.

Doing Our Part

Perusal of the news of the day has become a dis- concerting task, not calculated to put the mind in a calm and tranquil mood. Domestic dispatches, for- eign cables, local items, editorials and radio sum- maries all portray a world badly upset with antag- onisms which threaten to array nations against their neighbors, employees against employers, and credi- tors against borrowers; even the calendars of the courts are crowded with cases which show that un- rest does not stop short of family circles.

The protracted depression from which the United States and other nations have suffered has probably had more to do with creating this deplorable state than any other single cause, although continued high temperatures and drought throughout the temperate zone have had a primary part in producing general dissatisfaction.

In Mississippi, one city has been combating the State to an extent which General Johnson defined as "bordering upon civil war." Jails, State and Fed- eral prisons are overcrowded with convicts, and ban- dits has been rampant in this country to such degree that the force and cunning of the Federal Govern- ment had to be inducted to eliminate a single desperado.

Capital and labor, although they are directly de- pendent upon each other for prosperity, have been at odds to the great detriment of each faction, the strife often reaching a point where the police of cities, States or the Government had to be called upon to suppress disorder. In addition to privation developing from unemployment, and the diminishing contents of pay envelopes for those still fortunate enough to continue at work, there have been many foreclosures, and the consequent loss of homes has naturally disturbed domestic relations.

It might be well for each individual to make a de- termined effort to cure his own ills by first putting his mind and body in a normal state, and then calmly reflecting upon what course he may adopt to over- come his own particular problems.

To be calm, considerate of one's neighbors and em- ployer or employees, to get back to the Golden Rule and try to do unto others as you would they would do unto you will be the best gospel to be proclaimed from any pulpit or rostrum.

The frost line is not far off, and the present is a propitious time to put one's self in a proper state for hard work, which will help to bring about steady work, and to build anew on solid foundations a struc- ture of which each contributing individual may be proud and which will assure comfort and happiness hereafter.

Shake off the enervating ill-humor! Go back to tasks with a will to overcome selfish motives and nor- malcy will gradually return for the benefit of all. Better times are as much dependent upon the worker as upon capital. An idle factory is as useless as a cannon unloaded and unprimed. Capital can supply the factory and the raw material, which correspond

to the cannon and the ammunition; it is then for the employees to supply the spark which will set things in motion. The target in this case is the market. Given a factory output at a cost which will assure distribution to and absorption by consumers, the manufacturer can complete the circle of motion, which should be perpetual.

That is the chain of the natural law of compensa- tion. The process has operated satisfactorily hereto- fore. Profits develop as markets expand and sales mount, paving the way for higher wages. But the Brain Trust appears to have bewildered a multitude by putting the cart before the horse. Is it not time to harness him in front of the cart where he may effectively pull the load and earn his fodder?

In civil life as in war, all men may not be leaders. Most of us must be privates, as indispensable in peace as in battle. The best way to gain promotion is to earn it, and following the old maxim, "Back to the mines," will provide the shortest, smoothest and quickest route to recovery.

Financial Stability of the Railroads a Serious Problem

A study of the present transportation situation indicates the magnitude and importance of the problem of providing adequate financial stability for the railroads. The fair return on the valuation contemplated by the Transportation Act has never been earned and few of the railroads have been in position to accumulate adequate reserves.

Subsequent to 1921 and prior to 1930 railroad earnings showed some improvement and it was hoped with the continuation of active business that the net operating income as a whole would reach the 5 3/4% adjudged by the Commission as a fair return on railroad investment. It is perfectly obvious that the high traffic levels obtained immediately prior to 1930 will not be restored at an early date, and the past five years of operation point out conclusively the seriousness of the situation.

The following table shows for the years since 1921 the rate of return on property investment, including materials and supplies and cash:

Rate of Return on Property Investment (Class I Railroads).

Year—	Rate	Year—	Rate.
1921	2.87	1928	4.65
1922	3.59	1929	4.84
1923	4.33	1930	3.30
1924	4.23	1931	2.00
1925	4.74	1932	1.25
1926	4.99	1933	1.80
1927	4.30		

The fact of the matter is that current earnings are insufficient to preserve solvency. The net deficit for 1933 was approximately \$13,801,000 after meeting interest charges and rentals of \$682,270,000. The records for the first quarter of the present year indicate a deficit of \$16,035,000 after charges and rentals. A conservative forecast for the entire year 1934 shows that this deficit will probably exceed that of last year. The real factors to influence this situation are the increased prices of fuel, materials and supplies and the increased wage scales which are to become effective during the latter part of this year.

Estimates of the future financial requirements of the railroads are difficult to make. However, the maturities of bonds and equipment trust certificates during 1934 to 1938 as recorded by the Inter-State Commerce Commission are as follows:

Year—	Bonds.	Equipment Obligations.
1934	\$265,945,749	\$104,658,536
1935	105,585,066	101,714,545
1936	284,313,700	79,476,490
1937	114,869,747	75,185,945
1938	137,936,019	65,886,837

Net Operating Income of Class I Railroads \$225,803,916 During First Six Months of Year—Compares with \$154,728,928 During First Half of 1933.

Class I railroads of the United States for the first six months of 1934 had a net railway operating income of \$225,803,916, which was at the annual rate of return of 2.09% on their property investment, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the Bureau of Railway Economics and made public Aug. 6. In the first six months of 1933 their net railway operating income was \$154,728,928, or 1.42% on their property investment. As made public by the Bureau, the reports also revealed:

Property investment is the value of road and equipment as shown by the books of the railways, including materials, supplies and cash. The net railway operating income is what is left after the payment of operating expenses, taxes and equipment rentals but before interest and other fixed charges are paid.

This compilation as to earnings for the first six months of 1934 is based on reports from 148 Class I railroads representing a total of 239,350 miles.

Gross operating revenues for the first six months of 1934 totaled \$1,629,897,100 compared with \$1,415,322,703 for the same period in 1933, an increase of 15.2%. Operating expenses for the first six months of 1934 amounted to \$1,212,287,063 compared with \$1,069,051,006 for the same period in 1933, an increase of 13.4%.

Class I railroads in the first six months of 1934 paid \$127,814,868 in taxes compared with \$131,778,039 for the same period in 1933, a decrease of 3.0%. For the month of June alone, the tax bill of the Class I railroads amounted to \$21,367,887, a decrease of \$1,365,595 under June 1933.

Thirty-three Class I railroads failed to earn expenses and taxes in the first six months of 1934, of which eight were in the Eastern, six in the Southern and 19 in the Western District.

Class I railroads for the month of June alone had a net railway operating income of \$41,836,301 which, for that month, was at the annual rate of return of 1.99% on their property investment. In June 1933 their net railway operating income was \$59,831,293, or 2.83%.

Gross operating revenues for the month of June amounted to \$282,779,492 compared with \$278,329,369 in June 1933, an increase of 1.6%. Operating expenses in June totaled \$208,313,248 compared with \$185,342,623 in the same month in 1933, an increase of 12.4%.

Eastern District.

Class I railroads in the Eastern District for the first six months in 1934 had a net railway operating income of \$147,727,468 which was at the annual rate of return of 2.69% on their property investment. For the same period in 1933, their net railway operating income was \$107,107,564, or 1.94% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in the Eastern District for the first six months of 1934 totaled \$856,251,110, an increase of 18.3% above the corresponding period in 1933, while operating expenses totaled \$612,127,392, an increase of 16.9% above the same period in 1933.

Class I railroads in the Eastern District for the month of June had a net railway operating income of \$26,067,189 compared with \$33,324,022 in June 1933.

Southern District.

Class I railroads in the Southern District for the first six months of 1934 had a net railway operating income of \$31,784,478 which was at the annual rate of return of 2% on their property investment. For the same period in 1933, their net railway operating income amounted to \$26,048,280 which was at the annual rate of return of 1.61% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in the Southern District for the first six months in 1934 amounted to \$211,498,686, an increase of 11.1% above the same period in 1933, while operating expenses totaled \$157,722,607, an increase of 10.8%.

Class I railroads in the Southern District for the month of June had a net railway operating income of \$2,670,301 compared with \$6,651,980 in June 1933.

Western District.

Class I railroads in the Western District for the first six months in 1934 had a net railway operating income of \$46,291,970 which was at the annual rate of return of 1.24% on their property investment. For the same six months in 1933 the railroads in that District had a net railway operating income of \$21,573,084 which was at the annual rate of return of 0.57% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in the Western District for the first six months' period in 1934 amounted to \$562,147,304, an increase of 12.1% above the same period in 1933, while operating expenses totaled \$442,437,064, an increase of 9.8% compared with the same period in 1933.

For the month of June alone, the Class I railroads in the Western District reported a net railway operating income of \$13,098,811. The same roads in June 1933 had a net railway operating income of \$19,855,291.

CLASS I RAILROADS—UNITED STATES.

Table with columns for 1934, 1933, and Per Cent Inc. (+) or Dec. (-). Rows include Month of June (Total operating revenues, Total operating expenses, Taxes, Net railway operating income, Operating ratio—per cent., Rate of return on property investment) and Six Months Ended June 30 (Total operating revenues, Total operating expenses, Taxes, Net railway operating income, Operating ratio—per cent., Rate of return on property investment).

in more than three years and closed the week at an advance of 6.5 points to 151.1.

Wool tops were the only staple to decline during the week, while steel scrap, copper, and lead were unchanged. The eleven remaining commodities scored sharp advances, the most important being in wheat, cotton, corn and hogs. Rubber, hides, coffee, cocoa, silk and silver followed in that order of importance.

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

Table with columns for dates (Fri., Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.) and values for 1934, 1933, 2 Weeks Ago, Month Ago, Year Ago, 1933 High, 1934 High, Low, and Jan. 2.

Weekly Electric Production Declines, Though Gain Over Same Period in 1933 Is Continued.

The Edison Electric Institute reports that the production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended Aug. 4 was 1,657,638,000 kwh. This was a gain of 0.5% over the corresponding week in 1933, when the output totaled 1,650,013,000 kwh. It was, however, a decrease from the total produced the previous week. The output for the week ended July 28 1934 totaled 1,683,542,000 kwh., an increase of 1.3% over the 1,661,504,000 kwh. produced during the week ended July 29 1933.

PER CENT INCREASES (1934 OVER 1933).

Table with columns for Major Geographic Divisions (New England, Middle Atlantic, Central Industrial, Southern States, Pacific Coast, West Central, Rocky Mountain, Total United States) and Week Ended (Aug. 4 1934, July 28 1934, July 21 1934, July 14 1934).

x Decrease from 1933.

Arranged in tabular form, the output in kilowatt-hours of the light and power companies of recent weeks and by months since and including January 1931 is as follows:

ELECTRIC PRODUCTION FOR RECENT WEEKS. (In Kilowatt-hours—000 Omitted.)

Table with columns for 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931, and % Inc. 1934 Over 1933. Rows list weeks from May 5 to Aug. 4.

DATA FOR RECENT MONTHS.

Table with columns for Month of (January to December) and 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931, 1934 Over 1933. Rows include monthly production figures and total for 1934.

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%.

United States Department of Labor Reports Drop of 0.5 of 1% in Wholesale Commodity Prices During Week of July 28.

Wholesale commodity prices showed a reaction during the week of July 28 and declined by 0.5 of 1%, according to an announcement made Aug. 2 by Commissioner Lubin of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. In issuing the announcement, Mr. Lubin said that "the Bureau's index number of all commodities for the week ended July 28, was 74.7% of the 1926 average as compared with 75.1% for the week ended July 21." He continued:

The present decrease places the general average of wholesale commodity prices at the level of four weeks ago and 0.3 of 1% over the average of two weeks ago. Current prices are 7.9% above the level for the corresponding week of last year, when the index was 69.2. As compared with two

Moody's Daily Index of Staple Commodity Prices Reaches New Highs In Over Three Years.

Primary commodity markets accelerated their advance of the previous week, as continued drought shot agricultural prices forward under the influence of the prolonged drought, while other commodities responded less forcibly to inflation agitation and other factors. Moody's Daily Index of Staple Commodity Prices has reached the highest levels

and 17.1% below the May total this year; cumulative total for the first half of 1934 was 23.2% in excess of that for the comparable period a year ago. Combined June sales of all wholesaling and jobbing firms reporting to this Bank were 23% and 13% smaller, respectively, than a month and a year earlier, and cumulative total for the first six months was 23% larger than for the same time in 1933.

National City Bank of New York Finds Indications That Fall Season Will Develop More Normally Than Was Case Year Ago.

Noting that "the reports of business activity during the past month have been of the kind usually expected in mid-summer," the National City Bank of New York, in its August "Monthly Bulletin," points out that "except in years when a strong forward movement is under way, as in 1933, industry and trade during July are expected to be sluggish." And, says the bank, "there was even less reason than usual to look for a revival this summer, in view of the handicaps imposed upon trade by the drought situation and the labor disturbances." The bank further observes:

In most industries the curtailment begun in May and June has been continued or extended, and the testimony of the wholesale centers is that buyers are conservative in making fall commitments. This attitude is in great contrast with the rush that was on a year ago, but it signifies that the fall season will develop more normally, with production kept in better adjustment to consumption, and from that viewpoint is a more orderly and desirable state of affairs.

Measured by the composite business indexes, which combine the figures for the chief industries in proportion to their importance, the decline in industrial production during July has been of more than seasonal magnitude. This is largely accounted for, however, by special influences affecting steel mill operations. Steel production was maintained at an unseasonally high figure during most of June to fill orders placed before the April price advance, and had a violent drop to under 30% of capacity in July, after the orders were filled. Steel operations are usually a good measure of business conditions, and are heavily weighted in the general business indexes, but in this instance the drop is hardly representative, for the decline in the consumption of steel, and in the activity of the steel-consuming industries, has been less severe.

The most encouraging reports come from the automobile industry. Following the price reductions at the beginning of June, sales picked up promptly and, contrary to the usual seasonal trend, were larger for most companies in June than in May. It would be unheard of for July, in turn, to show a gain over June, for the industry as a whole, but for some producers at least the upward trend has continued, and the seasonal curtailment has been moderated accordingly. This is a convincing demonstration, from which all the industries may learn, of the necessity of pricing goods at levels which consumers can pay. Automobile sales during May, following the price advance, unquestionably fell below expectations, and the prompt recovery as soon as the advance was canceled shows where the trouble lay.

The bank makes the statement that "it is a common misapprehension, cultivated by those who are antagonistic to the industrial system, that restoration of a normal profit in industry, prior to some uncertain time when 'trade can stand it,' would endanger the business equilibrium. On the contrary," declares the bank, "profit is a necessary factor if the balance is to be restored." It goes on to say:

It is the inducement to enterprise and the first essential in obtaining credit; and the encouragement of enterprise and the reopening of the capital markets, leading to revival in the laggard capital goods industries, are now the chief requirements to keep the recovery going.

All this leads to but one conclusion, namely, that the lower prices which trade evidently requires are to be sought by lowering costs. Cost reductions have been responsible for all the economic gains the world has made. Industrial management has made phenomenal progress in absorbing the cost increases established by the codes without passing them on fully in prices, but plainly there are limits to the economies and increases in efficiency that can be realized within a given time. Cost increases that management cannot offset must be passed on, and if buyers cannot pay them, as now appears to be the case, trade and production lag and unemployment results.

Continued Decline in Employment in Ohio During July Reported by Ohio State University.

"The fractional decline in Ohio employment during June (revised data) was continued in July, when a greater-than-average decline of 3.9% occurred," states the Bureau of Business Research of the Ohio State University in its report of industrial employment in Ohio. "The level of employment in July," the Bureau said, "approximated the March 1934 level, and exceeded July 1933 by 15.1%. For the first seven months of the year Ohio industrial employment has averaged 32.6% above the corresponding period of 1933." The Bureau further stated:

With few exceptions, June-to-July declines in employment were rather general. The decline of 3.8% in manufacturing employment was due to declines in nine of the 11 groups of industries, with the largest declines occurring in the metal products and the textile groups of industries. Individual industries recording substantial declines were steel works and rolling mills, sheet metal works, men's clothing, and foundry products and drop forgings. Employment in the stoves and furnaces industry, however, recorded a substantial gain. Employment in the construction and non-manufacturing groups of industries also declined, although the decline in the latter group was less than average.

Industrial employment in all the major cities except Columbus registered June-July declines. The declines ranged from 0.8% in Akron to 25.0% in Youngstown, and amounted to 2.7% in Toledo, 4.2% in Cincinnati, 4.3% in Dayton, 5.0% in Cleveland, and 10.8% in Canton. In Columbus, the gain amounted to 5.4%. All the major cities except Youngstown reported July employment substantially above July 1933.

Trend of Business in Hotels According to Horwath & Horwath—Total Sales During July Below June, But 21% Higher Than July Year Ago.

In their survey of the trend of business in hotels, Horwath & Horwath report that the percentage of increase in sales over last year which grew larger each month of this year until April, has since then become gradually smaller, this trend continuing in July, as the following shows:

	Total.	Rooms.	Res-taurant.	Occu-pancy.	Rate.
April.....	+32%	+18%	+60%	+19%	+1%
May.....	+29%	+15%	+49%	+14%	+1%
June.....	+25%	+13%	+43%	+15%	+1%
July.....	+21%	+8%	+29%	+4%	0

The firm further reported:

Sales in Chicago did not equal those of a year ago when they reached an extraordinary peak on account of the World's Fair. However, although the total sales dropped below the 1933 level, 46% of the hotels reporting from that city had higher restaurant sales, and 20%, higher room sales.

In Detroit approximately 85% of all hotels increased their sales over last July. Washington experienced a slump because of reduced governmental activity, but the group, "All Others," showed little change and business continued at a good point. There are indications of much heavier tourist travel this year, but contributors mention that their hotels are not benefiting as they should from this business. Beverage sales continue to be the most important factor in the restaurant improvement over last year.

The following comparison of total sales with those of five years ago—1929—shows that decreases are gradually becoming smaller.

TOTAL SALES DECREASES FROM SAME MONTHS IN 1929.

	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.
New York.....	39.3%	38.8%	41.2%	33.7%	30.8%	32.1%
Chicago.....	43.1%	45.5%	32.1%	30.1%	12.8%	17.8%
Philadelphia.....	57.5%	59.6%	54.0%	47.4%	53.1%	50.7%
Washington.....	22.8%	22.0%	31.2%	23.2%	23.0%	18.5%
Cleveland.....	50.0%	48.3%	39.8%	38.8%	34.6%	32.8%
Detroit.....	49.1%	40.9%	41.7%	37.3%	39.4%	45.6%
California.....	51.7%	51.1%	46.6%	46.6%	46.8%	45.3%
All others.....	42.4%	45.7%	40.3%	43.4%	44.8%	39.4%
Total.....	43.7%	45.0%	39.9%	39.0%	35.0%	35.1%

The following analysis by cities was also issued by Horwath & Horwath:

TREND OF BUSINESS IN HOTELS IN JULY 1934, COMPARED WITH JULY 1933.

	Sales.			Occupancy.		Room Rate Percentage of Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)
	Percentage of Increase (+) or Decrease (-).			This Month.	Month Last Year.	
	Total.	Rooms.	Restaur't.			
New York.....	+34	+18	+58	52	42	-1
Chicago.....	-25	-32	-8	65	86	-10
Philadelphia.....	+17	+13	+20	28	25	+1
Washington.....	+6	-2	+15	34	35	-1
Cleveland.....	+26	+19	+38	57	50	+2
Detroit.....	+28	+22	+41	51	41	-2
California.....	+15	+13	+18	47	41	+1
Texas.....	+12	+10	+16	48	43	+1
All others.....	+24	+12	+39	49	45	+2
Total for July.....	+21	+9	+31	52	48	0
Average to date.....	+24	+12	+42	55	49	0

Changes in Cost of Living December 1933 to June 1934—Increase of 1% Noted in Index of United States Department of Labor for Period.

The general index of cost of living for families of wage earners and lower salaried workers showed an increase of 1% during the six months' period ending June 1934, according to the semi-annual survey of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. The index, based on the average of the year 1913 as 100.0 was 136.4 as compared with 135.0 for December 1933. The survey made by the Bureau covers 32 cities widely scattered throughout the United States. As issued under date of July 10, the survey said:

For the United States as a whole three of the six major groups of items included in the family budget showed an increase, two showed a decrease and one no change. Food increased 2.7%, clothing 2.1% and house-furnishing goods 1.8% between December 1933 and June 1934. Rent showed a decrease of 1.7% while fuel and light fell 2.1%. For the miscellaneous group of items, which include medical and dental services, drugs, hospital rates, laundry, transportation, tobacco, &c., no change was reported for the total. Comparing June 1934 with June of a year ago all of the 32 cities showed increases with a rise of 6.3% in the general index.

In the 28 cities where cost of living increased the greatest rise occurred in Detroit, Mich., which reported an increase of 2.7%. Pittsburgh, Pa., showed the second largest gain by increasing 2.1%. Washington, D. C., and Cleveland, Ohio, showed an advance of 1.9 and 1.7% respectively. Portland, Me., with a rise of only 0.1%, showed the smallest increase for any of the 28 cities. Only four of the cities showed a decrease in cost of living. Chicago and New Orleans each showed a decline of 0.2% and Mobile showed a decrease of 0.3%. The largest decrease in cost of living, 0.5%, was reported for Los Angeles.

During the six months' period rents declined in all but one of the 32 cities covered. The decreases ranged from 0.1% in Birmingham, Ala., to 3.4% in Pittsburgh, Pa., Detroit, Mich., showed an increase of 2.8%.

Clothing showed an advance in all cities. The smallest increase reported was 0.8% in Buffalo. The largest was shown for Jacksonville where an increase of 3.8% was shown. The average advance for the 32 cities covered was 2.1%.

Food costs showed advances in all but three of the cities. The largest increase was shown for Detroit, Mich., where a rise of 7.0% was reported. Savannah, Ga., and Scranton, Pa., each reported an increase of 0.4%, the smallest increase shown in any of the cities. Jacksonville, Fla., showed a decrease of 0.7%. New Orleans declined 1.1%, and Los Angeles decreased 3.1%.

Offsetting, wholly or partly, this moderate industrial recession is the seasonal gain in construction work actually in progress, which we estimate to have increased by 7% during July; the contracts awarded in that month were somewhat smaller than those of June and of July 1933, but many of the numerous projects definitely planned in May and June of this year were not fully under way until last month.

World's Visible Supply of Coffee Aug. 1 Below July 1—United States Total Higher.

The world's visible supply of coffee, excluding restricted stocks in Brazil, totaled 8,495,850 bags on Aug. 1, a decline of 30,049 bags from the 8,525,899-bag total of July 1, said an announcement issued Aug. 3 by the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange. The announcement continued:

The United States visible totaled 1,389,850 bags on Aug. 1 against 1,342,899 bags on July 1. European supplies dropped 384,000 bags to 3,697,000 bags, while stocks in Brazilian ports increased 307,000 bags to a total of 3,409,000 bags.

European interior roasters were said to be building up supplies, evidently with the upset conditions as an incentive.

Coffee Importers from United States Making Tour of Brazil and Other Coffee-producing States.

Fifteen United States coffee importers, who, it is said, are expected by the Brazilian Coffee Department to buy the major share of the nation's exportable stock, arrived at Rio de Janeiro on Aug. 3. According to the Associated Press, they planned to make a tour of coffee-producing States. Under date of Aug. 3, a cablegram from Rio de Janeiro to the New York "Times" said:

American coffee merchants, guests of the Brazilian Government, arrived here to-day on the liner American Legion and were received by Government representatives.

Leaving here Monday, they will visit, under the guidance of the President of the Coffee Growers' Association, the Sao Paulo, Minas Geraes and Parana coffee zones, returning to the United States Aug. 22.

A luncheon will be given by the planters to-morrow at the Automobile Club. Several Cabinet Ministers, United States Ambassador Hugh S. Gibson, and Osvaldo Aranha, Brazilian Ambassador to the United States, will attend.

Brazilian Coffee Control.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Aug. 3 we take the following:

A dispatch from Rio de Janeiro to the Coffee and Sugar Exchange says that the new Minister of Finance, Arthur Souza Costa, advised officials of the National Coffee Department that they continue to have the full confidence of the Government and are asked to continue the administration of the National Coffee Department in accordance with the resolution of the President.

Tariff Negotiations in Progress with Brazil and Other Latin-American Coffee-producing Countries.

In Associated Press advices from Washington, July 28, it was stated that preliminary tariff negotiations now in progress with Brazil and 10 other Latin-American nations which supply the United States with 95% of its total coffee imports. These advices also said, in part:

The President's Tariff Bargaining Committee already has started preliminary discussions with several of the coffee republics, chiefly in Central America, and soon will begin exploratory conversations with others in the world's coffee centers.

Trade agreements with Brazil, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, El Salvador, Haiti and the Dominican Republic are first on the list to be negotiated under the Administration's new tariff bargaining policy.

The United States imported 1,586,254,074 pounds of coffee, valued at \$124,136,991, in 1933, and the Tariff Committee plans to use that enormous trade lever to obtain tariff and import concessions for American goods in coffee-producing countries.

Brazil supplies approximately two-thirds of the coffee consumed in the United States, and it is understood the Committee will first concentrate on reaching a reciprocal trade accord with that nation. Preliminary discussions now under way, however, will definitely settle what country will be selected for active negotiations.

Negotiations with the 10 Latin-American coffee republics are, however, designed to be carried on simultaneously, if possible, so as to encompass the entire question of coffee imports in a closely related series of trade agreements.

Colombia, which furnishes the second largest coffee imports, and the United States already have signed a trade agreement which chiefly involves coffee.

The 1933 exports of the coffee-producing nations to the United States were: Brazil, 1,043,007,794 pounds; Colombia, 359,236,843 pounds; Venezuela, 30,227,299 pounds; El Salvador, 26,023,860 pounds; Guatemala, 19,543,716 pounds; Costa Rica, 14,468,464 pounds; Dominican Republic, 2,691,608 pounds; Honduras, 845,332 pounds; Haiti, 537,740 pounds; Nicaragua, 3,759,854 pounds; Panama, 181,185 pounds, and Ecuador, 519,207 pounds.

Exports Are Diversified.

In addition to coffee the Latin-American group are producers and exporters of large quantities of bananas, sugar and cacao, and those products will play important roles in the discussions.

Other exports figuring in American trade in smaller but important amounts are: Rubber, petroleum, tice tagua nuts (vegetable ivory), kapok, toquilla hats, hardwood, chromium ore, hides and skins, cocoanuts, cabinet woods, mother-of-pearl shells, henequen, balsam, indigo and dyewood.

The coffee-raising nations are all important customers for American cotton manufactures, foodstuffs, lard, flour, iron and steel products, machinery and tools, electrical goods and chemicals.

All or some of the coffee republics are also good markets for American gasoline and oils, grain, leather and leather products, cigarettes, hosiery, automobiles and trucks, men's clothing, medicines, embroideries, oil field supplies, hardware, cement, matches, fish and soap.

Coffee Importers Under Trade Code—Not Under General Importing Code—Sales on 45-day Contracts Must Be Filed.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" of July 30 we quote the following:

The signing of the code of fair competition for the general importing trade has created some uncertainty as to the status of green coffee importers and jobbers in relation to this code.

Green coffee importers and jobbers are specifically included in the code of fair competition for the coffee industry and will not be covered by the general importers' code, the Coffee Industry Committee reports.

Contracts Must Be Filed with Code Authority.

The Chicago Code Convention on June 20 1934 adopted the following resolution:

"The Committee on Contracts recommends that contracts for delivery longer than 45 days from date of sale be discouraged wherever possible, but contracts taken for longer than 45 days are actual bona fide sale on signed orders by both the buyer and seller, not subject to countermand; after date of sale be filed with the Coffee Industries Committee within one week from date of sale. Such contracts must show specific expiration date and all terms of sale.

"It is further recommended that all copies of contracts now in the files of roaster or seller which extend beyond 45 days from the time each roaster is notified of this change must be filed with the Association properly showing all terms of sale."

Requirements.

In accordance with this resolution the Coffee Industries Committee, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Section 1 of Article IX of the code, hereby requires:

First, that all contracts for delivery of roasted coffee longer than 45 days from date of sale must be actual bona fide contracts on orders signed by both buyer and seller, not subject to countermand, and must show a specific expiration date and all terms of sale.

Second, that complete, accurate copies of all contracts for delivery of roasted coffee later than 45 days from date of this bulletin must be filed with the Coffee Industries Committee not later than Aug. 6 1934.

Third, that on all contracts entered into subsequent to the date of this bulletin, providing for delivery of roasted coffee later than 45 days from date of sale, complete and accurate copies must be filed with the Coffee Industries Committee within one week from date of sale.

Members of the industry are reminded that only employees of the Code Authority or duly accredited Government representatives have access to confidential filed reports, and under no circumstances are they made available to any member of the industry, the report states.

Production of Flour During July Lower Than in Preceding Month and in Corresponding Month of 1933.

General Mills, Inc., in presenting its summary of flour milling activities for approximately 90% of all flour mills in the principal flour milling centers of the United States, reports that during the month of July 1934 flour output totaled 4,760,259 barrels as against 5,049,871 barrels in the preceding month and 5,679,183 barrels in the corresponding period in 1933. In June of 1933 production amounted to 5,459,270 barrels.

PRODUCTION OF FLOUR.
(Number of Barrels.)

	—Month of—			
	July 1934.	June 1934.	July 1933.	June 1933.
Northwest.....	1,242,146	1,334,833	1,635,922	1,506,224
Southwest.....	1,722,508	1,811,212	1,924,857	1,836,689
Lake, Central and Southern.....	1,587,277	1,704,702	1,842,478	1,793,390
Pacific Coast.....	228,328	199,124	275,926	322,967
Grand total.....	4,760,259	5,049,871	5,679,183	5,459,270

Activity of World Wool Industry Below Year Ago According to Bureau of Agricultural Economics—Manufacturing in United States Curtailed in Second Quarter.

The world wool industry has dropped from the peaks of a year ago. Prices have weakened in foreign markets as a result of uncertain conditions in European consuming countries, and direct sales of Texas wool have been reported recently at 8 to 10 cents a pound (scoured basis) below spot quotations on similar wool held at Boston, says the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, reporting Aug. 1 on the situation. In stating this the Department of Agriculture added:

Manufacturing activity in the United States wool industry was greatly curtailed in the second quarter of 1934, and developments in the wool industry in continental European countries continue unfavorable. Germany has extended for an indefinite period, restrictions on imports, and no settlement has been reached in the strike at Verviers (Belgium); the unsettled position in European countries has resulted in a decline in trading and manufacturing activity, and unemployment has increased in the woolen and worsted industry of the United Kingdom, say the Bureau.

Consumption of combing and clothing wool, grease basis, in the United States in the first five months of this year was 18% less than in the same period last year. Production of wool in nine countries that produce about two-thirds of the world clip, exclusive of Russia and China, is expected to be about 2% greater than in 1933. Increased demand and higher prices for breeding ewes are reported in many countries.

The Bureau reports that the "first part of the 1933-34 wool selling season was characterized by heavy disposals at higher prices than for several seasons past. The falling off in European demand for wool during the last half of the selling season, the easing of prices, and the restrictions placed by Germany and Italy on importations of raw materials, including wool, resulted in almost complete stagnation in the market and caused the cancellation of later wool sales and the early closing of the official selling season in most southern hemisphere countries. This in turn resulted in increased

stocks of unsold wool at selling centers in the southern hemisphere so that on June 30 1934, such stocks were larger in Australia, the Union of South Africa, Uruguay and Argentina than at the same time last year. Stocks were considerably reduced in New Zealand."

The Bureau points out, however, that the total quantity of wool on hand represents a very small proportion of the combined clips from these countries and says that "much of the wool now at selling centers will probably be disposed of before the opening of the official selling seasons in September as the total supply available for the 1933-34 season was smaller than for some time."

Wool Shorn or to be Shorn During 1934 Estimated at 354,533,000 Pounds by United States Department of Agriculture.

The amount of wool shorn or to be shorn in 1934 is 354,533,000 pounds, according to the preliminary estimate of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This is 10,197,000 pounds, or 2.7%, less than the amount shorn in 1933 and is about 1% larger than the five-year average 1929-1933, said an announcement issued by the Department on Aug. 2 which continued:

The decrease in wool production this year resulted from a 2% decrease in the average weight per fleece and a decrease of about 1% in the number of sheep shorn or to be shorn. The average weight per fleece this year was 7.99 pounds compared with 8.15 pounds in 1933 and 7.94 pounds for the five-year average.

The 1934 estimated production of wool includes a forecast of fall shearing of sheep and lambs in California and Texas and of total yearly sheep shearing at commercial feeding stations.

The smaller weight per fleece this year was caused by the sharp drop in the estimated average weights of wool per head of sheep shorn in Texas and California. In Texas this indicated weight declined from 9.5 pounds to 7.9 and in California from 7.7 to 7.3 pounds. The high weights in both States last year, especially in Texas, resulted from the large number of sheep and lambs shorn in the fall. Consequently, a large proportion of this year's spring-clip was short wool and the present indications are that the clip from fall shearing will be much smaller this year than last, although developments during the next two months may change the situation. In most other States the average weight per fleece was higher this year than last.

Minnesota Wool Co-operative Increases Tonnage.

According to a report to the Co-operative Division, Farm Credit Administration, the Minnesota Co-operative Wool Growers' Association has increased its membership over 1933 from 2,905 shippers to 4,200. Continuing, the Administration's advices July 18 said:

The volume of wool handled by the Association has correspondingly increased from approximately one and one-third million pounds in 1933 to nearly two million pounds for 1934. Scattering lots are still being received, and it is expected that final receipts for 1934 will exceed the two-million mark. The season, it is expected, will be practically over by July 31.

All wool received by the Minnesota association is marketed through the National Wool Marketing Corporation, which markets also for 29 other associations throughout the country. The 1934 clip will be the fifth clip of Minnesota wool marketed through the National. Since it was organized in 1930, the National has marketed in excess of 330,000,000 pounds of wool for its affiliated associations. The Minnesota association is strictly a growers' organization. Its policies are determined by a board of directors elected by the members.

Pacific Wool Growers Reports Increased Tonnage.

Favorable returns to growers on their last year's wool clip has brought in many new members, and thus far this year 1,500,000 pounds of wool has been signed on new marketing agreements, according to a report by the Pacific Wool Growers' Association to the Co-operative Division, Farm Credit Administration. Pacific Wool Growers markets co-operatively for an extensive membership in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Idaho. The Farm Credit Administration also had the following to say on July 18:

In the Willamette Valley, Oregon, last year the Pacific returned from 30 to 33 cents a pound to its members, net at their ranch, for the better medium-grade wools. Short clothing-wools brought from 28 to 31 cents net. Dealers in this district last year paid from 12 cents in April to 25 cents in June.

Approximately the same percentage of benefit was obtained by members in other parts of the Pacific's territory. Pacific Wool Growers, which pioneered co-operative wool-marketing on the Pacific coast, has been operating since 1921. Over the 13-year period association prices to members averaged 3 1-3 cents better than the average shearing-time prices received by non-members. Allowing for at least three depression years, the gain during the normal years was more than the 3 1-3 cents.

Although final settlement had been made long before, early this spring the Pacific Wool Growers distributed to members an additional patronage dividend of one-half a cent a pound on their 1932 wool.

The Pacific adopted the pooling principle in 1921 and most members elect to handle their wools in this manner. Large ranch growers are given the option of the pooling or the individual-handling plan.

The association sells its wool direct to mills on both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts through its own sales offices, following a strictly co-operative and orderly marketing plan. Growers receive advances upon delivery of the clip and the balance upon the sale of the wool, final settlement being made within a reasonable time.

Larger Wool Crop in Australia Estimated for 1934-35.

A substantial increase in Australia's wool clip during the 1934-35 season is indicated in a report to the U. S. Commerce Department from Acting Trade Commissioner W. C. Flake, Sydney. An announcement issued Aug. 2 by the Commerce Department with regard to the report said that at a recent meeting of the principal Australian wool interests, the clip for the coming season was estimated at 3,146,000 bales.

This figure compares with the revised estimate of the 1933-34 clip which the wool conference at its recent meeting placed at 2,995,686 bales. The announcement by the Department further stated:

Calculated upon an estimate of an average net weight of 300 pounds a bale, it was anticipated that the new clip would weigh approximately 943,800,000 pounds. It was considered that 17% of the new clip would represent crossbred and all strong wool breeds, and that the balance would be marino wool.

In addition to the new clip it was anticipated that a carry-over from the present season of approximately 160,000 bales would be marketed during the coming season. It was agreed that the quantity of wool to be offered before Christmas should not exceed 1,600,000 bales, inclusive of any carried-over wool.

The Commerce Department representative at Sydney points out that while it is rather early to get an exact estimate of next season's wool crop, it is believed that the figures cited will serve as a fairly satisfactory guide.

Unseasonal Increases in Rayon Deliveries During June and July Reported by "Textile Organon"—Textile Activity This Fall Expected to Be Better Than General Business.

Indications that textile activity will be better than general business this fall are seen by the "Textile Organon," published by the Tubize Chatillon Corp., in its current review of trade conditions issued Aug. 10. At this time, however, the textile curve has declined to the level of last January, it points out, and a further drop may be recorded when complete data for July and August are available. An unseasonal increase in rayon deliveries in June and July, contrasted with a sharp decline in cotton consumption, is explained by the "Organon" as due to the fact that rayon "took its beating" early in the year, while cotton underwent a belated seasonal decline after previously moving against its normal seasonal direction.

The index figure covering daily average rayon deliveries in July was 332, compared with 299 in June and 273 in May. Corrected for normal seasonal variation, the July index showed a further increase from June to July. The average for the seven months was 336, compared with a monthly average of 385 for the full year 1933. One of the reasons for the gain, the "Organon" explains, is the increased use of heavier denier yarns in the new fall "oatmeal fabrics" and heavy crepes. The new fabrics weigh about 30 pounds per hundred yards as compared with 25 pounds for typical rayon dress cloths. Another reason advanced for the higher July shipments is the greater use of rayon in knitted outerwear and the employment of rayon yarns for hand knitting purposes. The "Organon" states:

Rayon deliveries showed a steady, extra-seasonal decline from January to April, while cotton consumption increased during this period contrary to its normal seasonal direction. Thus we may say that the indicated decline in cotton consumption from May to June and the concurrent increase in rayon deliveries were purely a matter of timing; i.e., rayon consumption "took its beating" early in the year, while the two-year-cycle theory as applied to cotton consumption has only begun to operate.

We mention this unequal situation because the proponents of a compensatory tax on rayon are again stirring the pot, especially in view of the fact that the cotton processing tax of 4.2 cents per pound is to be continued another year.

It is firmly believed that an analysis of cotton and rayon consumption during the past six months from the points of view of (1) the two-year textile cycle and (2) the breakdown of rayon shipments as between knit goods and woven goods will effectively disprove any notion that there has been any shift from cotton to rayon as a result of the processing tax.

The "Textile Organon" indices of rayon deliveries (unadjusted index based upon actual shipments and not adjusted to a seasonal basis) for July and previous months follow:

Daily Average 1923-25=100.

	July.	June.	May	April.	Yearly Average.
1934.....	332	299	273	289	*336
1933.....	470	450	517	392	385
1932.....	213	137	148	186	293
1931.....	314	288	352	413	317
1930.....	179	225	237	236	244
1929.....	240	254	254	266	277
1928.....	169	178	175	219	214
1927.....	190	194	231	262	214
1926.....	118	71	98	110	131
1925.....	124	121	125	121	132
1924.....	71	77	73	80	93
1923.....	70	68	73	82	75

* Average for current year to date.

Petroleum and Its Products—May Extend East Texas Marketing Pact—File Appeal Against Code with United States Supreme Court—Crude Oil Output Off Sharply.

A survey of marketing conditions in the East Texas area under the purchasing plan now in effect in that region with a view toward expanding this agreement into other sections of the country where surplus gasoline stocks are exerting an unsettling influence upon retail markets, is under way by the Planning and Co-ordination Committee, J. D. Collett, Acting Chairman, said in Washington Wednesday.

Several conferences to discuss the weakening of bulk gasoline prices under the threat of "distress" sales of surplus stocks have been held by the Committee during the week, and a general plan has been evolved to cope with the situation, Mr. Collett disclosed. Pending completion of the survey, however, the Committee is deferring action. Early action on the matter, should the survey disclose that extension of the marketing program would be feasible, is indicated. Walter C. Teagle, President of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, and a member of the Committee, attended the conferences.

Independent refiners operating in the East Texas area have a steady market for surplus stocks of gasoline under terms of the marketing agreement effective in that region. Sponsored by the Planning and Co-ordination Committee when Administrator Ickes failed to win the broad control over the industry vested in the Thomas-Disney bills in the recent session of Congress, the plan provides that major oil units will absorb these surplus stocks. In return for this, independent refiners agree not to purchase "hot oil" and to abide by all provisions of the petroleum code.

While the plan, to date, has seemed fairly successful in eliminating surplus stocks of gasoline with a resulting stability of bulk gasoline prices, recent developments have indicated that it will be necessary to either expand the purchasing plan or evolve some other method of coping with excess gasoline produced. Gulf Coast factors are reported holding heavy stocks of gasoline and the threat of these overhanging the markets has caused marked easiness in North Texas and East Texas bulk gasoline prices in the past week.

Offerings of gasoline in the North Texas market have been made as low as 3½ cents a gallon this week, with the same marketing condition prevailing in the East Texas market. The ruling market, however, is holding at from 3⅞ to 4 cents a gallon in these two areas. Even at the latter levels prices are approximately ¼ cent a gallon under levels commensurate with current crude oil prices, oil men point out.

Lacking immediate action to correct this weakness, some factors contend that retail prices in the marketing area east of the Rocky Mountains cannot fail but be adversely affected and also point out that any general price cut in gasoline prices at the present time would have an extremely depressing influence upon the crude oil price structure.

In the third suit reaching the United States Supreme Court attacking the validity of the National Recovery Administration petroleum code, the Amazon Petroleum Co. and a group of other independent East Texas refiners filed an appeal with the nation's highest tribunal against the decision of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans upholding the constitutionality of the regulations pertaining to the petroleum industry in the NRA.

In the appeal it was held that while the Federal Government claimed to be regulating inter-State commerce in its rules affecting oil production it was, in reality, seeking to curb the flow of crude oil in an effort to force prices higher. In attacking the statutes which have established Administrator Ickes in his present post as head of the Federal Oil Administration, the companies contended that Federal agents had trespassed upon their properties, threatening civil action and criminal prosecution unless they obeyed the regulations contained in the oil code governing their activities.

Holding that the NRA made President Roosevelt "a supreme dictator" and violated terms of the Constitution, the companies also charged Administrator Ickes action in setting production schedules was a violation of the Constitution. The Amazon Refining Co. stressed its claim that it is not engaged in inter-State commerce and thus does not fall under the jurisdiction of the NRA. Their position, the petition pointed out, is that when they have sold refined products to other parties, who may or may not ship it out of Texas, their part in this transaction is ended and at no time do they deal in inter-State business.

The suit filed Monday has been passed upon by two lower Federal courts. A District Court in Texas first enjoined Federal oil agents from enforcing the petroleum code regulations but this decision was reversed by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals upon an appeal by the Government. The appeal this week was taken from the latter decision.

The Department of the interior Wednesday announced approval of the co-operative agreement for developing and operating oil and gas fields involving Government lands

drilled under prospecting permits or leases. Oil and gas permits which have recently been issued or extended provide that the permittee must enter into a co-operative or unit plan under the act of March 4 1931, within a specified period.

The Central Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association Wednesday asked Administrator Ickes to slash the daily average crude oil allowable in the Pennsylvania region to avoid the prospect of price cuts due to overproduction. The petition pointed out that output in the McKean County field had increased approximately 9,000 barrels a day over April and May of this year and this overproduction was threatening the stability of the price structure.

Following new potential tests in the East Texas field, the Railroad Commission announced an increase of 7,000 barrels in the allowable for that area, bringing the daily average allowable up to 406,631 barrels. More than 200,000 barrels daily were added to the potential in Thursday's order by taking 131 wells off the marginal list.

Early in the week the Commission announced an extension of its ruling that the source of all crude oil be kept on file to all carriers including railroads, and that all receivers of oil must obtain tenders from the person offering it for movement showing whether or not the oil was legally produced. This regulation followed the receipt of the monthly report to the Commission showing that an average of 45,953 barrels of "hot oil" had been run to stills daily in the field during July.

With Oklahoma and California showing sharp breaks, daily average crude oil production last week was off 96,050 barrels to 2,451,300 barrels, only 2,000 barrels over the Federal allowable for August, reports to the American Petroleum Institute indicated. In the like week a year ago, production was 2,679,200 barrels. The A. P. I. report does not include "hot oil" production.

Output in Oklahoma was off 76,550 barrels to a daily average of 415,200 barrels, far below the Federal allotment of 480,100 barrels. California, while exceeding its allotment of 490,200 barrels by 10,600 barrels dipped 17,500 barrels from the previous week to a total of 500,800 barrels. Texas showed a rise of 1,450 barrels over the previous week which brought the daily average figure to 1,044,750 barrels, compared with its allotment of 1,001,300 barrels.

United Press dispatches from Paris Thursday reported the first flow of oil from the Mosul fields in Iraq to the Mediterranean output at Tripoli, Lebanon, where a tanker began loading immediately to sail for France where it is expected to deliver the first shipment of oil from the newly-opened field to refineries on Aug. 20.

The Near East will be the center of bitter competition within the next few weeks which may be expected to play an important part in threatening the domination of the Near Eastern and Oriental markets by Russian and Rumanian oil interests and may reasonably be expected to somewhat curtail sales of Venezuelan oil, which has been sold in this area by American oil companies, the dispatch stated.

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
Splintetop, 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—BOSTON GASOLINE PRICES CUT—EAST TEXAS BULK MARKET EASIER—MOTOR FUEL STOCKS DIP.

Local competitive conditions continued to be the main factors in determining retail gasoline prices during the past week with intensified price-cutting competition in the Boston area, bringing about a general reduction in tank wagon and service station prices of 2½ cents a gallon in that area by all major factors Tuesday. Other areas which have been affected by similar competitive conditions reported no further price changes during the week.

In the bulk gasoline market, overhanging stocks of surplus gasoline on the Gulf Coast were credited with being the main influence in the easing off of prices in North Texas, and East Texas primary markets to as low as 3½ cents a gallon, against the ruling price of 3⅞ cents to 4 cents a gallon in this area.

Definite action to correct this situation is being planned by the Planning and Co-ordination Committee which is currently conducting a survey of marketing conditions in the East Texas area where the stabilization purchase plan is effective with a view of extending this plan to other areas

decrease of 0.3 points, or 1.2%, from the estimate for the week of July 30. Weekly indicated rates of steel operations since Oct. 23 1933 follow:

Table showing weekly indicated rates of steel operations from Oct. 23, 1933, to Aug. 6, 1934. Columns show dates and percentages for 1933, 1934, and 1934.

"Steel," of Cleveland, in its summary of the iron and steel markets, on Aug. 6 stated:

A net loss of 18 in active blast furnace stacks in July left only 74 in blast Aug. 1 and dropped the daily pig iron making rate 39%, surrendering all of the improvement since the turn of the year.

Since June 1 a total of 43 stacks has been blown out, the 74 now active comparing with 105 in service a year ago. July's daily rate of 39,630 gross tons contrasts with 64,563 tons in June and 58,108 tons last July.

Meanwhile, production of steel also is moving to lower levels. The National average eased three points to 26 1/2% last week when moderate declines in the Pittsburgh, Chicago, eastern Pennsylvania, Wheeling, Cleveland, Birmingham and New England districts were offset only by a shade of improvement at Buffalo and a stationary position at Detroit.

Five widely-scattered transactions in steel-making scrap—one each at Chicago, Youngstown and Buffalo and two at St. Louis—attracted attention last week in an otherwise listless iron and steel market, for their possible barometric significance.

These sales strike the keynote of the entire iron and steel market—it is dull but not demoralized. Underneath is a strong sentiment that within 30 days some degree of improvement in buying will set in.

The drought last week developed a faint silver lining. For canning meat animals which the government is now purchasing in the stricken areas of the West, for distribution among those on relief rolls next winter, 175,000 tons of tin plate will be required.

Structural steel awards declined last week to 16,134 tons, slightly under the weekly average for the year to date, despite a slightly more active market in New York.

A seasonal development that may bolster the sheet market is the approach of production on new models of radios. A large manufacturer in the Philadelphia district is expected to buy shortly.

Prices are generally steady except for a \$1 increase in terne plate, restoring its former relationship to black sheets.

Steel ingot production for the week ended Aug. 6 is placed at a shade under 26% of capacity, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of Aug. 7.

U. S. Steel is estimated at 24%, against more than 25% in the week before, and 27 1/2% two weeks ago.

The following table gives the production of ingots for the nearest corresponding week of previous years, together with the approximate change from the week immediately preceding.

Table showing production of ingots for the nearest corresponding week of previous years, comparing Industry, U. S. Steel, and Independents.

Steel Shipments Fall Off Heavily.

The United States Steel Corp. reports shipments of finished steel products of its subsidiaries at only 369,938 tons in July as compared with 985,337 tons the previous month a reduction of 615,399 tons.

Below we show the monthly figures since January 1930:

Table showing monthly figures of steel products by months for years indicated, from 1930 to 1934.

a Reduction. b Addition.

Steel Ingot Output in July Shows Sharp Decline.

The American Iron & Steel Institute's monthly report of steel ingot production calculates the output of all companies in July at 1,472,584 tons, a decrease of 1,543,388 tons over the previous month, when 3,015,972 tons were produced.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JANUARY 1933 TO JULY 1934—GROSS TONS.

Reported for 1933 by companies which made 97.82% and for 1934 by companies which made 99.39% of the open-hearth and Bessemer steel production in 1933.

Table showing monthly production of steel ingots from 1933 to 1934, including Open-Hearth, Bessemer, Monthly Output, Calculated Monthly Output, No. of Working Days, Approx. Daily Output, and Per Cent. Operation.

a The figures of "percent of operation" for 1933 are based on the annual capacity of Dec. 31 1932 of 67,386,130 gross tons, and for 1934 on the annual capacity as of Dec. 31 1933, of 68,478,813 gross tons for Open-hearth and Bessemer steel ingots.

July Pig Iron Output Declined 38.6%.

The "Iron Age" of Aug. 9 stated that production of coke pig iron in July declined sharply to 1,224,826 gross tons, compared with the June output of 1,930,133 tons.

There were 75 furnaces in blast on Aug. 1, making iron at the rate of 35,585 tons a day, compared with 89 furnaces on July 1, operating at the rate of 48,190 tons a day.

Among the furnaces blown out or banked are the following. One Edgar Thomson, one Ohio, Carnegie Steel Co.; one South Chicago (old), of the Illinois Steel Co.; three Ensley furnaces, of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & RR. Co.;

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION OF COKE PIG IRON IN THE UNITED STATES BY MONTHS SINCE JAN. 1 1929—GROSS TONS.

Table showing daily average production of coke pig iron in the United States by months since Jan. 1 1929, including years 1929 to 1934.

PRODUCTION OF COKE PIG IRON AND OF FERROMANGANESE (GROSS TONS)

Table showing production of coke pig iron and ferromanganese by months for years indicated, comparing Pig Iron and Ferromanganese.

x These totals do not include charcoal pig iron. The 1932 production of this iron was 15,055 gross tons as against 46,213 gross tons in 1931. y Included in pig iron figures.

Preliminary Estimates of Production of Bituminous Coal and Anthracite for the Month of July 1934 Show Decline from Previous Month.

According to preliminary estimates made by the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, production of bituminous coal during the month of July 1934 amounted to 25,290,000 net tons. This compares with 26,424,000 net tons in the preceding month and 29,482,000 tons in July 1933. Anthracite output during July was estimated at 3,436,000 net tons, as against 4,184,000 tons produced in June and 3,677,000 tons in July 1933. The Bureau's statement follows:

Table with 5 columns: Date/Category, Total for Month (Net Tons), Number of Working Days, Average Per Working Day (Net Tons), Calendar Year to End of July (Net Tons). Rows include July 1934 (Preliminary) for Bituminous coal, Anthracite, Beehive coke, and June 1934 (Revised) for Bituminous coal, Anthracite, Beehive coke, plus July 1933 data.

Note.—All current estimates will later be adjusted to agree with the results of the complete canvas 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 Aug. 8, as reported by the Federal Reserve banks, was \$2,463,000,000, a decrease of \$1,000,000 compared with the preceding week and an increase of \$248,000,000 compared with the corresponding week in 1933. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

On Aug. 8 total Reserve Bank credit amounted to \$2,458,000,000, a decrease of \$5,000,000 for the week. This decrease corresponds with decreases of \$133,000,000 in Treasury cash and deposits with Federal Reserve banks and \$13,000,000 in non-member deposits and other Federal Reserve accounts and an increase of \$25,000,000 in monetary gold stock, offset in part by increases of \$144,000,000 in member bank reserve balances and \$19,000,000 in money in circulation and a decrease of \$4,000,000 in Treasury and National bank currency.

There was practically no change in the System's holdings of bills discounted, bills bought in open market and United States bonds. An increase of \$6,000,000 in holdings of United States Treasury notes was offset by a decrease of a like amount in holdings of Treasury certificates and bills.

The statement in full for the week ended Aug. 8 in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year will be found on pages 887 and 888.

Changes in the amount of Reserve Bank credit outstanding and in related items during the week and the year ended Aug. 8 1934, were as follows:

Table showing changes in Reserve Bank credit components from Aug. 8 1934 to Aug. 9 1933. Categories include Bills discounted, Bills bought, U. S. Government securities, Other Reserve bank credit, TOTAL RESERVE BANK CREDIT, Monetary gold stock, Treasury and National Bank currency, Money in circulation, Member bank reserve balances, Treasury cash and deposits with Federal Reserve banks, Non-member deposits and other Federal Reserve accounts.

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 a decrease of \$58,000,000, the total of these loans on Aug. 8 1934 standing at \$827,000,000, 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" decreased from \$720,000,000 to \$666,000,000, loans "for account of out-of-town banks" from \$164,000,000 to \$160,000,000, while loans "for account of others" remained even at \$1,000,000.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

Large table comparing financial conditions of member banks in New York City and Chicago for Aug. 8 1934, Aug. 1 1934, and Aug. 9 1933. Columns include the city and the date, and rows list various categories like Loans and investments, Loans, On securities, All other, Investments, U. S. Government 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.

Table of Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers, For own account, For account of out-of-town banks, For account of others, Total, On demand, On time, Chicago, Loans and Investments—total, Loans—total, On securities, All other, 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, Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.

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 Thursday, simultaneously with the figures for the Reserve banks themselves and covering the same week, instead of being held until the following Monday, before which time the statistics covering the entire body of reporting member banks in 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 Aug. 1:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in 91 leading cities on Aug. 1 shows a decrease for the week of \$135,000,000 in loans on securities and increases of \$70,000,000 in other loans, \$35,000,000 in holdings of United States Government securities and \$64,000,000 in holdings of other securities, also decreases of \$10,000,000 in net demand deposits, \$13,000,000 in time deposits and \$86,000,000 in reserve balances with Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on securities declined \$122,000,000 at reporting member banks in the New York district and \$6,000,000 in the Atlanta district, while "all other" loans increased \$36,000,000 in the New York district, \$13,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$7,000,000 in the Atlanta district and \$6,000,000 in the Boston district.

Holdings of United States Government securities increased \$12,000,000 in the New York district, \$11,000,000 in the Boston district, \$7,000,000 in the San Francisco district and \$6,000,000 in the Chicago district, and declined \$9,000,000 in the St. Louis district. Holdings of other securities increased \$37,000,000 in the New York district and \$9,000,000 in the Philadelphia district.

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 \$1,160,000,000 and net demand, time and Government deposits of \$1,254,000,000 on Aug. 1, compared with \$1,150,000,000 and \$1,252,000,000, respectively, on July 25.

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 Aug. 1 1934, follows:

Table showing changes in member bank assets and liabilities from Aug. 1 1934 to Aug. 2 1933. Columns include the date and the change, and rows list various categories like Loans and investments, Loans, On securities, All other, Investments, U. S. Government securities, Other securities, 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.

over an incredibly long way to the national resurgence of the year 1933. The German people can only be happy over the disposition of fate that placed its most German resurgence under the protection and patronage of its most venerable nobleman and soldier.

We, however, who not only possess the great fortune of knowing him, but each on our part was privileged to assist in the miracle of this new resurrection of our people, want in grateful remembrance to implant a picture of this great German firmly in our hearts.

We want to preserve it as a precious inheritance of a great age and want to pass it on to generations that come after us. He who thus observes fidelity to his people shall never remain forgotten in fidelity. As fate has designated us to continue to lead the Reich and its people, we can only pray to Almighty God that he may vouchsafe success in our labors and struggles for the happiness of our people.

May He also give us strength at all times to stake our lives for the freedom of our people and the honor of the German nation. May He especially, in His mercy, let us ever find the right way for securing the boon of peace for our people to shelter it from the misfortune of war, just as the great deceased one has ever wanted it, honestly and with his whole heart.

Deputies of the German Reichstag, men and women of the German people! In this consecrated hour I implore you all now to look beyond this transitory moment into the future.

Let the strong realization enter our hearts: The Herr Reich President Field Marshal General von Hindenburg is not dead. He is living. For in dying he now wanders above us, amidst the immortals of our people, surrounded by the great spirits of the past, as an eternal patron and protector of the German Reich and the German nation.

French Tax Slump Forecasts Deficit—1,552,000,000-Franc Drop Below Estimates Reported for Six Months of 1934.

In indicating that the French Finance Ministry published taxation receipts for the second quarter on Aug. 4, a wireless message from Paris on that date added:

No figures had been issued since those covering March, although until that date they invariably were published every month.

It is now announced they will be issued only quarterly. As feared, the returns show a heavy drop below the budgetary expectations of 874,000,000 francs for the second quarter, or 1,552,000,000 francs for the first six months of 1934. A fall in expected customs receipts accounted for 672,000,000 of the total drop below budget estimates for the six months. The turnover tax failed by 240,000,000 francs and the indirect taxes failed by 119,000,000 francs to reach expectations. The total receipts for six months were 526,000,000 francs below the figure for the same period last year.

These figures would indicate France faces a deficit of at least 3,000,000,000 francs for 1934 unless the Doumergue Government's fiscal reform plan, which has hitherto been instituted, can overcome the downward trend of French business.

The falling off of foreign trade, particularly a reduction in imports, caused a drop in customs receipts, which were 44% below the estimates. Moreover, as critics pointed out and as the Government admitted at the time, all the estimates are much too optimistic.

There has been a general accentuation of the depression, which has manifested itself among other things in increased unemployment and in many more than the usual number of bankruptcies.

The Finance Ministry communique states the results were not a surprise and had been already taken into account in preparing the 1935 budget and in organizing the Government's economy and fiscal reform programs. That it is realized the financial and business world will be disappointed is indicated by the fact that the authorities waited until now to issue the figures and have given the press a full explanation accompanied by an interpretation that is as favorable as possible.

Chancellor Hitler Declares Germany Will Never Engage in Another Offensive War—Says Reich Is Satisfied with Present Frontiers—Asserts Saar Question Remains Only Point of Difference with France.

Germany will never engage in another war, except in self-defense, Chancellor Adolf Hitler said on Aug. 5, in an exclusive interview with the London "Daily Mail." "If it rests with Germany," he said, "war will not come again." He pointed to the World War as illustrating his contention that war offers no prizes, and he said that Germany's only desire is that her present frontiers be maintained. Chancellor Hitler asserted that he had repeatedly assured France that after the Saar question is settled there will be no further territorial differences between the Reich and France. He offered as evidence of Germany's peaceful intentions the completion of a pact with Poland. Associated Press advices from London on Aug. 5 quoted further from the interview as follows:

Alluding to the statement of Acting Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin last week that Great Britain's frontier was now on the Rhine, the Chancellor said:

"Maybe French statesmen will go further and say that France must defend herself on the River Oder; or Russia might claim her line of defense was the Danube."

Germany, he pointed out, scarcely can be reproached if she seeks to secure protection within her own frontiers.

"Unless England attacks us," he said, "we shall never have a conflict with England, on the Rhine or anywhere else. We want nothing from England."

"Not even colonies?" the interviewer suggested. "I would not sacrifice the life of any German to get any colony in the world," Herr Hitler replied with an emphatic gesture, adding that the former German African colonies were proving costly and luxurious for Great Britain.

Affirming that the increase in England's air fleet had not caused the slightest resentment in Germany, Herr Hitler said: "Great Britain lies right outside our calculations."

Such defensive steps as Germany has been taking were due, he said, to the fact that Germany was surrounded on the Continent by a ring of powerful potential foes who might some day make demands that Germany could not accept.

The interviewer referred to recent allegations that Germany was indirectly meddling in Austria in a manner that might make war inevitable.

"We shall not attack Austria," Herr Hitler answered brusquely, "but we cannot prevent Austrians seeking to restore their ancient connection with Germany."

Austria Approves Appointment of Colonel von Pappen as German Minister to Vienna—Action Expected to Improve Relations Between Two Countries.

The Austrian Cabinet, at a meeting on Aug. 7, approved the appointment of Colonel Franz von Pappen as German Minister to Vienna. This approval was given a fortnight after Colonel von Pappen's appointment had been announced by Chancellor Hitler of Germany, and it was believed the formal action of the Austrian Cabinet would do much to aid the relations between the two countries, which had been strained ever since the Nazi "putsch" in Austria which resulted in the death of Chancellor Dollfuss. United Press advices from Vienna on Aug. 7 commented on the approval of the new envoy as follows:

The approval came after delay, during which the diplomatic strain approached the breaking point. The reorganized Austrian Government, strongly Fascist, demanded assurances from Berlin that no further moves to menace Austrian independence would be supported there and disbandment of the Austrian Nazi organizations over the border.

Von Pappen, Vice-Chancellor of Germany and one of the leading political figures in the Third Reich, was first named as a special envoy, a move also regarded with suspicion in Vienna. It was feared that he might be regarded as Nazi Germany's high commissioner here rather than as a friendly diplomat with ordinary powers.

However, Herr von Pappen is not a Nazi and has been considered more or less cool toward Adolf Hitler in recent months. In the "blood purge" in Germany on June 30 his own staff was menaced and one committed suicide. Herr von Pappen also is a Catholic, which was seen as a gesture to that powerful element in Austria.

In political circles in Vienna the Cabinet's acceptance of Herr von Pappen was interpreted as showing Austria's willingness to adopt a "watchful waiting policy," judging Germany's attitude in future in the light of the Minister's achievements.

Poland Said to Prohibit Use of Gold Clause in International Transactions—Dollar Obligations to Be Paid Off at 5.40 Zlotys Rate in Domestic Field.

Reporting that Poland has passed a law prohibiting the use of foreign currencies or the gold clause in international transactions, special correspondence from Warsaw, July 21, to the New York "Herald Tribune" supplied the following further information:

Henceforth all domestic financial deals must be stated in Polish zlotys, while old contracts on which payments in foreign currencies are required can be discharged in zlotys at the prevailing rate. If such contracts contain the so-called gold clause, the laws of the country in which currency the deed is expressed will determine the rate.

This means that gold-dollar obligations can be paid off at the ruling rate of 5.40 zlotys to the dollar, instead of the former gold rate of 8.90 zlotys. This law, however, deals only with private business transactions. The Treasury and the State-owned banks, the Bank of Poland and the Joint-Stock banks may continue to transact business in foreign currencies without restraint. Nor does the new law affect in any way public or semi-public bond issues negotiated in foreign currencies.

The services of such issues will continue to be met as provided for in the indenture, or in conformity with the laws of the country in which they have been sold. The largest Polish external issue, therefore, which is the stabilization 7s of 1927, will continue to be met on the former gold basis by virtue of the fact that the coupons can be collected in currencies (such as the French franc and the Dutch guilder) that have retained the gold rate in effect at the time of issue.

It is one of the ironies of fate that while the Poles, until a year or two ago, had little faith in the soundness of their own currency, the United States dollar to them was something sacred. It, accordingly, became a very common practice to contract loans, mortgages, insurance, savings bank deposits and similar obligations in terms of dollars—the most cautious ones making doubly sure, as they thought, by having the contract stated in gold dollars.

The greatest loss has resulted from the hoarding of dollar banknotes by the public. It has long been characteristic of the Polish peasant to change his hard-earned savings into dollars and not infrequently to bury them in the ground. Rat-nibbled currency notes showed that some peasants had not learned the trick of putting them in a bottle before burying them. Between 50 and 60 million dollars, it is conservatively estimated, were hoarded in Poland at the time the dollar began its slide. Most of these have now found their way back to the United States with the hoarders 40% poorer in their own currency, in which they had no confidence a year ago.

Italy Offers Premium for Converted Bonds.

From Rome, Italy, Aug. 10, the New York "Sun" reported the following:

The official "Gazette" published a decree to-day offering a straight 1% premium on consolidated 5% interest-bearing Government bonds converted into the recent 3½% issue where such conversions are made by investors residing in the United States.

The decree stated that the 1% will be paid with the delivery of new bonds, but that converters must renounce the right to vie for other premiums in connection with the conversion. The offer applies to the consolidated issues of Jan. 2 and Dec. 6 1917; of Sept. 22 1918, and the consolidated littorio issues.

Soviet Russia Repays RFC Cotton Loan—China Also Repays Loan.

The repayment by Soviet Russia of a loan of \$2,803,444 for financing purchases of cotton in the United States, money advanced by the Reconstruction Finance Corpora-

PRELIMINARY DEBT STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES JULY 31 1934.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States July 31 1934, as made upon the basis of the daily Treasury statement, is as follows:

Table of Preliminary Debt Statement of the United States July 31 1934. Categories include Bonds (Consols, Panama Canal Loans, Conversion Bonds, Postal Savings Bonds, Liberty Loans), Treasury Notes (Series A, B, C, D, etc.), Treasury Bills (Maturity Value), Maturity Notes, Debt Bearing No Interest, and Deposits for retirement of National bank and Federal Reserve bank notes.

COMPARATIVE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT. (On the basis of daily Treasury statements.)

Table comparing public debt statements for Mar. 31 1917, Aug. 31 1919, and July 31 1933. Rows include Gross debt, Net balance in general fund, and Gross debt less net balance in general fund.

TREASURY CASH AND CURRENT LIABILITIES.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood July 31 1934 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the United States Treasury as of July 31 1934.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Table of Current Assets and Liabilities, divided into Gold and Silver. Assets include Treasury Notes, Gold, Silver, and other assets. Liabilities include Treasury Notes, Silver, and other liabilities. Total assets and liabilities are shown.

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$718,623,553.82. \$1,037,825 in Federal Reserve notes, \$3,644,116 in Federal Reserve bank notes, and \$19,229,162 in National bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds and retirement funds.

TREASURY MONEY HOLDINGS.

The following compilation, made up from the daily Government statements, shows the money holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of May, June, July and August 1934.

Table of Treasury Money Holdings showing holdings in U.S. Treasury from May 1 1934 to Aug. 1 1934. Rows include Net gold coin and bullion, Net silver coin and bullion, Net National bank notes, Net Federal Reserve notes, Net cash in Treasury, and Net cash in Treasury and in banks.

* Includes Aug. 1, \$47,035,935 silver bullion and \$3,513,348 minor, etc., coin not included in statement 'Stock of Money.'

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Aug. 9, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the System as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve note statement (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Reserve Agents and the Federal Reserve banks. The fourth table (Federal Reserve Bank Note Statement) shows the amount of these bank notes issued and the amount held by the Federal Reserve banks along with the collateral pledged against outstanding bank notes. The Reserve Board's comment upon the returns for the latest week appears in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS AUG. 8 1934.

Table with 10 columns for dates (Aug. 8 1934 to Aug. 9 1933) and multiple rows for ASSETS (Gold, Bills, Securities, etc.), LIABILITIES (F.R. notes, Deposits, etc.), and other financial metrics. Total assets for Aug. 8 1934 are \$8,134,983,000.

* "Other cash" does not include Federal Reserve notes or a bank's own Federal Reserve bank notes.

z These are certificates given by the U. S. Treasurer for the gold taken over from the Reserve banks when the dollar was on Jan. 31 1934 devalued from 100 cents to 59.06 cents, these certificates being worth less to the extent of the difference, the difference itself having been appropriated as profit by the Treasurer under the provisions of the Gold Reserve Act of 1934.

a Caption changed from "Government" to "U. S. Treasurer—General account" and \$100,000,000 included in Government deposits on May 2 transferred to "Other deposits."

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—For review of the
New York stock market, see editorial pages.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this
week (Aug. 4 to Aug. 10 inclusive) of shares not represented
in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ending Aug. 10, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Railroad, Am Crystall Sugar, Duluth S S & Atl., etc.

* No par value. f Companies reported in receivership.
a Change of name from American Beet Sugar Co.

The Week on the New York Stock Market.—For
review of New York stock market, see editorial pages.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table showing transactions at the New York Stock Exchange daily, weekly, and yearly. Columns include Week Ended, Number of Stocks, Railroad and Misc. Bonds, State, Municipal & For'n Bonds, United States Bonds, Total Bond Sales.

Table showing sales at the New York Stock Exchange by week ended and Jan. 1 to Aug. 10. Columns include 1934 and 1933 data for Stocks, Government bonds, State & foreign bonds, Railroad & misc. bonds.

Quotations for United States Treasury Certificates of
Indebtedness, &c.—Friday, Aug. 10.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid., Asked. Lists various Treasury certificates with their respective maturity dates and interest rates.

United States Government Securities
Bankers Acceptances
NEW YORK AND HANSEATIC CORPORATION
37 WALL ST., NEW YORK

U. S. Treasury Bills—Friday, Aug. 10.
Rates quoted are for discount at purchase.

Table with columns: Bid., Asked. Lists various U.S. Treasury bills with their bid and asked rates.

United States Government Securities on the New
York Stock Exchange.—Below we furnish a daily record
of the transactions in Liberty Loan, Home Owners' Loan,
Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation's bonds and Treasury
certificates on the New York Stock Exchange:

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices. Table with columns: Aug. 4, Aug. 6, Aug. 7, Aug. 8, Aug. 9, Aug. 10. Lists various bond series like First Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, Treasury, etc., with their daily price movements.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon
bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Small table listing registered bond transactions with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid., Asked.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is
given this week on page 879.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the
week will be found on page 908.

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.; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.; PER SHARE Range Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots. Lowest. Highest. PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1933. Lowest. Highest.

*Bid and asked prices. no sales on this day. †Companies reported in receivership. ‡Optional sale. ††Cash sale. ‡‡Ex-dividend. †††Ex-rights.

FOR SALES FOR THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SEVENTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Main table containing stock market data with columns for days (Saturday to Friday), share prices, and stock names. It includes a 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.' section on the left and a 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' section on the right.

* Bid and asked prices on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. c Optional sale. e Cash sale. r Ex-dividend. r 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.

Table with columns for Bonds, Price, Range, and various market data. Includes sections for U. S. Government, Foreign Govt. & Municipals, and various international bonds.

For footnotes see page 903.
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 containing 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Aug. 10.' and 'Railroad.' columns with various bond listings and prices.

Table containing 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Aug. 10.' and 'Railroads (Continued)' columns with various bond listings and prices.

For footnotes see page 903

BOND BROKERS
Railroad, Public Utility and Industrial Bonds
VILAS & HICKEY

New York Stock Exchange — Members — New York Curb Exchange

49 WALL STREET - - - NEW YORK

Private Wires to Chicago, Indianapolis and St. Louis

Main table with columns: BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Aug. 10, Price Friday Aug. 10, Range Since Jan. 1, and similar columns for the right page.

For footnotes see page 903

Table of stock prices for various companies including Distillers Seagrams, Dominion Bridge, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Imperial, Montreal, Nova Scotia, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Montreal Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Montreal Stock Exchange, Aug. 4 to Aug. 10, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Alberta Pac Grain, Bathurst Pow & Paper, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Montreal Curb Market.—Record of transactions at the Montreal Curb Market, Aug. 4 to Aug. 10, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Asbestos Corp, Assd Breweries of Can, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

CANADIAN MARKETS
JENKS, GWYNNE & CO.

Members New York Stock Exchange, Toronto Stock Exchange and other principal Exchanges
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Toronto Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Stock Exchange, Aug. 4 to Aug. 10, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Abitibi Pow & Paper, Alberta Pac Grain, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table with columns for Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of bonds and municipalities including San Joaquin Lt & Power, Souda Falls 5s, Saxon Pub Wks 6s, etc. Columns include Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (\$), and Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High).

Table of bonds (concluded) including Baden 7s, Buenos Aires (Provinces) External 7s, 7s stamped, etc. Columns include Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (\$), and Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High).

* No par value. a Deferred delivery sales not included in year's range. e Cash sales not included in year's range. r Under the rule sales not included in year's range. z Ex-dividend. y Under the rule sales not included in current weekly and yearly range are given below. Cent. Ohio Lt. & Pow. 5s A, 1950, Aug. 6 at 75. z Deferred delivery sales not included in the current weekly and yearly range are given below. U. S. Rubber 6s, 1936, Aug. 6 at 101 1/2. Abbreviations Used Above.—"cod" Certificates of deposit. "cons" Consolidated. "cum" Cumulative. "conv" Convertible. "m" Mortgage. "n-v" Non-voting stock. "v t c" Voting trust certificates. "w l" When issued. "w w" With warrants. "x w" Without warrants.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—The August issue of "The Investor's Pocket Manual," which is distributed each month by many New York Stock Exchange firms, will present the "dollar per share earnings" for the second quarter of 1934 for all common and preferred stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange which were released up to Aug. 1.

The same issue of "The Investor's Pocket Manual" will also include the "detailed earning statements" for the second quarter of 1934 for the more important railroad, industrial, oil, mining, and public utility corporations which have issued earning statements besides the latest high and low price range for stocks, bonds and commodities traded on 50 stock exchanges, curb and commodity markets.

The earning records in "The Investor's Pocket Manual" for the second quarter of 1934 show in many cases an improvement over the corresponding quarter in 1933.

—Hemphill, Noyes & Co. of New York, members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that they have absorbed the Detroit organization and office of Winthrop, Mitchell & Co. Earle A. Gardner, formerly Detroit manager for Winthrop, Mitchell & Co., has been appointed co-manager of the Hemphill, Noyes Detroit office with Howard Bennett.

Effective with the opening of business on Monday, Aug. 6, the Detroit office of Hemphill, Noyes & Co. was moved from the Ford Building to the sixth floor of the Union Guardian Building, occupying the quarters formerly used by Winthrop, Mitchell & Co.

—Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd., 14 Wall St., New York, have prepared a booklet containing general statistical information regarding the financial position of the Dominion of Canada, its Provinces and larger municipalities, including a ten-year comparison of assessed valuation, gross and net funded debt, and other data.

—The New York Stock Exchange firm of Butler, Wick & Co. announces that Henry W. Farnum and John Tucker have been admitted as general partners of the firm. Mr. Tucker was formerly a partner of the firm of Spalding, Tucker & Co., which has been dissolved owing to the death of Jesse Spalding.

—Auchincloss, Parker & Redpath announce that they have become members of the Chicago Board of Trade. They also hold memberships in the New York Stock Exchange, New York Curb (Associate), Commodity Exchange, Inc. and the Washington Stock Exchange.

—C. G. Novotny & Co., Inc., 80 Broad St., New York, has issued a list of Federal Land Bank and Joint Stock Land Bank bonds as legal investments for fiduciary and trust funds and security for postal savings deposits.

—George Baker, recently with Bernard, Winkler & Co., and previously for 13 years with Newborg & Co., has become associated with the New York office of Chas. E. Quincey & Co. in their railroad bond department.

—Everett T. Tomlinson, formerly President of Doremus & Co., who became associated with Fenner & Beane on April 1, has been elected a Vice-President of Fenner & Beane Corp.

—Leach Bros., Inc., 60 Wall St., N. Y. City, is offering a diversified list of bonds of municipalities in New York State, aggregating \$1,294,000 and yielding 1.75% to 4.30%.

—Blyth & Co., Inc., has prepared a special pamphlet on Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, containing a chart showing the security behind the issue.

—Campbell, Farrell & Co., 115 Broadway, New York, have prepared a list of government bonds, designating the trade names of the various issues.

—Manufacturers Trust Co. is depository for City of Cordoba, Argentine 10-year 7% external sinking fund gold bonds of 1927. Due Nov. 15 1937.

—John E. Abbott, formerly of E. B. Smith & Co., is now associated with Boettcher-Newton & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange.

—Gertler & Co., 40 Wall St., New York, has issued an analysis of the effects of the drought on the outlook in the Southern States.

—James Talcott, Inc. has been appointed factor for Banner Shoe Co., Inc., Boston, Mass., manufacturers of women's shoes. —George A. Hurty is now associated with Babcock, Rushton & Co.

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Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Aug. 10

Port of New York Authority Bonds. Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask. Includes Arthur Kill Bridges, Geo. Washington Bridge.

U. S. Insular Bonds. Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask. Includes Philippine Government, Honolulu 5s, U S Panama 3s.

Federal Land Bank Bonds. Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask. Includes 4s 1946 optional 1944, 4s 1957 optional 1937.

New York State Bonds. Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask. Includes Canal & Highway, H-gway Imp, World War Bonus.

New York City Bonds. Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask. Includes a3s May 1935, a3 1/2s Nov 1954, a4s June 1974.

Bank and Insurance Stocks. Bought, Sold and Quoted. MUNDS, WINSLOW & POTTER. 40 Wall Street, New York Whitehall 4-5500.

New York Bank Stocks. Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask. Includes Bank of Manhattan, Bank of Yorktown, Bensonhurst National.

Chicago Bank Stocks. Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask. Includes American National Bank, Continental III Bank.

New York Trust Companies. Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask. Includes Banca Comm Italiana, Bank of New York & Tr.

Industrial and Railroad Bonds. Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask. Includes Adams Express, American Meter, Amer Tobacco.

Railroad Stocks Guaranteed & Leased Line Preferred Common. Railroad Bonds. 63 WALL ST., NEW YORK Bowling Green 9-8120 Boston Hartford Philadelphia.

Guaranteed Railroad Stocks. (Guarantor in Parenthesis.) Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask. Includes Alabama & Vicksburg, Albany & Susquehanna.

Railroad Equipment Bonds. Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask. Includes Atlantic Coast Line, Equipment 6 1/2s, Baltimore & Ohio.

* No par value. e Defaulted. f Ex-coupon. g Ex-dividend.

Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Aug. 10—Continued

NEW YORK CITY TRACTION ISSUES

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Public Utility Bonds.

Table of Public Utility Bonds with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and Bond Description (e.g., Albany Ry Co con 5s 1930, Amer S P S 5 1/2s 1948 M&N).

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Public Utility Stocks.

Table of Public Utility Stocks with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and Stock Description (e.g., Alabama Power \$7 pref. 100, Arkansas Pr & Lt \$7 pref. 100).

Water Bonds.

Table of Water Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and Bond Description (e.g., Alton Water 5s 1956 A&O, Ark Wat 1st 5s A 1954 A&O).

Industrial Stocks.

Table of Industrial Stocks with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and Stock Description (e.g., Adams-Millis Corp. pf. 100, Aeolian-Weber P & P Preferred).

Investment Trusts.

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and Trust Description (e.g., Administered Fund. 14.31 15.22, Amerex Holding Corp. 14 1/8 15 1/8).

Sugar Stocks.

Table of Sugar Stocks with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and Stock Description (e.g., Fajardo Sugar 100 90 100, Haytian Corp Amer. 7 1/2 8 1/2).

Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies.

Table of Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and Company Description (e.g., Bond & Mortgage Guar. 20 15 15, Lawyers Title & Guar. 100 1 1/2).

* No par value e Defaulted. z Ex-dividend.

Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Aug. 10—Concluded

Insurance Companies.

Table of insurance companies with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and company names including Aetna Casualty & Surety, Hartford Steam Boiler, etc.

Chain Store Stocks.

Table of chain store stocks with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and company names including Bohack (H C) com, Butler (James) com, etc.

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks.

Table of telephone and telegraph stocks with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and company names including Amer Dist Teleg (N J) com, Bell Teleg of Canada, etc.

Aeronautical Stocks.

Table of aeronautical stocks with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and company names including Aviation Sec Corp (N E), Kinner Airplane & Mot., etc.

* No par value. e Defaulted. f Ex-coupon. z Ex-dividend.

PRICES ON PARIS BOURSE.

Quotations of representative stocks on the Paris Bourse as received by cable each day of the past week have been as follows:

Table of Paris Bourse prices with columns for dates (Aug. 4-10) and company names including Bank of France, Societe Generale, etc.

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German and Foreign Unlisted Dollar Bonds.

Table of German and foreign unlisted dollar bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and bond descriptions including Anhalt 7s to 1946, Argentine 5%, 1945, \$100 pieces, etc.

* Soviet Government Bonds.

Table of Soviet government bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and bond descriptions including Union of Soviet Soc Repub 7% gold rouble, etc.

Short Term Securities.

Table of short term securities with columns for Bid, Ask, and security descriptions including Consumers Power 5s, Edison El III (Bos) 3s, etc.

THE BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE.

Closing prices of representative stocks as received by cable each day of the past week have been as follows:

Table of Berlin stock exchange closing prices with columns for dates (Aug. 4-10) and company names including Reichsbank (12%), Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft (5%), etc.

Falconbridge Nickel Mines, Ltd.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period Ended, 1934-3 Mos., 1933, 1934-6 Mos., 1933. Rows include Tons smelted, Nickel in matte produced, Copper in matte produced, Refined nickel produced, Refined copper produced, Gross operating profit, Provision for taxes, Depreciation & deferred development &c., Net profit.

Federal Motor Truck Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 6 Months Ended June 30, 1934, 1933. Rows include Operating profit, Other income, Profit, Depreciation, Interest, Federal taxes, &c., Net profit, Earnings per share.

514 West End Avenue Apartment Bldg., N. Y. City.—

The real estate bondholders protective committee (George E. Roosevelt, Chairman), in a letter to the depositors of 1st mtg. 6 1/2% coupon serial gold bonds, dated Aug. 6 states; The agreement dated Feb. 19 1934, between the committee and 514 West End Holding Corp. was approved by Charles E. Hughes Jr., the arbiter, and has been consummated.

Flintkote Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 16 Weeks Ended, Year to July 14 '34, July 15 '33, July 14 '34, July 15 '33. Rows include Gross oper. earnings, Oper. and gen. exps., Depreciation, Profit after all charges and taxes, Earnings per sh.

Florida Power & Light Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary, Period End. June 30, 1934-Month-1933, 1934-12 Mos.-1933. Rows include Operating revenues, Oper. exps., incl. taxes, Net revs. from oper., Other income, Gross corporate income, Int. & other deductions, Balance, Property retirement reserve appropriations, Divs. applicable to pref. stocks, Deficit, Dividends accumulated.

Florida Public Service Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 12 Months Ended June 30, 1934, 1933. Rows include Total operating revenues, Total operating expenses, &c., Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Total interest on secured funded debt, Interest on unfunded debt, Deficit.

Payment on Coupons.—

It was announced Aug. 7 that there is available for distribution at this time an amount sufficient to pay \$6.67 per \$30 coupon due Oct. 1 1933 attached to the 6% bonds due 1955. It was also announced that there is available for distribution at this time an amount sufficient to pay \$13.33 per \$30 coupon due April 1 1934, attached to the 6% bonds due 1955.

Follansbee Bros. Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End. June 30—1934—3 Mos.—1933, 1934—6 Mos.—1933. Rows include Net loss after deprec., interest, &c.

Ford Motor Co. of Holland.—Larger Distribution.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 6% for the year 1933, as against 5% paid for the year 1932. Calendar Years— Net earnings after all charges and taxes (Florins)-- 1933, 1934

42d St. & Lexington Ave. Office Bldg. (Combined Operating Corp.)—Plan.—

Supreme Court Justice Albert Cohn recently signed an order approving the report of John W. Clancy, appointed referee to report on the plan of reorganization of the financial structure of the 42d St. & Lexington Ave. Office Building, known as the Chanin Building. The proceeding was brought under the Burchill Law, passed last year for the reorganization of properties not covered by the guaranteed mortgage laws.

Fox Film Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: [Not including Wesco Corp. & Subsidiary Companies], Profit and Loss, 26 Weeks Ended June 30 1934. Rows include Gross income from sales & rentals of film & literature, Dividends, Other income, Total income, Oper. exps. of exchanges, head office & adminis. exps., &c., Amortization of production costs, Participation in film rentals, Interest, Amortization of discount and expenses on funded debt, Depreciation of fixed assets, Provision for Federal income tax, Net profit.

Fox Metropolitan Playhouse, Inc.—Hearing Adjourned.

Federal Judge Julian W. Mack, has adjourned the hearing on the reorganization plan until Aug. 16. During this time he will consider the status of the petition for reorganization filed under Section 77-B of the Bankruptcy Act by creditors and also the objections made by the minority interests to the proposed reorganization plan sponsored by the bondholders' committee.

(H. H.) Franklin Mfg. Co.—Reorganization.—

The trustees in bankruptcy have requested that all propositions for reorganization of the company, or for the purchase of the assets in their entirety as a going concern, be submitted in writing to the trustees at the Franklin plant, Syracuse, N. Y., on or before Aug. 21.

Garlock Packing Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 6 Mos. End. June 30— 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Rows include Net profit from operation, Other income credits, Gross income, Income charges, Interest on bonds, Amortization of debt discount and expense, Prov. for Fed. inc. taxes, Net income, Dividends paid, Surplus, Shs. common stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share.

Table with 4 columns: Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30, 1934, 1933. Rows include Assets: Cash, Receivables, Inventories, Deferred charges, Land, buildings, equipment, &c., Trade-marks, &c.; Liabilities: Accounts payable, Dividends payable, Accruals, Tax reserve, Funded debt, y Common stock, Surplus.

Gary Electric & Gas Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End. June 30— 1934—3 Mos.—1933, 1934—12 Mos.—1933. Rows include Operating revenue, Other income, Total income, Oper. expenses, maintenance and taxes, Bond interest, Int. on unfunded debt, Amortiz. of debt expense, Retirement expense, Net deficit.

General Gas & Electric Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 12 Mos. End. June 30— 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Rows include Operating revenues, Net after taxes & deprec., Net loss, x After interest, amortization of debt discount and expense, dividends on preferred stocks of subsidiaries, &c.

General Baking Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period— 26 Wks. End. 26 Wks. End. June 30 '34, July 1 '33, July 2 '32. Rows include Net profit after interest, depreciation, Federal taxes, &c.

and all subsequent coupons. This leaves \$409,000 bonds outstanding.— V. 137, p. 2109.

Holly Oil Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Year, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Rows include Total revenues, Taxes, Operating profit, Total income, Depreciation, Net loss, Gross earned surplus, Dividends, Lease abandoned, Earned surp. June 30, Assets, and Liabilities.

Holyoke Street Railway Co.—Earnings.—

(As reported to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities) Period End. June 30—1934—3 Mos.—1933. 1934—6 Mos.—1933. Net profit \$472 loss\$17,585 loss\$5,194 loss\$26,258

Homestake Mining Co.—Extra Div. of \$2 Per Share.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$2 per share in addition to the regular monthly dividend of \$1 per share on the capital stock, par \$100, both payable Aug. 25 to holders of record Aug. 20.

Homestead Oil & Gas, Ltd.—Removed from Dealing.—

The New York Produce Exchange has removed from dealing the capital stock, \$1 par.

Hotel St. George (Clark-Henry Corp.), Brooklyn, N. Y.—Reorganization Petition Dismissed.—

Federal Judge Robert A. Inch in Brooklyn July 23 dismissed a petition which sought the reorganization of the Clark-Henry Corp., owner and operator of the Hotel St. George, in Brooklyn.

Household Finance Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: 6 Mos. End. June 30, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Rows include Gross income from oper., Operating expense, Net inc. from oper., Other income credits, Gross income, Interest paid, Federal income tax, Prov. for loss on claims against closed banks, Other charges, Minority int. in earnings of subsidiary co., Net income, Balance Jan. 1, Other credits & charges, Balance before divs., Partic. preference divs., Class A common divs., Class B common divs., Balance, June 30, Combined class A & B shs. outstdg. (no par), Earnings per share.

x Including installment notes receivable written off as uncollectible (net), \$1,156,106. y Including provision for losses on instalment notes receivable \$1,200,000 and less recoveries on notes previously written off \$303,157.

Consolidated Balance Sheet, June 30.

Table with 5 columns: 1934, 1933, 1934, 1933. Rows include Assets (Cash, Instalment notes, etc.) and Liabilities (Notes pay, Notes pay—other, etc.).

x After depreciation of \$240,428 in 1934 and \$272,579 in 1933. y Represented by 182,364 no par shares. z Represented by 404,793 shares no par value in 1934 and 409,710 shares, no par value in 1933.

Hotel Waldorf-Astoria Corp.—Reorg. Proceedings.—

Judge William Bondy recently signed an order in U. S. District Court authorizing the present management of the company, now in the process

of reorganization under Sec. 77B of the Bankruptcy Act, to continue operation of the hotel subject to the jurisdiction and further order of the court.

The order provides that officers of the corporation must submit a monthly statement of assets and liabilities to the court. In addition, a report must be made on or before Nov. 1 as to what action is to be taken regarding the corporation's leases.

The plan of reorganization filed under Sec. 77B of the Bankruptcy law provides for conversion of outstanding bonds in exchange for debentures and stock reduction of rentals and cancellation of unpaid interest on bonds. The plan provides for cash payments in full to trade creditors and employees.—V. 139, p. 118.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—Retail Sales.—

With little more than half of the current year gone, Hudson and Terraplane retail sales in the United States have passed the total retail sales figure for the 12 months of 1933. This unusual record was accomplished, announces Roy D. Chapin, President, during the week ended July 28, when domestic retail sales reached a total of 40,982.

We have to go back to 1925 to find a time when retail sales up to the end of July exceeded the total for the previous year. Mr. Chapin, stated "Sales have remained at a high level through the summer period, ignoring the customary hot-weather decline. On the other hand, our production schedules were based on the usual seasonal trend, with the result that retail sales have been greater than shipments for the past several weeks, and our dealers' stocks have been brought to a low mid-year point."

Exports Increase 197%—Canadian Shipments Also Gain.—

The company reports export sales of Hudson and Terraplane cars aggregating 8,298 cars for the six months ended June 30, an increase of 197% as compared with export shipments of 2,791 cars reported for the first six months of 1933. The export shipments were the largest for any corresponding period since 1930.

Shipments of cars from the Canadian factory aggregated 2,808, a gain of 259% as compared with shipments of 783 cars reported for the first half of 1933. Canadian factory shipments for the half-year also were the largest for any corresponding period since 1930.

Factory shipments from the United States plant for domestic use aggregated 54,704 cars for the half-year ended June 30. This total represents gain of 182% compared with shipments of 19,428 cars reported for the corresponding period in 1933, and like the record of Canada and the export market, also sets a new high mark for any similar period since 1930.

Shipments in all instances were substantially in excess of total shipments in the respective groups for each of the full years 1931 to 1933, inclusive.—V. 139, p. 601.

Hudson River Navigation Corp.—Removed from Dealing.—

The New York Produce Exchange has removed from dealing the common stock, no par.—V. 137, p. 3334.

Hupp Motor Car Corp.—Balance Sheet June 30.—

Table with 5 columns: 1934, 1933, 1934, 1933. Rows include Assets (Property account, Cash, U.S. bonds, etc.), Liabilities (Common stock, Accounts payable, etc.), and Total.

x After depreciation. For income statement for 3 and 6 months ended June 30, see last week's "Chronicle," page 766.

Idaho Power Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Period End. June 30, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Rows include Operating revenues, Oper. exps., incl. taxes, Net revs. from oper., Other income, Gross corp. income, Interest & other deduct., Balance, Property retirement reserve appropriations, Dividends applicable to preferred stocks for the period, whether paid or unpaid, Balance, Regular dividends on 7% and \$6 pref. stocks were paid on May 1 1934.

Illinois Central RR.—Abandonment.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on July 31 issued a certificate permitting the company to abandon (a) its line of railroad extending from Crain to Sand Ridge, about 17.42 miles, and from Mounds to Olive Branch, about 10.67 miles and (b) to abandon operation under trackage rights over a line of railroad of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry. between Olive Branch and Thebes, about 9.37 miles, in Perry, Jackson, Pulaski, and Alexander counties, Ill.—V. 139, p. 601.

Indiana Hydro-Electric Power Co.—Preferred Dividend.—

The directors on Aug. 7 declared a dividend of 87 1/2 cents per share on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Sept. 15 1934 to holders of record Aug. 31. A like amount has been paid each quarter since and incl. June 15 1933, prior to which the company made regular quarterly distributions of \$1.75 per share.—V. 138, p. 3604.

Industrial & Power Securities Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Years Ended June 30, 1934, 1933. Rows include Total income, Expenses, Operating profit, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Dividends paid, In cash, In stock, Balance.

Balance Sheet June 30.

Table with 5 columns: 1934, 1933, 1934, 1933. Rows include Assets (Cash, Accrued int. & div. receivable, etc.), Liabilities (Current liabilities, Common stock, etc.), and Total.

x Market value \$592,289 in 1934 and \$527,544 in 1933. y Share having a par value of \$1.—V. 139, p. 766.

Insurance Securities Co., Inc.—Removed from List.—

The Boston Stock Exchange has removed from the list the shares of the capital stock.—V. 136, p. 1026.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Earnings.—
Period End. June 30— 1934—Month—1933. 1934—11 Mos.—1933.
Gross oper. revenue— \$4,934,395 \$5,045,505 \$51,869,531 \$54,534,342
Operating expenses— 2,990,292 2,987,765 32,460,801 35,741,432

International Bronze Powders, Ltd.—Stock Offered.—
Public offering is being made by Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., Ltd., of 75,000 shares of 6% cum. partic. pref. stock, par \$25 per share.

The stock is non-callable and after the common shares have received dividends of \$1.50 in any one year it participates share for share with the common shares in any further dividends paid in that year.

The consolidated balance sheet shows the valuation of plant and equipment at \$1,240,328, with depreciation reserves of the constituent companies amounting to \$863,259.

International Mining Corp.—Acquires Interest in Tin Properties.—
The corporation has taken a 30% interest in a syndicate to develop the Guatomo tin properties situated in South Siam.

International Nickel Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Larger Common Dividend.—
The directors have declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Sept. 29 to holders of record Aug. 30.

International Printing Ink Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.
6 Mos. End. June 30— 1934. 1933. 1933. 1931.
Net profit after deprec., Federal taxes, &c.— \$533,948 loss \$127,581 \$58,903 \$163,631

Interstate Department Stores.—July Sales.—
1934—July—1933. Decrease. | 1934—6 Months—1933. Increase.
\$1,115,652 \$1,204,500 \$88,849 | \$9,391,982 \$7,984,788 \$1,407,194

Investment Co. of America.—Earnings.—
Earnings for the 6 Months Ended June 30 1934.
Interest on investments in bonds— \$13,818
Interest on demand deposits, &c.— 864

Investment Corp. of Phila.—Earnings.—
6 Months Ended June 30— 1934. 1933.
Net realized profit— \$113,925 \$297,221
Net income after operating expenses— 3,521 3,327

Iowa Central Ry.—Committee Issues Statement.—
The Protective Committee for the first mortgage 5% 50-year gold bonds in a letter dated Aug. 1 states:
The committee by a letter dated May 8 1931, advised you, among other things, that it was making every effort to effect a plan of reorganization acceptable to all parties having an interest in the Minneapolis & St. Louis System.

During the time that the various appeals mentioned above were pending, a joint reorganization committee was formed in May 1932, with a view to expediting the reorganization of the Minneapolis & St. Louis RR. System.

The reorganization of the System as a whole has been further complicated by the fact that the Merriam Junction and Albert Lea mortgage bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$950,000, which matured on June 1 1932, were not paid and are still in default.

Calendar Year 1933. -5 Mos. End. May 31- 1933.
Operating revenues— \$7,673,000 \$2,874,000 \$2,770,000
Operating expenses— 6,742,000 2,712,000 2,700,000
Net income— \$931,000 \$162,000 \$70,000

William C. Quarles, on account of ill health, has tendered his resignation as a member of the committee, and it has been accepted with regret.

The members of the committee now consist of George E. Roosevelt, Chairman, (Roosevelt & Son); Philip N. Cristal, (Dir. Railroad Bond Research, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.); R. G. Page, (Vice-Pres., Bankers Trust Co.); with Halvar Utvik, Sec., 30 Pine St., N. Y. City, and Root, Clark, Buckner & Ballantine, Counsel.

Kansas City Clay County & St. Joseph Ry.—To Be Sold.—
Judge Merrill E. Otis has signed a decree for a sale of the company, which suspended operation as an interurban railroad March 10 1933.

Kansas Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—
[American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary]
Period End. June 30— 1934—Month—1933. 1934—12 Mos.—1933.

Operating revenues— \$410,614 \$382,993 \$4,938,777 \$5,028,496
Oper. exhs., incl. taxes— 207,566 194,566 2,514,093 2,527,477
Net revs. from oper— \$203,048 \$188,427 \$2,424,684 \$2,501,019
Other income— 2,074 1,275 18,362 20,847
Gross cor. income— \$205,122 \$189,702 \$2,443,046 \$2,521,866

Katz Drug Co.—Increases Common Dividends.—
The directors on Aug. 8 declared a dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock payable Sept. 15 to holders of record Aug. 31.

(Julius) Kayser & Co.—25-cent Dividend.—
The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, par \$5, payable Sept. 15 to holders of record Aug. 31.

Earnings for 12 Months Ended June 30.
Net income— 1934. 1933.
x Approximate.— \$186,000 \$121,711

Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.—Earnings.—
6 Mos. End. June 30— 1934. 1933. 1932. 1931.
Net loss after tax., depr., interest, &c.— \$553,659 \$795,996 prof \$57,101 \$281,436

Occidental Petroleum Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End, June 30—1934—3 Mos.—1933. 1934—6 Mos.—1933. Rows include Net income after taxes, Earnings per share on 630,000 shares.

Ohio Cities Water Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End, June 30—1934—6 Mos.—1933. 1934—12 Mos.—1933. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Earnings from operations, Other income, Gross income, etc.

Ohio Oil Co.—15-cent Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Sept. 15 to holders of record Aug. 18.

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 3 columns: 12 Mos. Ended June 30—1934. 1933. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings, Other income, etc.

Old Ben Coal Corp.—Reorganization.—

The capital structure reorganization of the corporation was recently approved by Federal Judge Wham. The plan entails formation of a new corporation which will take over all debts of the present corporation.

Otis Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 3 columns: Period End, June 30—1934—3 Mos.—1933. 1934—6 Mos.—1933. Rows include Net profit after taxes, Trustee Resigns.

Pacific Mills.—Resumes Dividends.—

The directors on Aug. 7 declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 20.

Listing of Capital Stock Without Par Value.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 400,000 shares of capital stock (without par value) in substitution, share for share, for a like number of shares of capital stock (\$100 par value) previously issued and outstanding.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: June 30 '34, July 1 '33, June 30 '34, July 1 '33. Rows include Assets (Cash, Accounts receivable, Inventory, etc.) and Liabilities (Notes payable, Sundry accts. pay., etc.).

Oneida Community, Ltd.—Notes Called.—

A total of \$54,500 10-year 6 1/2% sinking fund notes due July 1 1939 have been called for payment Oct. 1 next, at 101 and int. Payment will be made at the First Citizens Bank & Trust Co. of Utica, N. Y.—V. 138, p. 3613.

Pacific Power & Light Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End, June 30—1934—Month—1933. 1934—12 Mos.—1933. Rows include Operating revenues, Oper. exp. incl. taxes, Net rev. from oper., Rent from leased prop., etc.

Pacific Public Service Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End, June 30—1934—3 Mos.—1933. 1934—6 Mos.—1933. Rows include Net profit after charges, Earnings per share on 1st preferred stock.

Stockholders Reduce Stated Value of Stocks.—

The holders of the first preferred and voting common stock at a special meeting held on Aug. 8, voted to reduce the stated value of all classes of the capital stock of the company.

Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30 1934.

Table with 4 columns: "A.", "B.", "A.", "B.". Rows include Fixed assets, Int. & acct. rec., Cash, Note & acct. rec., etc.

Total 20,447,879 19,309,716. "A." before and "B." after giving effect to the proposal to reduce the stated value of the capital stock.

Pacific Western Oil Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 6 Months Ended June 30—1934. 1933. Rows include Gross income from all operations, Oil and gas royalties, Balance, Expenses, etc.

Palmer Shares Corp.—Removed from Dealing.—

The New York Produce Exchange has removed from dealing the interim receipts for certificates for National Industries shares, series A.

Paraffine Companies, Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Years Ended June 30—1934. 1933. 1932. 1931. Rows include Profit from oper. after deduct. all exp., int., deprec. & Fed. taxes., Common dividends, Surplus, etc.

Patterson Sargent Co.—Doubles Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 17. This compares with 12 1/2 cents per share distributed each quarter from Dec. 1 1932 to and including June 1 last; 25 cents per share on Sept. 1 and June 1 1932 and 50 cents per share previously each quarter.—V. 138, p. 2261.

Peerless Corp.—Option Partly Exercised.—

S. T. Creighton, Secretary, has announced that on expiration on Aug. 4 of their option to buy 60,000 shares of Peerless Corp. capital stock at \$3 a share, Redmond & Co. had exercised their option on 20,000 shares, permitting the remaining 40,000 shares of the option to lapse. The option was granted on Feb. 5 in connection with the settlement of a dispute between the two parties whereby Redmond & Co. paid \$150,000 to Peerless. Including the \$60,000 paid for the 20,000 shares, total payments to Peerless Corp. under the settlement thus total \$210,000.—V. 138, p. 1413.

(J. C.) Penney Co.—July Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: 1934, 1933, 1934-7 Mos.-1933, 1933. Rows include Sales, Cost and expense, Deprec. & amortization, Federal taxes, Profit, Other income, Profit of subsidiary, Net profit, Preferred dividends, Surplus, Earnings per share on common stock.

Balance Sheet June 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1934, 1933, 1934, 1933. Rows include Assets (Furniture, fixtures, land, &c., Cash, Merchandise, Accts. receivable, advances, &c., Prep'd exps., &c., Treasury stock, Inv. in subs. cos., Impts. and lease-holds, less amort.), Liabilities (6% pref. stock, x Common stock, Accounts payable, Fed. tax reserve, Mtgs. payable, Res. for conting., Reserve for fire losses, &c., Surplus), Total.

x Represented by 2,468,984 no par shares.—V. 139, p. 287.

Pennsylvania Electric Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 1934, 1933, 1934, 1933. Rows include 12 Months Ended June 30—Total operating revenues, Operating expenses, Maintenance, Prov. for retirements—renewals & replacements, Taxes (including prov. for Federal income tax), Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Interest on funded debt, Int. on conv. & other short-term notes, Balance. Includes operations of Clarion River Power Co. since April 1 1933, the date of acquisition.—V. 139, p. 608.

Pennsylvania State Water Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Period End. June 30, 1934-6 Mos.-1933, 1934-12 Mos.-1933, 1934, 1933. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Earns. from operations, Other income, Gross income, Interest & other deductions of sub. cos., Minority equity in earn., Prov. for Fed. inc. tax, Interest on Pennsylvania State Water Corp. 1st. lien 5 1/2% bonds, Amort. of debt discount & exp. & other deductions (Pennsylvania State Water Corp.), Balance, Pref. stock dividends. —V. 135, p. 2494.

Peoria Water Works Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 1934, 1933, 1934, 1933. Rows include 12 Months Ended June 30—Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Earnings from operations, Other income, Gross income, Interest on funded debt, Other interest, Provision for Federal income tax, Amort. of debt discount & exp. & miscell. deduct'ns, Balance, Preferred stock dividends. —V. 135, p. 3524.

Perfect Circle Co. (& Sub.).—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years—1933, 1932, 1931, 1930, 1933. Rows include Manufacturing profit, Selling & admin. exps., Advertising and royalties, Deprec., State & Federal taxes, Operating profit, Bank deposit losses, Other income, Net profit, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Earns. per sh. on common stock.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1933, 1932, 1933, 1932. Rows include Assets (Cash, U. S. Gov. secur., U. S. accrued int., Notes & accts. rec., Inventories, x Investments, Plant sites, bldgs. mach'y & equip. &c., Prep'd advertising, insurance, &c., Patents, licenses & good-will), Liabilities (Accounts payable, Dividends payable, Accrued salaries, comms., taxes & insurance, y Common stock, Surplus), Total.

x After reserve for depreciation of \$568,395 in 1933 (1932, \$484,627). y Represented by 162,500 no par shares. z Included 1,795 shares of company's own stock out cost of \$39,672.—V. 138, p. 2424.

Peoples Drug Stores, Inc.—July Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: 1934, 1933, 1934-7 Mos.-1933, 1933. Rows include 1934-July-1933, 1934-July-1933, Increase, 1934-7 Mos.-1933, 1933, Increase.

Peoria Life Insurance Co.—Assets Taken Over.—

The Life & Casualty Co. of Chicago recently was selected by receiver Charles V. O'Hern to take over the business of the Peoria Life Insurance Co.—V. 139, p. 288.

Philadelphia Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 1934, 1933, 1934, 1933. Rows include [Not incl. Beaver Valley Traction Co. (in receivership) and its subsidiary. 12 Mos. End. June 30—Gross earnings, Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes, Net earnings, Other income—net, Net earnings including other income, Rent of leased properties, Interest charges—net, Contractual guarantee, Amortization of debt discount and expense, Other charges, Appropriation for retirement and depletion reserve, Net income, Earned surplus, beginning of period, Sundry adjustments—net, Total, Dividends: Duquesne Light Co. preferred stock, Kentucky West Virginia Gas Co. pref. stock, Philadelphia Co. preferred stock, Kentucky West Virginia Gas Co. common stock including minority interest, Philadelphia Co. common stock, Invested in Philadelphia Co. stocks reacquired, Earned surplus, end of period. —V. 139, p. 610.]

Philadelphia Electric Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 1934, 1933, 1934, 1933. Rows include 6 Months Ended June 30—Operating revenue (including non-operating), Operating expenses (incl. renewal & replacement reserve & all taxes), Income deductions, Net income, Divs. on pref. stock & other prior deductions, Balance. x 1933 figures restated and adjusted for comparative purposes.—V. 138, p. 2938.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Rehearing Ordered.—

A complete rehearing of the company's motion to dismiss City Comptroller Wilson's petition for reorganization under Section 77-B of the Federal Bankruptcy Act has been ordered by U. S. Judges Oliver B. Dickinson and William H. Kirkpatrick. They directed that the hearing be held before the full bench composed of themselves and Judge George A. Welsh. No date was set for the rehearing.—V. 139, p. 126.

Pie Bakeries, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Years Ended—Dec. 30 '33, Dec. 31 '32, Dec. 26 '31, Dec. 27 '30. Rows include Income from operations, Interest paid, Depreciation, Fed. cap. stock tax, Federal income tax, Profit for period, Previous earned surplus, Total surplus, Loss on capital assets disposed of, Divs. on 2d pref. stock, Divs. on common stock, Divs. on 7% pref. stock, Divs. on class A stock, Miscell. deductions, Earned sur. end of per. y Excluding depreciation on idle and obsolete equipment in the amount of \$13,930, which has been charged against capital surplus.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with 5 columns: Assets—Dec. 30 '33, Dec. 31 '32, Dec. 30 '33, Dec. 31 '32; Liabilities—Dec. 30 '33, Dec. 31 '32. Rows include Cash, Cash res. for div. pay, Notes receivable, Accts. receivable, Inventories, Bal. due by trustees under empl. stk. purch. plan, Deposit in closed bank, Deposits & miscell. accts. receivable, Miss. receivable, Other investm'ts., x Property, plant & equipment, Prepaid insurance, advertising, &c., Cash val. life ins., Treasury stock, Total, x After depreciation of \$1,330,966 in 1933 and \$1,219,566 in 1932. a Represented by 8,255 no par shares. b Represented by 89,681 1/4 no par shares.—V. 138, p. 1760.

Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co.—Debt Reduced.—

Walter H. Bowes, President, in a letter to stockholders, states that the company has reduced its 10-year secured notes, due Dec. 1 1937, to \$109,002

from an original issue of \$500,000, and that there are no other bank loans or funded debt.

Six Months Ended June 30— 1934. 1933. 1932. Net profit after charges but before Federal taxes... \$163,236 \$103,256 \$120,045

Pilgrim Mills.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.— Assets— 1933. 1932. Liabilities— 1933. 1932. Total... \$1,126,729 \$948,862

Pioneer Gold Mines of British Columbia, Ltd.—Earnings.— Month of July— 1934. 1933. Gross earnings... \$256,500 \$204,300

Pittsburgh Forgings Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1933. 1932. 1931. 1930. Operating profit... \$41,959 loss \$10,900 loss \$18,066 \$601,622

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets— 1933. 1932. Liabilities— 1933. 1932. Total... \$1,594,236 \$1,594,683

Pittsburgh Suburban Water Service Co.—Earnings.— 12 Months Ended June 30— 1934. 1933. Operating revenues... \$322,029 \$327,291

Balance Sheet June 30. Assets— 1934. 1933. Liabilities— 1934. 1933. Total... \$3,732,658 \$3,698,509

Ponce Electric Co.—Earnings.— Period End. June 30— 1934—12 Mos.—1933. Gross earnings... \$28,666 \$25,880

Pocahontas Corp.—Tenders.— The Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, will until Aug. 10 next, receive bids for these to it of 6% gold bonds dated Dec. 15 1923 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$200,613.—V. 137, p. 1066.

Portland Gas & Coke Co.—Earnings.— [American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary] Period End. June 30— 1934—Month—1933. 1934—12 Mos.—1933. Operating revenues... \$263,118 \$272,619 \$3,062,113 \$3,522,114

Porto Rican American Tobacco Co.—Earnings.— Period End. June 30— 1934—3 Mos.—1933. 1934—6 Mos.—1933. Consol. net loss after interest, discount, &c... \$86,524 \$115,149 \$201,112 \$248,520

Potomska Mills Corp.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.— Assets— 1933. 1932. Liabilities— 1933. 1932. Total... \$1,351,578 \$1,096,778

Propper-McCallum Hosiery Co., Inc.—Earnings.— [Including wholly-owned subsidiaries.] Calendar Years— 1933. 1932. 1931. 1930. Sales, less returns & allowances... \$2,238,215 Not stated \$3,307,681 \$4,337,348

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets— 1933. 1932. Liabilities— 1933. 1932. Total... \$2,886,156 \$3,972,234

Provident Loan Society of New York.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1933. 1932. 1931. Interest earned on loans... \$2,967,646 \$3,230,929 \$3,400,923

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets— 1933. 1932. Liabilities— 1933. 1932. Total... \$28,163,878 \$29,782,313

Texas Power & Light Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Period End, June 30, 1934, Month, 1933, 1934-12 Mos., 1933. Rows include Operating revenues, Oper. exps., incl. taxes, Rent for leased prop'ty, Balance, Other income, Gross corp. income, Int. & other deductions, Property retirement reserve appropriations, Divs. applicable to pref. stocks, etc.

Thatcher Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Period End, June 30, 1934, 3 Mos., 1933, 1934-6 Mos., 1933. Rows include Net profit after deprec., Federal taxes, &c., Earns. per sh. on 146,836 common shares.

Thompson Products, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 6 Mos. End, June 30, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Rows include Manufacturing profit, Expenses, Other deductions, Interest (net), Depreciation, Federal tax, Net profit.

Trusted New York City Bank Stocks (1955).—Pays Liquidating Dividend.—

A liquidating dividend of \$3.13749 per share will be paid on the certificates upon presentation of the same with coupon No. 7 and subsequent coupons attached at the Manufacturers Trust Co. of New York.—V. 137, p. 2822.

12th Street Store Corp., Chicago.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Net sales, Cost of sales, Gross profit, Operating expenses, Net profit from operations, Other income less deductions, Net profit before reserves, Reserve for bad debts, Amortization and depreciation, Net loss for period.

Underwood-Elliott-Fisher Co.—Increases Dividend.—

The directors on Aug. 9 declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Sept. 29 to holders of record Sept. 12. This compares with 37 1/2 cents per share paid on June 30 last; 25 cents per share paid on March 31 last and on Dec. 30 1933, and 12 1/2 cents per share distributed each quarter from Sept. 30 1932 to and including Sept. 30 1933.—V. 139, p. 290.

Union Electric Light & Power Co. of Ill.—Bal. Sheet.—

Table with columns for 1934, 1933, 1934, 1933. Rows include Assets: Property & plant, Cash & sec. on dep., Sundry investm't, Prepaid accounts, Discount and exp. on securities; Liabilities: Preferred stock, Common stock, Funded debt, Sundry curr. liab., Taxes accrued, Interest accrued, Sundry acrd. liab., Deprec. reserve, Other reserve, Surplus.

For income statement for 12 months ended June 30, see last week's "Chronicle," page 780.

Union Electric Light & Power Co. (Mo.).—Bal. Sheet.—

Table with columns for 1934, 1933, 1934, 1933. Rows include Assets: Property & plant, Cash on deposit with trustee, Sundry invest., Cash, Cash in banks closed or oper. under restrict'n, Dep. for pay. of matured int., Notes & bills recv., Accounts receiv., Mat'l & supplies (at cost or less), Prepaid accounts, Discount and exp. on secur; Liabilities: Preferred stock, Common stock, Funded debt, Pref. stk. of subs, Min. int. in cap. and surplus of subsidiaries, Funded debt of subsidiaries, Due to affiliated companies, Current liab., Accrued liab., Retire. reserves, Other reserves, Surplus.

For income statement for 12 months ended June 30, see last week's "Chronicle," page 780.

Union Guarantee & Mortgage Co.—Reorg. Proceedings.

The company has filed a petition for reorganization under Section 77-B of the Bankruptcy Act. The company was taken over in Aug., 1933, for rehabilitation by the State Superintendent of Insurance. A balance sheet as of May 31 1934 shows assets of \$3,320,066.—V. 135, p. 147.

United Chemicals, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Period End, June 30, 1934, 3 Mos., 1933, 1934-6 Mos., 1933. Rows include Net loss after deprec., taxes, &c., Current assets as of June 30 1934, Current liabilities were \$159,610, comparing with \$1,213,208 and \$93,105, respectively on June 30 1933.—V. 138, p. 3293.

United Corp.—New Director.—

Hendon Chubb was elected a director on Aug. 3.—V. 139, p. 291.

Union Water Service (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 12 Months Ended June 30, 1934, 1933. Rows include Operating revenues, Operation, Maintenance, General taxes, Net earnings, Other income, Gross corporate income, Interest on long-term debt, Miscellaneous interest charges, Amortization of debt discount and expense, Interest charges to construction, Provision for Federal income tax, Provision for retirements and replacements, Miscellaneous deductions.

Table with columns for Net income, Dividends on preferred stock.

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. This item represents reimbursement to bondholders of Federal and State taxes which has been included in general taxes in 1934.

Balance Sheet June 30.

Table with columns for 1934, 1933, 1934, 1933. Rows include Assets: Plant, prop. equipm't, &c., Misc. special depts, Cash, Notes & accts. rec., Unbilled revenue, Mat'l's & supplies, x Def. charges & prepaid accounts; Liabilities: 1st lien 5 1/2% gold bonds, Due affiliated cos., Due Fed. Water Service Corp., Accounts payable, Accrued liabilities, Deferred income, Reserves, y \$6 cum. pref. stk, z Com. stock, Capital surplus, Earned surplus.

Total, \$5,359,124 1934, \$5,366,247 1933. x Including unamortized debt discount and expense and commission of capital stock. y Represented by 6,000 shares (no par). z Represented by 9,000 shares (no par).—V. 138, p. 3962.

United Air Lines Transport Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 1,043,766 shares (par \$5) capital stock, on official notice of issue under the plan of reorganization of United Aircraft & Transport Corp., with authority to add to the list from time to time voting trust certificates representing 57,893 1/4 shares on official notice of issue on the exercise of certain outstanding stock purchase warrants of United Aircraft & Transport Corp., making the total applied for 1,101,659 1/4 shares (authorized, 1,200,000 shares).

Comparative Consolidated Profit and Loss Statement.

Table with columns for 1931, 1932, 1933, 4 Mos. End, Apr. 30 '34. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Depreciation, Operating profit, Other income, Gross income, Other deductions, Net inc. bef. Fed. tax, Federal income taxes, Net income.

Note.—The apportionment made of the income and expenses of United Aircraft & Transport Corp. and United Aircraft & Transport Corp. (of Conn.) has been made on the basis of 53.25% thereof to United Aircraft Corp., 32% to United Air Lines Transport Corp., and 14.75% to Boeing Airplane Co., these being the approximate net worth with which these corporations will commence business.

Exp. net of inc. of former parent—Proportionate amount incl. above— 56,865 1931, 16,162 1932, 45,541 1933, 88,740 Apr. 30 '34.

Consolidated Pro Forma Balance Sheet as at April 30 1934.

Table with columns for 1934, 1933. Rows include Assets: Cash, United States Treasury bonds, Trade accts. rec., less reserve, Accounts receivable, &c., Inventories, Investments, Fixed assets, Deferred charges; Liabilities: Accounts payable, Accrued wages, taxes, &c., Unused transportation, &c., Reserves, Minority interest in stock and surplus of affiliated company, Capital stock, Initial surplus.

Total, \$9,556,753 1934, \$9,556,753 1933.

Directors.—Martin C. Ansoorge, George Brokaw Compton and Joseph P. Ripley, all of New York, N. Y.; Charles E. Brink, Duard B. Colyer, Paul M. Godehn, Charles K. Knickerbocker and William A. Patterson, all of Chicago, Ill.; Gurney E. Newlin of Los Angeles, Calif., and Sumner Seward of Bath, Me.

Officers.—William A. Patterson, President; Duard B. Colyer, Vice-President; Cyril C. Thompson, Secretary, and Charles E. Brink, Treasurer. Transfer agent, City Bank Farmers Trust Co. Registrar, National City Bank of New York.

The voting trustees are: Martin C. Ansoorge, Philip G. Johnson, and Joseph P. Ripley. See also Boeing Airplane Co. above.—V. 138, p. 3792.

United Aircraft Corp.—Listing Approved.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 2,087,532 shares (par \$5) capital stock on official notice of issue under the plan of reorganization of United Aircraft & Transport Corp. with authority to add to the list from time to time; 115,787 1/2 shares on official notice of issue on the exercise of certain outstanding stock purchase warrants of United Aircraft & Transport Corp., making the total number of shares applied for 2,203,319 1/2 shares (authorized 2,400,000 shares) dated July 10 1930.

Comparative Consolidated Profit and Loss Statement.

Table with columns for 1931, 1932, 1933, 4 Mos. End, Apr. 30 '34. Rows include Sales and operating revs., Cost of sales and operating expenses, Depreciation, Operating profit, Other income, Gross income, Other deductions, Net income before Federal taxes, Federal income taxes, Balance, Minority int. in profits of subsidiary, Net income.

Note.—The apportionment made of the income and expenses of United Aircraft & Transport Corp. and United Aircraft & Transport Corp. (of Conn.) has been made on the basis of 53.25% thereof to United Aircraft Corp., 32% to United Air Lines Transport Corp., and 14.75% to Boeing Airplane Co., these being the approximate net worth with which these corporations will commence business.

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Table with 5 columns showing financial data for various entities, including 'Expenses net of income of former parent' and 'Sales to former affiliates'.

Consolidated Proforma Balance Sheet as at April 30 1934.

Table with 5 columns showing consolidated proforma balance sheet with 'Assets' and 'Liabilities' sections.

Directors: Donald L. Brown, Charles W. Deeds, Frederick B. Rentzschler and Eugene E. Wilson, all of Hartford, Conn.; Joseph F. McCarthy, Edward O. McDonnell, James G. Scarff, Malcolm Sumner and F. William Zelcer, all of New York, N. Y.; William B. Mayo, of Detroit, Mich.; and George S. Wheat, of Darien, Conn.

Officers: Donald L. Brown, President and Treasurer; Eugene E. Wilson and George S. Wheat, Vice-Presidents; and Joseph F. McCarthy, Secretary and Comptroller.

United Drug, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns showing earnings for United Drug, Inc. for periods ending June 30, 1934, Mar. 31, 1934, and June 30, 1933.

United Dry Docks, Inc.—Reorganization Asked.—

The company has filed a petition in U. S. District Court for permission to re-organize under the Bankruptcy Act. Total assets were listed at \$22,215,835 against liabilities of \$21,303,028.—V. 136, p. 3363.

United Gas Improvement Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns showing earnings for United Gas Improvement Co. for periods ending June 30, 1934, 1933, and 1932.

Table with 5 columns showing operating and non-operating income for United Gas Improvement Co. for periods ending June 30, 1934, 1933, and 1932.

Table with 5 columns showing gross income, interest on funded and unfunded debt, amort. of debt discount & expense, and other deductions for United Gas Improvement Co. for periods ending June 30, 1934, 1933, and 1932.

Table with 5 columns showing net income, dividends on preferred stocks, and other prior deductions for United Gas Improvement Co. for periods ending June 30, 1934, 1933, and 1932.

Table with 5 columns showing earnings available for common stocks of utility subsidiaries, minimum and former interests, balance applicable to utility subsidiaries, and earnings of non-utility subsidiaries for United Gas Improvement Co. for periods ending June 30, 1934, 1933, and 1932.

Table with 5 columns showing earnings of subsidiaries applicable to U. G. I., proportion of def. int. & divs. on cumulat. pref. stocks of subs. applic. to U. G. I. (deducted above), and other income of U. G. I. for United Gas Improvement Co. for periods ending June 30, 1934, 1933, and 1932.

Table with 5 columns showing total income, expenses, provision for taxes, and int. on notes pay. & c. for United Gas Improvement Co. for periods ending June 30, 1934, 1933, and 1932.

Table with 5 columns showing balance applicable to cap. stocks of U. G. I., dividends on \$5 div. pref. stk., balance applicable to common stk. of U. G. I., earnings per sh. (common stock outstanding end of period), and note on non-recurring income for United Gas Improvement Co. for periods ending June 30, 1934, 1933, and 1932.

Table with 5 columns showing income statement of company only for 6 months ended June 30, 1934, 1933, and 1932, including total income, expenses, net income, dividends on preferred stock, dividends on common stock, deficit, and balance for common stock.

Electric Output Week Ended

Table with 5 columns showing electric output of U. G. I. Sys. (kwh.) for weeks ending Aug. 4 '34, July 28 '34, Aug. 5 '33, and Aug. 4 '33.

United Electric Service Co. (of Italy).—Capital Changes—Distribution.—

The Banca Commerciale Italiana Trust Co., depositary for the shares of United Electric Service Co. (of Italy) has received notice that at the general meeting of shareholders held on May 28 1934, among other things, the meeting resolved to reduce the capital from 288,750,000 lire to 57,750,000 lire with the consequent reduction in the par value of each issued and outstanding share from 50 lire to 10 lire.

At the same meeting it was further resolved to increase the capital from the reduced amount of 57,750,000

lire to 154,000,000 lire by authorizing the issue of 9,665,000 new shares of the par value of 10 lire each, such shares to be, in the first place offered for subscription on or before July 19 1934 to old shareholders in the ratio of five new shares for every three old shares held.

The Banca Commerciale Italiana Trust Co., in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Deposit Agreement, dated March 1 1929, at the direction of the depositor, has sold the rights of subscription accruing from all Italian shares of the United Electric Service Co. deposited against the new outstanding American Shares and a distribution of 5c. per American share representing the proceeds of such sale, will be made to holders of American shares of record at the close of business on July 31 1934.—V. 139, p. 616.

United Piece Dye Works.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns showing earnings for United Piece Dye Works for periods ending June 30, 1934, 1933, 1932, and 1931.

United Public Service Co.—Trustee.—

Tentative approval of the reorganization of the company and United Public Utilities Co. under Section 77-b of the amended Bankruptcy Act was given Aug. 7 by Federal Judge Walter C. Lindley in Chicago. A final hearing on the reorganization program was set for Nov. 1.

Samuel W. White was appointed permanent trustee for the companies by Judge Lindley.

Permission to intervene in the proceedings was granted to the first lien bondholders' committee of United Public Utilities, United Public Service Co. committee, headed by Ralph A. Bard, and the joint reorganization committee, consisting of members of the other two committees, the Central Republic Trust Co. and the City National Bank. The banks are trustees for the bonds of the two concerns.—V. 139, p. 459.

United Public Utilities Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns showing earnings for United Public Utilities Co. for periods ending June 30, 1934, 1933, 1932, and 1931.

Consolidated net income before deductions of United Public Utilities Co. for funded debt and general interest \$344,362 \$392,166

x Adjusted for comparison purposes. Note.—Six months interest requirements on \$14,505,800 1st lien gold bonds now outstanding in the hands of the public amounts to \$418,784. This interest is not being paid. See United Public Service Co. above.—V. 139, p. 616.

United States Envelope Co.—Unfair Practices Charged.—

The company has been charged with unfair competition by the Federal Trade Commission, because the trade names of four of its brands of stationery have an alleged "tendency to deceive purchasers into believing these papers, made in the United States, were made in foreign countries and imported," and because the company sold as "handmade" products which are alleged to be machine made. The company was given until Aug. 17 to reply to the allegations.

Willard E. Swift, President of the company, states: "The company has never knowingly deceived anyone." "The paper products referred to by the Federal Trade Commission were 'Linweave Japan,' 'Linweave Milano,' 'Linweave England,' and 'Linweave Oxford.'—V. 139, p. 780.

United States Freight Co.—Comparative Balance Sheet.—

Table with 5 columns showing comparative balance sheet for United States Freight Co. for periods ending June 30, 1934, June 30, 1933, June 30, 1932, and June 30, 1931.

Total 10,305,192 10,003,223 Total 10,305,192 10,003,223 x After depreciation. y Represented by 299,640 no-par shares. For income statement for 6 months ended June 30, see last week's "Chronicle," p. 780.

United States Gypsum Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns showing earnings for United States Gypsum Co. for periods ending June 30, 1934, 1933, 1932, and 1931.

Acquisition.—

The company has purchased the Star Roof Corp. of Los Angeles, Calif., for the purpose of rounding out its national distribution of asphalt shingles, roll roofing and accessories, according to reports from Chicago. Products made at the company's new plant will be manufactured for Western trade.—V. 138, p. 2430.

United States Rubber Co.—Balance Sheet June 30.—

Table with 5 columns showing balance sheet for United States Rubber Co. for periods ending June 30, 1934, 1933, 1932, and 1931.

Total 164,281,078 159,050,741 Total 164,281,078 159,050,741 x Represented by 1,464,371 no par shares. For income statement for six months ended June 30, see last week's "Chronicle," page 781.

United States Steel Corp.—June Shipments.—

See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page.—V. 139, p. 781.

United Traction Co. (Albany).—Reorganization Proceedings.—

Company filed petition in Federal Court at Utica asking relief under Section 77-B of the Bankruptcy law. Current liabilities of company amount to \$6,419,000, with current assets of \$720,000, according to the petition. The deficit is almost \$13,000,000.—V. 136, p. 1720.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

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COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Coffee futures were easier on the 6th inst. and closed 3 to 5 points lower on Santos with sales of 8,500 bags and 4 to 7 points off on Rio with sales of 3,500 bags. On the 17th inst. futures reflected the rise in sugar and ended with net gains of 18 to 24 points on Santos with sales of 8,000 bags. Rio was 15 to 18 points higher.

On the 18th inst. futures showed gains of 15 to 20 points on Santos contracts and 14 to 16 on Rio, with trading volume larger. Sales were 148 lots in Santos and 52 lots in the Rio. Buying was stimulated by fears of inflation. On the 9th inst. futures closed 8 to 10 points higher on Santos contracts, with sales of 49,000 bags; and 6 to 10 points higher on Rio, with sales of 22,000 bags. To-day futures closed 8 to 9 points on Rio contracts and 6 to 8 on Santos. Buying was stimulated by stronger Brazilian markets.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

September	8.26	May	8.56
December	8.38	July	8.64
March	8.49		

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

September	11.04	May	11.26
December	11.14	July	11.30
March	11.22		

Cocoa futures on the 6th inst. after early losses of 5 to 7 points rallied sharply and closed 8 to 12 points higher with sales of 5,708 tons. Sept. ended at 4.74c., Dec. at 4.94c., Jan. at 5.00c., March at 5.12c., May at 5.27c. and July at 5.40c. On the 7th inst. futures closed 1 to 4 points higher. Liquidation checked the advance. Sept. ended at 4.77c., Oct. at 4.83c., Dec. at 4.98c., Jan. at 5.04c., March at 5.17c., May at 5.30c. and July at 5.43c.

On the 8th inst. futures closed unchanged to 1 point higher in light trading. Sales were 183 lots or 2,452 tons. London was unchanged. The trade sold while commission houses gave support. Sept. ended at 4.77c., Oct. at 4.84c., Dec. at 4.99c., Jan. at 5.05c., March at 5.18c., May at 5.31c. and July at 5.44c. On the 9th inst. futures ended at net advances of 19 to 24 points. Sept. closed at 5.01c., Oct. at 5.04c., Dec. at 5.18c., Jan. at 5.24c., March at 5.38c., May at 5.52c. and July at 5.65c. To-day futures ended 9 to 13 points higher owing to a good demand from the Continent. Sales were 629 lots. Profit taking wiped out part of the early advance. Jan. ended at 5.35c., March at 5.51c., May at 5.64c., July at 5.77c., Sept. at 5.10c., Oct. at 5.15c. and Dec. at 5.30c.

Sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point lower on the 6th inst. with sales of 17,050 tons. Commission house selling offset trade buying. Raws were quiet. Refiners are well stocked. On the 7th inst. trading was active and futures advanced into new high ground with August and July touching the 2c. mark, the first time that level has been reached since April 1930. There was a good deal of buying in anticipation of the signing of a new commercial treaty with Cuba, which it is believed will increase Cuba's preferential, thereby reducing the duty on sugars from the Island. Sales were 48,550 tons.

On the 8th inst., trading volume was smaller but futures ended unchanged to 1 point higher; sales, 186 lots as compared with 900 on the previous day. Cuban interests were buying. New highs for the year were reached in the December and January positions which sold respectively at 1.87c. and 1.88c. Raws were quiet with buyers at 1.82c. and sellers asking 1.85c. On the 9th inst., the market was quiet and barely steady, ending 1 point lower to 1 point higher with sales of 15,650 tons. The trade was marking time awaiting Washington developments on the new Cuban treaty. To-day

futures ended 1 to 3 points lower owing to increased selling pressure. Raws were easier. Cuban holders were inclined to shade their 1.85c. offerings and refiners dropped their bids to 1.80c. Duty frees in small lots were available at 3.20c.

Prices were as follows:

September	1.78	March	1.89
December	1.86	May	1.93
January	1.86	July	1.97

Lard futures on the 6th inst. took their cue from corn and other grain and advanced 10 to 15 points. The demand proved more than enough to offset early profit taking. Exports, however, were rather light, totaling 152,215 lbs. to London and Antwerp. Hogs were unchanged to 5c. higher. Cash lard was strong; in tierces, 7.95c.; refined to Continent, 5¾ to 5⅞c.; South America, 5⅞c. to 6c. On the 7th inst. futures advanced to new highs for the season early in the day under a good demand from speculators owing to the strength in corn but later came to reaction as a result of profit taking sales and other selling and the ending was unchanged to 5 points higher. Export demand showed no improvement. Hogs were firm, 10 to 15c. higher. A new high for the current move was made in Chicago at \$5.20. Cash lard was steady; in tierces, 7.95c.; refined to Continent, 5¾ to 5⅞c.; South America, 5⅞c. to 6c.

On the 8th inst., futures advanced early under renewed speculative buying but reacted later under heavy profit taking and ended with net losses of 5 to 10 points. Exports were small, totaling only 15,000 lbs. to Copenhagen. Liverpool was unchanged to 3d. higher. Hogs again made new highs for the current movement with the top at Chicago, \$5.35. Cash lard was easier; in tierces, 7.85c.; refined to Continent, 5⅞ to 6c.; South America, 6 to 6⅞c. On the 9th inst. futures reflected the strength in grain and ended 17 to 30 points higher. The prospects of inflation due to nationalization of silver also stimulated demand. Exports were light, i.e., 19,040 lbs. to Oslo, Genoa and North African ports. Hogs top, \$5.35. Cash lard firm; in tierces, 8.15c.; refined to Continent, 6¼c.; South America, 6⅞c. To-day futures ended 3 to 5 points higher.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September	8.00	8.10	8.10	8.00	8.30	8.25
October	8.12	8.25	8.25	8.20	8.37	8.40
December	8.42	8.52	8.57	8.47	8.47	8.75

Pork steady; mess, \$19.75; family, \$21 nominal; fat backs, \$14 to \$19. Beef steady; mess nominal; packer nominal; family, \$14 to \$14.50; extra India mess nominal. Cut meats firm; pickled hams, 4 to 6 lbs., 9¾c.; 6 to 10 lbs., 9¼c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 17c.; 18 to 20 lbs., 16½c.; 22 to 24 lbs., 14¾c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 15c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed N. Y., 14 to 20 lbs., 12½c.; 20 to 30 lbs., 11¾c. Butter, creamery, firsts to higher than extra, 23½ to 28c. Cheese, flats, 16 to 19c. Eggs, mixed colors, checks to special packs, 15 to 26c.

Oils.—Linseed was steady at 9.1c. for tank cars. Cake and meal prices recently advanced 50c. to \$1 and China wood oil was firmer. The trade is expecting a low government estimate to-day on flax. Cocoanut, Manila, coast tanks, 2¾c.; tanks, New York, spot, 2¾c. Corn, crude, tanks, f. o. b., Western mills, 6c. China wood, N. Y., drums, delivered, 9½c.; tanks, spot, 9c. Olive, denatured, spot, Spanish, 82 to 84c.; shipments, Spanish, 82c.; Greek, 80c.; Soya Bean, tank cars, f. o. b., Western mills, 6c.; cars, N. Y., 7c.; L. C. L., 7.5c. Edible, olive, \$1.60 to \$2.15. Lard, prime, 9c.; extra strained winter, 8¼c. Cod, dark, 29c.; light filtered, 30c. Turpentine, 46 to 50¾c. Rosin, \$5.30 to \$5.95.

Cottonseed Oil sales, including switches, 24 contracts. Crude S. E., 5@5⅞. Prices closed as follows:

August	6.60@	December	6.97@6.98
September	6.73@6.77	January	7.01@7.03
October	6.76@6.80	February	7.04@7.14
November	6.78@6.90	March	7.17@7.19

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 reflected the strength in grain markets and after opening 2 points lower to 1 point higher on the 6th inst. rallied and closed 30 to 35 points higher, with sales of 7,450 tons. The spot price was 32 points higher at 15.32c. Sept. ended at 15.42c.; Oct., 15.36c.; Dec., 15.81 to 15.85c.; Jan., 15.96c.; Mar., 16.15 to 16.18c.; May, 16.39c., and July, 16.69c. On the 7th inst. futures advanced 24 to 35 points under a good demand, owing to more favorable foreign advices but a reaction under hedge selling and profit taking by dealers took place later, which wiped out part of the early gains. The closing was 7 to 21 points higher, with Sept. at 15.54 to 15.55c.; Oct. at 15.63c.; Dec. at 15.95 to 15.96c.; Jan., 16.08c.; Mar., 16.32 to 16.35c.; May, 16.60c., and July, 16.87c.

these States further decline in prospects will result. On the other hand should adequate rains come, more than average improvement is likely to result.

In interpreting reported condition in terms of probable yield per acre the Crop Reporting Board has made allowance, as in the past, for probable loss due to boll weevil on the basis of reports received to date concerning weevil presence and activity.

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture makes the following report from data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians, co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture and Agricultural Colleges.

Table with columns: State, Area in Cultivation July 1 1934, Less 10-Year Ave. Abandonment, August 1 Condition (Average 1933, 1934), Yield per Acre (Average 1923-1932, Indicated 1934 a.), Production (Ginnings 500 Lbs. Gross Weight Bales, 1933, 1934 Crop Indicated Aug. 1)

a Indicated Aug. 1, on area in cultivation July 1, less 10-year average abandonment. b Allowances made for inter-State movement of seed cotton for ginning.

Weather Reports by Telegraph.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that conditions have been mostly favorable in the eastern section of the belt and unfavorable in the western section where temperatures continue too high.

Texas.—The cotton crop shows some improvement in the southern part of this State where rains occurred, but in the northern part the crop continues to deteriorate with premature opening general, top fruiting, with the general condition poor to only fair

Table with columns: Location, Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer (High, Low, Mean)

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table with columns: Location, Date, Height (Feet)

Dallas Cotton Exchange Weekly Crop Report.—The Dallas Cotton Exchange each week publishes a very elaborate and comprehensive report covering cotton crop conditions in the different sections of Texas and also in Oklahoma and Arkansas.

TEXAS.

West Texas.

Abilene (Taylor County).—Still hot and dry. Crop in critical stage. Must have rain soon or will be very short.

Ballinger (Runnels County).—Our county badly in need of rain. Deterioration account lack of moisture continues.

Floydada (Floyd County).—It is still dry and hot in this territory, no rain the past week. Temperatures have been some cooler than the week before.

Haskell (Haskell County).—No improvement in cotton prospects. Crop now looks to be one-half Bankhead allotment.

Lubbock (Lubbock County).—Dont' think rains would be beneficial to over 50% of Plains cotton.

Stamford (Jones County).—Nothing new to report. One more hot dry week has passed, and of course each day of this kind of weather makes the crop possibilities smaller and smaller.

North Texas.

Bonham (Fannin County).—The crop in this vicinity is badly in need of a good rain. It is shedding and has stopped growing due to the continued dry and hot weather.

Commerce (Hunt County).—The crop in this and adjoining counties has continued to deteriorate very rapidly this past week, as we have had no rain.

Honey Grove (Fannin County).—Cotton still deteriorating to a certain extent due to lack of rain in this section.

Terrell (Kaufman County).—Immature bolls continue to open, with the stalk well below normal size.

Wills Point (Van Zandt County).—With continued dry weather the crop is deteriorating rapidly.

Central Texas.

Athens (Henderson County).—Weather continues hot and dry over entire county. Plant is small and blooming in top.

Cameron (Milam County).—Still hot and dry weather, cotton deteriorating fast.

La Grange (Fayette County).—We have had a few scattered showers over this county this week, but it has done very little good.

Lockhart (Caldwell County).—Had 5 1/4 inches of rain in the last two weeks. Cotton looks good.

Taylor (Williamson County).—Practically no change from last report. Cotton opening rapidly and picking will get underway this week.

East Texas.

Tyler (Smith County).—Continued hot dry weather has caused some shedding this section during past week.

South Texas.

Corpus Christi (Nueces County).—Continued showers and rains have been of more detriment than the result from the storm.

Washburn (Ellis County).—Drought continues, still seems that a good general rain would be of benefit to crop.

ARKANSAS.

Ashdown (Little River County).—Dry all this week, first part not so hot, last part return of hot winds causing heavy deterioration.

Conway (Faulkner County).—Cotton has continued to deteriorate the past week.

Little Rock (Pulaski County).—We have had the past week a few scattered showers over this territory, otherwise the weather has been very hot.

Magnolia (Columbia County).—Excessive heat and drought past two weeks have caused drastic deterioration to all crops.

Pine Bluff (Jefferson County).—Electrical storm Friday night the 3d. Only traces of rain fell.

OKLAHOMA.

Cushing (Payne County).—Extreme heat and winds of past week have damaged all cotton including bottom land cotton.

Magum (Greer County).—Hot winds of last Tuesday were worst ever known in this country.

McAlester (Pittsburg County).—Drought and torrid heat continues. Cotton now deteriorating fast. Unless we receive a good rain in the next 10 days, this county will do well to get half of our allotment.

Receipts from the Plantations.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports (1934, 1933, 1932), Stocks at Interior Towns (1934, 1933, 1932), Receipts from Plantations (1934, 1933, 1932). Rows include May, June, July, and August.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1934 are 47,848 bales; in 1933 were 69,929 bales and in 1932 were 75,412 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 55,632 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 38,119 bales, stock at interior towns having decreased 17,513 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 51,108 bales and for 1932 they were 56,075 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:

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1934 (Week, Season), 1933 (Week, Season). Rows include Visible supply Aug. 3, American in sight to Aug. 10, Bombay receipts to Aug. 9, etc.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 120,000 bales in 1934 and 200,000 bales in 1933—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 269,801 bales in 1934 and 309,945 bales in 1933, of which 184,601 bales and 192,145 bales American. b Estimated.

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:

Table with columns: Aug. 9, Receipts at, 1934 (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1933 (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1932 (Week, Since Aug. 1). Rows include Bombay, Exports from (Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, Total), and Total all.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 13,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 15,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 24,000 bales.

Alexandria Receipts and Shipments.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, Aug. 8, 1934, 1933, 1932. Rows include Receipts (cantars) This week, Since Aug. 1.

Table with columns: Exports (Bales)—, This Week, Since Aug. 1, This Week, Since Aug. 1, This Week, Since Aug. 1. Rows include To Liverpool, To Manchester, &c., To Continent & India, To America, Total exports.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Aug. 8 were 1,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 12,000 bales.

Manchester Market.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is firm. Demand for both yarn and cloth is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table with columns: 1934, 1933, 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/2 Lbs. Shirtings, Common to Finest, Cotton Midd'l'g Up'ds. Rows include May, June, July, August.

Shipping News.—Shipments in detail:

Table with columns: Destination, Date, Ship Name, Bales. Rows include GALVESTON, HOUSTON, NEW ORLEANS, MOBILE, CORPUS CHRISTI, SAVANNAH, LOS ANGELES, NORFOLK, NEW YORK.

Cotton Freights.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Barrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table with columns: High Density, Stand-ard, High Density, Stand-ard, High Density, Stand-ard. Rows include Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, Havre, Rotterdam, Genoa, Oslo, Stockholm, Trieste, Fiume, Barcelona, Japan, Shanghai, Bombay, Bremen, Hamburg, Piraeus, Salonica, Venice, Copenhagen, Naples, Leghorn, Gothenburg.

Liverpool.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table with columns: Forwarded, Total stocks, Total imports, Amount afloat. Rows include July 20, July 27, Aug. 3, Aug. 10.

DAILY CLOSING OF PRICES BARLEY FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

Table with columns: Month, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for October and December.

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN. Wheat, New York— No. 2 red, c.i.f., domestic... 121 1/2

FLOUR. Spring pats., high protein \$8.05 @ 8.30

All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c.—are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange.

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows for Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, etc.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Aug. 4 1934, follow:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows for New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Aug. 4 1934, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Exports from—, Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows for New York, Boston, Sorel, etc.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1934 is as below:

Table with columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—, Flour, Wheat, Corn. Rows for United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., etc.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Aug. 4, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS. United States— Boston 37,000 bush. New York 58,000 bush.

Table with columns: United States—, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows for Hutehinson, St. Joseph, Kansas City, etc.

* Includes foreign rye duty paid. Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Wheat, New York, 1,138,000 bush.

Table with columns: Canadian—, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows for Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, etc.

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Aug. 3, and since July 1 1934 and July 2 1933, are shown in the following:

Table with columns: Exports, Wheat, Corn. Rows for North Amer., Black Sea, Argentina, etc.

Brazilian Stocks of Coffee July 1 Estimated at 35,819,000 Bags by New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange as Compared with 47,918,000 Bags July 1 1933—794,000 Bags Destroyed During July.

Estimated coffee stocks in Brazil on July 1, the start of the new crop year, show a decrease of 12,099,000 bags, or 25.2% under July 1933, according to figures released Aug. 6 by the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, Inc.

Two million three hundred and sixty-one thousand bags of the "restricted stocks" on hand July 1 this year were privately held, while the 16,254,000-bag balance was controlled by the National Coffee Department of Brazil and out of the market.

The Exchange said that of the 4,640,000 bags slated for destruction, 794,000 bags were destroyed during July, representing decreases from the totals for June and May.

The decline from the 1,142,000-bag total in May and the 1,105,000-bag total in June reflects the improved statistical picture in Brazil.

Weather Report for the Week Ended Aug. 8.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Aug. 8, follows:

The data in the table on page 3 show that temperatures for the week were abnormally high from the Mississippi Valley westward to the Rocky Mountains, though they were moderate in west Gulf sections.

Rainfall was moderate to fairly heavy in a few areas, including principally western and northern Kentucky, southern Indiana, Illinois, central-eastern Iowa, central and northern Michigan, eastern Wisconsin, and extreme southeastern Minnesota.

